

Minutes

of the 91st Ordinary General Meeting of

Forbo Holding Ltd

held on April 5, 2019, at 2.30 p.m. at Casino Zug¹

This E. Schneider, Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors, opens the meeting and takes the chair.

The Chairman initially explains that elections and votes will be held electronically and he explains the handling of the electronic voting device. He then summarizes the development of business as well as the financial results of the past business year. Stephan Bauer, CEO, presents the operational development of both divisions in 2018. The Chairman then presented the focus areas and topics for

Before moving on to the statutory part of the General Meeting, the Chairman offers the shareholders the opportunity to comment the statements made or to make general statements not related to a particular agenda item and he points out that the further course of the meeting will be recorded on tape.

Walter Grob, Berne, takes the floor:

Mr. Grob would like to know which trade fairs Forbo attends, what the ratio between investment and sales of the new plant in China is, whether it is already in operation and, if so, what the utilization is, and finally whether Forbo is using recycling as a sales argument only or whether it also has an effect on the price of goods.

The Chairman explained that Forbo's capacities in Shenyang, China, were fully utilized and that the strong boom in the Asian market forced the increase of capacity. Forbo had therefore built a new factory in Pinghu, China, with the latest coating facility currently available and is already producing certified belts for the Chinese market. The CEO answers the other questions and mentions that Forbo does not publish detailed information on profitability of investments and capacity utilization. With regards to trade fairs, he mentions that Flooring Systems for example is present at the Bau in Munich or the Suisse Floor in Lucerne and that Movement Systems presents itself at various trade fairs worldwide. He answers the question about recycling by saying that Forbo already reuses as much material as possible and that recycling at Forbo is more than just a sales pitch.

Walter Grob from Bern takes the floor again and would like to know whether Forbo has in connection with the plant in China taken appropriate measures to protect Forbo's intellectual property?

The Chairman explains that Forbo ensured a technological advantage through constant innovation.

As no other shareholder takes the floor, the Chairman continues with the statutory part and states that:

- the invitation with the agenda of the meeting was published in the Swiss Official Gazette of Commerce on March 15, 2019;
- the invitation, a summary of the 2018 Annual Report and afterwards the admission cards were directly sent to the addresses of the shareholders known to Forbo Holding Ltd;
- the Annual Report and the reports of the Statutory Auditor have been available for inspection at the registered office of Forbo Holding Ltd as from March 15, 2019;

¹ This is an unofficial translation of the German original. The minutes are available for inspection at the registered office of the company.



 and that the 91st Ordinary General Meeting was duly convened and no requests by shareholders have been received.

The Chairman designates Karim Hanna, Head Corporate Legal Services, as Secretary according to Clause 11 Paragraph 2 of the Articles of Association and asks Markus Knobel, Zürcher Kantonalbank, Florian Lang, Credit Suisse, Philipp Steinmann, UBS AG and Holger Reichert, Basler Kantonalbank, to act as tellers. He explains that the tellers will step in if the electronic voting system fails. The Chairman further welcomes the present representatives of the Statutory Auditor, KPMG Ltd in Zurich, Rolf Hauenstein and Regula Tobler as well as the independent proxy, René Peyer, Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public in Zug and Diego Benz, Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public in Zug.

The Chairman then states that the Ordinary General Meeting is duly constituted and according to Clause 13 of the Articles of Association competent to pass resolutions, irrespectively of the number of shareholders present and the amount of share capital represented.

No objection is raised against these findings.

The Secretary presents the attendance figures², stating that 133 shareholders are present and that from the total share capital of CHF 180,000.00, divided into 1,800,000 shares with a par value of CHF 0.10 each, a total of 1,139,971 registered shares with a par value of CHF 0.10 each are represented and belong to the following categories:

- a) Shareholders: 526,478 registered shares with a par value of CHF 0.10 each;
- b) Independent proxy: 613,493 registered shares with a par value of CHF 0.10 each.

