

**Explanation with regard to item 1 on the agenda pursuant to § 124a sentence 1, no. 2 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG)**

On March 13, 2019, the Supervisory Board approved the financial statements prepared by the Executive Board in accordance with § 172 Sentence 1 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG). The annual financial statements are therefore adopted. The Supervisory Board also approved the consolidated financial statements. Adoption of the financial statements or approval of the consolidated financial statements by the Annual General Meeting pursuant to § 173 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) is therefore not required. The remaining documents cited above are also only to be made available to the Annual General Meeting without requiring a resolution apart from the resolution for the appropriation of net profit.