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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 289 F AND SECTION 315 D HGB

The Corporate Governance Statement in accordance with Section 289 f and Section 315 d of the German Commercial Code (HGB) is combined for Progress-Werk Oberkirch Aktiengesellschaft (hereinafter also referred to as the "Company" or "PWO AG") and the PWO Group (hereinafter also referred to as the "Group") and is part of the combined management report. The contents of this statement are not subject to the statutory

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audit of the annual financial statements and the consolidated financial statements by the auditor (see Section 317 (2) sentence 6 HGB).

This statement and the information and documents contained therein, including the declaration of conformity under Section 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG), the Rules of Procedure of the Supervisory

Board and the Supervisory Board's requirements profile, are permanently available on the PWO website at **www.progress-werk.de/en/group/** under the subcategories "Corporate Governance", "Supervisory Board" and "Executive Board".

Principles of corporate governance

A strong sense of responsibility is at the heart of how the PWO Group sees itself. We thus believe we are accountable to all stakeholders. The wellbeing of current and future generations is what guides our actions. This includes long-term, sustainable value creation that ensures a business that conserves resources and is conscious of the environment. We base our product range around sustainability throughout products' entire life cycle, from the raw materials used to ensuring they can be recycled in a way that conserves resources. Our corporate governance is built on these principles.

To maintain and reinforce trust in the leadership of PWO AG and the Group among shareholders, employees, customers, suppliers and the public, everyone responsible for management and supervision undertakes to comply with these principles. In implementing this, PWO AG follows the relevant legal framework and the generally accepted standards of good corporate governance in Germany. The PWO Group also signed up to the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) and the United Nations Global Compact in the reporting year. The Group's targets for absolute emissions reductions in accordance with the Greenhouse Gas

Protocol were validated by the SBTi in October 2022. The PWO Group's existing human rights guidelines were further refined in the period up to November 2022.

The Executive Board and the Supervisory Board cooperate closely and effectively on a trust basis. Significant new information is communicated transparently and in good time and is conveyed internally and externally at the same time.

Declaration of conformity under Section 161 AKTG

The Executive Board and Supervisory Board of Progress-Werk Oberkirch AG declare in accordance with Section 161 (1) AktG that the recommendations of the "Government Commission on the German Corporate Governance Code" in the version dated December 16, 2019, which was published by the German Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection in the official section of the German Federal Gazette on March 20, 2020 ("2020 Code") have been complied with the last declaration of conformity was submitted in December 2021, with the following exceptions:

D.4 2020 Code (Nomination Committee)

The Supervisory Board does not believe it is necessary to form a Nomination Committee as the current practice of the Annual General Meeting proposing suitable candidates for the replacement or reappointment of Supervisory Board members is well established and has been shown to be efficient. As the Supervisory Board comprises a total of 6 members, it also considers it appropriate that the Supervisory Board as a whole is responsible for nominating Supervisory Board candidates.

G.10 sentence 1 and sentence 2 2020 Code (variable remuneration components for Executive Board members: variable remuneration predominantly in shares or share-based; option to access long-term variable remuneration components)

In accordance with the recommendations G.10 sentence 1 and sentence 2 of the 2022 Code, taking the respective tax burden into consideration, Executive Board members' variable remuneration shall be predominantly invested in company shares by the respective Executive Board member or shall be granted predominantly as share-based remuneration. Granted long-term variable remuneration components shall be accessible to Executive Board members

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only after a period of 4 years. The remuneration system for Executive Board members ("remuneration system") resolved by the Supervisory Board on March 25, 2021, individual items of which were updated and amended in a resolution dated March 15, 2022, and that was approved by the Annual General Meeting on May 10, 2022 with a majority of 86.05 percent of votes cast, deviates from these recommendations. The Supervisory Board does not consider the share price the relevant indicator of a remuneration system designed to promote the corporate strategy and long-term development of the Company. Instead, the Supervisory Board believes the financial and non-financial performance indicators set out in the remuneration system to measure variable remuneration and the disbursement of all variable remuneration components in cash are more suitable. The Supervisory Board believes that the current variable remuneration framework for the Company's Executive Board members, featuring targets of up to 3 years depending on the term of the appointment, has proved very efficient as a measurement basis and should therefore essentially be maintained.

The remuneration system does not envisage any predominantly share-based variable remuneration, instead measuring this mostly by the Group's net income for the year. In the Supervisory Board's view, this is pivotal to securing the Group's competitiveness with a balanced funding of business operations and all necessary innovation and investment, while simultaneously limiting debt, safeguarding jobs and offering Company shareholders a suitable return on their capital employed. The Group's net income for the period is therefore essential for the PWO Group to perform well in the long term.

Long-term variable remuneration components are paid to the Executive Board member in question each year on a pro rata basis in relation to the basis of calculation, which can be up to 3 years. The Supervisory Board considers the pro rata payments appropriate and suitable.

Further details, in particular regarding the variable remuneration components, can be found in the remuneration system which is available to the public on the Company's website.

