

Declaration of Conformity 2014 by the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board of Wacker Chemie AG

1. General Declaration Pursuant to § 161 German Stock Corporation Act

In December 2013, the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board of Wacker Chemie AG issued their last declaration of conformity pursuant to Section 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act. Since that time, Wacker Chemie AG has complied with the recommendations of the German Corporate Governance Code (the Code) in the version dated May 13, 2013, with the following exceptions, and will continue to comply with the recommendations of the Code in the version dated June 24, 2014, except as follows:

2. Exceptions

a) D&O Insurance Deductible for Supervisory Board Members

German law and a company's Articles of Association set clear limits in regards to the Supervisory Board's ability to exert influence on the business activities of a stock corporation. Pursuant to Section 76 (1) of the German Stock Corporation Act, an Executive Board is responsible for independently managing the corporation. A Supervisory Board is instrumental in defining the main features of corporate strategy. However, beyond this contribution, the Supervisory Board's abilities are limited in terms of influencing the implementation of corporate strategy or operative business. The same applies to measures taken to avert damage or loss to the company. Since the Supervisory Board members receive a relatively low representation allowance when compared to the Executive Board members' compensation, we do not deem the agreement of a deductible reasonable for members of the Supervisory Board.

b) Appropriate consideration of women for the appointment to the Executive Board

The considerable importance that Wacker Chemie AG attaches to diversity extends to Executive Board membership. Nonetheless, expertise – including experience gained abroad – and qualifications are the key criteria here. For this reason, we do not consider it expedient to prioritize “the aim of appropriate representation of women” over expertise and qualifications.

c) Formation of a Nomination Committee within the Supervisory Board

The Supervisory Board is to establish a Nomination Committee that is exclusively composed of shareholder representatives and whose task it is to make recommendations to the Supervisory Board with regard to suitable candidates for proposal to the Annual Shareholders' Meeting.

We do not comply with this recommendation because, in view of our shareholder structure, we do not believe that the formation of such a committee is appropriate. Due to the majority situation, nominations to the Supervisory Board must be agreed with the majority shareholder in any case, so that an additional nomination committee would not serve to increase efficiency.

d) Announcement of Proposed Candidates for the Chair of the Supervisory Board to the Shareholders

According to this recommendation, shareholders shall be informed of any candidates for the Supervisory Board chair even though, as a rule, the Supervisory Board has not yet been appointed. Under German law, the Supervisory Board chair must be elected by, and from among, the Supervisory Board members. There is no legal requirement to announce the candidates for the chair from among a yet-to-be-appointed group of Supervisory Board members. Furthermore, this would result in a de facto predetermination, which is also not provided for under German law. For these reasons, we do not comply with this recommendation.

e) Defining Concrete Objectives Regarding the Number of Independent Members of the Supervisory Board

The Supervisory Board of Wacker Chemie AG, as it is composed at present, meets the requirements of the Code regarding an adequate number of independent members. The Supervisory Board will continue to ensure that in future elections, a number of independent candidates, which it considers to be adequate, will be recommended to the shareholders. Additionally defining a concrete objective in this regard would not only limit the choice of suitable candidates for the Supervisory Board, but also restrict the shareholders' right to elect those Supervisory Board members whom they consider to be the most suitable. For these reasons, we do not comply with this recommendation.

f) Time Limit Placed on Applications for the Judicial Appointment of a Supervisory Board Member

According to this recommendation, applications for the judicial appointment of a Supervisory Board member shall be limited in time up to the next Annual Shareholders' Meeting.

We do not comply with this recommendation. Proposals for candidates to be appointed by the court are agreed with the majority shareholder beforehand anyway. In view of the majority situation, the election of the same candidate at the next Annual Shareholders' Meeting would merely constitute a confirmation of his/her appointment, which we consider to be superfluous.

Munich, December 11, 2014