# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT**

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### Commitment to the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance

The Austrian Code of Corporate Governance, in line with international standards, represents a body of rules for good corporate governance and supervision on the Austrian capital market. The Code, introduced in 2002, aims to establish a responsible system of management and supervision of companies that is geared toward creating sustainable, long-term value. The Code is designed to provide a high degree of transparency for all company stakeholders. For this reason, investors and issuers recognise the Code as an indispensable part of the Austrian system of corporate governance and of Austrian business life.

The version of the Code that was valid for the 2015 financial year is the January 2015 version – it is available at the website of the Austrian Working Group for Corporate Governance (www.corporate-governance.at) and at the website of STRABAG SE (www.strabag.com > Investor Relations > Corporate Governance > Formal Obligation and Evaluation).

STRABAG SE is fully and without exception committed to the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance and its aims and sees compliance with all the rules contained within the Code as a top priority. This commitment by STRABAG SE is voluntary and aims to boost shareholder confidence and to constantly optimise the group's high internal legal, behavioural and ethical standards. The company is further obligated to fulfil the standards of the Code due to the listing of its shares in the Prime Market segment of the Vienna Stock Exchange.

This commitment requires STRABAG SE to do more than merely comply with the prevailing laws and legislation. Voluntary self-imposed obligation means that it must explain non-compliance with the so-called C-rules ("comply or explain") which go beyond the legal requirements.

#### NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE AUSTRIAN CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

C-Rule 2 of the Code: Among the shares of STRABAG SE are two special registered shares with an associated right to nominate one member of the Supervisory Board each. This was decided by the Annual General Meeting. This is advantageous for STRABAG SE - and makes sense for good corporate governance - because it guarantees the know-how of important stakeholders on the Supervisory Board. It also ensures a closer contact between the company and its shareholders, and it facilitates the communication. The company benefits from this close relationship with important shareholder groups - especially from the commitment, expertise and experience of the relevant Supervisory Board member. It also represents a contribution to the transparency of the shareholder structure.

C-Rule 27 of the Code: It is a matter of concern for STRABAG SE that remuneration of the Management Board members be made according to measurable criteria in a way that is transparent and easily comprehensible. The remuneration of the Management Board is therefore based on the scope of the work, the responsibilities and the personal performance of the individual Management Board member as well as on the achievement of the corporate goal, the size and the economic situation of the company. The variable component of the remuneration also considers sustainable, long-term, multi-annual performance criteria that are measurable and may not exceed a fixed maximum. Non-financial criteria are not applied for the remuneration of the Management Board members during the ongoing term as these do not guarantee a transparent and easily comprehensible remuneration within the business activities of STRABAG SE. The segments for which the individual Management Board members are responsible according to the allocation of duties could not be more different in their make-up (markets, client structure, personnel, know-how, etc.). It is almost impossible to define relevant non-financial criteria that are applicable to all segments in the same way. Very general non-financial criteria that apply to all segments, however, would not make good measurable factors as they would not be very meaningful with regard to the long-term success and economic situation of the company. A differentiated definition of non-financial criteria for each business segment would be to the detriment of transparency and comprehensibility. For these reasons, and following thorough debate in the Executive Committee of the Supervisory Board, STRABAG SE has decided against using nonfinancial criteria as a factor to calculate the variable component of the remuneration.

STRABAG SE further endeavours to abide not only by the minimum requirements but also by all of the Code's R-rules (Recommendations).

### Notes on the composition and on the working methods of the Management Board and of the Supervisory Board and its committees

The Management and Supervisory Boards of STRABAG SE are fully committed to the objectives of the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance as amended in January 2015 and see compliance with all of its rules as a main obligation. This means that STRABAG SE is constantly working to maintain and optimise its high internal legal, behavioural and ethical standards. In line with the rules of the Code, the Management and Supervisory Boards of STRABAG SE work together on the basis of

- regular and extensive informing of the Supervisory Board by the Management Board as to all relevant matters concerning the development of the company's business, including the risk situation and risk management in the company and the important group entities;
- the regular exchange of information and opinions between the CEO and the chairman of the Supervisory Board concerning strategy, the development of the business, risk management and important business transactions, particularly acquisitions and disposals, and the immediate informing of the chairman of the Supervisory Board of any important information; as well as
- an open exchange of opinion and open dialogue among the members of the Supervisory Board as well as between the members of the Supervisory Board and the Management Board.

### WORKING METHODS OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD: OPEN EXCHANGE IN MEETINGS AT LEAST EVERY TWO WEEKS

The Management Board of STRABAG SE and the individual members of the Management Board conduct their business in accordance with the prevailing law and legislation, the articles of association, and the Management Board's rules of procedure as approved by the Supervisory Board. The rules of procedure governs the work of the individual members of the Management Board as well as the allocation of duties within the board. Coordination within the Management Board occurs during regular meetings, which are held approximately every two weeks, but also in the form of an informal exchange of information. Matters discussed at the Management Board meetings include the current operations and the company strategy. Also discussed are any current or outstanding measures to be implemented by the relevant Management Board members. The rules of procedure requires the Management Board or the individual Management Board members to provide extensive information and reporting to the Supervisory Board and define an extensive catalogue of measures and legal transactions which require approval by the Supervisory Board.

