## Triodos @ Investment Management

## SMA SOLAR TECHNOLOGY AG

Meeting Date:	Tue, 27 May 2014 10:00am	Type:	AGM	Issue date:	Thu, 15 May 2014
Meeting Location:	Kongress Palais Kassel - Stadthalle, Friedric 34119 Kassel, Deutschland stattindenden				
Current Indices:	PIRC Global				
Sector:	Electrical Components & Equipment				

	PROPOSALS	ADVICE
1	Receive Financial statements and statutory report for the fiscal year 2013 Standard non-voting item.	Non-Voting
2	Approval allocation of income and omission of dividends  The Board proposes not to distribute any dividend given an annual loss of EUR 75.9 million.  Acceptable proposal.	For
3.1	Discharge the Management Board member Juergen Dolle Standard proposal. It is welcomed that the Company proposes separate discharges for every member. No serious governance concerns have been identified. Acceptable proposal.	For
3.2	Discharge the Management Board member Roland Grebe Standard proposal. It is welcomed that the Company proposes separate discharges for every member. No serious governance concerns have been identified. Acceptable proposal.	For
3.3	Discharge the Management Board member Lydia Sommer Standard proposal. It is welcomed that the Company proposes separate discharges for every member. No serious governance concerns have been identified. Acceptable proposal.	For
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3.5	Discharge the Management Board member Marko Werner Standard proposal. It is welcomed that the Company proposes separate discharges for every member. No serious governance concerns have been identified. Acceptable proposal.	For
4.1	Discharge the Supervisory Board member Guenther Cramer Standard proposal. It is welcomed that the Company proposes separate discharges for every member. No serious governance concerns have been identified. Acceptable proposal.	For
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4.9	Discharge the Supervisory Board member Ullrich Messmer Standard proposal. It is welcomed that the Company proposes separate discharges for every member. No serious governance concerns have been identified. Acceptable proposal.	For
4.10	<b>Discharge the Supervisory Board member Alexander Naujoks</b> Standard proposal. It is welcomed that the Company proposes separate discharges for every member. No serious governance concerns have been identified. Acceptable proposal.	For
4.11	Discharge the Supervisory Board member Joachim Schlosser Standard proposal. It is welcomed that the Company proposes separate discharges for every member. No serious governance concerns have been identified. Acceptable proposal.	For
4.12	Discharge the Supervisory Board member Reiner Wettlaufer Standard proposal. It is welcomed that the Company proposes separate discharges for every member. No serious governance concerns have been identified. Acceptable proposal.	For
4.13	Discharge the Supervisory Board member Mirko Zeidler Standard proposal. It is welcomed that the Company proposes separate discharges for every member. No serious governance concerns have been identified. Acceptable proposal.	For
5	Appoint the auditors  Deloitte & Touche GmbH proposed. Non-audit fees were approximately 10.86% of audit and audit related fees during the year under review. Non-audit fees over a three year basis were approximately 7.12% of audit and audit related fees. Acceptable proposal.	For
6	Approve remuneration system for Management Board members Remuneration at the Company consists of fixed and variable components, both short term and long term.	Oppose
	Non-Executive Directors receive only fixed component. Variable component of the executive	

remuneration is capped at 100% of the fixed component and consists of annual bonus and long terms incentives. The annual bonus may be disbursed if targets are achieved by at least 20%. Starting from 2014, the variable remuneration component will also be based on sales and personal performance. Quantified targets for either are not disclosed. As for the long-term bonus, it depends on the mean EBT margin, whose target value is determined annually by the Supervisory Board for the following three fiscal years. This is not considered challenging enough in order to align executive performance with shareholders best interests. The long-term bonus can be allocated only if at least 50% of the targets were achieved. The severance payment of executives is capped at 100% of the base salary.

There are concerns over bonus payments in case not all targets are achieved. This is not in accordance with best practice and raises concerns of overpayment against under-performance. In addition, the compensation structure at the Company is considered short-term and the Company does not disclose quantified performance criteria or targets. The Company has not introduced a claw-back clause.

Based on these concerns, Triodos does not support this proposal.

\* = Special resolution

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