



## **Annual General Meeting of Talanx Aktiengesellschaft on 7 May 2020**

### **ADDITIONAL EXPLANATIONS WITH RESPECT TO SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 122 (2), § 126 (1), § 127, § 131 (1) GERMAN STOCK CORPORATION ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1 OF THE ACT ON MEASURES IN COMPANY, COOPERATIVE, ASSOCIATION, FOUNDATION AND HOME OWNERSHIP LAW TO COMBAT THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC (ARTICLE 2 OF THE ACT ON MITIGATING THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE COVID-19-PANDEMIC IN CIVIL, INSOLVENCY AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW; HEREINAFTER “COVID-19 ACT”)**

The invitation of the Annual General Meeting of Talanx Aktiengesellschaft on 7 May 2020 contains information about shareholder rights in accordance with § 122 (2), § 126 (1), § 127, § 131 (1) German Stock Corporation Act in accordance with section 1 of Covid-19 Act.

These rights are based particularly on the following current legal provisions and on the Articles of Association of Talanx Aktiengesellschaft<sup>1</sup>:

#### **§ 70 German Stock Corporation Act Computation of the Period of Shareholding**

If the exercise of rights arising from a share requires that the shareholder has been the holder of such share for a certain period of time, the right to demand transfer of title from a credit institution, a financial services institute, or an enterprise operating under § 53 (1) sentence 1 or § 53b (1) sentence 1 or (7) of the Banking Act shall be deemed equivalent to ownership. The period during which the share was owned by a predecessor shall be attributed to the shareholder, provided that he has acquired the share without consideration from his fiduciary, as a successor in legal interest by operation of law, in connection with the liquidation of a community of interest, or as a result of a transfer of assets pursuant to § 13 of the Insurance Supervision Act or § 14 of the Building Loan Associations Act.

#### **§ 122 German Stock Corporation Act Convening at the Request of a Minority**

- (1) The general meeting shall be called if shareholders, whose holding in aggregate equals or exceeds one-twentieth of the share capital, request such meeting in writing, stating the purpose and the reasons of such meeting; such request shall be addressed to the management board. The articles of association may provide that the right to convene a general meeting shall require another form or the holding of a lower proportion of the share capital. Persons submitting a request must prove that they have held the shares for at least 90 days before the date the request is received and that they hold the shares until the Managing Board decides on the request. Section 121 (7) shall be applied accordingly.
- (2) In the same manner, shareholders whose shares amount in aggregate to not less than one-twentieth of the share capital or represent an amount of the share capital corresponding to

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<sup>1</sup> Non-binding convenience translation.

€ 500,000, may request that items are put on the agenda and published. Each new item shall be accompanied by a statement of reasons or a proposed resolution. The request in the sense of sentence 1 shall be provided to the company at least 24 days, in case of listed companies at least 30 days, prior to the meeting; the day of receipt shall not be included in this calculation.

- (3) If any such request is not complied with, the court may authorise the shareholders, who have made the request, to convene a general meeting or publish such items. At the same time, the court may appoint the chairman of the meeting. The convening of the meeting or the publication shall refer to such authorisation. An appeal may be made against such decision. Persons submitting a request must prove that they hold the shares until the court decides.
- (4) The company shall bear the costs of the general meeting and, in the case of para. 3, also the court costs if the court has granted such motion.

### **Section 121 German Stock Corporation Act General (excerpts)**

- (7) For periods and deadlines counted backwards from the date of the meeting, the day of the meeting shall not be included in the calculation. Any move from a Sunday, Saturday or public holiday to a preceding or subsequent business day shall not be possible. Sections 187 to 193 of the German Civil Code (BGB) shall not be applied accordingly. In the case of non-listed companies, the articles of association may determine a different calculation of the period.

