



Further information about exercising voting rights

Should voting rights be exercised, or powers of attorney granted and instructions issued, within the respective deadlines via several channels (letter, e-mail, electronically via the Shareholder Portal or by electronic vote pursuant to § 67c (1) and (2) Sentence 3 AktG in conjunction with Article 2 (1) and (3) and Article 9 (4) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1212), such voting rights are, irrespective of the order in which they are received, accounted for in the following order: (i) electronically via the Shareholder Portal, (ii) pursuant to § 67c (1) and (2) Sentence 3 AktG in conjunction with Article 2 (1) and (3) and Article 9 (4) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1212, (iii) by e-mail and (iv) by letter.

Should declarations be received in the same way with more than one form in which voting rights are exercised, the following order applies: Electronic votes have precedence over powers of attorney granted and instructions issued to company voting proxies and the latter have precedence over powers of attorney granted and instructions issued to an intermediary, a shareholders' association, a voting rights advisor pursuant to § 134a AktG or to a person deemed equivalent by § 135 (8) AktG.

Should an intermediary, a shareholders' association, a voting rights advisor pursuant to § 134a AktG or a person deemed equivalent by § 135 (8) AktG not be prepared to represent the respective shareholder, the company's voting proxies will be deemed as having been authorised to represent the shareholder in accordance with the instructions provided.

The most recent revocation of any declaration received within the relevant deadline and meeting formal requirements shall be deemed definitive.

Votes cast electronically and powers of attorney granted and any instructions issued in respect of Agenda Item 2 (Appropriation of Unappropriated Net Profit) retain their validity even if the proposed appropriation of unappropriated net profit is adjusted to account for any change in the number of shares with dividend entitlement. If, for a given agenda item, it is decided to hold votes for individual points rather than for the agenda item as a whole, the votes cast electronically and any instructions issued shall apply for each point individually voted on.

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Further information about registration and granting powers of attorney can be found in the documents forwarded to shareholders, as can the relevant forms required to grant powers of attorney for voting rights and information concerning use of the Shareholder Portal.