Management Board meetings every two weeks

#### COMPOSITION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD: FIVE MEMBERS



Peter Krammer, Thomas Birtel, Hannes Truntschnig, Christian Harder, Siegfried Wanker (from left to right)

#### **Dr. Thomas Birtel**

- CEO
- Responsibilities for Central Staff Divisions and Central Divisions Zentrale Technik, BMTI and TPA
- Responsibilities for Group Division 3L RANC<sup>1)</sup>

Thomas Birtel was born on 3 June 1954. He graduated with a degree in economics from the Ruhr-University Bochum in 1978 and completed his doctorate four years later. Thomas Birtel began his career in 1983 at Klöckner & Co. The last position he held there before leaving in 1989 was division manager of the accounting department of Klöckner Industrie-Anlagen GmbH. From 1989 to 1996, he worked for Sweden's Frigoscandia Group as head of the Central European region. Thomas Birtel joined the STRABAG Group in 1996 as a member of the Management Board of STRABAG Hoch- & Ingenieurbau AG. In 2002, he was appointed member of the Management Board of STRABAG AG, Cologne, responsible for building construction, finance, accounting, controlling, risk management and procurement. He managed these tasks until 28 June 2013. Thomas Birtel has also been a member of the Management Board of the STRABAG SE Group since 1 January 2006; since June 2013 he has been CEO of STRABAG SE. His term ends on 31 December 2018.

#### Mag. Christian Harder

- CFO
- Responsibilities for Central Division BRVZ

Christian Harder was born on 19 August 1968. He passed his school-leaving exams at Bundesgymnasium Spittal/Drau and completed his studies in applied business administration at the University in Klagenfurt with a focus on controlling and tax management before joining the STRABAG Group, specifically the Bau Holding Group, in 1994. He held the positions of director of accounting, head of financial accounting and, finally, Central Division director of BRVZ before being appointed managing director of BRVZ in 2008. Christian Harder has been a member of the Management Board of STRABAG SE since 1 January 2013 in the function as CFO. His term ends on 31 December 2018.

#### Dipl.-Ing. Dr. Peter Krammer

• Responsibilities for Segment North + West<sup>1)</sup>

Peter Krammer was born on 18 January 1966. He studied civil engineering at the Vienna University of Technology, completing his studies in 1995 with a doctorate degree in engineering sciences. His professional experience has included positions at Porr Technobau AG, Swietelsky Bau GesmbH and STRABAG AG Austria. In 2005, Peter Krammer joined the Management Board of STRABAG AG in charge of building construction and civil engineering in Eastern Europe and of environmental technology for the entire company. Peter Krammer has been a member of the group Management Board since 1 January 2010. His term ends on 31 December 2018.

#### Mag. Hannes Truntschnig

• Responsibilities for Segment International + Special Divisions<sup>2</sup>)

Hannes Truntschnig was born on 22 July 1956. He graduated from the Higher Technical Institute HTL Mödling specialising in electrical engineering and in 1978 completed his qualifications in electromechanical engineering before going on to study at the Karl Franzens University in Graz, eventually graduating with a degree in business administration in 1981. Hannes Truntschnig joined the STRABAG Group (ILBAU AG) in 1981. Since 1985, he has held several commercial management positions at various group companies. In 1992, he was appointed authorised signatory for Bau Holding Aktiengesellschaft. Hannes Truntschnig has been a member of the group Management Board since 1 April 1995. His term ends on 31 December 2018.

#### **Dipl.-Ing. Siegfried Wanker**

Responsibilities for Segment South + East<sup>3)</sup>

Siegfried Wanker, born on 5 May 1968, studied civil engineering at Graz University of Technology before joining the STRABAG Group as a site manager in 1994. Between 2001 and 2004, he held various management-level positions at engineering service providers before rejoining the STRABAG Group in 2005. He served as technical division manager for Building Construction International, Corporate Development and Services, and finally for Infrastructure Project Development. Siegfried Wanker has been a member of the Management Board of STRABAG SE since 1 January 2011. His term ends on 31 December 2018.

1) North + West: Germany, Poland, Benelux, Scandinavia, Ground Engineering, Hydraulic Engineering

2) International + Special Divisions: Tunnelling, Construction Materials, Services, Real Estate Development, Infrastructure Development, Direct Export
 3) South + East: Austria, Switzerland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Adriatic, Rest of Europe, Environmental Technology

#### Mandates: Four members of the Management Board with additional mandates

In the 2015 financial year, the following Management Board members held Supervisory Board mandates or similar functions at companies not included in the consolidated financial statements in Austria and abroad:

| Name                      | Non-group company                                      | Mandate   |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Dr. Thomas Birtel         | Deutsche Bank AG, Germany                              | Member of the Advisory Board                          |
|                           | HDI-Global SE, Germany                                 | Member of the Advisory Board                          |
|                           | VHV Allgemeine Versicherung AG, Germany                | Member of the Supervisory Board                       |
|                           | VHV Vereinigte Hannoversche Versicherung a.G., Germany | Member of the Supervisory Board                       |
|                           | VHV Holding AG, Germany                                | Member of the Supervisory Board                       |
| Mag. Hannes Truntschnig   | Raiffeisen evolution project development GmbH, Austria | Vice chairman of the Advisory Board                   |
|                           | Syrena Immobilien Holding AG, Austria                  | Vice chairman of the Supervisory Board                |
| DiplIng. Siegfried Wanker | Syrena Immobilien Holding AG, Austria                  | Member of the Supervisory Board (until 29 March 2015) |
| Mag. Christian Harder     | Syrena Immobilien Holding AG, Austria                  | Member of the Supervisory Board (since 30 March 2015) |

