# **Corporate Governance Report**

# **Austrian Corporate Governance Code**

The Austrian Corporate Governance Code, a regulatory framework for the management and monitoring of Austrian joint stock companies, has been established. This code contains internationally adopted, customary standards, as well as significant related regulations stipulated in the Austrian Stock Corporation-, Stock Exchange-, and Capital Markets Acts and is based on the EU recommendations on the tasks of supervisory board members and on the remuneration of directors as well as on the principles encompassed in the OECD Guidelines for Corporate Governance.

The Code is aimed at ensuring a responsible management and supervision of individual companies and groups, with the goal of creating sustainable and long lasting value. The code seeks to create a high level of transparency for all company stakeholders.

Companies voluntarily undertake to comply with the guidelines contained in the current version of the Austrian Corporate Governance Code as amended. The version of the Corporate Governance Code that is applicable to the year 2016 was issued in January 2015 and can be found on the website at www.corporate-governance.at.

#### **Statement on Corporate Governance**

The Semperit Group, as an internationally operating, publicly listed company, hereby declares that it will voluntarily observe the Austrian Corporate Governance Code and that it also intends to observe the Code in the future, or justify any deviating behaviour. Semperit AG Holding complies with all legally binding L-rules (Legal Requirements). Unless otherwise declared, the C-rules (Comply-or-Explain) will be observed by the relevant bodies and the company. Explanation of the C-Rule 64: Semperit does not have a current shareholder identification for the reporting period, so that differentiation of the shareholder structure according to geographic origin and investor type is not available.

## **Management Board**

### Composition and function of the Management Board

The Management Board leads the company and consists of four members. It has full responsibility for managing the company for the benefit of the enterprise while considering the interests of shareholders and employees as well as the public interest (L-rule 13).

The Management Board's internal rules of procedure regulate the allocation of business responsibilities and the principles of cooperation between members of the Management Board. Decisions of primary importance are taken by the Board as a whole. The Management Board itself assumes communication tasks that have a significant impact on how the company is perceived by its stakeholders. Legally binding regulations, the Articles of Association, and the internal rules of procedure for the Management and Supervisory Board laid down by the Supervisory Board form the basis for corporate management.

# Cooperation between the Management and Supervisory Boards

The Management Board and Supervisory Board are committed to managing the company in accordance with the principles of good corporate governance. This management takes place in open discussions between the Management Board and the Supervisory Board as well as within these corporate bodies. Among other things, the Management Board's internal rules of procedure govern the Management Board's ongoing reporting to the Supervisory Board. They also specify a catalogue of transactions and measures that, in addition to legal provisions, also require the Supervisory Board's explicit authorisation. The Supervisory Board controls the Management Board and supports it in managing the company, particularly when decisions of fundamental importance are to be made.

The strategic direction of the company is determined in close cooperation between the Management Board and the Supervisory Board and is discussed in Supervisory Board meetings held at regular intervals.

#### **Organisational structure Semperit Group**

Thomas Fahnemann Chief Executive Officer		Frank Gumbinger Chief Financial Officer		Michele Melchiorre Chief Technical Officer		Richard Ehrenfeldner	
Business Sectors Medical+ Industrial	Procurement & Logistics	Accounting	Controlling	Engineering & Maintenance	Innovation & Technology	Semperflex Asia Corp. (SAC)	Special Projects
Corporate Development & Strategy	Communications	Tax	Treasury	Operational Excellence	Quality Management		
Human Resources	Compliance	Investor Relations	Internal Audit	Mixing	Operations Industrial + Medical		
		Risk Management	Legal				
		Information Technology	Opal				
					■ Management Board	■ Business Sectors	■ Central function

# Corporate bodies of Semperit AG Holding: Management Board

# **Thomas Fahnemann**

Chairman of the Management Board since 14 April 2011; previously Deputy Chairman of the Management Board since joining the company on 1 December 2010; period of office ends on 31 December 2019

