

## **Decision minutes of the 95th Annual General Meeting of Switzerland Global Enterprise (S-GE)**

<b>Date/time:</b>	Friday, May 15, 2020
<b>Location:</b>	Switzerland Global Enterprise, Stampfenbachstrasse 85, CH-8006 Zurich; without the participation of members, exercising voting and election rights in writing (in accordance with Art. 6b of COVID-19 VO2 of the Federal Council)
<b>Chair:</b>	Ruth Metzler-Arnold, Chairwoman of the Advisory Board
<b>Minutes:</b>	Corinne Niklaus Schlagmüller, Corporate Services
<b>Vote counter:</b>	Daniel Engel, BEELEGAL, Stauffacherstr. 16, CH-8004 Zurich

### **Agenda:**

1. Opening and welcome by the President of the Advisory Board, Ruth Metzler-Arnold
2. Approval of the minutes from the 94th General Assembly of March 26, 2019
3. Approval of the Annual Report 2019 incl. approval of the Annual Financial Statements 2019/acknowledgment of the auditors' report
4. Discharge of the Advisory Board and the Executive Committee (granting of discharge)
5. Voting
  - a. Re-election of Advisory Board members
  - b. New election to the Advisory Board
  - c. Election of auditors

### **Agenda item 1**

#### **Opening and welcome by the President of the Advisory Board, Ruth Metzler-Arnold**

“We are living in dangerous times.” This is how UN Secretary-General Guterres described the state of the world back at the beginning of the year. In the course of February and March, the coronavirus spread to almost all regions of the world. In order to protect their populations, many countries – Switzerland included – have been forced to take drastic measures. Companies are standing in the wake of a global recession. In these extraordinary times, internationally active SMEs need support more than ever. Thanks to the mandate for export promotion, which was extended last year by parliament until 2023, and the associated

federal funds, S-GE has been able to help SMEs in recent weeks with countless questions regarding the movement of goods and logistical problems in supply chains, as well as providing them with reliable information from our broad network of partners. It inspires confidence to see how a growing number of customers are already thinking beyond the crisis and their desire to seize new international business opportunities. Together with our client SECO, we are searching for new ways and additional possibilities to help our customers cultivate new markets or to make better use of free trade agreements to achieve competitive advantages. We're convinced that many Swiss SMEs can and will use their agility and innovativeness to turn the current crisis into an opportunity. Switzerland Global Enterprise and its partner network are always there for you, dear Members, with newly developed digital offerings and formats. Together, we will overcome challenges brought by 2020 and the years to come.

#### **Agenda item 2**

##### **Approval of the minutes from the 94th General Assembly of March 26, 2019**

The minutes from the 94th General Assembly of March 26, 2019 were checked and approved by the Advisory Board. They are available for inspection on the Switzerland Global Enterprise website.

**The Annual General Meeting approved the minutes with 304 yes, 0 no votes and 24 abstentions.**

#### **Agenda item 3**

##### **Approval of the Annual Report 2019 incl. approval of the Annual Financial Statements 2019/acknowledgment of the auditors' report**

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the Annual Report 2019 and the Annual Financial Statements 2019 were made available to the members as a download on the homepage of S-GE.

There was no feedback or objections to the Annual report and Annual Financial Statements

**The Annual General Meeting approved the Annual Report 2019 with 306 yes, 0 no votes and 22 abstentions.**

**The Annual General Meeting approved the Annual Financial Statements 2019 with 303 yes, 0 no votes and 25 abstentions.**

The auditor of S-GE for the 2019 financial year was KPMG AG. The auditors made no amendments to the audit report. The audit report is duly noted by the Annual General Meeting.

#### **Agenda item 4**

##### **Discharge of the Advisory Board and the Executive Committee (granting of discharge)**

**The Annual General Meeting discharges the Advisory Board and the Executive Committee from liability for the conduct of business in 2019 with 305 yes, 2 no votes and 21 abstentions.**

#### **Agenda item 5**

##### **Voting**

###### a) Re-election of Advisory Board members

Based on the provisions contained in the Articles of Association, elections shall be held at this Annual General Meeting to re-elect individual members of the Advisory Board. The following two Advisory Board members are standing for re-election:

- Alain Berset, CEO Polytype SA, Member of the Advisory Board since 2017
- Andrej Vckovski, CEO Netcetera AG, Member of the Advisory Board since 2017

The documents of the individuals standing for re-election were made available in advance in writing.

**Alain Berset was re-elected by the Annual General Meeting for the next 3-year term of office with 308 yes, 5 no vote and 15 abstentions.**

**Andrej Vckovski was re-elected by the Annual General Meeting for the next 3-year term of office with 302 yes, 4 no votes and 22 abstentions.**

b) New election to the Advisory Board

Electing Diane Bonny would fill a vacancy on the Advisory Board and once again complete the Advisory Board of Switzerland Global Enterprise with nine members (including the President).

- Diane Bonny, CEO Deppler SA, representative from Western Switzerland, medical technology industry.

The documents for the new election were made available in advance in writing.

**Diane Bonny was elected by the Annual General Meeting for the next 3-year term of office with 306 yes, 6 no votes and 16 abstentions.**

c) Election of auditors

The Advisory Board has proposed the election of KPMG AG as auditors for the 2020 financial year.

**KPMG AG was elected by the Annual General Meeting for the current year with 314 yes, 2 no votes and 12 abstentions.**

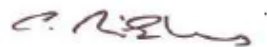
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**Chairwoman**



Ruth Metzler-Arnold

**Minute-taker**



Corinne Niklaus Schlagmüller