

Regarding Item 4

Election of the auditor of the separate financial statements and of the auditor of the consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025

Pursuant to the recommendation of its Audit Committee, the Supervisory Board proposes electing

Baker Tilly GmbH & Co KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft,

to be the auditor of both the separate financial statements and the consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.

For the aforementioned audit services, the Audit Committee, pursuant to Article 16 (2) of EU Directive No. 537/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council dated 16 April 2014 concerning specific requirements made of the auditing of financial statements of public-interest entities, and replacing resolution 2005/909/EC of the Commission, has recommended that the Supervisory Board renew the audit mandate of Baker Tilly GmbH & Co. KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft. The Audit Committee has stated that its recommendation is free from undue influence by third parties and that no restrictive clause in the meaning of Article 16 (6) of the afore mentioned Regulation (EU) No 537/2014 of 16 April 2014 has been imposed upon it.