Following his studies in business administration in Mainz, Germany, Thomas Fahnemann, born in 1961, completed an Executive MBA Program at Northwestern University in Chicago. Thomas Fahnemann began his professional career with Hoechst AG in Frankfurt in 1983. He subsequently assumed several executive positions in Germany and in the USA. In 1995, he was appointed Group Department Manager for Trevira in North Carolina, USA, and starting in 1998, served as Chief Operating Officer for KoSa in Houston, USA. In 2003, he became CEO and Chairman of the Management Board of Lenzing AG in Austria. From 2009 to 2010, he was Chairman of the Management Board of RHI AG, Vienna. He holds no Supervisory Board mandates in other companies that are not included in the consolidated financial statements pursuant to C-rule 16 of the Austrian Corporate Governance Code.

#### Frank Gumbinger

Member of the Management Board since 1 December 2016, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), period of office ends on 31 December 2019

After completing his university degree in Business Administration in Frankfurt, Frank Gumbinger, born in 1968, worked as an auditor and consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers from 1996 to 1998 prior to switching to Delton AG in Bad Homburg in 1999. He held various leading positions within the associated group companies until 2008. From 2001 to 2005 he was Head of the Corporate Development and Strategy Department as well as Head of Controlling with ERGO-PHARM Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH/Heel GmbH. Then Gumbinger transferred within the group to become CFO of CEAG AG. Most recently, he was CFO of the Progroup AG in Landau. He holds no Supervisory Board mandates in other companies that are not included in the consolidated financial statements pursuant to C-rule 16 of the Austrian Corporate Governance Code.

#### Richard Ehrenfeldner

Member of the Management Board since 1 October 2001; member of the Management Board; period of office ends on 31 May 2018

After concluding his studies in process engineering (chemical plant engineering) at the Graz University of Technology, Richard Ehrenfeldner, born in 1954, commenced his professional career in 1984 with AT&S in Leoben, where he was head of the Departments of Production and Expansion with a particular focus on large investments in expanding production capabilities. In 1989, he moved to Semperit AG Holding. As Technical Manager of the Sempermed segment, he was responsible for the expansion of manufacturing facilities as well as the construction and development of new plants in Sopron, Hungary, Hat Yai, Thailand, and Shanghai, China. He holds no Supervisory Board mandates in other companies that are not included in the consolidated financial statements pursuant to C-rule 16 of the Austrian Corporate Governance Code.

#### Michele Melchiorre

Member of the Management Board since 1 June 2016; Chief Technical Officer (CTO); period of office ends on 31 May 2019

Michele Melchiorre, born in 1964, studied mechanical engineering at the prestigious Technical University Aachen and business administration at the University of Hagen. He began his professional career at Daimler Benz AG in 1988. In the following years, he assumed a number of management functions in the international automotive and aviation industry – initially at the DASA / EADS Group in Augsburg and then at DaimlerChrysler AG in Stuttgart. In 2007 he became Vice President Manufacturing Engineering at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles in Turin. He was most recently employed as Group Vice President Global Supply Chain at Bombardier Transportation in Berlin. He holds no Supervisory Board mandates in other companies that are not included in the consolidated financial statements pursuant to C-rule 16 of the Austrian Corporate Governance Code.

# **Johannes Schmidt-Schultes**

Member of the Management Board since 15 April 2011; Chief Financial Officer (CFO); period of office ended on 30 November 2016

Johannes Schmidt-Schultes, born in 1966, concluded his studies in economics at the University of Hanover, Germany, in 1993. In 1996, he earned a doctorate at the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, Germany. He studied abroad at Aston University in Birmingham, UK, as well as at the University of California in Berkeley, USA. During his tenure as a university assistant, Johannes Schmidt-Schultes worked for the strategy consultants Bain & Company in Munich. From 1996 to 1999, he served as Head of the Department of Investment Controlling and Group Development at VIAG AG in

Munich, and from 1999 to 2001, he was Managing Director of Finance for Kloeckner & Co in Vienna. In 2001, he moved to Deutsche Telekom Group – first as CFO of T-Mobile Austria in Vienna and then, from 2004 to 2007, of T-Mobile UK in Hatfield, UK. From 2007 to 2011, he was Deputy Chief Financial Officer of the Australian telecommunications company Telstra Corporation in Melbourne, Australia. He held no Supervisory Board mandates in other companies that are not included in the consolidated financial statements pursuant to C-rule 16 of the Austrian Corporate Governance Code.

