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Mr. Kanehana has 34 years of experience at business unit of rolling stock of Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. He has rich experience about engineering and project management in Japan and in the international stage. Some of his major experiences are, for example, development of Kawasaki's automated guideway transit system, coordination of total system of Sapporo City Subway, project management of supply of bogies for London Tube Stock. He also acted as a project manager of New York City Subway R142A cars. From 1994 to 2007, he worked for Kawasaki Rail Car Inc. in Yonkers, NY and was a president of Kawasaki Rail Car from 2003 to 2007. His experience would be extended to other projects in the United States and in many areas of the world.

Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. was established in 1896 as a shipbuilding company. In 1906, Kawasaki started manufacturing rolling stock and since then has supplied a wide range of innovative products including high speed trains (Shinkansen), inter-city express trains, commuter trains, subway cars, locomotives, freight cars and automated guideway transit system.

Early in the 1980's Kawasaki entered into the rolling stock market in the United States. Its first project was the streetcars for South East Pennsylvania Transit Authority in 1981. Since then Kawasaki has received continuous orders for approximately 4,000 cars in the United States. To meet this demand, Kawasaki established two manufacturing plants for rolling stock in the United States: Kawasaki Rail Car Inc. in Yonkers, New York and Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp. U.S.A. in Lincoln Nebraska. These two facilities not only create jobs for Americans; they create trains that are truly "Made in America."

To realize the environmental and social benefits to be brought by high-speed rail project in the state of California, Kawasaki would propose lightweight high-speed trainset called "efSET". The efSET is fitting for US high speed rail and could be manufactured at existing Kawasaki plants in US. In California High Speed Rail project, Kawasaki wishes to take leadership for proposing safe and environmental friendly high-speed rail system which is based on long history of development and operation of high speed rail in Japan.