

Additional explanations on the rights of shareholders pursuant to § 56 para. 2 and para. 3 SE-VO, § 50 para. 2 SEAG §§ 122 para. 2, 126 para. 1, 127 and 131 para. 1 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) and further rights in connection with the virtual Annual General Meeting

1. Virtual general meeting pursuant to section 118a German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) and right to comment and speak at virtual general meetings pursuant to section 130a German Stock Corporation Act (AktG)

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the basis of Section 13 (5) of the Articles of Association of adesso SE in the form of a virtual Annual General Meeting in accordance with Section 118a of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) without the physical presence of shareholders or their proxies (with the exception of the proxies appointed by the company).

The Annual General Meeting will be broadcast live in audio and video format to shareholders who have duly registered and provided proof of their shareholding, and to their proxies, via the password-protected AGM-Portal (hereinafter the "AGM-Portal") at the internet address <https://www.adesso-group.de/hv/>. Properly registered shareholders and their proxies may exercise their voting rights exclusively by means of electronic postal voting or by granting a proxy and issuing instructions to the proxies appointed by the Company. Shareholders and their proxies (with the exception of the proxies appointed by the Company) may not be physically present at the venue of the Annual General Meeting.

The relevant sections of the German Stock Corporation Act for a virtual general meeting are as follows:

Section 118a (1) AktG Virtual general meeting

- (1) The articles of association may provide or authorise the board to provide that the meeting shall be held without the physical presence of the shareholders or their proxies at the place of the general meeting (virtual general meeting). If a virtual general meeting is held, the following requirements must be met:
1. the entire meeting shall be broadcast by video and audio,
 2. the shareholders' voting rights may be exercised by means of electronic communication, namely by electronic participation or electronic postal voting, as well as by granting proxies,
 3. shareholders who are electronically connected to the meeting shall be granted the right to submit motions and election proposals by means of video communication at the meeting,
 4. shareholders shall be granted a right to information pursuant to § 131 by way of electronic communication,
 5. the shareholders shall be given access to the report of the executive board or its essential content no later than seven days before the meeting, provided that the executive board makes use of the option under section 131, paragraph 1a, sentence 1,
 6. the shareholders shall be granted the right to submit comments in accordance with § 130a paras. 1 to 4 by means of electronic communication,
 7. shareholders electronically connected to the meeting shall be granted the right to speak at the meeting by means of video communication in accordance with § 130a paragraphs 5 and 6,
 8. shareholders connected electronically to the meeting shall be granted the right to object to a resolution of the general meeting by means of electronic communication.

Section 121 (7) shall apply to the calculation of the time limit pursuant to sentence 2 number 5; in the case of listed companies, such access shall be made available via the company's website. § Section 118, paragraph 1, sentences 3 and 4 and section 67a, paragraph 2, sentence 1 and paragraph 3 shall apply accordingly.

Submission of comments

Properly registered shareholders or their proxies have the right, pursuant to Section 130a(1) to (4) of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG), to submit statements on the items on the agenda in text form via electronic communication. To this end, the AGM portal on the Company's website at <https://www.adesso-group.de/hv/> is available to them with the relevant login details.

Written comments must be submitted in accordance with the procedure provided for this purpose as a PDF file with a recommended maximum file size of 50 MB.

It is possible to submit multiple comments. By submitting a comment, the shareholder or their proxy agrees that the comment will be made available on the AGM-Portal, citing their name.

Comments must be submitted no later than five days before the meeting, i.e. by midnight CEST on 28 May 2026 at the latest. Submitted comments on the items on the agenda will, unless in exceptional cases it is permissible to refrain from making them available pursuant to Section 130a(3) sentence 4 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG), be made available no later than four days before the Annual General Meeting, i.e. no later than 29 May 2026, midnight CEST, on the AGM portal on the Company's website at <https://www.adesso-group.de/hv/>, which is accessible only to duly registered shareholders or their proxies with the relevant login details.

Motions and nominations, questions and objections to resolutions of the Annual General Meeting submitted in writing will not be considered at the Annual General Meeting; the submission of motions or nominations (see section "Shareholders' rights: Counter-motions and nominations"), the exercise of the right to information (see section "Right to information") and the lodging of objections to resolutions of the Annual General Meeting (see section "Objection to a resolution of the Annual General Meeting") are possible exclusively via the channels described separately in this invitation notice.