In agreement with the company, Johannes Schmidt-Schultes resigned from his position as of 30 November 2016.

#### **Declan Daly**

Member of the Management Board since 1 June 2014; Chief Information Officer (CIO); period of office ended on 30 November 2016

Declan Daly, born in 1966 in Dublin, studied electrical engineering at the Dublin City University and graduated with honours. He began his professional career in 1988 in software engineering at Asea Brown Boveri (ABB), where he specialised in industrial process automation and was responsible for sales of control systems in Ireland and Austria. In 1996, he completed an MBA programme at the INSEAD Business School in Fontainebleau, France, and then worked for three years as a management consultant at Gemini Consulting in Germany. In 2000, he moved to General Electric for ten years, where, at the beginning, he headed the Corporate Initiatives Europe department. From 2002, Declan Daly worked as Chief Operating Officer for GE Money Bank in Switzerland, where he was responsible for the modernisation and reorganisation of customer service, contract processing and collections. He was appointed CEO of GE Money Bank Austria in 2006, where he contributed in this role to the strategic reorientation of the bank's activities in preparation for its sale, which took place in 2009. From 2009 until 2014, he was Vice President Europe at Western Union, an international financial services provider. He held no Supervisory Board mandates in other companies that are not included in the consolidated financial statements pursuant to C-rule 16 of the Austrian Corporate Governance Code.

In agreement with the company, Declan Daly resigned from his position as of 30 November 2016.

# Remuneration of the Management Board

The remuneration of the Management Board consists of a fixed salary component, a short-term variable, performance-based component, and a long-term variable, performance-based component, as well as remuneration in kind. The assessment for the short-term variable, performance-based salary component of the Management Board is based on consolidated net profit, the return on capital employed (ROCE) and individual, qualitative targets.

A variable, performance-based bonus component that is linked to the achievement of sustainable, long-term and multi-year performance criteria has been integrated into the remuneration of all Management Board members. Based on the achievement of the quantitative changes of revenue, EBIT margin and total shareholder return (TSR) compared with a determined peer group as well as of personal quantitative goals, the long-term bonus for Thomas Fahnemann and Richard Ehrenfeldner was determined for the past financial year. The subsequently determined long-term bonus is credited to the bonus bank account and the balance is paid out at one third each. If the pre-defined goals are not attained within a year, no bonus will be allocated. In case of a substantial underperformance compared with the peer group companies, a negative allocation is made to the bonus bank, or, in certain cases of a premature termination of the Management Board mandate, the remaining unpaid share of the bonus was agreed.

For Michele Melchiorre, the long-term increase of Semperit's equity value in accordance with a predefined formula over a calculation period of several years is the target value for the long-term bonus from the start of the business year.

For Frank Gumbinger, the achievement of qualitative strategic goals with long-term effects is the target value for the long-term bonus from the start of the business year.

The upper limits for variable, performance-based remuneration components (short- and long-term components) for Thomas Fahnemann and Richard Ehrenfeldner are at 150% and 93% of the annual fixed remuneration. The relevant upper limit for Michele Melchiorre is at 121% and for Frank Gumbinger at 107% and is calculated from the short-term variable share plus the long-term bonus share in relation to the current fixed annual remuneration.

In 2016, the remuneration paid to the active members of the Management Board totalled EUR 2.676 thousand (2015: EUR 3,323 thousand) - in consideration of the repayments for variable remunerations for previous years - of which EUR 2,117 thousand or 79% (2015: EUR 1,903 thousand or 57%) consisted of fixed remuneration and EUR 559 thousand or 21% (2015: EUR 1,420 thousand or 43%) of variable salary components.