For the reasons described above, the remuneration granted to incumbent Executive Board members has not been and is not currently predominantly invested in Company shares or granted predominantly as share-based remuneration and long-term variable remuneration components are not accessible to Executive Board members only after a period of 4 years. Mr. Carlo Lazzarini's Executive Board contract is covered by the current remuneration system, while the Executive Board contracts of Dr. Cornelia Ballwießer and Mr. Johannes Obrecht – in accordance with Section 26 j (1) of the Einführungsgesetz zum Aktiengesetz (EGAktG – Introductory Act to the German Stock Corporation Act) and in line with the explanations in the Code – are based on remuneration practices in place before the remuneration system was introduced (grandfathering).

The Executive Board and Supervisory Board of Progress-Werk Oberkirch AG declare in accordance with Section 161 (1) AktG that the recommendations of the "Government Commission on the German Corporate Governance Code" in the version dated April 28, 2022, which was published by the Federal Ministry of Justice in the official section of the German Federal Gazette on June 27, 2022 ("2022 Code") are complied with currently and will be complied with in the future, with the following exceptions:

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Oberkirch, December 2022

Progress-Werk Oberkirch AG

The Supervisory Board

Karl M. Schmidhuber Chairman

The Executive Board

Carlo Lazzarini

Chairman/CEO

Dr. Cornelia Ballwießer

CFO

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Johannes Obrecht

Current and former declarations of conformity under Section 161 AktG are publicly and permanently available on the Company's website in the PWO Group area (www.pwo-group.com/en/group/) under Corporate Governance.

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Information on corporate governance practices

Business activity in the Group is based on standardized principles and values and on our definition of responsible corporate governance. PWO AG and the PWO Group are essentially treated equally in terms of business management. Accordingly, there are no material differences between their corporate governance structures.

Company values and management principles

In the reporting year, we continued to transform our values-based company and management culture into a participatory, Group-wide process. Our 5 core values are what guides our daily actions.

Integrity

Setting an example in line with our values system. Long-term relationships with all of our stakeholders are based on integrity. Of course, we comply with all laws and regulations in place in the countries in which we operate. We observe informal local rules and customs where possible. We always act fairly, honestly and credibly.

Progress

Progress is part of our fundamental DNA. Continuous change and innovation have shaped our business since we were founded more than 100 years ago. Thanks to our unique innovative strength at the frontier of what is technologically possible, we are not only a leader in shaping future mobility, we also want to contribute to more sustainable, zero-emission development on new markets. Because we are always open to change when looking at the present, we recognize the future at an early stage.

Customer focus

Customer satisfaction is what drives us. We often maintain relationships with customers for decades. We gain their trust because we regularly exceed expectations. In everything that we do, we take at least 1 vital extra step and often several. Our focus hear is on gaining a comprehensive understanding of each customer's individual needs in order to find the best possible solution in each case. "Zero error" quality is not only a requirement in the production process at PWO. It is a holistic philosophy that is practiced across the entire PWO Group.

Sustainability

We accept responsibility for future generations. Thinking and acting responsibly and with a view to the long term has been at the heart of our success and decisions in our long company history. This is our internal motivation that we bring into the future. We take a holistic approach to sustainability, both in terms of environmental and social aspects and in terms of good corporate governance. We want to set a good example and use our business as a force for good.

Team spirit

We achieve success together. We search out challenges and overcome them together. All of our efforts are first and foremost directed at PWO's success. We are tolerant, respectful and considerate when working with each other. In this working environment, our employees can share their knowledge, experience and creativity and show their passion for trying out new ideas. We support them here and encourage them to reach their full potential.

Based on the core values, we have established 8 management principles. They represent our core beliefs and also provide a guide to managers for how they act with their employees on a daily basis.

We want to set the standard. This is why we have ambitious goals and make decisions quickly and with an eye to business. We firmly believe that having appreciative managers as the default who actively embrace their position as role models and self reflect on this role is an essential building block of trusting collaboration between managers and employees. It is on this basis that we shape the PWO Group's future success.

Transparency

Alongside statutory requirements and stock market standards for prompt reporting, taking account of the principle of equal treatment of all shareholders (annual and half-year financial reports and quarterly statements, ad-hoc announcements, managers' transactions and reportable changes in voting shares of which the Company becomes aware), the Executive Board also believes it is obligated to communicate closely with the public.

The Executive Board regularly responds to questions from analysts, investors and media representatives at capital market conferences and roadshows. Important information and information that is relevant for evaluating the Group's prospects is made public as soon as possible. All reports, announcements and key presentations given at conferences and roadshows are documented on the website at www.pwo-group.com/en/investors-press/. More information can also be found here, including all required disclosures on the Annual General Meeting. The Company's Articles of Association, the Supervisory Board's requirements profile and the CVs, operating activities and other Board seats held by members of the Supervisory Board can be viewed at www.pwo-group.com/en/group/ under "Supervisory Board".

Whistleblower system

Violations of the law and unlawful and non-compliant behavior in relation to the corporate values system of the Group can have farreaching consequences. Potential repercussions include fines, claims for

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damages or skimming of profits. In addition, massive damage to the Company's image and reputation losses may occur.

To avoid breaches of the law and violations or, at the very least, to help ensure that these are quickly detected and that suitable countermeasures can be taken, we have used EQS Group AG's whistleblower system since 2018. This means that whistleblowers can report suspicions of misconduct, both by employees and by external parties, around the clock – including anonymously where this is permitted under local law – through a communication channel that is protected by special encryption and security technology.