Right to speak

Shareholders or their proxies who are connected to the Annual General Meeting electronically have the right to speak at the meeting via video communication.

From approximately one hour before the start of the Annual General Meeting, a virtual speaking list will be maintained via the AGM portal on the Company's website at <https://www.adesso-group.de/hv/>, through which shareholders or their proxies may register to speak.

The right to speak includes, in particular, the right to submit motions and nominations in accordance with section 118a(1), second sentence, no. 3 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) (see also the section "Shareholders' rights: Counter-motions and nominations"), the right to request information pursuant to Section 131(1) of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) (see also the section "Right to information") and the right to lodge an objection to a resolution of the Annual General Meeting for the notary's record (see also the section "Objection to a resolution of the Annual General Meeting").

Pursuant to Section 131(2) sentence 2 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) in conjunction with Article 15(3) of the Articles of Association, the chair of the meeting is entitled to impose reasonable time limits on shareholders' right to speak and ask questions.

The entire virtual Annual General Meeting, including video communication, will be conducted on the AGM portal via a system provided by our service provider. Shareholders or their proxies who wish to register to speak via the virtual speaking desk require either a non-mobile device (PC, notebook, laptop) or a mobile device (e.g. smartphone or tablet) with one of the following browsers installed in the latest software version: Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox or Safari. JavaScript must also be enabled. The use of other current browsers with the security settings recommended by the manufacturer is possible, but has not been tested. To speak, the devices must have a camera and a microphone that can be accessed via the browser. No further installation of software components or apps on the devices is required. Please ensure that you have a good, stable internet connection on your computer or mobile device and are using an up-to-date version of your browser. Individuals who have registered to speak via the virtual speaking list will be granted access to speak on the AGM portal. The Company reserves the right to check the functionality of the video communication between the shareholder or proxy and the Company during the meeting and prior to the speech, and to reject it if functionality cannot be guaranteed.

The relevant section of the Company's Articles of Association is as follows:

Section 15 (3) of the Articles of Association of adesso SE::

- (3) The chairman of the meeting may impose reasonable time limits on the shareholders' right to ask questions and to speak. In particular, he shall be entitled, at the beginning of the general meeting or during its course, to set a reasonable time limit for the entire course of the general meeting, for the debate on individual agenda items and for individual questions or speeches. In addition, the chairman of the meeting may order the end of the debate if this is necessary for the proper conduct of the general meeting. This shall be without prejudice to further rights of the chairman of the meeting to restrict the shareholders' right to ask questions and to speak in accordance with the statutory provisions or other principles recognised in case law.

The relevant sections of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) are as follows:

Section 130a of the German Stock Corporation Act: Right to comment and speak at virtual general meetings

- (1) In the case of a virtual general meeting, shareholders shall have the right to submit comments on the items on the agenda before the meeting by means of electronic communication using the address provided for this purpose in the notice convening the meeting. The right may be restricted to shareholders duly registered for the meeting. The scope of the comments may be appropriately limited in the convening notice.
- (2) Comments shall be submitted no later than five days before the meeting.
- (3) The submitted statements shall be made available to all shareholders no later than four days before the meeting. The disclosure may be limited to shareholders duly registered for the meeting. In the case of listed companies, such disclosure shall be made on the website of the company; in the case of sentence 2, such disclosure may also be made on the website of a third party. § Section 126 (2) sentence 1 number 1, 3 and 6 shall apply accordingly.
- (4) Section 121 subsection (7) shall apply to the calculation of the periods referred to in subsections (2) and (3) sentence 1.
- (5) Shareholders who are electronically connected to the meeting shall be granted the right to speak at the meeting by means of video communication. The form of video communication offered by the company shall be used for the speeches. Motions and election proposals according to § 118a paragraph 1 sentence 2 number 3, the request for information according to § 131 paragraph 1, follow-up questions according to § 131 paragraph 1d as well as further questions according to § 131 paragraph 1e may be part of the speech. § 131 paragraph 2 sentence 2 shall apply accordingly.
- (6) The company may reserve the right in the convening notice to check the functionality of the video communication between shareholder and company in the meeting and before the speech and to reject it if the functionality is not ensured.