#### Remuneration paid to the Management Board

in EUR thousand	Fixed remunerati on (incl. payments in kind and daily allowances)	Variable short-term remunera- tion	Variable long-term remunera- tion (bonus bank)	Repayment for variable remuneration in previous years	2016 Total	Fixed remunera- tion (incl. payments in kind and daily allowances)	Variable short-term remunera- tion	Variable long-term remunera- tion (bonus bank)	2015 Total
Thomas Fahnemann,			•	-					
Chairman	562	340	115	-267	750	600	663	138	1,401
Richard Ehrenfeldner	432	159	49	-139	501	411	184	55	649
Frank Gumbinger	35	80	_	_	115	_	_	_	_
Michele Melchiorre	245	60	_	_	305	_	_	_	_
Johannes Schmidt-									
Schultes	395	171	45	-158	453	418	199	49	665
Declan Daly	450	170	24	-90	553	474	116	18	608
Total	2,117	980	233	-654	2,676	1,903	1,162	259	3,323

The Supervisory Board (Remuneration Committee) has claimed a partial reimbursement of paid variable remunerations of the financial years 2014 and 2015 amounting to EUR 654 thousand from the Management Board members Thomas Fahnemann, Richard Ehrenfeldner, Johannes Schmidt-Schultes and Declan Daly, which was repaid by the Management Board members in 2016. A non-interest-bearing employer loan of the same amount was awarded to the named Management Board members. The loans' terms roughly correspond to the remaining period of office. The named Management Board members have the opportunity to achieve an additional variable remuneration of similar value by achieving special individual targets during the remaining period of office. The reason for the reclaim was the retroactive adjustment due to the change of the accounting method of Siam Sempermed Corp. Ltd. in the consolidated financial statement of 2014, which had led to changed target achievements for the variable short- and long-term bonus targets in 2014 and 2015. In the above table, the remunerations for the Management Board members Johannes Schmidt-Schultes and Declan Daly – both of them resigned from their positions on 30 November 2016 – are shown for the full year 2016 for reasons of comparability.

Provisions have been made for the premature termination of the Management Board contracts with Johannes Schmidt-Schultes and Declan Daly in the financial year of 2016, while payment is made in the financial year of 2017.

#### Contributions to pensions

A defined-contribution pension agreement has been established for the Management Board members Thomas Fahnemann, Frank Gumbinger and Michele Melchiorre as well as Declan Daly and Johannes Schmidt-Schultes. Annually, the company pays 1/14 of the respective fixed remuneration into a pension fund (APK Pensionskasse AG). The amount of the pension is based on the capital available in the pension fund. The payout is made in accordance with the pension fund agreement. Richard Ehrenfeldner is covered by a pension scheme based on a reinsurance policy with Generali Versicherung AG, where 1/7 of the annual fixed remuneration is paid in.

In addition, pension payments are made to previous Management Board members or their widows in accordance with the contractual commitments made by the company in the past.

#### Contributions to pensions

in EUR thousand	2016	2015
Thomas Fahnemann	36	36
Richard Ehrenfeldner	58	53
Frank Gumbinger	2	_
Michele Melchiorre	16	_
Johannes Schmidt-Schultes	25	25
Declan Daly	29	29
Total	166	143

#### Termination benefits - severance payments

The Management Board members Thomas Fahnemann, Frank Gumbinger, Michele Melchiorre as well as Declan Daly and Johannes Schmidt-Schultes are subject to the Austrian Corporate Employee and Self-Employed Pension Act (Betriebliches Mitarbeiter- und Selbstständigenvorsorgegesetz – BMSVG). This Act stipulates that 1.53% of the individual's total remuneration (which includes all current remuneration, remuneration in kind and special payments) has to be paid to BONUS Vorsorgekasse AG.

In total, the expenses for severance payments amounted to EUR 35.9 thousand (2015: EUR 37.6 thousand). Richard Ehrenfeldner is covered by the termination benefits in accordance with legal requirements (Section 23 of the Austrian Employees Act (Angestelltengesetz – AngG)) for employment relationships in Austria that began prior to 1 January 2003 ("Abfertigung Alt"). In 2016, allocations were made to the provision for severance payments owed to Mr Ehrenfeldner amounting to EUR 15.4 thousand (2015: EUR 11.6 thousand). The total provision for severance payments stood at EUR 688.4 thousand as of 31 December 2016 (31 December 2015: EUR 701.9 thousand).

