

Information in connection with agenda item 4 ("Discharge of the members of the Supervisory Board")

The Company considers the requirements of section 100 (5) of the German Stock Corporation Act, according to which at least one member of the Supervisory Board has to have expertise in the field of financial reporting and at least one other member of the Supervisory Board has to have expertise in the field of auditing, to be met in particular by members of the Audit and Digitalisation Committee.

Dr Günther Bräunig has extensive knowledge in both areas due to his many years of membership of the Management Board of KfW (2006 - 2021) and of the Audit Committee of pbb (since 2009). The same applies to Dr Thomas Duhnkrack, who has gained relevant experience in auditing and accounting through his service as a member of the Management Board of DZ BANK (2003 - 2006) as well as on various supervisory boards and, not least, on pbb's Audit Committee (since 2015). Ms Gertraud Dirscherl, a long-standing auditor and tax advisor at KPMG, also has particular experience in the areas of accounting and auditing.