The Chairman then moves on to the agenda items:

Agenda item 1: Annual Report, annual statements and consolidated financial statements for the 2018 business year and receipt of the reports of the Statutory Auditor

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to approve the Annual Report, the annual statements and the consolidated financial statements for the 2018 business year and to receive the reports of the Statutory Auditor. The Chairman continues to vote on agenda item 1 as there are no requests to speak.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

Agenda item 2: Discharge of the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to grant discharge to the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board for the 2018 business year.

The Chairman points out that the members of the Board of Directors and persons who have been involved in the company's management are excluded from the right to vote in connection with agenda item 2 and that therefore the number of represented shares and the absolute majority is reduced accordingly. The Chairman offers shareholders the opportunity to comment on agenda item 2 and, as nobody takes the floor, proceeds to the vote on the discharge of the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board.

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² The presented attendance reflects the figures as at 14.42 pm.



There is no opposition on the proposal of the Chairman to discharge all members of Board of Directors and the Executive Board altogether.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

<u>Agenda item 3:</u> Appropriation of available earnings

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes a total distribution of CHF 21.00 per registered share and proposes the following appropriation of the available earnings of CHF 444,146,068 (consisting of the 2018 net profit of CHF 225,439,863, retained earnings of CHF 475,362,702 less the value of treasury shares in the amount of CHF 256,656,497): CHF 33,636,078 shall be distributed as ordinary dividend of CHF 21.00 per registered share and the amount of CHF 410,509,990 shall be carried forward. The Chairman opens the discussion on agenda item 3.

Walter Grob from Bern takes the floor again:

The speaker first of all complimented Forbo for its annual report, which was comprehensive and contained everything a shareholder would want to know. What he did not like was the fact that Forbo earns CHF 82.38 per share and pays out CHF 21.00 only, therefore less than 25 percent, although it is customary in Switzerland to pay out 30 to 40 percent. Forbo should consider distributing more in the future.

The chairman responded to the statement that it was correct that Forbo distributes slightly less than average. The Board of Directors had thought about how value could be returned to the shareholder and had opted for a combination of distribution of profits and share buybacks. Every shareholder has a direct advantage from this, as there is a concentration of profits. The opinion will, however, be included in the considerations for next year.

As no other shareholder takes the floor, the Chairman proceeds to the vote on the appropriation of available earnings.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

The Chairman mentions that dividends will be paid as from April 12, 2019.

Agenda item 4: Capital reduction as a result of the share buyback program and corresponding amendment to the Articles of Association

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to pass the following resolutions:

a) The ordinary share capital of the company of CHF 180,000.00 shall be reduced by CHF 15,000.00 to CHF 165,000.00 by way of canceling 150,000 shares with a par value of CHF 0.10 each that were acquired under the share buyback program 2017 – 2020 approved by the Ordinary General Meeting on April 6, 2017.

The amount of the capital reduction will be used to reduce the account "treasury shares" (negative item in the position "shareholders' equity") as referred to in Article 959a Paragraph 2 Clause 3 Litera e of the Swiss Code of Obligations (CO) in the amount of the actual capital reduction.



- b) As a result of the audit report of the accredited audit expert KPMG Ltd pursuant with Article 732 Paragraph 2 CO it is to be declared that the claims of the creditors remain fully covered even after the reduction of the share capital.
- c) On implementation of the reduction in share capital Clause 3 of the Articles of Association is to be amended in accordance with the following wording (changes in bold):
 - "The share capital of the company is **CHF 165,000.00** and is divided into **1,650,000** fully paid up registered shares with a par value of CHF 0.10 each."
- d) The Board of Directors is to be instructed to carry out the resolutions of the Ordinary General Meeting, in particular to give appropriate notice to the creditors by publishing them three times in the Swiss Official Gazette of Commerce ("Schweizerisches Handelsamtsblatt") in accordance with Article 733 CO, and to conduct the application to the Commercial Register following completion of the reduction.

The Chairman offers shareholders the opportunity to comment on agenda item 4 and, as nobody takes the floor, proceeds to the vote on agenda item 4.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

The Chairman points out that due to statutory provisions the capital reduction is expected to be registered in the Commercial Register by the end of June 2019.