2. Shareholders' rights: additions to the agenda

Shareholders whose shares together amount to one-twentieth of the share capital or the pro rata amount of EUR 500,000 may, pursuant to Article 56, sentences 2 and 3 of the SE Regulation, Section 50(2) of the SEAG, the content of which corresponds to Section 122(2), first sentence, of the AktG, request that items be placed on the agenda and announced. Each new item must be accompanied by a statement of reasons or a draft resolution. Requests to add items to the agenda must be addressed in writing to the Management Board and must be received by the company at least 30 days before the meeting, i.e. by the end of 3 May 2026. Please send such requests to the following address:

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A ninety-day shareholding prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting within the meaning of section 122(1), third sentence, of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) is not required under section 50(2) of the European Company Act (SEAG) for a motion to amend the agenda for an Annual General Meeting of an SE.

Additions to the agenda that are required to be published – unless already announced in the notice convening the meeting – shall be published in the Federal Gazette immediately upon receipt of the request and forwarded for publication to media outlets which can be expected to disseminate the information throughout the European Union. They shall also be published on the company's website at <https://www.adesso-group.de/hv/> and communicated to the shareholders.

The relevant sections of the SE Regulation, the German SE Implementation Act and German Stock Corporation Act upon which those shareholder rights are based are as follows:

Article 56 of the SE Regulation

One or more shareholders who together hold at least 10 % of an SE's subscribed capital may request that one or more additional items be put on the agenda of any general meeting. The procedures and time limits applicable to such requests shall be laid down by the national law of the Member State in which the SE's registered office is situated or, failing that, by the SE's statutes. The above proportion may be reduced by the statutes or by the law of the Member State in which the SE's registered office is situated under the same conditions as are applicable to public limited-liability companies.

Section 50 para. 2 of the German SE Implementation Act (SEAG)

- (2) The amendment of the agenda of a General Meeting by one or more items may be requested by one or more shareholders whose shares amount in aggregate to not less than 5% of the share capital or represent an amount of the share capital corresponding to EUR 500,000.

Section 122 of the German Stock Corporation Act: Convening a meeting upon the request of a minority

- (1) A general meeting shall be convened if shareholders whose aggregate holding is not less than one-twentieth of the share capital require such meeting in writing, stating the purpose and grounds; such request shall be addressed to the management board. The articles of association may provide that the right to request a general meeting is to depend on another form and on holding a lower proportion of the share capital. The applicants have to prove that they have been shareholders for at least 90 days prior to the day of the receipt of the demand and that they will continue to hold the shares until the decision of the managing board regarding their request is made. Section 121 para. 7 shall apply correspondingly.
- (2) In the same way shareholders, whose shares amount in aggregate to not less than one-twentieth of the share capital or represent a proportional amount of not less than 500,000 Euro, may request to have items placed on the agenda and published. Every request for a new agenda item must be accompanied by an explanation of the reasons therefor or a proposed resolution. The request in accordance with sentence 1 must be received by the Company at least 24 days, in case of public companies at least 30 days prior to the general meeting; whereby the day of the receipt is not counted.
- (3) If any such request is not complied with, the court may authorize the shareholders who made the request to convene a general meeting or publish such items. At the same time the court may appoint the chairman of the meeting. The notice of the meeting or the publication shall refer to such authorization. An appeal may be made against the decision of the court. The applicants have to prove that they will continue to hold the shares until the decision of the court is made.

- (4) The Company shall bear the costs of the general meeting and, in the case of paragraph (3), also the court costs if the court grants the application.

Section 124 (1) of the German Stock Corporation Act: Publication of requests for supplements; proposals for resolutions

- (1) If the minority has requested pursuant to Section 122 para. 2 that items shall be added to the agenda, these items shall be published either upon convening the meeting or immediately following receipt of the request. Section 121 para. 4 shall apply analogously; moreover, Section 121 para. 4a shall apply analogously to public companies. Publication and submission shall be made in the same way as applicable for convening the meeting.

Section 121 (4), (4a), (7) of the German Stock Corporation Act: General provisions

- (4) The convening of the general meeting shall be published in the company's journals. If the shareholders of the Company are known by name, the shareholders' meeting may be convened by registered letter, unless the articles of association provide otherwise; the day of dispatch shall be considered the day of publication. A notification to those registered in the shareholders' register is sufficient.
- (4a) In case of public companies which have not exclusively issued registered shares or which do not send the convention directly to the shareholders pursuant to para. 4 sentence 2, the notice shall, at the latest on the date of announcement, be furnished to such suitable media as may be expected to disseminate the information throughout the European Union.
- (7) In case of deadlines and dates which are calculated back from the date of the meeting, the day of the meeting itself shall not be included in the calculation. Adjourning the meeting from a Sunday, Saturday or a holiday to a preceding or following working day shall not be an option. Sections 187 to 193 of the German Civil Code (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch) shall not be applied analogously. In case of unlisted companies, the articles may provide for a different calculation of the deadline.