Upon premature termination of the Management Board mandate, the framework conditions for premature termination of contracts, pursuant to C-rule 27a of the Austrian Corporate Governance Code, will be considered adequately.

#### Directors- and Officers- (D&O) Insurance

A Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance has been taken out for the members of the Management Board and senior executives – no deductible is due from Management Board members in the event of a claim; the company bears the related costs.

# **Supervisory Board**

The Supervisory Board consists of eight shareholder representatives and four employee representatives. Due to the resignation of Stephan B. Tanda as of 1 February 2017, the number of shareholder representatives is reduced to seven persons until the next Annual General Meeting. The Supervisory Board has resolved to establish the following committees consisting of its own members to carry out specific functions: Remuneration Committee, Audit Committee, Nominating Committee, Strategy Committee, Joint Ventures Committee, Committee for Special Projects and Committee for Urgent Issues. The authority to make decisions and pass resolutions rests in the hands of the entire Supervisory Board.

### Meetings of the Supervisory Board and its committees

The Supervisory Board convened for six meetings during the 2016 financial year. In 2016, no member of the Supervisory Board attended less than 50% of the meetings. Veit Sorger is Chairman of the Supervisory Board and his deputy is Felix Strohbichler.

The Audit Committee, led by the financial expert Patrick Prügger performs its duties in accordance with article 92 section 4a of the Austrian Stock Corporation Act and rule 40 of the Austrian Corporate Governance Code. The Audit Committee held three meetings in the financial year 2016 and specifically dealt with the preparation of the resolution for the 2015 annual and consolidated financial statements, risk management, the internal control system (ICS), internal auditing, the compliance organisation, corporate governance and the preparation for the audit of the annual and consolidated financial statements for 2016.

The Remuneration Committee, chaired by Veit Sorger, held five meetings dealing with the performance review talks for the financial year 2015 and the agreement of objectives of the members of the Management Board for the financial year 2016, the remuneration system for Management Board members, the termination agreements with Management Board members, the monitoring of the execution of the employment agreements of the Management Board as well as the bonus system for blue-collar and white-collar workers.

The **Nominating Committee**, under the chairmanship of Veit Sorger, held seven meetings to deal with the definition of qualification profiles for Management Board members, the definition of appointment procedures for Management Board positions, the selection process for Management Board members and the preparation of the nomination of candidates for the Management Board as well as the Talent Development and Succession Planning Process, the assessment of candidates for the Executive Committee and the succession planning for the Management Board within the Group.

The **Strategy Committee**, under the chairmanship of Felix Strohbichler, held two meetings, to deal with fundamental questions about the positioning of the business segments in the market and competitive environment as well as the strategic development of the group and accompanied the strategy project "Focus 2020".

The **Joint Ventures Committee**, under the chairmanship of Felix Strohbichler, convened five meetings and dealt with the relationships with the joint venture partner Sri Trang Agro-Industry Public Co Ltd. in Thailand, including the project for reorganisation of the joint venture activities, as well as the associated legal proceedings.

The Committee for Special Projects was established in July 2016 by the Supervisory Board and is chaired by Felix Strohbichler. The Committee held five meetings, at which it dealt primarily with the monitoring of the project for the sustainable increase of the operational results in the Sempermed segment.

The **Committee for Urgent Issues**, chaired by Veit Sorger, held one meeting dealing with the management of time-sensitive investment projects.

In the financial year 2016, the Supervisory Board discussed in plenary the self-evaluation conducted in the fourth quarter of 2015 in the form of a questionnaire and in accordance with C-Rule 36 of the Austrian Corporate Governance Code. Measures were picked up and derived from it for the efficiency enhancement of the Supervisory Board activities. The results of the self-evaluation showed that the activities of the Supervisory Board have been assessed as good. Due to the dense work programme of the full Supervisory Board and its committees in 2016, a new self-evaluation by questionnaire was started at the beginning of 2017.