Agenda item 5: Approval of a new share buyback program

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Chairman presents the proposal of the Board of Directors, according to which the Board of Directors shall be authorized to buy back own shares up to the maximum of 10% of the share capital registered in the Commercial Register over a period of three years optionally on a second trading line at the SIX Swiss Exchange or otherwise. These shares are definitely intended to be cancelled and therefore do not fall under the 10% threshold for own shares as defined by Article 659 of the Swiss Code of Obligations and that the necessary amendment to the Articles of Association (reduction of share capital) is then to be submitted to the shareholders for approval.

This shall allow Forbo to repatriate liquid funds not required for operational purposes to the shareholders, thereby increasing their stakes in the Company and concentrating profits.

The Chairman points out, that the Board of Directors has again chosen a two-stage process, in which the shareholders pass the fundamental resolution at this Ordinary General Meeting and pass a resolution concerning the cancellation of the repurchased shares at one of the next General Meetings.

The Chairman offers shareholders the opportunity to comment on agenda item 5 and, as nobody takes the floor, proceeds to the vote on agenda item 5.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.



Agenda item 6: Approval of remunerations

The Chairman explains that detailed information on the different remunerations can be found in the remuneration report.

Agenda item 6.1: Consultative vote on the 2018 remuneration report

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to approvingly take note of the 2018 remuneration report in a consultative vote. As nobody requests to speak, the Chairman proceeds to the vote on agenda item 6.1.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

Agenda item 6.2: Approval of the maximum total remuneration of the Board of Directors for 2020

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to approve the amount of the maximum total remuneration to be paid to the Board of Directors for the 2020 business year of CHF 4,000,000 (including the usual social insurance contributions, private company car use as well as lump sum or local expenses). As nobody requests to speak, the Chairman proceeds to the vote on agenda item 6.2.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

Agenda item 6.3: Approval of the maximum fixed remuneration of the Executive Board for 2020

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to approve the amount of the maximum fixed remuneration to be paid to the Executive Board for the 2020 business year of CHF 2,300,000 (including the usual social insurance and pension fund contributions as well as private company car use). As nobody requests to speak, the Chairman proceeds to the vote on agenda item 6.3.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

Agenda item 6.4: Approval of the variable remuneration of the Executive Board for 2018

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to approve the amount of the variable remuneration to be paid to the Executive Board for the 2018 business year of CHF 630,000 (including thereon accumulated old-age and survivor's contributions contained in column "Other remuneration" in the 2018



remuneration report). As nobody requests to speak, the Chairman proceeds to the vote on agenda item 6.4.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

<u>Agenda item 6.5:</u> Approval of the maximum variable long-term remuneration of the Executive Board for 2019 (allocation of reversionary subscription rights)

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to approve the amount of the maximum variable long-term remuneration (long-term incentive plan 2019 – 2021) to be paid to the Executive Board for the 2019 business year of CHF 285,000 (including the usual social insurance contributions). As nobody requests to speak, the Chairman proceeds to the vote on agenda item 6.5.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

Agenda item 7: Elections to the Board of Directors

The Chairman explains that the General Meeting has to elect the members as well as the Chairman of the Board of Directors individually and that each election will be valid until the close of the next Ordinary General Meeting.

Agenda item 7.1: Re-election of This E. Schneider as Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Chairman explains that the Board of Directors proposes to re-elect him as a member and Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors. As nobody requests to speak, a vote is taken on the re-election of This E. Schneider.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

This E. Schneider accepts the election.

Agenda item 7.2: Re-election of Dr. Peter Altorfer as a member of the Board of Directors

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to re-elect Dr. Peter Altorfer as a member of the Board of Directors. As nobody requests to speak, a vote is taken on the re-election of Dr. Peter Altorfer.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.



The Chairman congratulates Dr. Peter Altorfer on the successful election. Dr. Peter Altorfer accepts the election.

