

#### Minutes<sup>1</sup> of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the

#### **VAT Group AG**

Place of Business Sennwald SG, Switzerland

Address: Seelistrasse 1, CH-9469 Haag

Tuesday, May 18, 2021, from 10:00 until 10:30 AM

VAT Group AG Seelistrasse 1 9469 Haag SG

#### I. Formalities

Martin Komischke, Chairman of the Board of Directors ("BoD") of VAT Group AG ("VAT"), welcomes the physically present Mr. Roger Föhn (Independent Proxy), Mr. Toni Wattenhofer (representative of the Statutory Auditors) and Mr. Michel Gerber (Head of Communication & Investor Relations of VAT Group) and takes the chair in accordance with art. 10 par. 1 of VAT's articles of association. The Chairman welcomes the Vice Chairman Mr. Heinz Kundert, the Board Members Ms. Libo Zhang, Mr. Karl Schlegel, Mr. Hermann Gerlinger, Mr. Urs Leinhäuser as well as Mr. Daniel Lippuner. The Chairman further welcomes Mike Allison, CEO of VAT, Fabian Chiozza, CFO of VAT as well as COO Thomas Berden. All participants not physically present are present via video conference.

Furthermore, the Chairman welcomes Mr. Benno Lichtsteiner, Secretary of the BoD.

The Chairman notes that the ordinary Annual General Meeting ("AGM") has been convened in due form and time by publication in the Swiss Official Gazette of Commerce, registered under Publication # UP04-000003190 dated SHAB - 23.04.2021. He explains that the Board of VAT has made the decision, based on the COVID-19 Ordinance 3 of the Swiss Federal Government of June 19, 2020, art. 27, to hold the 2021 AGM without physical participation of the shareholders. The Chairman points out that the shareholders have been granted due and timely access to the 2020 Annual Report, the 2020 Financial Statements, the 2020 Consolidated Financial Statements and the respective audit reports at the company's registered office, pursuant to Art. 696 para. 1 OR, as well as by electronic link http://www.vatvalve.com/InvestorRelations/investor-relations/financial-reports.

The BoD appoints Mr. Benno Lichtsteiner as Secretary of the 2021 AGM.

Attorney Mr. Roger Föhn is acting as Independent Proxy.

The Statutory Auditors, KPMG AG, are represented by Mr. Toni Wattenhofer.

Due to the Board's decision to hold the 2021 AGM without physical participation of the shareholders, the Chairman foregoes the appointment of vote tellers. In their official invitation of April 23, 2021, all shareholders have been awarded the option of absentee voting via an electronic platform or by authorizing and instructing the Independent Proxy. The shareholders have further been informed about the possibility to submit questions and remarks to the Board in written form by mail and electronically before the AGM.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The original Minutes are in German. In case of conflicts between the original version and this English translation, the German version governs.



The Chairman informs the Independent Proxy of all additional administrative matters of the AGM. He then declares the AGM to be duly constituted and to have legal capacity to pass valid resolutions on all items on the agenda.

#### II. Presence (at 10:03 AM)

The Chairman ascertains presence.

No shareholders, no shareholder representatives and 1 independent proxy, who together represent 18'477'222 registered shares, which is equal to 61.59% of all issued registered shares as are present as follows:

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#### III. Address

The Chairman gives an address and provides an overview and outlook on VAT activities and challenges. Due to the decision of the Board of Directors to hold the AGM without the personal participation of the shareholders, Michael Allison, who joins the meeting via video conference, refrains from giving a speech.

#### IV. Votes and elections

The Chairman proceeds with the votes and the elections:

#### 1. Approval of 2020 Annual Report

The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting approve the 2020 annual report, the statutory financial statements of VAT Group AG and the consolidated financial statements for the 2020 financial year and acknowledge receipt of the audit report.

- Yes:	99.97%
- No:	0.03%
- Abstention:	499'985 votes

#### 2. Appropriation of Results and Distribution from Capital Contribution Reserves

#### 2.1. Appropriation of Results

The Board of Directors proposes to carry forward the accumulated profit of CHF 320'807'607 (consisting of the previous year's profit of CHF 166'398'304 and the profit for the 2020 financial year of CHF 154'409'303) to the new account.

- Yes:	99.94%
- No:	0.06%
- Abstention:	219'512 votes

#### 2.2. Distribution from Capital Contribution Reserves

The Board of Directors proposes a dividend distribution of CHF 4.50 per registered share, CHF 2.25 out of retained earnings and CHF 2.25 out of capital contribution reserves.

- Yes:	99.92%
- No:	0.08%
- Abstention:	219'095 votes

# 3. Discharge of the Members of the Board of Directors and the Group Executive Committee

The Board of Directors proposes that the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board be discharged from responsibility in respect of the financial year 2020 in a single vote for all members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board.

- Yes:	99.17%
- No:	0.83%
- Abstention:	563'283 votes

#### 4. Elections

# 4.1. Election of the Chairman of the Board of Directors and other members of the Board of Directors

# 4.1.1. Re-election of Mr. Martin Komischke as member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes that Mr. Martin Komischke be re-elected as a member of the Board of Directors and as Chairman of the Board of Directors until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

- Yes:	90.54%
- No:	9.46%
- Abstention:	311'067 votes

Martin Komischke accepts his election.

