

## **Report of the Management Board in Accordance with Sections 203 (2)(2), 186 (4)(2) of the German Stock Corporation Law (AktG) on the Exclusion of Subscription Rights in Agenda Item 6**

The Management Board has prepared the following report on the reasons for the authorization of the Management Board to exclude subscription rights in accordance with Sections 186 (4)(2), 203 (2)(2) of the German Stock Corporation Law (AktG):

Management proposes to create new approved capital of EUR 2,500,000.00 and to authorize Management in certain cases to exclude the subscription rights of shareholders.

### *Scope and Limitations of the Authorization*

The existing Approved Capital 2013 in Section 4 (4) of the articles of incorporation expires on June 18, 2018. The purpose of the proposed authorization to create new approved capital totaling up to EUR 2,500,000.00 is to provide the Management Board with a flexible tool to shape corporate policy and/or enter into strategic partnerships for another five years.

Approved Capital 2013 most recently authorized an increase in equity capital by a total of EUR 2,500,000.00 through the issuance of up to 2,500,000 registered individual shares, which corresponds to approximately 13.08% of the Company's equity capital. The proposed Approved Capital 2018 amounting to EUR 2,500,000.00 continues to correspond to only approximately 13.08% of the Company's equity capital.

### *Subscription Rights Exclusion for Fractional Amounts*

The proposed resolution provides, among other things, that shareholder subscription rights for fractional amounts can be excluded with the approval of the Supervisory Board. This opens up the possibility of establishing simple and practical subscription ratios for an increase in capital stock if not all shares can be evenly distributed to existing shareholders as a result of the subscription ratio or the amount of the increase in capital stock. The fractional amounts are insignificant relative to the total amount of an increase in capital stock. Therefore, the exclusion of subscription rights is to this extent necessary and appropriate.

### *Exclusion of subscription rights for the purpose of acquiring companies, parts of companies, or holdings in companies (including an increase in existing holdings) or for the purpose of acquiring claims against the Company*

This should ease corporate acquisitions. The Company operates in the rapidly developing market for equipment and process solutions for micropatterning in the

semiconductor industry and related markets. This also involves acquiring other companies or parts of companies or obtaining equity interests in other companies. As part of such acquisitions, sellers insist not infrequently on receiving shares as consideration since this may be more attractive to them than a cash sale. The option of using shares as currency for acquisitions gives the Company the necessary leeway to exploit acquisition opportunities that present themselves quickly and flexibly. For this, it must be possible to exclude the subscription rights of shareholders. Since such acquisitions must be executed at short notice, they usually cannot be approved at the Shareholders' Meeting, which occurs only once a year. Approved capital is needed that the Management Board – with the approval of the Supervisory Board – can access quickly. The possibility of redeeming claims against the Company in individual cases by being able to issue shares of the Company also has the advantage of avoiding a burdening of liquidity. To be sure, an exclusion of subscription rights leads to a reduction in the participation quota of shareholders; however, the use of shares as acquisition currency and the contribution of Company receivables would not be possible while granting subscription rights. In the course of any increase in capital stock excluding the subscription rights of shareholders, the Management Board will check carefully whether it will utilize the approved capital as well as the authorization of the exclusion of subscription rights, taking into account the interests of the Company and the interests of shareholders in protecting their participation quota. Only if the interests of shareholders are duly taken into account and the Supervisory Board approves will the capital of the Company be increased in this manner.

*Subscription Rights Exclusion for Cash Increases in Capital Stock Involving Placements Close to the Stock Market Price*

This authorization to exclude subscription rights in case of cash increases in capital stock enables the Management Board, with the approval of the Supervisory Board, to exclude the subscription rights of shareholders in accordance with Section 186 (3)(4) of the German Stock Corporation Law (AktG). Therefore, the proposal lies within the scope of legal provisions. The volume of the authorization corresponds to 10% of the Company's equity capital. This authorization enables a short-term share placement, taking advantage of favorable market conditions, and usually leads to a significantly higher cash inflow than in the case of a share placement with subscription rights since in setting the placement consideration any price change risk during the subscription period need not be taken in account. With this form of increase in capital stock, the Management Board should be enabled to strengthen the Company's equity base as required for future business development under optimal conditions. Since the issue price of the share is not

significantly lower than the respective stock market price, the interests of shareholders is served by protecting the value of their holdings from dilution. The Management Board will set the issue price as close to the current stock market price as is possible, taking into account the respective situation in the capital markets, and will endeavor to achieve a placement of the new shares with minimum impact on the market. The exclusion of subscription rights due to other authorizations in accordance with Section 186 (3)(4) of the German Stock Corporation Law (AktG) must also be taken into account.

The notional amount of equity capital accruing to the total shares issued for cash or non-cash contributions utilizing Approved Capital 2018 excluding subscription rights of shareholders may not exceed 10% of equity capital at the time this authorization takes effect. Deducted from this limit are shares that were issued or sold in direct or corresponding application of Section 186 (3)(4) of the German Stock Corporation Act excluding subscription rights during the term of this authorization as well as shares that are issued or can or must be issued to service bonds with conversion or option rights or obligations, insofar as the bonds are issued after this authorization takes effect in corresponding application of Section 186 (3)(4) of the German Stock Corporation Act excluding the subscription rights of shareholders.

There are currently no plans for the utilization of Approved Capital 2018. In each case the Management Board will check carefully whether it will utilize the authorization for an increase in capital stock excluding the subscription rights of shareholders. It will do this and the Supervisory Board will grant its approval only, if in the professional judgment of the corporate bodies, it is in the best interests of the Company and the shareholders.

The Management Board will notify the next Shareholders' Meeting about the utilization of Approved Capital 2018.

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