#### Directors' Dealings: No transactions subject to disclosure obligation in 2015

Proprietary transactions with STRABAG SE shares by members of the company's boards and related persons or companies as well as by other management-level employees with groupwide responsibilities, the so-called Directors' Dealings, were reported as required by law and continually posted on the website of STRABAG SE (www.strabag.com > Investor Relations > Corporate Governance > Directors' Dealings) as well as on the website of the Austrian Financial Market Authority (www.fma.gv.at > Companies > Issuers > Directors' Dealings).

In 2015, no proprietary transactions with STRABAG SE shares were made by members of the aforementioned group of people. The following persons from the aforementioned group of people held shares of STRABAG SE on 31 December 2015:

| Person subject to disclosure obligation | Board member                | Number of shares |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Dr. Hans Peter Haselsteiner             |                             | 70,002           |
| Haselsteiner Familien-Privatstiftung    | Dr. Hans Peter Haselsteiner | 29,017,451       |
|   | Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer       |                  |
|   | Mag. Christian Harder       |                  |
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Mag. Erwin Hameseder

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#### WORKING METHODS OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD: SIX SUPERVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

In the 2015 financial year, the Supervisory Board diligently performed the duties incumbent upon it under Austrian law, the Articles of Association, the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance (ÖCGK), and the Rules of Procedure. All members of the Supervisory Board and its committees are independent according to the terms of the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance and were properly represented in the relevant meetings. The Supervisory Board held a total of six meetings last year, at least once every quarter (C-Rule 36 of the ÖCGK). One of these meetings served exclusively for the constitution of the Supervisory Board. All members personally attended at least three meetings (C-Rule 58 of the

ÖCGK), so no Supervisory Board member failed to attend more than half of the meetings. Furthermore, there were two meetings of the Audit Committee and one meeting of the Presidential and Nomination Committee.

No contracts requiring approval by the Supervisory Board were concluded between the company and members of the Supervisory Board (C-Rule 49 of the ÖCGK).

The internal audit department informed the Audit Committee of the audit plan and of significant events in accordance with C-Rule 18 of the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance.

Furthermore, the Audit Committee monitored the accounting processes (including the preparation of the consolidated financial statements) and the work of the auditor (including the audit of the consolidated financial statements) as well as the effectiveness of the system of internal control, the risk management system and the audit system. The independence of the auditor (group financial auditor) was reviewed and monitored in particular as regards the additional services given to the audited company.

#### COMPOSITION OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD: ELEVEN MEMBERS

#### Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer

#### **Chairman of the Supervisory Board**

Alfred Gusenbauer was born on 8 February 1960 and studied law, philosophy, political science and economy at the University of Vienna, completing his doctorate in 1987. In 1991, he became a member of the Austrian senate, two years later a member of parliament. From 2000 to 2008, Alfred Gusenbauer was President of the Social Democratic Party of Austria, serving as Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria and member of the European Council from 2007 to 2008. In addition to his current activities at Brown University and Columbia University, Alfred Gusenbauer is President of the Dr. Karl Renner Institute, the Austrian Institute for International Affairs and the Austrian-Spanish Chamber of Commerce. Alfred Gusenbauer was first elected chairman of the Supervisory Board of STRABAG SE on 18 June 2010. His current term ends with the Annual General Meeting in 2020.



Vice chairman of the Supervisory Board

Mag. Erwin Hameseder

Erwin Hameseder was born on 28 May 1956. He received a master of law degree from the University of Vienna. From 1975 to 1987, Erwin Hameseder served as an officer in the Austrian army, where he achieved the rank of colonel in 2002 and of brigadier in 2006. In 1987, he joined the legal department of RAIFFEISENLANDES-BANK NIEDERÖSTERREICH-WIEN reg.Gen. m.b.H. From 1988 to 1994, he was responsible for investment management, from 1991 as head of the department. He was managing director of RAIFFEISENLANDESBANK NIEDERÖSTERREICH-WIEN reg.Gen.m.b.H. from 1994 to 2001 and director-general of RAIFFEISEN-HOLDING NIEDERÖSTERREICH-WIEN reg.Gen.m.b.H (a spin-off from RAIFFEISENLANDESBANK NIEDERÖSTERREICH-WIEN AG) from 2001 to 2012. From 2007 to 2012, Erwin Hameseder also assumed the position of chairman of the Management Board of RAIFFEISENLANDES-BANK NIEDERÖSTERREICH-WIEN AG. Since 4 May 2012, he has been chairman of RAIFF-EISEN-HOLDING NIEDERÖSTERREICH WIEN reg.Gen.m.b.H. He was first nominated to the Supervisory Board on 10 September 1998 and most recently on 17 August 2007, when he was nominated to the Supervisory Board of STRABAG SE for an indefinite period of time. Annex 1 of the Code 2015 allows terms of more than 15 years for Supervisory Board members who are shareholders with a direct investment in the company or who represent the interests of such a shareholder.