The system should be designed to be fair and protect both whistleblowers and those affected in order to ensure the highest level of acceptance. We have set out the criteria that guarantee this in our "Reporting information and concerns" guideline.

Risk management

Good corporate governance includes suitable mitigation of and a responsible approach to all risks associated with business decisions. The PWO Group operates a modern and effective risk management system. Its effectiveness is regularly checked and it is constantly being refined further. This applies particularly regarding changes to national legal requirements in Germany and abroad.

Code of Conduct and Business Partner Code

Code of Conduct and Business Partner Code Ensuring that our employees act in accordance with the law and ethically is of central importance to us. To this end, we have set out our Compliance guidelines in a Code of Conduct which is available on our website at www.pwo-group.com/en/group/corporate-governance/principles-of-conduct/ and is regularly reviewed to assess whether any changes are required.

We also place great value on compliance with minimum standards, primarily regarding human rights, labor conditions, anti-corruption and environmental protection along the entire value chain. We therefore also involve our business partners directly in our sustainability strategy.

Since 2016, our requirements for their practices have been summarized in a Group-wide Business Partner Code, which is available on our website at www.pwo-group.com/en/group/supplier-management/ under "business partner code of conduct" and which is also refined on an ongoing basis, in particular in terms of our responsibility for supply chains.

In addition, a process for sustainable procurement and business partner compliance has been defined and its introduction and implementation throughout the Group is to be completed in 2023. This process reflects both the higher ESG requirements and the German Supply Chain Act ("LKSG") that came into effect on January 1, 2023 and initially applies to companies with at least 3,000 domestic employees. We implemented the requirements of the LkSG earlier than legislators required for a company of our size.

Our suppliers across the Group as a whole must also accept and comply with purchasing conditions that address regional and international regulations in terms of quality, environmental, documentation and labeling requirements. In addition, relevant rules also apply regarding environmentally friendly packaging, transport of the products supplied in line with the respective safety regulations and compliance with accident prevention regulations.

Diversity

We firmly believe that the decisive criteria for appointing people to management positions are professional expertise and management qualifications. Both when it comes to filling management position vacancies and in terms of the composition of teams at all levels of the Group, we also strive for diversity of personalities, ages, genders and educational and professional backgrounds and an international dimension. In our view, mixed teams improve the quality of decisions because, for example, different perspectives result in new ways of thinking. We are often more attentive when relating to others because different experiences interact. Last but not least, everyone benefits from exchanging knowledge across generations.

Equal participation of men and women in management positions (targets for share of women)

Effective April 1, 2022, the Supervisory Board resolved a target of having 1 woman on the Executive Board and 1 woman on the Supervisory Board by March 31, 2027. With potentially 2 Executive Board members this is a ratio of 50.00 percent, with 3 Executive Board members a ratio of 33.33 percent and with 4 Executive Board members a ratio of 25.00 percent. In the Supervisory Board with 6 members, this represents a ratio of 16.67 percent.

This target is based on the idea that the primary criteria for filling management positions should be professional expertise and management qualifications and that these standards currently seriously limit increasing the share of women on the Executive Board and Supervisory Board due to the nature of the sector. Following the appointment of Dr. Cornelia Ballwießer as a member of the PWO AG Executive Board, the Executive Board now comprises 1 woman and 2 men.

Effective April 1, 2022, the Executive Board has resolved to achieve a target for the share of women of 2 of 13 employees (corresponding to around 15.38 percent) at the first level under the Executive Board and 6 of 35 employees (corresponding to around 17.14 percent) at the second level under the Executive Board at PWO AG by March 31, 2027. At the end of the reporting year, the share was 6.67 percent (1 of 15 employees) and 8.33 percent (3 of 36 employees) respectively. Overall, the share of women in the Group is very low, which is thus also reflected in management level positions.

Taking into account the expertise and qualifications of the candidates, the Executive Board is also mindful of diversity when filling management positions and, in particular, aims to give due consideration to women. Nonetheless, PWO AG has traditionally had very low turnover and so the share of women can be increased only over a longer period of time.

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Diversity on the Supervisory Board

The Supervisory Board aims for a composition that ensures it is qualified to supervise and advise the Executive Board. Together, its members must have the knowledge, skills and professional experience needed to properly perform the tasks of a Supervisory Board at an international company in the automotive supply industry that participates in the capital market.

In accordance with the recommendations of the German Corporate Governance Code in the version dated April 28, 2022, the Supervisory Board has established the following specific requirements and objectives for its composition, which – taking account of the company's specific situation – give suitable consideration to the Company's international activities, potential conflicts of interest, the number of independent Supervisory Board members, a defined age limit for Supervisory Board members and other diversity aspects:

Requirements profile for the Board as a whole

Supervisory Board objectives regarding its composition

Supervisory Board composition should ensure that it is qualified to supervise and advise the Executive Board. Together, its members must have the knowledge, skills and professional experience needed to properly perform the tasks of a Supervisory Board at an international company in the automotive supply industry that participates in the capital market.

Employee representatives must uphold the specific requirements of the German One-Third Employee Representation Act (Drittelbeteiligungsquesetz).

