



Annual General Meeting on 20 June 2017

Further information on authorization and proxy voting

Procedure for voting by authorized representatives/proxy voting

Shareholders who do not wish to attend the General Meeting in person may have their voting right exercised by an authorized representative, e.g. by a credit institution, a shareholders' association or a third person. In this case as well, the registration by the shareholder or an authorized representative and the proof of shareholding must be received by the Company in due time.

If a shareholder appoints more than one person as authorized representatives, the Company may deny one or more of them access.

Authorization

The granting and withdrawal of a power of attorney and the provision of evidence of authorization to the Company shall be in text form (Section 126b BGB) unless the authorization is granted to a credit institution, a shareholders' association or other persons, institutions or companies of equivalent standing in accordance with Section 135(8) or Section 135(10) in conjunction with Section 125(5) AktG. For the granting of a power of attorney, shareholders may use the form sent to them after their proper registration.

The power of attorney can be granted and withdrawn by both a declaration towards the Company and a declaration towards the person to be authorized. If the authorization is declared towards the person to be authorized, evidence of such authorization shall be provided to the Company in text form. Shareholders and their authorized representatives can send evidence of authorization or of the withdrawal of the power of attorney to the Company at the address, fax number or email address stated in the invitation under "Prerequisites for attending the General Meeting and exercising the voting right". This evidence can also be provided by presenting the power of attorney at the entrance desk on the day of the General Meeting. The authorization may also still be granted after the shareholder's registration for the General Meeting.

Any authorization of credit institutions, shareholders' associations or other institutions, companies or persons of equivalent standing in accordance with Section 135(8) AktG or Section 135(10) in conjunction with Section 125(4) AktG shall be subject to the special statutory provisions set out in Section 135 AktG. Exceptions to the rule concerning the text form requirement may therefore be applicable. However, it is possible that the institutions or persons who are to be authorized request a special form of the power of attorney because according to Section 135 AktG they must record the power of attorney in a verifiable manner. We therefore recommend a timely agreement with the recipients of the power of attorney concerned with regard to the relevant form and procedure of authorization.

The shareholder's personal attendance at the General Meeting will be automatically deemed a revocation of the authorization previously granted to a third person.

Representation of voting rights by proxies bound by instructions and appointed by the Company

The Company offers its shareholders the possibility of authorizing proxies who have been appointed by the Company, but are bound by the shareholders' instructions to exercise their voting rights, already before the General Meeting. A timely registration and proof of shareholding, as described in the invitation under "Prerequisites for attending the General Meeting and exercising the voting right", are required in this case as well. Our proxies are only allowed to cast their votes in compliance with the instructions given. For this reason, it is absolutely necessary to give them instructions on the exercise of the voting right. It should be noted that proxies can, therefore, exercise the voting right only with regard to items on the agenda in respect of which you have given instructions and that the proxies can accept instructions as to procedural motions neither before nor during the General Meeting. It is also impossible to give instructions as to requests to speak, objections to be filed against resolutions of the General Meeting or questions to be asked or motions to be filed.

If you wish to authorize one of our proxies, please use the proxy and voting instructions form which you will receive together with the admission card following your due registration. Please send the proxy form with the corresponding instructions - as well as any subsequent changes and a revocation - in such a timely manner that the Company will receive it no later than **19 June 2017, 18:00 h** (local time at the Company's registered office) at the address, fax number or email address indicated in the invitation for registration purposes under "Prerequisites for attending the General Meeting and exercising the voting right". On the day of the General Meeting, proxies and voting instructions for the proxy holders appointed by the Company can be issued, and changed or revoked in text form, also at the entrance and exit desks at the General Meeting.

The personal attendance of a shareholder or an authorized third party at the General Meeting will be automatically deemed a revocation of the authorization previously granted to the Company's proxies.