Agenda item 7.3: Re-election of Michael Pieper as a member of the Board of Directors

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to re-elect Mr. Michael Pieper as a member of the Board of Directors. As nobody requests to speak, a vote is taken on the re-election of Michael Pieper.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

The Chairman congratulates Michael Pieper on the successful election. Michael Pieper accepts the election.

Agenda item 7.4: Re-election of Claudia Coninx-Kaczynski as a member of the Board of Directors

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to re-elect Mrs. Claudia Coninx-Kaczynski as a member of the Board of Directors. As nobody requests to speak, a vote is taken on the re-election of Claudia Coninx-Kaczynski.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

The Chairman congratulates Claudia Coninx-Kaczynski on the successful election. Claudia Coninx-Kaczynski accepts the election.

Agenda item 7.5: Re-election of Dr. Reto Müller as a member of the Board of Directors

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to re-elect Dr. Reto Müller as a member of the Board of Directors. As nobody requests to speak, a vote is taken on the re-election of Dr. Reto Müller.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

The Chairman congratulates Dr. Reto Müller on the successful election. Dr. Reto Müller accepts the election.

Agenda item 7.6: Re-election of Vincent Studer as a member of the Board of Directors

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to re-elect Mr. Vincent Studer as a member of the Board of Directors. As nobody requests to speak, a vote is taken on the re-election of Vincent Studer.



B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

The Chairman congratulates Vincent Studer on the successful election. Vincent Studer accepts the election.

Agenda item 8: Elections to the Remuneration Committee

The Chairman explains that the General Meeting elects the members of the Remuneration Committee individually and that each election will be valid until the close of the next Ordinary General Meeting.

Agenda item 8.1: Re-election of Dr. Peter Altorfer as a member of the Remuneration Committee

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to re-elect Dr. Peter Altorfer as a member of the Remuneration Committee. As nobody requests to speak, a vote is taken on the re-election of Dr. Peter Altorfer.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

The Chairman congratulates Dr. Peter Altorfer on the successful election. Dr. Peter Altorfer accepts the election.

Agenda item 8.2: Re-election of Claudia Coninx-Kaczynski as a member of the Remuneration Committee

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to re-elect Mrs. Claudia Coninx-Kaczynski as a member of the Remuneration Committee. As nobody requests to speak, a vote is taken on the re-election of Claudia Coninx-Kaczynski.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

The Chairman congratulates Claudia Coninx-Kaczynski on the successful election. Claudia Coninx-Kaczynski accepts the election.

Agenda item 8.3: Re-election of Michael Pieper as a member of the Remuneration Committee

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to re-elect Mr. Michael Pieper as a member of the Remuneration Committee. As nobody requests to speak, a vote is taken on the re-election of Michael Pieper.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.



No objection is raised against this statement.

The Chairman congratulates Michael Pieper on the successful election. Michael Pieper accepts the election.

Agenda item 9: Election of the Statutory Auditor

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes that the mandate of KPMG Ltd as Statutory Auditor be extended for a further year. As nobody requests to speak, the Chairman proceeds to the vote.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

The Chairman explains that KPMG Ltd had provided a written acceptance of election for the event of its election.

Agenda item 10: Election of the independent proxy

A. Proposal of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes to re-elect René Peyer, Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public in Zug as independent proxy. The Chairman explains that René Peyer is a partner at Schweiger Advokatur und Notariat in Zug, that he has provided a written declaration of independence for the attention of the shareholders of Forbo Holding Ltd and that his election will be valid until the close of the next Ordinary General Meeting.

As nobody requests to speak, the Chairman proceeds to the vote.

B. Voting result

The Chairman announces after the electronic vote that the General Meeting has approved the proposal of the Board of Directors with a large majority.

No objection is raised against this statement.

The Chairman explains that René Peyer had provided a written acceptance of election for the event of his election.

The Chairman finally announces that the next Ordinary General Meeting will take place on April 3, 2020, at the Casino in Zug, and closes the meeting at 4.15 p.m.

Baar, April 5, 2019

The Chairman: The Secretary:
This E. Schneider Karim Hanna