#### Mag. Kerstin Gelbmann Free Float Representative



Kerstin Gelbmann was born on 30 May 1974. After completing her studies in trade and commerce in Vienna, she began her career at Auditor Wirtschaftsprüfungs- und Steuerberatungsgesellschaft mbH. Kerstin Gelbmann has worked for E.F. Grossnigg Finanzberatung und Treuhandelsgesellschaft m.b.H. since 2002, most recently as managing director and for grosso holding Gesellschaft mbH since 2007. In January 2010, she assumed the additional position of managing director at Austro Holding GmbH. Kerstin Gelbmann was first elected to the Supervisory Board of STRABAG SE on 18 June 2010. Her current term ends with the Annual General Meeting in 2020.

#### Andrei Elinson



Andrei Elinson was born on 19 January 1979. He has been Deputy CEO of Russian conglomerate Basic Element since December 2009. Previously, he was Basic Element's director of corporate governance and internal control, responsible for the development and implementation of corporate governance standards. Before joining Basic Element, he was a partner at Deloitte & Touche CIS, where, starting in 1997, he was in charge of consulting and assurance projects for Russian and international companies. Later he was appointed partner-in-charge for Forensic and Dispute practice in the CIS. From 2004, Andrei Elinson managed the internal control and risk management consulting streams at Deloitte. He graduated from the Finance Academy of the Government of the Russian Federation

with a degree in accountancy and audit. He is a certified public accountant and fraud examiner in the US, a licensed Russian auditor and holds a Certificate in Company Direction from the Institute of Directors (IoD) in the UK. Andrei Elinson was appointed to the Supervisory Board of STRABAG SE for an indefinite period of time on 21 April 2009. Andrei Elinson left the Supervisory Board of STRABAG SE effective 13 January 2016. He was succeeded by Dr. Gulzhan Moldazhanova.

#### Mag. Hannes Bogner



Hannes Bogner was born on 20 June 1959. He studied business administration at the University of Innsbruck and gualified as a tax advisor in 1988 and as a statutory auditor in 1993. Hannes Bogner worked at THS Treuhand Salzburg Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft from 1984 to 1988 and at Price Waterhouse from 1988 to 1994. He has worked for UNIQA and its predecessor companies since 1994. From 1998 to 1999, he served as deputy member of the Management Board of Bundesländer-Versicherung AG and Austria-Collegialität. In 1999, he was appointed to the Management Board of UNIQA Versicherungen AG. He was Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at UNIQA Versicherungen AG from 2011 to 2014 and has held the function of Chief Investment Officer (CIO) since 1 January 2015. Hannes Bogner was first elected to the Supervisory Board of STRABAG SE on 14 June 2013. His current term ends with the Annual General Meeting in 2020.

William R. Spiegelberger (since 12 June 2015)



William R. Spiegelberger was born on 23 March 1961. Since March 2007, he has been Director of the International Practice Department at RUSAL Global Management B.V. in Moscow, where he is responsible for all major legal risks of the Rusal Group outside the Commonwealth of Independent States. From 1994 to 2007, he worked as a lawyer in New York, Paris and Moscow at the international law firms White & Case LLP and Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP. Spiegelberger is a graduate of Columbia University in New York (B.A., M.A., M.Phil, J.D.) and member of the National Advisory Council of the Harriman Institute (Columbia University). He was first elected to the STRABAG SE Supervisory Board on 12 June 2015, replacing Siegfried Wolf when he departed from the Supervisory Board. His current term ends with the Annual General Meeting in 2020.

#### Ing. Siegfried Wolf (until 12 June 2015)



Siegfried Wolf was born on 31 October 1957. He started his career with Philips in Vienna, where he trained as a tool and die-maker and continued his professional training through the stages of master craftsman up to obtaining an engineering degree. From 1981 to 1983, he worked as quality manager and assistant director of quality control at VMW (Vereinigte Metallwerke Wien). Siegfried Wolf then joined Hirtenberger AG, where he advanced from director for quality control to plant director and authorised signatory. In 1994, he joined Magna Europa AG, becoming president of the company in 1995. In 1999, he became vice chairman of the Supervisory Board of Magna International Inc. He held this position until 2001, when he was appointed president and CEO of Magna Steyr. In February 2002, he was appointed executive vice chairman of Magna International Inc. and remained in this position until his nomination to co-CEO in April 2005; he exercised this function until 2010. Siegfried Wolf has also been chairman of the Supervisory Board of GAZ Group since April 2010 and chairman of the Supervisory Board of Russian Machines JSC and Glavstroy Corporation OJSC since September 2010. Siegfried Wolf was first

elected to the Supervisory Board of STRABAG SE on 17 August 2007. His term ended with the Annual General Meeting in 2015.

Dipl.-Ing. Andreas Batke Delegated by the works council



Andreas Batke was born on 4 May 1962 and joined STRABAG AG as a land surveyor on 1 April 1991. He has been a member of the works council since May 1998. Andreas Batke currently serves as chairman of the group works council and member of the Supervisory Board of STRABAG AG, Cologne. He was appointed to the Supervisory Board of STRABAG SE by the STRABAG SE works council for an indefinite period of time and has been a member of the STRABAG SE Supervisory Board since 1 October 2009. He has been vice chairman of the STRABAG SE works council since 14 October 2014.