#### 4.1.2. Re-election of Mr. Urs Leinhäuser as member of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting re-elect Mr. Urs Leinhäuser as member of the Board of Directors until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

- Yes:	99.50%
- No:	0.50%
- Abstention:	233'219 votes

Urs Leinhäuser accepts his election.

#### 4.1.3. Re-election of Mr. Karl Schlegel as member of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting re-elect Mr. Karl Schlegel as member of the Board of Directors until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

- Yes:	89.80%
- No:	10.20%
- Abstention:	236'380 votes

Karl Schlegel accepts his election.

#### 4.1.4. Re-election of Mr. Hermann Gerlinger as member of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting re-elect Mr. Hermann Gerlinger as member of the Board of Directors until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

- Yes:	99.88%
- No:	0.12%
- Abstention:	226'319 votes

Hermann Gerlinger accepts his election.

#### 4.1.5. Re-election of Mr. Heinz Kundert as member of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting re-elect Mr. Heinz Kundert as member of the Board of Directors until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

- Yes:	89.04%
- No:	10.96%
- Abstention:	233'377 votes

Heinz Kundert accepts his election.

### 4.1.6. Re-election of Ms. Libo Zhang as member of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting re-elect Ms. Libo Zhang as member of the Board of Directors until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

- Yes:	99.92%
- No:	0.08%



- Abstention:	235'688 votes	

Libo Zhang accepts her election.

### 4.1.7. Re-election of Mr. Daniel Lippuner as member of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting re-elect Mr. Daniel Lippuner as member of the Board of Directors until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

- Yes:	99.83%
- No:	0.17%
- Abstention:	225'634 votes

Daniel Lippuner accepts his election.

#### 4.2. Election of the Members of the Nomination and Compensation Committee

The Board of Directors proposes that the following persons be individually elected as members of the Nomination and Compensation Committee until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

# 4.2.1. Re-election of Mr. Martin Komischke as member of the Nomination and Compensation Committee

- Yes:	82.67%
- No:	17.33%
- Abstention:	356'320 votes

Martin Komischke accepts his election.

# 4.2.2. Re-election of Mr. Karl Schlegel as member of the Nomination and Compensation Committee

- Yes:	57.83%
- No:	42.17%
- Abstention:	239'211 votes

Karl Schlegel accepts his election.

# 4.2.3. Re-election of Mr. Heinz Kundert as member of the Nomination and Compensation Committee

- Yes:	52.38%
- No:	47.62%



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- Abstention:	200 000 voics	

Heinz Kundert accepts his election.

#### 5. Re-election of the Independent Proxy

The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting re-elect Mr. Roger Föhn, attorney- at-law, Kalchbühlstrasse 4, 8038 Zurich, as Independent Proxy from May 18, 2021, until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

- Yes:	99.98%
- No:	0.02%
- Abstention:	219'565 votes

#### 6. Re-election of the Statutory Auditors for the Financial Year 2021

The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting re-elect KPMG AG, St. Gallen, as Statutory Auditors for the financial year 2021.

- Yes:	84.77%
- No:	15.23%
- Abstention:	221'749 votes

#### 7. Compensation

#### 7.1. Consultative Vote on the Compensation Report for the Financial Year 2020

The Board of Directors recommends that the Compensation Report 2020 contained in the Annual Report 2020 be approved (consultative vote).

- Yes:	93.81%
- No:	6.19%
- Abstention:	262'049 Votes

# 7.2. Approval of actual Short-Term Variable Compensation (STI) for the Group Executive Committee (GEC) for the Financial Year 2020

The Board of Directors proposes that the shareholders approve the effective amount of CHF 650'140 of short-term variable compensation for the GEC for the financial year 2020.

- Yes:	96.05%
- No:	3.95%
- Abstention:	305'498 votes

# 7.3. Approval of the Maximum Aggregate Amount of Fixed Compensation for the GEC for the Financial Year 2022

The Board of Directors proposes to approve the maximum total amount of fixed remuneration for the GEC of CHF 1,990,000 for the financial year 2022.

- Yes:	99.14%
- No:	0.86%
- Abstention:	299'326 votes

# 7.4. Approval of the Maximum Aggregate Amount of Long-Term Incentive (LTI) Compensation for the GEC for the Financial Year 2022

The Board of Directors proposes to approve the maximum total of long-term variable compensation (LTI) for the Executive Board of CHF 1,700,000 for the financial year 2022.

- Yes:	99.12%
- No:	0.88%
- Abstention:	310'078 votes

# 7.5. Approval of the Maximum Aggregate Amount of Compensation for the Board of Directors from the Annual General Meeting of 2021 until the Annual General Meeting of 2022

The Board of Directors proposes to approve the maximum total compensation for the Board of Directors of CHF 1'101'000 for the term of office from the Ordinary Annual General Meeting 2021 until the Ordinary Annual General Meeting 2022.

- Yes:	99.20%
- No:	0.80%
- Abstention:	311'382 votes



The Chairman closes the Annual General Meeting at 10:32 AM.

The Chairman

The Secretary

Dr. Martin Komischke

Benno Lichtsteiner