In view of this and in accordance with the recommendations and suggestions of the German Corporate Governance Code, the Supervisory Board set the following objectives for its composition:

1. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD AS A WHOLE

1.1 Competence profile

The Supervisory Board as a whole should have the expertise that is considered material given the activities of the PWO Group. In particular, this includes extensive experience and knowledge of

- · managing a larger international company,
- the automotive supply business and value creation along different value chains,
- product and process development, especially regarding technology that is relevant to the Group and adjacent or related areas,
- sales and procurement markets, as well as production, quality, distribution and supply chain structures in the automotive industry,
- contract and capital market law,
- · business management and controlling,
- accounting, financing, taxation and auditing,
- corporate governance, compliance, risk management and internal auditing.
- in key sustainability issues for the Company,
- digitalization (opportunities/risks),
- HR management.

Regarding the requirements of Section 100 (5) AktG, which also apply for the Audit Committee (see Section 107 (4) AktG), at least 1 member of the Supervisory Board must have expertise in the field of accounting and at least 1 other member of the Supervisory Board must have expertise in auditing, and together the Supervisory Board members must be familiar with the automotive supply sector.

Expertise in the area of accounting should take the form of specific knowledge and experience in applying accounting principles and internal control and risk management systems. Expertise in the area of auditing should take the form of specific knowledge and experience of audits. Accounting and auditing also cover sustainability reporting and audits of these reports.

1.2 Independence

Supervisory Board members shall not be members of governing bodies of, or exercise advisory functions at significant competitors of the PWO Group and shall not hold any personal relationships with a significant competitor.

No more than 2 former members of the Company's Executive Board shall be members of the Supervisory Board.

1.2.1 INDEPENDENCE FROM THE COMPANY AND FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

More than half of the shareholder representatives shall be independent from the company and the Executive Board within the meaning of the German Corporate Governance Code. Supervisory Board members are to be considered independent in this sense if they have no personal or business relationship with the Company or its Executive Board that may cause a substantial – and not merely temporary – conflict of interest.

1.2.2 INDEPENDENCE FROM THE CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDER

At least 1 shareholder representative shall be independent from the controlling shareholder within the meaning of the German Corporate Governance Code. A Supervisory Board member is considered independent from the controlling shareholder in this sense if they or a close family member are neither a controlling shareholder nor a member of the executive governing body of the controlling shareholder, and does not have a personal or business relationship with the controlling shareholder that may cause a substantial – and not merely temporary – conflict of interest.

1.2.3 CONSIDERATION OF INDEPENDENCE WHEN PERFORMING FUNCTIONS ON THE SUPERVISORY BOARD

The Chair of the Supervisory Board, the Chair of the Audit Committee, as well as the Chair of the (Personnel) committee that addresses Executive Board remuneration, shall be independent from the Company and the Executive Board. The Chair of the Audit Committee shall also be independent from the controlling shareholder.

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1.2.4 FULL INDEPENDENCE OF SHAREHOLDER REPRESENTATIVES

The Supervisory Board shall include what it considers to be an appropriate number of (fully) independent members from the group of shareholder representatives, thereby taking into account the shareholder structure. Within the meaning of this, a Supervisory Board member is (fully) independent if he/she is independent from the Company and its Executive Board, and independent from any controlling shareholder.

1.3 Diversity

In terms of the diversity of its composition, the Supervisory Board aims to take into consideration a range of different diversity criteria such as age, gender and educational and professional background and an international dimension.

1.4 International expertise

At least half of the shareholder representatives should have multiple years of international experience.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

2.1 General requirements profile

Supervisory Board members should have business/operating experience and a general knowledge of the automotive sector/the metalworking industry. Based on their knowledge, skills and professional experience, they should be able to perform the tasks of a Supervisory Board member in an international company and safeguard the PWO Group's public reputation.

When proposing candidates to the Annual General Meeting, particular attention should be paid to the candidates' personalities, integrity, commitment, professionalism and independence.

2.2 Limitation of Supervisory Board positions

A Supervisory Board member who is not a member of any Executive Board of a listed company shall not accept more than 5 Supervisory Board mandates at non-group listed companies or comparable functions, with an appointment as Chair of the Supervisory Board being counted twice.

Members of the Executive Board of a listed company shall not have, in aggregate, more than 2 Supervisory Board mandates in non-group listed companies or comparable functions, and shall not accept the Chairmanship of a Supervisory Board in a non-group listed company.

2.3 Availability

Each Supervisory Board member ensures that they have sufficient time available to properly exercise their Supervisory Board position and discharge their duties in connection with this. In particular, it must here be ensured that at least 5 ordinary Supervisory Board meetings are held each year, each of which require suitable preparation, that sufficient time is set aside for auditing the annual and consolidated financial statement documents and that additional time is allocated for membership on 1 or more than 1 Supervisory Board committees. Extraordinary meetings of the Supervisory Board or a committee may also be required to address special topics.

2.4 Age limit for Supervisory Board members

As a rule, members of the Supervisory Board must not be older than 70 at the time they are appointed. Deviations from this are possible in justified individual cases.

2.5 Specific requirements for the Chair of the Audit Committee

At least 1 member of the Audit Committee must have expertise in the field of accounting and at least 1 other member of the Audit Committee must have expertise in auditing. The Chair of the Audit Committee should be an expert in at least 1 of these 2 areas.