### **§ 126 German Stock Corporation Act Motions by Shareholders**

- (1) Motions by shareholders together with the shareholder's name, the grounds and any position taken by the management board shall be made available to the persons entitled pursuant to § 125 (1) - (3) under the conditions stated therein if at least 14 days before the meeting the shareholder sends to the address indicated in the convening of the meeting a countermotion to a proposal of the management board and supervisory board as to an item on the agenda. The date of receipt shall not be taken into account. In the case of listed companies, access shall be provided via the company's Internet page. § 125 (3) shall apply analogously.
- (2) A countermotion and the grounds for this need not be made available, if:
  1. the management board would by reason of such communication become criminally liable;
  2. the countermotion would result in a resolution of the general meeting which would be illegal or would violate the articles of association;
  3. the grounds contain statements which are manifestly false or misleading in material respects or which are libellous;
  4. a countermotion of such shareholder based on the same facts has already been communicated with respect to a general meeting of the company pursuant to § 125;
  5. the same countermotion of such shareholder on essentially identical grounds has already been communicated pursuant to § 125 to at least two general meetings of the company within the past five years and at such general meetings less than one-twentieth of the share capital represented has voted in favour of such countermotion;
  6. the shareholder indicates that he will neither attend nor be represented at the general meeting; or
  7. within the past two years at two general meetings the shareholder has failed to make or cause to be made on his behalf a countermotion communicated by him.

The statement of the grounds need not be communicated if it exceeds more than 5,000 characters.

- (3) If several shareholders make countermotions for resolution in respect to the same subject matter, the management board may combine such countermotions and the respective statements of the grounds.

### **§ 127 German Stock Corporation Act Nominations by Shareholders**

§ 126 shall apply analogously to a nomination by a shareholder for the election of a member of the supervisory board or external auditors. Such nomination needs not be supported by a statement of the grounds for this. The management board also need not communicate such nomination if it fails to contain the particulars required by § 124 (3) sentence 4 and § 125 (1) sentence 5. The managing board shall ensure that the nomination by a shareholder for the election of supervisory board members of stock exchange listed companies which are subject to the German Co-determination Act (MitbestG), the German Act on Co-determination in the Coal, Iron and Steel Industry (MontanMitbestG) or the German Supplementary Co-determination Act (MontanMitbestGErgG) is accompanied by the following contents:

1. reference to the requirements of Section 96 (2),
2. statement as to whether there has been an objection to joint compliance in accordance with Section 96 (2) sentence 3 and
3. minimum number of seats on the supervisory board to be occupied by women and by men so that the minimum quota required by Section 96 (2) sentence 1 is complied with.

### **§ 131 German Stock Corporation Act Right of shareholders to information**

- (1) Each shareholder shall upon request be provided with information at the shareholders' meeting by the management board regarding the company's affairs, to the extent that such information is necessary to permit a proper evaluation of the relevant item on the agenda. The duty to provide information shall also extend to the company's legal and business relations with any affiliated enterprise. If a company makes use of the simplified procedure pursuant to § 266 (1) sentence 3, § 276 or § 288 of the German Commercial Code, each shareholder may request that the annual financial statements be presented to him at the shareholders meeting on such annual financial statements in the form which would have been used if such provisions on the simplified procedure were not applied. The duty of the management board of a parent company (§ 290 (1) and (2) of the German Commercial Code) to provide information at the shareholders meeting at which the consolidated financial statements and managements discussion and analysis of these statements are presented also extends to the consolidated groups position and the enterprises included in the consolidated financial statements.
- (2)

### **§ 15 of the Articles of Association of Talanx Aktiengesellschaft Chairmanship**

- (1) The Annual General Meeting shall be chaired by the Chairman of the Supervisory Board or, in the event of the latter being prevented from attending, by another member of the Supervisory Board whom he has designated. If neither of these members of the Supervisory Board is present or willing to chair the meeting, the Chairman of the Meeting shall be elected by the shareholders' members of the Supervisory Board who are present.

