Triodos @ Investment Management

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MEETING DATE	Wed, 23 Sep 2015 14:30 pm	TYPE AGM ISSUE DATE	Tue, 15 Sep 2015
MEETING LOCATION	The Mermaid Conference & Events Blackfriars, London EC4V 3DB	Centre, Puddle Dock,	
CURRENT INDICES	FTSE 100, FTSE EuroFirst		
SECTOR	Distillers & Vintners		

	PROPOSALS	ADVICE
1	Receive the Annual Report	For
	Strategic Report meets guidelines. Adequate environmental and employment policies are in place	
•	and relevant, up-to-date, quantified environmental reporting is disclosed.	
2	Approve the Remuneration Report Disclosure: Overall disclosure is considered acceptable.	Oppose
	Balance: CEO total awards granted are considered excessive at over 700% of salary (DLTIP share options: 375%, DLTIP Performance shares: 375%). CEO total realised rewards are considered excessive at 278.1% of salary (Annual Bonus: 55%, PSP: 150%, DIP: 73.1%). The ratio of CEO to average employee pay has been estimated and is found excessive at 47:1. The balance of CEO realised pay with financial performance is not considered acceptable as the change in CEO total pay over five years is not commensurate with the change in TSR over the same period. CEO pay increased by 24.27% over that same period compared to a TSR change over the period of 13%. Rating: AE.	
	Based on the excessive awards during the year, Triodos opposes this resolution.	
3	Approve the dividend	For
	A final dividend of 34.9 pence per share is proposed. Covered by earnings. Acceptable proposal.	Abatain
4	To re-elect PB Bruzelius as a director. Independent Non-Executive Director. However there are concerns over her aggregate time commitments as she serves as Chairman of another company and non-executive director of four other companies.	Abstain
5	To re-elect Lord Davies as a director.	For
	Senior Independent Director. Considered independent.	
6	To re-elect Ho KwonPing as a director. Independent Non-Executive Director. However there are concerns over his aggregate time commitments as he is Chairman of four other entities. Triodos abstains on this resolution.	Abstain
7	To re-elect BD Holden as a director. Independent Non-Executive Director.	For
8	To re-elect Dr FB Humer as a director. Incumbent Chairman. Considered independent on appointment.	For
9	To re-elect D Mahlan as a director. Chief Financial Officer. 12 months rolling contract.	For
10	To re-elect NS Mendelsohn as a director. Independent Non-Executive Director.	For
11	To re-elect I Menezes as a director. Chief Executive. 12 months rolling contract.	For
12	To re-elect PG Scott as a director. Independent Non-Executive Director.	For

13 To re-elect AJH Stewart as a director

Independent Non-Executive Director.

14 Appoint the auditors

For

For

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP proposed to replace KPMG. As it is recommended for listed companies to place a tender for external audit services every 10 years, it is welcomed that the Company has conducted a tender process during the year for the provision of external audit services. It is also pleasing to note the S519 Letter has been presented in the Notice of meeting satisfactorily. The circumstances connected with the ceasing to old office, do not raise any concern. Acceptable proposal. Support is recommended.

15 Allow the board to determine the auditors remuneration Standard proposal.

For

16 Issue shares with pre-emption rights

For

The authority is limited to 33% of the share capital. This is in line with normal market practice and expires at the next AGM. Support is recommended.

17* Issue shares for cash

For

The authority is limited to 5% of the share capital. This is in line with normal market practice and expires at the next AGM. Support is recommended.

18* Authorise Share Repurchase

For

The authority is limited to 10% of the share capital. This is in line with normal market practice and expires at the next AGM. Support is recommended.

19 Approve Political Donations

Oppose

Proposal to make political donations to political parties and/or independent election candidates, political organisations other than political parties, and to incur political expenditure up to a total of to £100,000.

Triodos does not support donations for political events and specific political parties as such contributions could be viewed as encouraging preferential treatment and interfering with the democratic process.

* = Special resolution

SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR RESOLUTIONS

Proposal 10 - To re-elect NS Mendelsohn as a director.

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Proposal 13 - To re-elect AJH Stewart as a director

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