#### Miroslav Cerveny Delegated by the works council



Miroslav Cerveny was born on 16 January 1959 and has worked for a Czech subsidiary of the STRABAG Group since 1988, holding positions in IT administration, accounting, and occupational health and safety. He was appointed to the Supervisory Board of STRABAG SE by the STRABAG SE works council for an indefinite period of time and has been a member of the Supervisory Board since 1 October 2009.

#### Magdolna P. Gyulainé Delegated by the works council



Magdolna P. Gyulainé was born on 26 July 1962. She is chairwoman of the works council of STRABAG Hungary, having joined a predecessor company of STRABAG Hungary as bookkeeper in 1981. She was appointed to the Supervisory Board of STRABAG SE by the STRABAG SE works council for an indefinite period of time on 1 October 2009.

#### Georg Hinterschuster Delegated by the works council



Georg Hinterschuster was born on 20 December 1968 in Linz, Austria. From 1984 to 1987, he completed an apprenticeship in commercial site management at STRABAG Bau GmbH. Thereafter he worked as group commercial manager in the engineering ground works business in St. Valentin before taking over a commercial management task for the Transportation Infrastructures and the Building Construction and Civil Engineering segments in the Czech Republic from 1997 to 2000. Hinterschuster has been active in the works council since 1991 and has been a full-time employee representative in the group and central works council since 2008. The STRABAG SE works council, of which he has been a member since 2009, nominated him to the Supervisory Board of STRABAG SE for an indefinite period of time on 13 October 2014.

#### Wolfgang Kreis Delegated by the works council



Wolfgang Kreis, an industrial clerk by training, was born on 18 March 1957. He joined Ed. Züblin AG as a commercial clerk in 1979. In 1987, he was elected to the works council and today is works council chairman for the subdivision Karlsruhe and chairman of the works council at Ed. Züblin AG. He has been vice chairman of the Supervisory Board of Ed. Züblin AG since 2002. He was appointed to the Supervisory Board of STRABAG SE by the STRABAG SE works council for an indefinite period of time on 1 October 2009 and has been chairman of the works council of STRABAG SE since October 2013. He also deals with the issue of occupational health and safety at the company.

#### Mandates: Five members of the Supervisory Board with additional mandates

In the 2015 financial year, the following Supervisory Board members held Supervisory Board mandates or similar functions at publicly listed companies in Austria and abroad in addition to their Supervisory Board mandate at STRABAG SE:

| Name                                     | Non-group company   | Mandate   |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|--|
| Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer                    | Gabriel Resources Ltd., Canada  | Member of the Supervisory Board   |  |  |
|  | RHI AG, Austria   | Member of the Supervisory Board   |  |  |
| Mag. Erwin Hameseder                     | AGRANA Beteiligungs-AG, Austria   | Chairman of the Supervisory Board   |  |  |
|  | Flughafen Wien AG, Austria  | 1st vice chairman of the Supervisory Board  |  |  |
|  | Raiffeisen Bank International AG, Austria   | 1st vice chairman of the Supervisory Board  |  |  |
|  | Südzucker AG, Germany   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> vice chairman of the Supervisory Board  |  |  |
|  | UNIQA Insurance Group AG, Austria   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> vice chairman of the Supervisory Board  |  |  |
| Mag. Kerstin Gelbmann                    | conwert Immobilien Invest SE, Austria   | Chairwoman of the Administrative Board (until 18 June 2015)   |  |  |
|  | ECO Business-Immobilien AG, Austria   | Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board (until 18 June 2015)  |  |  |
|  | SEMPER CONSTANTIA PRIVATBANK AG, Austria  | Member of the Supervisory Board (since 1 May 2015)  |  |  |
| Ing. Siegfried Wolf                      | GAZ Group, Russia   | Chairman of the Supervisory Board   |  |  |
|  | Continental AG, Germany   | Member of the Supervisory Board   |  |  |
|  | Schaeffler AG, Germany  | Member of the Supervisory Board   |  |  |
| DiplIng. Andreas Batke                   | STRABAG AG, Germany   | Member of the Supervisory Board   |  |  |
|  | Committees: Executive Committee, Presidential and Nomination Committee, and Audit Committee   |   |  |  |
|  | Committee decisions are made by a simple ma-<br>jority. In the event of a tie, the vote of the com-<br>mittee chair is the deciding vote. The composition   | and the tasks of the individual committees are as follows:  |  |  |
| Committee                                | Members   |   |  |  |
| Executive Committee                      | <ul> <li>Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer (chairman)</li> <li>Mag. Erwin Hameseder</li> <li>Andrei Elinson<sup>1)</sup></li> </ul>   | The Executive Committee deals with all matters affecting<br>the relations between the company and the members of<br>the Management Board, especially matters relating to the<br>remuneration of Management Board members, but ex-<br>cluding decisions regarding the appointment or removal<br>of a Management Board member or regarding the granting<br>of stock options.  |  |  |
| Presidential and Nomination<br>Committee | <ul> <li>Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer (chairman)</li> <li>Mag. Erwin Hameseder</li> <li>Andrei Elinson<sup>1)</sup></li> <li>Georg Hinterschuster</li> <li>Wolfgang Kreis</li> </ul>   | The Presidential and Nomination Committee presents the<br>Supervisory Board with proposals regarding the filling of<br>new Management Board mandates or positions which are<br>opening up, deals with questions of succession planning<br>and remuneration policy and makes decisions on urgent<br>matters.   |  |  |
| Audit Committee                          | <ul> <li>Dr. Alfred Gusenbauer (chairman)</li> <li>Mag. Erwin Hameseder</li> <li>Mag. Hannes Bogner</li> <li>Andrei Elinson<sup>1)</sup></li> <li>DiplIng. Andreas Batke</li> <li>Georg Hinterschuster</li> <li>Wolfgang Kreis</li> </ul> | The Audit Committee is responsible for the auditing and<br>preparation for the approval of the annual financial report,<br>the proposed distribution of net income and the man-<br>agement report, as well as the auditing of the consol-<br>idated financial statements and the corporate governance<br>report. The committee also deals with the management<br>letter written by the financial auditor as well as with the<br>auditor's report as to the efficiency of the risk management.<br>The Audit Committee makes a proposal for the selection<br>of the auditor and presents the proposal of the Supervisory<br>Board to the Annual General Meeting for voting. In line with<br>C-Rule 81a of the Code, the Audit Committee must also<br>establish a mutual line of communication with the finan-<br>cial auditor ing |  |  |