- (2) The Chairman of the Meeting shall direct the course of the Annual General Meeting. In particular, he shall determine the order in which the items on the agenda are dealt with, the type, form and sequence of the votes and the order of the speakers.
- (3) The Chairman of the Meeting may appropriately set and limit the question and speaking times of shareholders. In particular, he is entitled at the beginning or in the course of the Annual General Meeting to set an appropriate time limit for the entire Annual General Meeting, for certain items on the agenda or for individual speakers.
- (4) If announced in the invitation to the Annual General Meeting, the Chairman of the Meeting may direct that the Annual General Meeting be recorded and broadcast in audio and video form in a manner to be specified at his discretion.

### **Section 1 of Covid-19 Act**

- (1) Decisions regarding the participation of shareholders in the general meeting by means of electronic communication in accordance with the second sentence of section 118 (1) of the German Stock Corporation Act (electronic participation), voting by means of electronic communication in accordance with section 118 (2) of the German Stock Corporation Act (postal vote), the participation of members of the supervisory board by means of video and audio transmission in accordance with the second sentence of section 118 (3) of the German Stock Corporation Act and the authorization of video and audio transmission in accordance with section 118 (4) of the German Stock Corporation Act may be made by the management board of the company even without authorisation by the articles of association or rules of procedure.
- (2) The management board can decide that the meeting is to be held without the physical presence of the shareholders or their representatives as a virtual general meeting, provided that
  1. the entire meeting is transmitted via audio and video,
  2. shareholders can vote via electronic communication (postal vote or electronic participation) and grant power of attorney,
  3. shareholders are granted the opportunity to ask questions electronically,
  4. shareholders who have exercised their voting rights in accordance with no. 2, in deviation from section 245 no. 1 of the German Stock Corporation Act and waiving the requirement to appear at the general meeting, are given the opportunity to object to a resolution of the general meeting.

The management board decides at its due and free discretion as to which questions it answers and how; it may also require that questions are to be submitted electronically no later than two days before the meeting.

- (3) By way of derogation from the first sentence of section 123 (1) and the second sentence of section 123 (5) of the German Stock Corporation Act, the management board may decide to convene the general meeting no later than the twenty-first day before the date of the meeting. By way of derogation from the second sentence of section 123 (4) of the German Stock Corporation Act, in the case of listed companies, the evidence of share ownership must relate to the beginning of the twelfth day prior to the meeting and, in the case of bearer shares in the company, must be received at the address specified for this purpose in the invitation convening

the meeting by no later than the fourth day prior to the general meeting, unless the management board specifies a shorter period for the receipt of the evidence by the company in the invitation convening the general meeting; any provisions of the articles of association to the contrary are irrelevant.

If the meeting is convened with a shorter period of notice pursuant to the first sentence, the notice pursuant to the first sentence of section 125 (1) of the German Stock Corporation Act must be given at the latest twelve days before the meeting and the notice pursuant to section 125 (2) of the German Stock Corporation Act must be given to those entered in the share register at the beginning of the twelfth day before the general meeting. Contrary to section 122 (2) of the German Stock Corporation Act, requests for additions to the agenda must be received by the company at least fourteen days prior to the meeting in the aforementioned case.

- (6) The decisions of the management board in accordance with paragraphs (1) to (5) require the consent of the supervisory board. By way of derogation from section 108 (4) of the German Stock Corporation Act, the supervisory board may, notwithstanding the provisions of the articles of association or the rules of procedure, adopt the resolution on consent in writing, by telephone or in a comparable manner without the physical presence of the members.
- (7) Irrespective of the provision in section 243 (3) no. 1 of the German Stock Corporation Act, an action for avoidance of a resolution adopted by the general meeting may also not be based on breaches of the third to fifth sentence of section 118 (1), the second sentence of section 118 (2) or section 118 (4) of the German Stock Corporation Act, the breach of the formal requirements placed on notifications in accordance with section 125 of the German Stock Corporation Act and not on any breach of paragraph (2), unless the company can be proven to have acted intentionally.