Implementation of objectives for the Supervisory Board composition, including competence profile, diversity concept, and independent members on the Supervisory Board

Proposals by the Supervisory Board to the Annual General Meeting shall take these objectives into account, while simultaneously aiming at fulfilling the overall profile of required skills and expertise of the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board's decision regarding the proposal to the Annual General Meeting is always based primarily on the interests of the Company, taking into account all circumstances in the individual case in question.

The current Supervisory Board composition meets the requirements and targets set for the Supervisory Board and implements the associated diversity concept. The Supervisory Board has the number of independent shareholder representatives on the Supervisory Board that is considered appropriate by the shareholder representatives: Karl M. Schmidhuber, Carsten Claus and Dr. Jochen Ruetz are independent from the Company and from the Executive Board. Karl M. Schmidhuber, Carsten Claus and Dr. Jochen Ruetz are independent from the controlling shareholder. Accordingly, Karl M. Schmidhuber, Carsten Claus and Dr. Jochen Ruetz are fully independent.

The Supervisory Board will give due consideration to diversity aspects that it considers important when making any developmental changes to its requirements profile for the Board as a whole.

The implementation status of objectives set by the Supervisory Board regarding its composition and the competence profile for the Board as a whole is disclosed below in the form of a qualification matrix.

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QUALIFICATION MATRIX FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD OF PWO AG

		Sitateholder representatives			Ellipioyee representatives		
		Karl M. Schmidhuber	Dr. Georg Hengstberger	Carsten Claus	Dr. Jochen Ruetz	Andreas Bohnert	Stefan Klemenz
Membership	Member of the Supervisory Board since	May 31, 2016	May 22, 2013	May 23, 2018	May 23, 2018	May 20, 2021	May 20, 2021
Diversity	Date of birth	June 14, 1948	November 3, 1963	April 30, 1953	January 14, 1968	January 16, 1990	July 6, 1970
	Gender ¹	Male	Male	Male	Male	Male	Male
	Nationality	AT	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE
Competence areas (experience and knowledge)	Managing a larger international company	V			V		
	Automotive supply business and value creation along different value chains	V					
	Product and process development ²	V				V	V
	Sales and procurement markets, production, quality, distribution and supply chain structures in the automotive industry	V					
	Contract and capital market law		V				
	Business management and controlling	V		V	v		
	Accounting, financing, taxation, risk management		<u> </u>	V	<u> </u>		
	Audit			V	v		_
	Corporate governance, compliance, internal auditing		V	V	✓		
	Sustainability ³	V	V	V			
	Digitalization				V		
	HR management	V		V		V	V
Other requirements	Independence ⁴	V		V	V		
	No overboarding⁵	V	V	V	V		
	International expertise ⁶	V			V		

Shareholder representatives

Employee representatives

[✓] The criterion is considered to be met based on a self-assessment carried out by the Supervisory Board. This is based on the fact that, based on their qualifications, the knowledge and experience acquired as part of their work as a member of the Supervisory Board or the regular training completed by members of the Supervisory Board, the members of the Supervisory Board have a very good grasp of company-specific issues and can make informed decisions.

¹ Effective April 1, 2022, the Supervisory Board resolved a target of having 1 woman on the Supervisory Board by March 31, 2027. With 6 Supervisory Board members, this represents a target of 16.67 percent.

² Product and process development, especially regarding technology that is relevant to the Group and adjacent or related areas.

³ Expertise in key sustainability issues for the Company in accordance with its sustainability strategy.

⁴ Independence within the meaning of recommendation C.7 of the Code refers to independence from the Company and from the Executive Board. Supervisory Board members are to be considered independent from the Company and its Executive Board if they have no personal or business relationship with the Company or its Executive Board that may cause a substantial – and not merely temporary – conflict of interest (C.7 (1) sentence 2 of the Code).

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⁵ As per recommendation C.4 of the Code, a Supervisory Board member who is not a member of any Executive Board of a listed company shall not accept more than 5 Supervisory Board mandates at non-group listed companies or comparable functions, with an appointment as Chair of the Supervisory Board being counted twice. As per recommendation C.5 of the Code, a Supervisory Board member who sits on the Executive Board of [another] listed company shall not have, in aggregate, more than 2 Supervisory Board mandates in non-group listed companies or comparable functions, and shall not accept the Chairmanship of a Supervisory Board in a non-group listed company.

⁶ At least half of the shareholder representatives should have multiple years of international experience.

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Diversity on the Executive Board

The Supervisory Board also takes appropriate account of diversity when appointing Executive Board members. The Supervisory Board has not prepared a separate formal diversity concept for the Executive Board because it did not consider this suitable given that there are 3 Executive Board members. However, appointing Carlo Lazzarini from Luxembourg to the Executive Board increased its international nature.

The Supervisory Board has set an age limit for Executive Board members. This states that an Executive Board member can be appointed until the Annual General Meeting following the year in which the Executive Board member turns 65. Deviations from this are possible in justified individual cases.

Executive Board and Supervisory Board procedures

As a stock corporation under German law, PWO AG is subject to the corresponding legal regulations on its management and monitoring. Its 2-tier management and control structure comprises an Executive Board and a Supervisory Board. The Executive Board and the Supervisory Board manage and monitor the Company on the basis of the latest version of the German Corporate Governance Code. As (administrative) governing bodies, they are obliged to act in the Company's best interests.

