# Triodos & Investment Management

## **BADGER METER INC**

MEETING DATE	Fri, 24 Apr 2015 8:30 am	TYPE	AGM	ISSUE DATE	Mon, 13 Apr 2015
MEETING LOCATION	Wisconsin Club, City Club, 900 W. Wisconsin Wisconsin 53233	n Avenue	, Milwa	ukee,	
CURRENT INDICES	PIRC Global				
SECTOR	Industrial Machinery				

	PROPOSALS	ADVICE
1.1	Elect Mr Ronald H. Dix	Withhold
	Non-Executive Director. Not considered independent as he is a former Executive of the Company. There is insufficient independence on the board.	
1.2	Elect Mr Thomas J. Fischer	Withhold
	Non-Executive Director. Not considered independent owing to a tenure of over nine years. There is insufficient independence on the board.	
	He is chair of a committee which is not fully independent which Triodos does not support.	
1.3	Elect Mr Gale E. Klappa Senior Independent Director	For
1.4	Elect Ms Gail A. Lione	For
	Independent Non-Executive Director	
1.5	Elect Mr Richard A. Meeusen	Withhold
	Chairman and CEO roles. Combined roles at the head of the Company. There should be a clear division of responsibilities at the head of the company between the running of the board and the executive responsibility for the running of the company's business. No one individual should have unfettered powers of decision. Combining the two roles in one person represents a concentration of power that is potentially detrimental to board balance, effective debate, and board appraisal. Triodos opposes this resolution.	
1.6	Elect Andrew J. Policano	Withhold
	Non-Executive Director. Not considered independent owing to a tenure of over nine years. There is not insufficient independence on the board.	
	He is chair of a committee which is not fully independent which Triodos does not support.	
1.7	Elect Steven J. Smith	Withhold
	Non-Executive Director. Not considered independent owing to a tenure of over nine years. There is not insufficient independence on the board.	
	He is chair of a committee which is not fully independent which Triodos does not support.	

#### 1.8 Elect Todd J. Teske

Independent Non-Executive Director

### 2 Advisory vote on executive compensation

The company has submitted a proposal for shareholder ratification of its executive compensation policy and practices. The voting outcome for this resolution reflects the balance of opinion on the adequacy of disclosure, the balance of performance and reward and the terms of executive employment. The compensation rating is: ADB. As performance targets attached to annual rewards and long-term incentives are not considered to be challenging, Triodos opposes this resolution.

#### 3 Appoint the auditors

Ernst & Young LLP. There were no non-audit fees in the year under review or in either of the two previous years, which is considered best practice. However, the current auditor has been in place for more than ten years. There are concerns that failure to regularly rotate the audit firm can compromise the independence of the auditor. Triodos opposes this resolution.

For

**Oppose** 

**Oppose** 

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR RESOLUTIONS

#### Proposal 2 - Advisory vote on executive compensation

**Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation** 

Disclosure rating: A- Disclosure of targets and potential awards is adequate.

**Balance rating**: D- Performance targets attached to annual rewards and long-term incentives are not considered to be challenging.

**Contracts rating**: B- Potential severance and change in control awards are greater than the acceptable three times base salary and target bonus limit.

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