Dr. Gulzhan Moldazhanova.

cial auditor in a meeting.

#### All members are independent

All members of the Supervisory Board and its committees are independent in accordance with the conditions contained within the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance, (see also www.strabag.com > Investor Relations > Corporate Governance > Supervisory Board > Independence of the Supervisory Board) and have

Guidelines for the Independence of Supervisory Board Members of STRABAG SE ("the company") in Accordance with C-Rule 53 of the Code<sup>1)</sup>

A member of the Supervisory Board of the company shall be deemed independent if he or she has no business or personal relations with the company or its Management Board which would constitute a material conflict of interest and thus could influence the member's behaviour. Moreover, the members of the Supervisory Board shall comply with the following guidelines adapted from the Code:

- The Supervisory Board member shall not have served as a member of the Management Board or as a manager 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 relationships with companies in which the Supervisory Board member has a considerable economic interest. The approval of individual transactions by the Supervisory Board according to C-Rule 48 does not automatically mean the person is qualified as not independent.
- The Supervisory Board member shall not have been 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.

declared in writing explicitly to adhere to all conditions of the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance. The independence of the Supervisory Board members is defined by the following guidelines (excerpt from the Rules of Procedure for the Supervisory Board as amended on 28 April 2014):

- 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 be a close relative (direct offspring, spouse, partner, parent, uncle, aunt, sibling, niece, nephew) of a Management Board member or of persons in one of the aforementioned positions.

It shall be the responsibility of each member of the Supervisory Board of the company elected by the Annual General Meeting or delegated by the shareholders to declare his or her independence according to the criteria defined.

According to C-Rule 54 of the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance, the Supervisory Board of the company shall include at least one independent member delegated by the shareholders who is not a shareholder with a share of more than 10 % or who represents such a shareholder's interests. The independence of Supervisory Board members shall be published in the Annual Report. The Supervisory Board shall judge whether it and its committees contain a sufficient number of independent members in accordance with the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance (C-Rules 39 and 53).

## DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE REMUNERATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY BOARDS

#### Remuneration of Management Board up because of higher fixed as well as variable remuneration

#### REMUNERATION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

T€ (incl. non-monetary<sup>1</sup>)

| Name        | Fix   | ed    | Vari  | able  | То    | tal   |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|             | 2015  | 2014  | 2015  | 2014  | 2015  | 2014  |
| Birtel      | 700   | 637   | 833   | 392   | 1,533 | 1,029 |
| Harder      | 469   | 427   | 605   | 311   | 1,074 | 738   |
| Krammer     | 469   | 427   | 605   | 311   | 1,074 | 738   |
| Truntschnig | 469   | 427   | 605   | 311   | 1,074 | 738   |
| Wanker      | 469   | 427   | 605   | 311   | 1,074 | 738   |
| Total       | 2,576 | 2,345 | 3,253 | 1,636 | 5,829 | 3,981 |

Total remuneration for the Management Board members in the 2015 financial year amounted to € 5.83 million (2014: € 3.98 million). Board member pay is based on a system which, in addition to a fixed base salary, foresees a variable portion dependent on the achievement of specific earnings and profitability targets for the STRABAG Group calculated according to principles of cost accounting. Since 1 January 2015, a new system for calculating the variable salary component has been in use (C-Rule 30 of the Code): bonuses are basically calculated as a fixed percentage on the net income after minorities less minimum earnings of € 100 million (previously € 200 million). At the same time, the percentage used to calculate the bonus was cut by 50 % for earnings between € 100-300 million. The variable portion of the income can amount to a maximum of 200 % of the fixed salary. If a minimum yield is surpassed (earnings according to cost accounting principles compared to output volume), a minimum variable portion is granted. Furthermore, 25 % (previously 20 %) of the bonuses of the members of the Management Board are retained and deposited in a personal clearing account based on sustainable, long-term, multiannual performance criteria. The payment from the personal clearing account will take place at the end of the term of the management agreement.