Section 87 (4) of the German Stock Corporation Act: Principles for the remuneration of members of the executive board

- (4) The general meeting may, upon motion pursuant to section 122, paragraph 2, sentence 1, reduce the maximum remuneration determined pursuant to section 87a, paragraph 1, sentence 2, number 1.

3. Shareholders' rights: countermotions and nominations

Every shareholder is entitled to submit counter-motions regarding items on the agenda or nominations for election.

The Company will publish shareholders' motions, including the shareholder's name, any supporting statement and any response from the management, on the Company's website at <https://www. adesso-group.de/hv/>, provided that the shareholder has, at least 14 days prior to the meeting, i.e. by the end of 19 May 2026, has sent the Company a valid counter-motion against a proposal by the Management Board and Supervisory Board on a specific item on the agenda, together with any supporting reasons, to the address or email address set out below.

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These provisions apply mutatis mutandis to a shareholder's proposal for the election of members of the Supervisory Board or auditors of the annual or consolidated financial statements.

If a proposal does not include the name, occupation and place of residence of the proposed person, the Management Board is not required to make the nomination available. Proposals for the election of members of the Supervisory Board need not be made available even if they do not include details of the proposed person's membership of other statutory supervisory boards. Furthermore, the Management Board is not required to make counter-proposals and the reasons therefor available in the cases referred to in Section 126(2) of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG).

Shareholders are requested to provide proof of their shareholder status at the time of submitting the counter-motion or nomination.

Motions or nominations by shareholders or their proxies which must be made available in accordance with Section 126 or Section 127 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) shall be deemed to have been submitted at the time they are made available. The Company shall ensure that voting rights in respect of these motions or nominations may be exercised from that time onwards. Motions from shareholders who have not registered properly or who have not provided proper proof of identity need not be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting.

Shareholders or their proxies who are connected to the Annual General Meeting via video link also have the right to submit motions and nominations during the meeting by way of video communication within the scope of their right to speak (see the section 'Right to speak').

The relevant sections of the SE Regulation and the German Stock Corporation Act upon which those share-holder rights are based and which also set forth under which preconditions counter-proposals and election proposals do not need to be made available are as follows:

Article 53 SE Regulation

Without prejudice to the rules laid down in this section, the organisation and conduct of general meetings together with voting procedures shall be governed by the law applicable to public limited-liability companies in the Member State in which the SE's registered office is situated.

Section 126 of the German Stock Corporation Act: Propositions by shareholders

- (1) Information on shareholders propositions, including the respective shareholder's name, as well as the underlying reasons for the proposition and statements, if any, by the Management need only be given to the beneficiaries pursuant to section 125 para. 1 through 3, if the shareholder submits to the company at the address specified his counter-application stating the reasons for it to a proposal of the executive management board and the supervisory board concerning a specific agenda item at the latest 14 days prior to the general meeting. The day of the receipt is not counted. Public companies have to publish the propositions on their webpage. Section 125 para. 3 applies accordingly.
- (2) Information on a counter-application and the reasons therefor need not be given, if:
 1. the executive management board would by reason of giving such information become criminally liable;
 2. the counter-application would result in a resolution of the general meeting which would be unlawful or in breach of the articles;

3. the grounds contain statements which are manifestly false or misleading in material respects or which are defamatory;
4. a counter-application of such shareholder based on the same facts has already been communicated to a general meeting of the company pursuant to section 125;
5. the same counter-application of such shareholder on essentially identical grounds has already been communicated pursuant to section 125 to at least two general meetings of the company within the past five years and at such general meetings less than one-twentieth of the share capital represented voted in favour of such counter-application;
6. the shareholder indicates that he will neither attend nor be represented at the general meeting; or
7. within the past two years at two general meetings the shareholder failed to move or cause to be moved on his behalf a counter-application communicated by him.

The statement of grounds need not be communicated if it exceeds 5,000 figures.

- (3) If several shareholder make counter-applications in respect of the same resolution, the management board may combine such counter-applications and their statements of grounds.
- (4) In the case of an virtual general meeting, propositions that are to be made accessible pursuant to paragraphs 1 to 3 shall be deemed to have been made at the time they are made accessible. The company shall enable the voting right on these propositions to be exercised as soon as the shareholders can prove the legal or statutory requirements for exercising the voting right. Unless the shareholder who made the proposal is duly legitimised and, if registration is required, duly registered for the general meeting, the proposal need not be dealt with at the meeting.