# Corporate bodies of Semperit AG Holding: Supervisory Board Composition of the Supervisory Board<sup>4)</sup>

Supervisory board position in other Year of birth First appointed End of current term of office1) listed companies43 Shareholder representative 2) 3) 1942 26/05/2004 Lenzing AG (Deputy Chairman) Veit Sorger Until the Annual General Chairman Meeting resolving upon the 2018 financial year 2) 28/05/2015 Felix Strohbichler 1974 Lenzing AG (Deputy Chairman) Until the Annual General Meeting resolving upon the Deputy Chairman 2018 financial year 2) Stefan Fida 1979 29/04/2014 Until the Annual General Member Meeting resolving upon the 2016 financial year 2) 3) Walter Koppensteiner 1959 23/04/2012 Until the Annual General Member Meeting resolving upon the 2018 financial year 2) Patrick Prügger 1975 14/04/2011 Until the Annual General Lenzing AG, Member Meeting resolving upon the AMAG Austria Metall AG 2016 financial year 2) Andreas Schmidradner 1961 20/05/2008 Until the Annual General Member Meeting resolving upon the 2019 financial year 2) 3) Astrid Skala-Kuhmann 1953 29/04/2014 Until the Annual General Lenzing AG Meeting resolving upon the 2016 financial year Member **Employee representative** Works Council function 26/03/2012 Member of the Central Works Council Sigrid Haipl 1960 of Semperit AG Holding, Member of the European Works Council, Chair of the Works Council - White-collar workers, Vienna 1961 Deputy Chairman of the Works Council 29/04/2014 Michaela Jagschitz – White-collar workers, Wimpassing Markus Stocker 1979 01/01/2017 Chairman of the Central Works Council of Semperit AG Holding, Deputy Chairman of the European Works Council, Chairman of the Works Council – White-collar workers, Wimpassing Karl Voitl 20/03/2015 1966 Deputy Chairman of the Central Works Council of Semperit AG Holding, Chairman of the European Works Council, Deputy Chairman of the Works Council - Blue-collar workers, Wimpassing

<sup>1)</sup> Pursuant to the Articles of Association, one fifth of the members of the Supervisory Board automatically leave their positions every year at the and of the Annual General Meeting.

2 Have declared their independence vis-à-vis the Supervisory Board in accordance with C-Rule 53 of the Austrian Corporate Governance Code.

3 No representation by a shareholder over 10% (C-Rule 54 of the Austrian Corporate Governance Code).

4 As of 28 February 2017

### Resigned members of the Supervisory Board

	Year of birth	First appointed to the Supervisory Board	End of term of current office
Shareholder representative			
Stephan B. Tanda Member	1965	26/04/2016	Resigned the mandate on 01/02/2017
Ingrid Wesseln Member	1966	23/04/2012	Resigned the mandate on 26/04/2016
Employee representative			
Alexander Hollerer	1954	01/07/1998	Until 31/12/2016

# Guidelines for the independence of Supervisory Board members

A member of the Supervisory Board shall be deemed independent if he/she has no business or personal relations with the company or its Management Board that would constitute a material conflict of interest and could thus influence the member's behaviour.

In evaluating the independence of a Supervisory Board member, the Supervisory Board uses the following guidelines, which correspond to those contained in Appendix 1 of the January 2015 version of the Austrian Corporate Governance Code:

- The Supervisory Board member shall not have been a member of the Management Board or a managing employee of the company or one of its subsidiaries in the past five years.
- The Supervisory Board member shall not maintain or have maintained in the past year any business relations with the company or one of its subsidiaries to an extent of significance for the Supervisory Board member.

This shall also apply to business relationships with companies in which the Supervisory Board member has a considerable economic interest, but not for exercising functions in the bodies of the group. According to L-Rule 48, the approval of individual transactions by the Supervisory Board does not automatically mean that the person is qualified as not independent.

