

ANNOTATION ON ITEM 1 ON THE AGENDA

The Supervisory Board has approved the annual financial statements and the consolidated financial statements compiled by the Board of Management pursuant to § 172 AktG on March 1, 2017. With their approval by the Supervisory Board, the annual financial statements are adopted. Adoption of the annual financial statements and approval of the consolidated financial statements by the shareholders' meeting pursuant to § 173 AktG is therefore not required. Rather, the annual financial statements, the consolidated financial statements, the combined management and Group management report, the Supervisory Board's report and the proposal by the Board of Management on the appropriation of net income shall be made available and explained at the shareholders' meeting without the necessity (with the exception of the resolution proposal for agenda item 2) for a resolution to be taken within the meaning of AktG.

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