Section 127 sentences 1 to 3 of the German Stock Corporation Act: Nominations by shareholders

Section 126 shall apply analogously to nomination by a shareholder for election of supervisory board members or auditors. Such nomination need not be supported by statement of grounds. Nor need the executive management board give notice of such nomination if it fails to contain the particulars required by section 124 para. 3 sentence 4 and section 125 para. 1 sentence 5.

Section 124 (3) sentence 4 of the German Stock Corporation Act: Publication for requests for supplements; proposals for resolutions

- (3) ...The nomination for the election of supervisory board members or auditors shall state their name, profession and domicile. ...

Section 125 (1) sentence 5 of the German Stock Corporation Act: Communications to shareholders and Members of the Supervisory Board

- (1) ...In case of listed companies details on the membership in other supervisory boards to be established pursuant to statutory provisions must be added to any nomination for the election of supervisory board members; details on their membership in comparable domestic and foreign controlling bodies of enterprises shall be added.

Section 137 of the German Stock Corporation Act: Voting on nomination made by shareholders

If a shareholder has made a nomination for the election of members of the supervisory board pursuant to section 127 and proposes at the general meeting the election of the person nominated by him, such proposal shall be resolved upon prior to consideration of the proposal of the supervisory board if a minority of shareholders whose aggregate holding is at least one-tenth of the share capital represented at the meeting so requests.

4. Right to information

Upon request, every shareholder is to be provided with information by the Management Board at the Annual General Meeting regarding matters of the Company, insofar as such information is necessary for a proper assessment of the agenda item and there is no right to withhold information. The duty to provide information also extends to the company's legal and business relationships with an affiliated company, as well as the financial position of the adesso SE Group and the companies included in the consolidated financial statements of adesso SE.

It is envisaged that the Chair of the Annual General Meeting will determine that the right to information pursuant to Section 131(1) of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) may be exercised at the Annual General Meeting exclusively by means of video communication, i.e. in the context of exercising the right to speak (see the section on 'Right to speak') (Section 131(1) et seq. AktG). The chair of the meeting will provide further guidance on this matter during the Annual General Meeting. There are no plans to allow questions to be submitted by electronic or other means of communication either before or during the Annual General Meeting.

Section 131(4) sentence 1 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) stipulates that if a shareholder has been provided with information outside the Annual General Meeting by virtue of their status as a shareholder, this information must be provided to any other shareholder or their proxy upon request at the Annual General Meeting, even if it is not necessary for the proper assessment of the item on the agenda.

Furthermore, Section 131(5), first sentence, of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) stipulates that if a shareholder is refused information, they may request that their question and the reason for which the information was refused be included in the minutes of the meeting.

In the context of the virtual general meeting, it is ensured that shareholders or their proxies who are connected to the general meeting electronically may submit their requests under Section 131(4), first sentence, of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) and their requests under Section 131(5), first sentence, of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG), not only by means of video communication, i.e. within the framework of the right to speak and the procedure provided for this purpose (see the section 'Right to speak' above), but also by means of electronic communication via the AGM portal on the Company's website at <https://www.adesso-group.de/hv/> in accordance with the procedure provided for this purpose, using the relevant login details, to the Annual General Meeting.

The relevant sections of the German Stock Corporation Act upon which those shareholder rights are based and which also set forth under which preconditions the Executive Management Board can refuse to answer are as follows:

Section 131 of the German Stock Corporation Act: Shareholders right to information

- (1) Each shareholder shall upon request be provided with information at a general meeting by the executive management board regarding the company's affairs, to the extent that such information is necessary to permit a proper evaluation of the relevant item on the agenda. The duty to provide information shall also extend to the company's legal and business relations with any connected enterprise. If a company makes use of the simplified procedure pursuant to section 266 para. 1 sentence 3, section 276 or section 288 of the German Commercial Code, each shareholder may request that the annual financial statements be presented to him at the general meeting on such annual financial statements in the form which would have been used if such provisions on simplified procedure were not applied. The disclosure obligation of the executive management board of the parent company (section 290 para. 1 sentence 2 of the German Commercial Code) in the general meeting, to which the consolidated financial statements and the consolidated management report is presented, also extends to the situation of the consolidated group of companies and of the enterprises included in the consolidated financial statements.
- (1a) In the case of a virtual general meeting, paragraph 1 sentence 1 shall apply with the proviso that the executive board may stipulate that shareholders' questions must be submitted by electronic communication no later than three days before the meeting. For the calculation of the deadline, § 121 paragraph 7 shall apply. Questions not submitted in due time need not be considered.
- (1b) The scope of the submission of questions may be reasonably limited in the convening notice. The right to submit questions may be restricted to shareholders duly registered for the meeting.

