

**Information in connection with agenda item no. 5**

(“Resolution on the appointment of the auditor for the annual financial statements and the consolidated financial statements, the auditor for a review of interim financial information and the auditor of the sustainability reporting“)

The Audit Committee recommended to the Supervisory Board, 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 2026 financial year, as auditor for a review of any condensed set of interim financial statements and any interim group management reports for the 2026 financial year, if and to the extent that they are subject to review, and the auditor of the sustainability reporting for the 2026 financial year.

Deloitte audits the company's financial statements since the financial year 2021. However, as a precautionary measure, Deloitte was already elected as auditor for 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. Christian Schweitzer and Mrs. Isabelle Maurer are designated to be the signing auditors. Mr. Schweitzer will be acting as the Company's signing auditor for the first time. Previously, his position was held by Mr. Martin Kopatschek, who has been active since Deloitte was first appointed as the Company's auditor. Mrs. Maurer signs the audit reports as auditor since 2025.

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, no arrangements were in place which could have restricted the selection of the auditor. The Audit Committee has issued a corresponding statement regarding its recommendation.

The appointment of the auditor for the sustainability reporting is made as a precautionary measure in view of the pending law implementing Directive (EU) 2022/2464 on corporate sustainability reporting, as amended by Directive (EU) 2025/794 (CSRD Implementation Act).