- The Supervisory Board member shall not have been the auditor of the company or have owned a share in the auditing company or have worked there as an employee in the past three years.
- The Supervisory Board member shall not be a member of the Management Board of another company in which a Management Board member of the company is a Supervisory Board member.
- The Supervisory Board member shall not serve on the Supervisory Board for more than 15 years. This limitation does not apply to Supervisory Board members who are shareholders with a direct investment in the company or who represent the interests of such a shareholder.
- The Supervisory Board member shall not be a close relative (direct offspring, spouses, life partners, parents, uncles, aunts, siblings, nieces, nephews) of a Management Board member or of persons having one of the aforementioned relations.

# Composition of the Committees of the Supervisory Board<sup>1)</sup>

Committee	Members	
Audit Committee	Patrick Prügger (Chairman, financial expert) Alexander Hollerer, until 31/12/2016 Andreas Schmidradner Veit Sorger Markus Stocker, as of 01/01/2017 Felix Strohbichler Karl Voitl	
Remuneration Committee	Veit Sorger (Chairman) Stefan Fida Sigrid Haipl Alexander Hollerer, until 31/12/2016 Andreas Schmidradner Markus Stocker, as of 01/01/2017 Felix Strohbichler	
Nominating Committee	Veit Sorger (Chairman) Stefan Fida Sigrid Haipl Alexander Hollerer, until 31/12/2016 Andreas Schmidradner Markus Stocker, as of 01/01/2017 Felix Strohbichler	
Strategy Committee	Felix Strohbichler (Chairman as of 26/04/2016) Alexander Hollerer, until 31/12/2016 Walter Koppensteiner Andreas Schmidradner Astrid Skala-Kuhmann Veit Sorger (Chairman until 26/04/2016) Markus Stocker, as of 01/01/2017 Karl Voitl	
Joint Ventures Committee	Felix Strohbichler (Chairman as of 26/04/2016) Stefan Fida Alexander Hollerer, until 31/12/2016 Patrick Prügger Veit Sorger (Chairman until 26/04/2016) Markus Stocker, as of 01/01/2017	
Committee for Special Projects	Felix Strohbichler (Chairman) Sigrid Haipl Alexander Hollerer, until 31/12/2016 Walter Koppensteiner Andreas Schmidradner Veit Sorger Markus Stocker, as of 01/01/2017	
Committee for Urgent Issues	Veit Sorger (Chairman) Alexander Hollerer, until 31/12/2016 Markus Stocker, as of 01/01/2017 Felix Strohbichler	

# Remuneration of the Supervisory Board

On 26 April 2016, the Annual General Meeting approved the remuneration structure for the members of the Supervisory Board for 2015. A Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance has been taken out for the members of the Supervisory Board; the company bears the related costs.

Remuneration paid in the 2016 financial year to shareholder representatives in the Supervisory Board<sup>1)</sup>

in EUR	Base remuneration	Remuneration for membership of the committee	Attendance fee	Total
Veit Sorger, Chairman	50,000	61,667	19,000	130,667
Felix Strohbichler, Deputy Chairman <sup>2)</sup>	23,333	16,667	12,000	52,000
Stefan Fida	20,000	15,000	10,000	45,000
Walter Koppensteiner	20,000	5,000	8,000	33,000
Patrick Prügger	20,000	23,333	11,000	54,333
Andreas Schmidradner	20,000	13,333	13,000	46,333
Astrid Skala-Kuhmann	20,000	3,333	9,000	32,333
Ingrid Wesseln	20,000	5,000	5,000	30,000
Michael Junghans <sup>3)</sup>	11,667	8,333	8,000	28,000
Total	205,000	151,666	95,000	451,666

Employee representatives receive no remuneration.
 Member of the Supervisory Board since 18/04/2015
 Deputy Chairman until 28/04/2015

### Issuer compliance directive

In order to implement and ensure compliance with all relevant stock exchange regulations, Semperit has issued its own Issuer Compliance Policy designed to prevent the misuse or dissemination of insider information. Compliance is monitored and administered by a specially designated Issuer Compliance Officer who reports directly to the Management Board.