- (1c) The company shall make duly submitted questions available to all shareholders before the meeting and answer them no later than one day before the meeting; § 121 paragraph 7 shall apply to the calculation of the time limit. In the case of listed companies, the questions shall be made available and answered via the company's website. § Section 126 subsection 2 sentence 1 number 1, 3 and 6 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the making available of the questions. If the answers are continuously accessible one day before the beginning and at the meeting, the executive board may refuse to provide information on these questions at the meeting.
- (1d) Each shareholder who is electronically connected to the meeting shall be granted the right to ask questions at the meeting by means of electronic communication regarding all answers given by the executive board before and at the meeting. Paragraph 2 sentence 2 shall also apply to the right to ask questions.
- (1e) In addition, every shareholder who is electronically connected to the meeting shall be granted the right at the meeting by means of electronic communication to ask questions on matters that have only arisen after the expiry of the period pursuant to paragraph 1a sentence 1. Paragraph 2 sentence 2 shall also apply to this right to ask questions.
- (1f) The chairman of the meeting may determine that the right to information pursuant to paragraph 1, the right to ask questions pursuant to paragraph 1d and the right to ask questions pursuant to paragraph 1e may be exercised in the general meeting exclusively by means of video communication.
- (2) The information provided shall comply with the principles of conscientious and accurate accounting. The articles of association or the by-laws according to section 129 can authorize the chairperson to set appropriate time limits in regards to shareholders' right to ask questions and speak and to make other determinations in this matter.
- (3) The executive management board may refuse to provide information:
 - 1. to the extent that providing such information is, according to sound business judgement, likely to cause not insignificant damage to the company or a connected enterprise;
 - 2. to the extent that such information relates to tax valuations or the amount of individual taxes;
 - 3. on the difference between the value at which items are shown in the annual balance sheet and the higher value of such items, unless the general meeting is to determine the annual financial statements;
 - 4. on methods of arriving at balances and valuation, if disclosure of such methods in the notes suffices to provide a factually accurate picture of the condition of the company's assets, financial position and profitability within the meaning of section 264 para. 2 of the German Commercial Code; this shall not apply if the general meeting is to determine the annual financial statements;
 - 5. insofar as provision of the information would render the executive management board criminally liable;
 - 6. insofar as, in the case of a bank or a financial services institution, information on methods adopted of arriving at balances, valuation and does not require to be given in the annual financial statements, management report, consolidated financial statements or consolidated management report;
 - 7. insofar as such information is available on the webpage of the company at least for a period of seven days prior to the general meeting and throughout the general meeting.

Provision of information may not be refused for other reasons.

- (4) If information has been provided to a shareholder, by reason of his status as a shareholder, outside the general meeting, such information shall upon request be provided to any other shareholder at the general meeting, even if such information is not necessary to permit a proper evaluation of an item on the agenda. In the case of a virtual general meeting, it shall be ensured that each shareholder who is electronically connected to the meeting can submit his request pursuant to sentence 1 by means of electronic communication. The executive management board may not refuse to provide such information on the grounds of paragraph (3) sentence 1 nos. 1 to 4. Sentences 1 to 3 shall not apply if a subsidiary enterprise (section 290 paragraphs (1) and (2) of the German Commercial Code) an enterprise with common management (section 310 paragraph (1) of the German Commercial Code) or an associated enterprise (section 311 paragraph (1) of the German Commercial Code) discloses the information to a parent enterprise (section 290 paragraphs (1) and (2) of the German Commercial Code) for the purposes of inclusion of the information in the consolidated financial statements of the parent enterprise and the information is necessary for that purpose.

- (5) A shareholder who has been denied information may request that his question, and the reason for which the information was denied, be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. In the case of a virtual general meeting, it shall be ensured that each shareholder who is electronically connected to the meeting can submit his request pursuant to sentence 1 by means of electronic communication.

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The Management Board