Furthermore, the members of the Management Board have the right to a company car. Accident insurance provides coverage in the event of death or disability, a private liability policy covers the legal liability of the members of the Management Board which may arise from third-party personal injury, property damage or financial losses. The board members are also covered by a legal expense insurance in the event of claims resulting from administrative or criminal violations. Insurance coverage exists for damage claims resulting from third-party or group financial losses as the result of neglect of duty during service for the company. The company bears the costs for these insurances. The members of the Management Board are subject to a competition clause for the period of their service. If a member of the Management Board is dismissed without cause, the fixed base salary is paid for the full term of the contract. The management contracts of all members of the Management Board expire on 31 December 2018.

One Management Board member is entitled to non-growing pension payments from subsidiaries of the company. No other pension agreements exist – and no new entitlements may be acquired – between the company and the members of the Management Board. One Management Board member has a right to legal and contractual severance pay in the event of the termination of service to the company, with the maximum amount set by the Austrian Employee Act (oAngG). All Management Board members perform their services on the basis of employment contracts and are subject to income tax regulations.

STRABAG SE has decided against a stock option programme for Management Board members. No additional recompense is granted for internal group mandates or functions. No prior agreements or exception rules exist for the event of a public takeover offer.

Long-term, multi-annual performance criteria

No stock option programme

#### **Remuneration of Supervisory Board members unchanged**

REMUNERATION OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD

| €                        | 2015    | 2014    |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Alfred Gusenbauer        | 50,000  | 50,000  |
| Erwin Hameseder          | 25,000  | 25,000  |
| Kerstin Gelbmann         | 15,000  | 15,000  |
| Hannes Bogner            | 15,000  | 15,000  |
| Andrei Elinson           | 15,000  | 15,000  |
| William R. Spiegelberger | 8,301   | -       |
| Siegfried Wolf           | 6,699   | 15,000  |
| Total                    | 135,000 | 135,000 |

The Annual General Meeting decides on the annual remuneration of the members of the Supervisory Board nominated or elected by the shareholders as well as on any additional remuneration for special tasks performed, if applicable. At the Annual General Meeting of 10 June 2011, the shareholders approved annual remuneration of € 15,000 for the regular members of the Supervisory Board, € 25,000 for the vice chairman and € 50,000 for the chairman. Members of the Supervisory Board who are elected to or leave the board during a financial year are remunerated in accordance with the actual period of their membership on the Supervisory Board pro rata temporis.

Additionally to their annual remuneration, the Supervisory Board members also receive cash compensation for expenses. Furthermore, the members of the Supervisory Board are, in accordance with the Articles of Association, covered by a D&O (directors and officers) liability insurance up to a certain maximum amount. The insurance covers the personal liability of the Supervisory Board members in the event of careless neglect of duty during their service for the company. In 2015, no other remuneration was paid to the members of the Supervisory Board. There were no other transactions with members of the Supervisory Board.

People & Workplace

### Measures for the advancement of women

Traditionally, the construction industry employs primarily men. Women are therefore underrepresented at all hierarchy levels. The shortage of skilled personnel, however, requires the sector to build more strongly on female labour than before. For this reason – and to maintain our level of competitiveness as well as benefiting from the diversity and different points of view – STRABAG made it its goal in 2013 to annually raise the percentage of women employed in the group around the world. To demonstrate the commitment to this goal, then-CEO of STRABAG SE Hans Peter Haselsteiner signed the UN Women's Empowerment Principles.

In 2015, the number of women as a percentage of employees within the entire group amounted to 13.9 % after 13.8 % the year before. The group management – i.e. persons with a management position as defined by Section 80 of the Austrian Stock Corporation Act (AktG) – is composed of 8.7 % women (2014: 8.5 %).

Currently there are no women on the five-member Management Board of STRABAG SE. It is noteworthy, however, that two women sit on the eleven-member Supervisory Board of the company: Kerstin Gelbmann and Magdolna P. Gyulainé. The Supervisory Board thus has a female percentage of around 18 % and a percentage of female members appointed by the works council of 20 %. Since 13 January 2016 we have one more woman in the Supervisory Board: Gulzhan Moldazhanova (following Andrei Elinson).

If we succeed in interesting more women for a career in construction and/or with STRABAG, then we will have laid the foundation for a higher representation of women at the management levels. For this reason, an internal team led by a STRABAG SE Management Board member has been hard at work since 2012 to develop measures to promote women in the company. The activities to date to increase the percentage of women and to promote the careers of women within the STRABAG Group focus on three areas:

Adequate consideration of women in potential management



Internal audit as part of risk management

#### • Targeted marketing: In order to secure a higher share of graduates especially from technical universities, the STRABAG Group is focusing increasingly on targeted human resource marketing aimed at female students. graduates and applicants. For example, the company now uses both the masculine and feminine forms in the language of all of its texts and job announcements. The Universum Student Survey 2015 shows that these measures are having an effect and that women with a technical education in particular rank STRABAG high in the list of attractive employers. Some of our activities target potential employees even earlier on, namely at school age: several of the group's organisational units in Germany and Austria regularly take part in events such as "Töchtertag" ("Take Your Daughter to Work Day") or Girls' Days.

 Compatibility of family and career: STRABAG also wants to become more attractive as an employer – especially among high potentials and top performers – by making it easier to combine work and family responsibilities. In 2014, a set of guidelines was worked out regarding parental leave, part-time work for parents and return management. The corresponding pilot project to put these guidelines into practice was launched in Austria in 2015. Its expansion onto the German organisation is in preparation.