Executive Board

The Executive Board of PWO AG is required to increase the value of the Company in the long term.

As the management body, it is responsible for its operating business and strategic development. It currently has 3 members. The principles of its collaboration are set out in its Rules of Procedure. The distribution of tasks within the Board is shown in the schedule of responsibilities.

The Executive Board has overall responsibility for managing the Company's business in accordance with standardized targets, plans and guidelines. Regardless of the Executive Board's overall responsibility, each of its members is individually responsible for his/her area but is required to put the interests of this area below the overall interests of the Company at all times. If measures and business of an Executive Board area also affect 1 or more than 1 other Executive Board areas, the Executive Board

member responsible must consult with the other Executive Board members involved ahead of time. If no agreement can be reached, each Executive Board member in question is obliged to bring about a resolution by the full Executive Board.

In addition, if any Executive Board member has concerns about measures in another Executive Board area, the member in question must bring about a resolution by the full Executive Board if the concerns cannot be remedied by discussing them with the other Executive Board member. Regardless of these principles, measures and business that are of particular importance to the Company or the Group managed by the Company or that entail an extraordinary economic risk must be approved by the full Executive Board.

The CEO coordinates management of the Company by the full Executive Board. The Executive Board members must inform the CEO of all significant events and the course of business in their departments on an ongoing basis. Executive Board meetings are to be held at regular intervals, where possible at least every 2 weeks and on specific dates determined in advance on a long term basis.

Unless the law explicitly requires unanimous consent, the Executive Board passes resolutions at meetings with a simple majority of votes cast. Outside meetings, it can also do so by a simple majority of its members. Abstentions do not count as votes cast. The CEO has the deciding vote in the event of a tie. Where possible, however, the Executive Board will take its decisions unanimously.

In accordance with statutory provisions, the Executive Board informs the Supervisory Board regularly, promptly and in detail about all material issues relating to the business operations and development of the Company and the Group, in particular about intended business policy and other basic issues regarding corporate planning, significant business operations that could be highly relevant to the profitability or liquidity of the Company or the Group, and current profitability and earnings, including the risk situation and risk management. In addition, Executive Board reports on investing activities, ongoing development projects and the strategic development of the Company and the Group.

The Executive Board's Rules of Procedure set out a catalog of transactions and measures that require the prior approval of the Supervisory Board.

The Executive Board prepares an annual and consolidated financial statement and the combined management report for the Company and the Group. It also prepares the half-year financial reports and quarterly statements.

The Executive Board is responsible for compliance at the Company and subsidiaries, i.e. for compliance with legislation, official regulations and internal company guidelines. As part of this, it has established a comprehensive Compliance Management System, which it refines on an ongoing basis. Details on compliance at the Company and in the Group can be found on the PWO website at www.pwo-group.com/en/group/corporate-governance/compliance/.

The Company's Executive Board currently comprises 3 members: Carlo Lazzarini (CEO), Dr. Cornelia Ballwießer (CFO) and Johannes Obrecht (COO). Information on the members of the Executive Board can be found in the notes to the 2022 consolidated financial statements (under no. 37 "Composition and mandates of the Supervisory Board and Executive Board") and on PWO's website at —> www.pwo-group.com/en/group/ under "Executive Board" and then under "Other disclosures on corporate governance" in "Executive Board mandates".

Supervisory Board

The Supervisory Board monitors and advises the Executive Board on management. Its tasks and responsibilities are based on legislative requirements, the Company's Articles of Association and the Supervisory Board's Rules of Procedure. Supervisory Board resolutions are approved by a simple majority of votes cast, unless the law stipulates other majorities. The Supervisory Board chair has the casting vote in the event of a tie.

PWO AG's Supervisory Board has 6 members. 2/3 of its members are shareholders representatives and 1/3 are employee representatives. The appointment of Carsten Claus as Chairman of the Audit Committee, who has specific knowledge and experience in the area of auditing (including auditing sustainability reporting), means that the recom-

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mendations of the German Corporate Governance Code are met regarding the Audit Committee Chair's expertise and independence. With him as a member, the Supervisory Board and the Audit Committee thus also have a financial expert in the field of auditing within the meaning Section 100 (5) AktG. Both the Supervisory Board and the Audit Committee also have at least 1 other member with expertise in the field of accounting, including sustainability reporting (Dr. Georg Hengstberger). Dr. Georg Hengstberger has special knowledge and experience in applying accounting principles and internal control and risk management systems. The professional experience and knowledge of Carsten Claus and Dr. Georg Hengstberger are documented in their CVs, which are published on PWO's website at www.pwo-group.com/en/group/supervisory-board/.

The targets for the composition and fulfillment of the competence profile for the Board as a whole are taken into account when the Supervisory Board proposes candidates for the election of Supervisory Board members to the Annual General Meeting. The current Supervisory Board composition complies with these targets and profile specifications: Together, members of the Supervisory Board are familiar with the automotive, metal and electronics industries that are relevant to the activities of the Company and the Group and at least 1 member of the Supervisory Board has expertise in the field of accounting and at least 1 other member of the Supervisory Board has expertise in the field of auditing. In addition, with Karl M. Schmidhuber and Dr. Jochen Ruetz at least half of shareholder representatives have multiple years of international experience.