#### Code of Conduct

Beyond stock exchange compliance, Semperit Group has a compliance organisation that covers all corporate units. A Group Compliance Officer receives support in fulfilling his responsibilities from compliance officers working in the larger subsidiaries of the Semperit Group. The Group Compliance Officer reports any incidents to the Compliance Committee and the Management Board.

The Code of Conduct applies to all employees and managers and is available in several languages. Its most important objectives are to avoid corruption, money laundering, human rights violations and insider trading. In addition, it deals with aspects of data protection, export restrictions and the protection of the interests of all stakeholders. These requirements for behaviour are further specified in thematic compliance guidelines that are available to all employees on the Intranet. Employees receive an in-depth and practical training on the matters referred to in the Code of Conduct. In addition, the relevant employees are regularly updated about current issues, or when appropriate. The Code of Conduct can be viewed at the following website:

www.semperitgroup.com/en/compliance.

#### Advancement of women

Semperit sees itself as a fair and responsible employer, and would therefore like to offer equal opportunities to every employee. Using flexible work models such as flexitime and part-time work, as well as special parental part-time arrangements, the group aims at continuously increasing the proportion of female employees. As a traditional industrial company with a technical focus, the share of women in Austria and Group-wide was somewhat more than 20% at the end of 2016. The share of female employees amounted to almost 30% throughout Europe. The share of women in the Supervisory Board was one fourth at the end of 2016. There were no women in the Management Board. Overall, the share of women in management (Management Board, Executive Committee, Management Forum, department heads) was more than 10%.

# Mangers' transactions

Transactions with shares or debt instruments of the company or related derivatives respectively financial instruments carried out by members of the Management Board or the Supervisory Board are published in accordance with Article 19 of the Market Abuse Regulation:

http://issuerinfo.oekb.at/startpage.html. Directors' Dealings before 3rd July 2016 are available here: https://www.fma.gv.at/kapitalmaerkte/directors-dealings/directors-dealings-datenbank/.

# Risk Management & Assurance

The Risk Management & Assurance department assumes the central coordination, moderation and monitoring of the risk management process for the group as a whole. Together with the operational units, the department records and assesses substantial risks and reports them directly to the management and the Management Board. At least once a year, the Audit Committee presents the comprehensive risk report to the Supervisory Board. The Risk Management & Assurance department is supported by the local risk managers in the individual group units and also covers the insurance field. Whenever possible, the measures for risk reduction are also implemented in external insurance contracts.

Ernst & Young Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft m.b.H. has audited and confirmed the effectiveness of Semperit's risk management system for 2016 according to the C-Rule 83 of the Corporate Governance Code.

The purpose of the internal control system of Semperit is to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of business operations, the reliability of financial reporting, and adherence to applicable laws and regulations. It also supports the early recognition and monitoring of risks from inadequate monitoring systems and fraudulent actions, and is revised and expanded on an ongoing basis by the Risk Management & Assurance department together with the relevant specialist departments. The management of the respective business units is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the ICS and the risk management system. Cross-sectoral, group-wide standards and regulations are determined by the Management Board of Semperit AG Holding. Follow-up audits are undertaken at the various locations to ensure a sustainable implementation of the standards and regulations.

### **External evaluation**

In accordance with C-Rule 62 of the Austrian Corporate Governance Code, the Semperit Group engaged an external organisation to evaluate its compliance with the stipulations contained in the Code and the accuracy of the associated public reporting for the 2016 financial year. This evaluation, which was performed by KPMG Austria GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungs- und Steuerberatungsgesell-schaft, did not identify any facts inconsistent with the declaration of the Management Board and Supervisory Board found in the Corporate Governance Report 2016 of the company with respect to its compliance with the C-Rules of the Austrian Corporate Governance Code. In accordance with C-Rule 62, a new evaluation will take place for the 2019 financial year.

Vienna, 9 March 2017

The Management Board

**Thomas Fahnemann** 

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