The STRABAG Group's internal audit department

Internal audit report

#### Career opportunities: There are no salary differences between men and women who perform equal work and have the same level of education. Rather, the results of in-company surveys, workshops and analyses indicate the importance of adequately considering women in promotion and further education. Attention will therefore be given to the adequate representation of women within the existing potential management as well as in the composition of teams of working groups - something we measure at regular intervals. Besides events for members of the potential management pool, the group supports its women employees in their own career planning and further education by offering seminars at the group academy that are designed especially for women. The group also offers all female employees the opportunity to network with each other in a special area in the Intranet - an offer that has already been used by more than 180 employees. (2014: 130). To increase the visibility of women in the group and to support the personal networking, the company also held its first "STRABAG Women Engineers Day" in Vienna in 2015. Some 70 female colleagues from technical fields in Austria and Switzerland answered the invitation to listen to lectures, take part in workshops and get to know their colleagues. More such events are planned in other countries as well.

is a neutral and independent authority which again conducted approximately 180 (2014: 180)
 internal audits in all group divisions worldwide in the 2015 financial year.
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audit department is set up as a staff unit of the Management Board of STRABAG SE, giving it the greatest possible amount of independence. It plans and conducts process-independent and neutral audits of all of the group's divisions and regions in Austria and abroad. The audit planning orients itself along aspects of risk and is constantly updated to meet the current needs. Given its technical and commercial competence, the internal audit department forms an important part of the group's risk management and internal control systems. The internal audits serve to evaluate the effectiveness of the risk management and control as well as of management and monitoring processes. With its comprehensive approach, the use of uniform auditing standards and neutral reporting, it also contributes to the standardisation of processes and structures.

In 2015, the internal audit department again audited individual projects as well as entire organisational units. The audits covered all of the group's sub-divisions as well as the most important contracts and orders of the year. The routine and special audits served to recognise and avoid risks, to reveal opportunities and to monitor proper conduct and compliance with the group's ethics system.

The internal audit department reported regularly to the CEO and to the Supervisory Board's Audit Committee regarding the audit plan and significant events of its work. The audit reports were sent to the audited units and divisions, to the unit and division managers, and to the Management Board, and were made available to the financial auditors.

### External evaluation

In accordance with C-Rule 62 of the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance, STRABAG SE commissions an external evaluation of compliance with the Code regularly every three years. The next external evaluation will be conducted in 2017 for the 2016 financial year.

The last evaluation, for the 2013 financial year, was performed in March 2014 by Fellner Wratzfeld & Partner Rechtsanwälte GmbH. It revealed no indications that the declarations

provided by the Management and Supervisory Board members regarding observation of and compliance with the C-Rules and R-Rules of the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance were untrue. The C-Rules and R-Rules of the Code were complied with – inasmuch as these were included in the formal obligation of STRABAG SE. Some rules did not apply to STRABAG SE during the evaluation period. The complete report including the results of the evaluation is available at www.strabag.com.

### Continuous development of the corporate governance

STRABAG strives to constantly improve the corporate governance system in the interests of the company and all stakeholders. In the past financial year, the company examined how it could further professionalise the meetings of the Supervisory Board. Some large companies use protected IT tools to prepare Supervisory Board meetings and distribute the necessary documents. The Supervisory Board has analysed the advantages and disadvantages of this form of electronic board communication. Following a thorough debate, it was, however, decided not to use such a system.

#### E-LEARNING AND CLASSROOM TRAINING TO FIGHT CORRUPTION

As corruption is a risk in business in general and in the construction industry in particular, proven instruments to fight corruption with group-wide validity are in place at STRABAG. The STRABAG business compliance model is based on the Code of Conduct, the Business Compliance Guidelines, the Business Compliance Guidelines for Business Partners, and the personnel structure of the STRABAG business compliance model, consisting of the group business compliance coordinator, the regional business compliance representatives as well as the external and internal ombudspersons.

In 2015, the group continued its employee training via e-learning. Following the introduction of the e-learning module "Richtiges Verhalten im Geschäftsalltag" ("The Right Behaviour in Dayto-Day Business") in Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Montenegro, Netherlands, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden and Switzerland in 2014, the group achieved a training rate of over 90 % of all employees at the end of 2015. The training module had in previous years already been rolled out nationwide in Austria, Germany and Poland. The group also continued its classroom training of managers through external legal advisers on the subject of corruption and cartel law. As at 31 December 2015, the amount of persons trained in this area reached around 95 %. While STRABAG is aiming at a training rate of 100 % in principle, the fluctuation among management personnel naturally makes it difficult to present the actual rate at any point in time.

This was complemented in 2015 by the introduction of more intense cartel law training for all management level employees. The management-level module, just like the training on avoiding corruption and cartel risks, involves classroom-based training to be repeated in a three-year cycle. By the end of 2015, some 250 of the approximately 1,100 managers in the group had completed the training.

The activities initiated in the past to avoid corruption and cartel risk will be continued at the same intensity in 2016 and are being continuously adapted to the changing needs and conditions. The group continues to strive to educate all of its managers and employees on how to avoid cases of corruption and cartel risk.

Details: The results

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Goal of training rate of 100 %

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