Members of the Executive Board generally attend Supervisory Board meetings unless the Supervisory Board decides otherwise. If the auditor is selected as the expert, the Executive Board does not participate in this (accounts) meeting, unless the Supervisory Board or the Audit Committee considers this necessary.

The Supervisory Board's Rules of Procedure include stipulations regarding the formation of committees and regulate their responsibilities. At present there are 2 committees: the Personnel Committee and the Audit Committee. Members of the committees and the chairs are named in the Supervisory Board report. The report is published in

the 2022 annual report and is also available on the Group's website at — www.pwo-group.com/en/investors-press/news-publications/reports/.

In particular, the Personnel Committee prepares the Supervisory Board's personnel and remuneration decisions. Where necessary, it consults with external advisers when preparing remuneration decisions. The Personnel Committee also makes suggestions to the Supervisory Board regarding the Executive Board remuneration system. Its members are the chairman of the Supervisory Board, his deputy chairman and another Supervisory Board member appointed on the proposal of the Supervisory Board's shareholder representatives. It is chaired by the chairman of the Supervisory Board.

The Audit Committee, rather than the Supervisory Board, assumes the tasks of previewing the annual financial statements, the management report and the audit report furnished by the auditor. It is also responsible for previewing the consolidated financial statements and the group management report. It also performs the other tasks allocated to the Audit Committee by the German Corporate Governance Code. Members of the Audit Committee are the chairman of the Supervisory Board, a shareholder representative and an employee representative. The Supervisory Board can also pick additional Supervisory Board members for the Audit Committee. The members of the Audit Committee must. as a group, be familiar with the sector in which the PWO Group operates and have expertise in key sustainability issues for the Company in accordance with its sustainability strategy. The chair must not be the chair of the Supervisory Board and must not be a former Executive Board member whose appointment ended less than 2 years ago. The Audit Committee acts in accordance with its own Rules of Procedure.

The committee chairs report on the deliberations and resolutions of their respective committees to the Supervisory Board.

The Supervisory Board assesses, at regular intervals, how effective the Supervisory Board as a whole and its committees fulfill their tasks. The most recent self-assessment was carried out at the Supervisory Board meeting on December 8, 2022, assisted by Dr. Gerhard Wirth, Gleiss Lutz, Stuttgart, as an external consultant and using a questionnaire he pre-

pared that was sent to the members of the Supervisory Board in advance. The self-assessment focused on the organization, information and the exchange of information, management monitoring, involvement in strategic issues, sustainability, risk management, accounting, auditing and corporate governance.

Together with the Executive Board and supported by the Personnel Committee, the Supervisory Board ensures long-term succession planning for Executive Board positions. In this context, the Supervisory Board/the Personnel Committee regularly discuss suitable internal candidates for the Executive Board with the Executive Board. In addition, the Supervisory Board and the Personnel Committee also consider and deliberate on succession planning themselves, also involving external Executive Board candidates in an evaluative capacity. As well as the specific knowledge, skills and professional experience required for the Executive Board position, the Supervisory Board and the Personnel Committee also take the corporate strategy into consideration during the selection and decision process for filling or replacing a position. The planning horizon here is based chiefly on the terms of the current Executive Board members.

In accordance with Sections 96 (1) alternative 4, 101 (1) AktG and Sections 1(1) no. 1, 4(1) of the German One-Third Employee Representation Act (Drittelbeteiligungsgesetz) in conjunction with Article 8 (1) of the Company's Articles of Association, the Supervisory Board comprises 6 members, of which 4 are to be elected by the Annual General Meeting as Supervisory Board members representing the shareholders (shareholder representatives) and 2 as Supervisory Board members representing the employees (employee representatives) pursuant to the German One-Third Employee Representation Act.

The members of the Supervisory Board and their positions in 2022 were:

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Name, Location	Position	Profession	supervisory bodies at commercial enterprises No		
Karl M. Schmidhuber, Alzenau	Chairman of the Supervisory Board	Former Chairman of the Executive Board of Progress-Werk Oberkirch AG			
Dr. Georg Hengstberger, Tübingen			 Düker GmbH, Karlstadt Chairman of the Supervisory Board and member of the Advisory Board Düker Email Technologie GmbH, Laufach Chairman of the Advisory Board 		
Andreas Bohnert, Kappelrodeck	Employee representative	Process planner and Chairman of the Works Council of Progress-Werk Oberkirch AG	No		
Carsten Claus, Aidlingen		Former Executive Board Chairman of Kreissparkasse Böblingen	 Deutsche Sport Marketing GmbH, Frankfurt Member of the Advisory Board Gemeinnützige Werkstätten und Wohnstätten GmbH, Sindelfingen Member of the Supervisory Board Gemeinnützige Stiftung Zenit, Gärtringen Member of the Foundation Board Stiftung Umwelt und Schadenvorsorge der SV SparkassenVersicherung Gebäudeversicherung, Stuttgart Member of the Board of Trustees 		
Stefan Klemenz, Kappelrodeck	Employee representative	Production planner and member of the Works Council of Progress-Werk Oberkirch AG	No		
Dr. Jochen Ruetz, Stuttgart		Managing director/CFO and member of the Administrative Board of GFT Technologies SE, Stuttgart	G. Elsinghorst Stahl und Technik GmbH, Bocholt Member of the Supervisory Board		
Dieter Meier, Stuttgart	Honorary Chairman of the Supervisory Board	Former Member of the Executive Board of Baden-Württembergische Bank, AG, Stuttgart (Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Progress-Werk Oberkirch AG from 1989 to 2016)			

Further details on the composition and procedures of the Supervisory Board and its committees, as well as on the members of the Supervisory Board, can be found in the report of the Supervisory Board and the notes to the 2022 consolidated financial statements (under no. 37 "Composition and mandates of the Supervisory Board and Executive Board"), which can be found in the 2022 annual report published on the PWO website (www.pwo-group.com/en/investors-press/news-publications/reports/) as well as on the PWO website at www.pwo-group.com/en/group/ under "Supervisory Board".

