

older members of the Board of Management and Supervisory Board and/or long-serving members of the Supervisory Board.

e) Diversity/proportion of women on the Supervisory Board

The Supervisory Board shall primarily take the appropriate skills of its members, and also its diversity, into consideration when deciding on its composition. The Supervisory Board welcomes the fact that the law for the equal participation of women and men in managerial positions in the private and public sectors has now come into force and that, as a consequence, the Supervisory Board will have at least four women members after the elections marking the start of the next membership cycle in 2018, if not before."

Except for the target relating to female representation, the Supervisory Board has continuously met these objectives since 2012. It has even exceeded them in cases such as the international experience available on the Supervisory Board and the number of independent members. The current members of the Supervisory Board are all considered independent within the meaning of article 5.4.2 sentence 2 DCGK. No conflicts of interest between members of the Supervisory Board and DEUTZ AG arose in the year under review.

Consideration of women when making appointments to the Board of Management

The Board of Management of DEUTZ AG currently has three members, one of whom is female, equating to a ratio of 33.3 per cent.

Responsible risk management

A forward-looking, prudent and responsible approach to corporate risks is a core aspect of good corporate governance and forms the basis for the risk management system at DEUTZ. The Board of Management regularly notifies the Supervisory Board of any existing or anticipated risks. Details of the DEUTZ Group's risk management systems can be found in the risk report on pages 57 to 61.

Comprehensive transparency and active investor relations

The transparent presentation of developments and decisions in a company forms the core of any model system of corporate governance. Continuous, open dialogue with all stakeholders ensures trust in a company and its value creation process. DEUTZ therefore attaches the greatest importance to ensuring that all relevant target groups are given the same information at the same time and in a timely manner.

We achieve this objective by using various media. DEUTZ AG reports on the performance and development of its business and on significant changes and events four times a year in its interim management statements, half-year report and annual report. The interim management statements and half-year reports

are published within 45 days of the end of a reporting period; the annual report is published within 90 days of the end of the financial year. The Company maintains constant contact with investors and analysts through its regular investor relations activities. In addition to the annual analysts' meeting held when the Company's consolidated financial statements are published, conference calls for analysts and institutional investors also take place when the interim management statements and half-year report are published. The Annual General Meeting is usually held in the first five months of the year; shareholders who do not attend the AGM in person can instruct proxies to vote on their behalf.

Our website also offers comprehensive information on the Company: DEUTZ AG annual reports, half-year reports and interim management statements, press releases and ad hoc announcements, analyst recommendations and investor relations presentations as well as key dates in the financial calendar can all be found at www.deutz.com. The Company's Statutes are also available online. Almost all the pages on our website are provided in both German and English to ensure that important company news and information is as accessible as possible, including to an international audience. Apart from the regularly published information, DEUTZ AG also provides details of circumstances that are not in the public domain but that could have a significant impact on DEUTZ's share price were they to become known. The Company's reporting policy therefore complies both with legal requirements and DCGK guidelines.

Accounting and auditing

DEUTZ AG's consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union (EU). The consolidated financial statements are prepared by the Board of Management and reviewed by the auditors.

The auditors have agreed to inform the chairman of the Supervisory Board or the chairman of the Audit Committee without delay if grounds for disqualification or release of the auditors, or any misrepresentations in the declaration of conformity, come to light during the audit. The auditors inform the chairman of the Supervisory Board without delay of any issues or incidents relevant to the role of the Supervisory Board that arise during the audit of financial statements.

Conflicts of interest and consultancy agreements

Information about conflicts of interests in relation to Supervisory Board members can be found under 'Basic principles and objectives of the composition of the Supervisory Board' at the start of this corporate governance report.

The Company does not have any consultancy agreements with members of the Supervisory Board.