

**Information in connection with agenda item no. 6 (“Resolution on the appointment of the auditor for the annual financial statements and the consolidated financial statements, and the auditor for any review of interim financial information“)**

On the basis of a selection procedure carried out in accordance with Article 16 of EU Regulation 537/2014, the Audit Committee recommended to the Supervisory Board as its preferred candidate, that the Supervisory Board shall propose to the Annual General Meeting to appoint Deloitte GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Munich (“**Deloitte**”) as auditor for the annual financial statements (HGB) and the consolidated financial statements (IFRS) for the 2021 financial year, and as auditor for the review of any condensed set of interim financial statements and any interim group management reports for the 2021 financial year, if and to the extent that they are subject to review.

Deloitte has not audited the company's financial statements in the past. However, as a precautionary measure, Deloitte was elected as auditor for the review of the (possible) review of any condensed set of interim financial statements and any interim group management reports prepared for the periods after 31 December 2020 and before the 2021 annual general meeting.

Mr. Prof. Dr. Leuschner and Mr. Kopatschek are designated to be the responsible chartered accountants.

The recommendation made by the Audit Committee to the Supervisory Board, as well as the proposal made by the Supervisory Board, are free from any undue influence by third parties. Furthermore, there were no clauses restricting the selection of the auditor.