Other disclosures on corporate governance

Shareholders and Annual General Meeting

The Executive Board is especially committed to PWO AG's shareholders because, as their owners, they provide the capital to maintain and expand the PWO Group's international market position. The Executive Board's most important obligation is to safeguard PWO AG as a going concern and permanently strengthen its competitiveness and that of its subsidiaries while at the same time generating the most attractive long-term and sustainable return on the capital provided possible.

Shareholder interests and rights are protected in full. All shareholders are treated equally. PWO AG shareholders exercise their rights at the Annual General Meeting, which is held at least once per year.

All shareholders who register on time and provide evidence of their shareholdings are entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting. Shareholders who are unable to take part in the Annual General Meeting themselves can have their voting rights exercised by a proxy of their choice. The Company also provides voting proxies for this who are obliged to follow the instructions of the shareholder in question. All documents and information on the Annual General Meeting are available on our website.

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Name, location Position		or foreign supervisory bodies at commercial enterprises				
Carlo Lazzarini, Bergisch Gladbach	CEO and Chairman of the Board	 PWO Canada Inc., Kitchener, Kanada Chairman of the Board of Directors PWO Czech Republic a.s., Valašské Meziříčí, Tschechien Member of the Supervisory Board PWO Holding Co., Ltd., Hongkong, China Director PWO High-Tech Metal Components (Suzhou) Co., Ltd., Suzhou, China Chairman of the Board of Directors PWO de México S.A. de C.V., Puebla, Mexiko Chairman of the Board of Directors wvib Schwarzwald AG, Freiburg Member of the Advisory Board 				
Dr. Cornelia Ballwießer, Munich	CFO	 PWO Canada Inc., Kitchener, Kanada Member of the Board of Directors PWO Czech Republic a.s., Valašské Meziříčí, Tschechien Chairman of the Supervisory Board PWO Holding Co., Ltd., Hongkong, China Director PWO High-Tech Metal Components (Suzhou) Co., Ltd., Suzhou, China Member of the Board of Directors PWO de México S.A. de C.V., Puebla, Mexiko Member of the Board of Directors 				
Johannes Obrecht, Oberkirch	C00	No				

There were no conflicts of interest in the last fiscal year that involved Executive Board members that would require immediate disclosure to the Supervisory Board.

Reportable transactions with financial instruments ("managers' transactions") and governing bodies' shareholdings

In accordance with Article 19 of the Market Abuse Regulation (MAR), members of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board, in their capacity as individuals discharging managerial responsibilities, persons closely associated with them and other managers who are authorized to make business decisions for the Company and regularly have access to insider information, are required to inform the Company and the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin) of managers' transactions with shares or debt instruments of the Company or other related financial instruments within 3 working days. However, this applies only if the total amount of the transactions carried out by the person subject to the reporting requirement comes to at least EUR 20,000.00 within 1 calendar year. The Company is required to publish notifications it receives within 2 working days of receiving them and

to send these to the business register. The BaFin is also informed of the publication.

Notifications about managers' transactions and transactions by persons closely associated with them in accordance with Article 19 MAR are published at

www.pwo-group.com/en/investors-press/the-pwo-share/managers-transactions/.

Dr. Georg Hengstberger, who is a member of the Company's Supervisory Board, is a co-partner and managing director of Consult Invest Beteiligungsberatungs-GmbH, Böblingen. At the end of the 2022 fiscal year, he held 46.76 percent of PWO AG's outstanding shares.

Accounting and auditing

Member of any other statutory German supervisory boards or comparable German

The financial statements for the half-year and fiscal year of the Group are prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as applicable in the European Union. These accounting principles are also applied in the Group's quarterly statements. PWO AG's annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with the German Commercial Code.

The consolidated financial statements and the annual financial statements were audited by KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Berlin, Stuttgart branch, the auditor appointed by the 2022 Annual General Meeting. The Supervisory Board agreed with the auditor that the auditor will inform the chairman of the Audit Committee without delay of any grounds for disqualification or bias that may arise during the audit, unless these are resolved immediately. The auditor will also report, without delay, any findings and issues that occur when conducting the audit and that are of importance to the Supervisory Board's work.

Remuneration report

The remuneration report on the last fiscal year, the auditor's report in accordance with Section 162 AktG, the current remuneration system in accordance with Section 87a (1) and (2) sentence 1 AktG and the last remuneration resolution in accordance with Section 113 (3) AktG are published on the PWO website at ______ www.pwo-group.com/en/ group/corporate-governance/.

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