# Triodos @ Investment Management

### **SEGRO PLC**

MEETING DATE	Fri, 22 Apr 2016 12:00 pm	TYPE	AGM	ISSUE DATE	Mon, 04 Apr 2016
MEETING LOCATION	RSA House, 8 John Adam Street, London W	/C2N 6E	Z		
CURRENT INDICES	FTSE MidCap				
SECTOR	Industrial & Office REITs				

	PROPOSALS	ADVICE
1	Receive the Annual Report Strategic report meets guidelines. Adequate employment and environmental policies are in place and	For
	relevant, up-to-date, quantified, environmental reporting is disclosed. The Company also disclosed the proportion of women on the Board, in Executive Management positions and within the whole organisation. Support is recommended.	
2	Approve the Dividend	For
	A final dividend of 10.6 pence is proposed, which when combined with the interim dividend of 5.0 pence paid during the year makes a total dividend of 15.6 pence per share. This payment is covered by earnings. Acceptable proposal.	
3	Approve the Remuneration Report	<b>Abstain</b>
	<b>Disclosure:</b> overall disclosure could be improved. Targets for the LTIP awarded are not disclosed nor is a face value attached to awards granted. Accrued dividends are not separately categorised. <b>Balance:</b> The balance of CEO realised pay with financial performance is considered acceptable as the change in CEO total pay over five years is commensurate with the change in TSR over the same period. CEO total realised rewards are considered excessive at 255.6% of salary (Annual Bonus: 128.4%, LTIP: 127.2%). The CEO's salary is considered to be in the upper quartile of a peer comparator group.	
	Rating: BC.	
	Based on the CEO's excessive rewards, Triodos abstain on this resolution.	
4	Re-elect Christopher Fisher Independent Non-Executive Director.	For
5	Re-elect Baroness Ford	For
	Senior Independent Director. Considered independent.	
6	Re-elect Andy Gulliford	For
7	Chief Operating Officer. Twelve months rolling contract.	For
7	Re-elect Martin Moore Independent Non-Executive Director.	For
8	Re-elect Justin Read	For
	Group Finance Director. Twelve months rolling contract.	
9	Re-elect Phil Redding Chief Investment Officer. Twelve months rolling contract.	For
10	Re-elect Mark Robertshaw	For
	Independent Non-Executive Director.	. 0.
11	Re-elect David Sleath	For
40	Chief Executive. Twelve months rolling contract.	<b>F</b>
12	Re-elect Doug Webb Independent Non-Executive Director.	For
13	Elect Gerald Corbett	Oppose
	Chairman designate. Independent on appointment.	- 445000
	There is insufficient gender diversity on the board and his election will not improve the level of gender diversity. Triodos opposes this resolution.	

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#### 14 Appoint the Auditors

For

Deloitte proposed. Non-audit fees represented 28.57% of audit fees during the year under review and 47.37% on a three-year aggregate basis.

## 15 Allow the Board to Determine the Auditor's Remuneration Standard proposal.

For

#### 16 Approve Political Donations

**Oppose** 

The company is requesting authority to make political donations up to £50,000. The company has explicitly given assurance that this authority will not be used for political donation in its literal sense, but is needed to cover the wider areas stipulated by the law. Further, Segro does not have a history of making such donations.

However, 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.

#### 17 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.

#### 18\* Issue Shares for Cash

Oppose

The authority sought is limited to 10% of the issued share capital and expires at the next AGM. This exceeds the recommended 5% maximum. An oppose vote is recommended.

#### 19\* Authorise Share Repurchase

For

The authority is limited to 10% of the Company's issued share capital and will expire at the next AGM.

#### 20\* Meeting notification-related proposal

**Oppose** 

All companies should aim to provide at least 20 working days notice for general meetings in order to give shareholders sufficient time to consider what are often complex issues. Although the proposed change is permissible by the Companies Act, it does not meet Triodos guidelines.

\* = Special resolution

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR RESOLUTIONS

#### **Proposal 13 - Elect Gerald Corbett**

It is considered that a chair of more than one large public company cannot effectively represent corporate cultures which are potentially diverse and where the possibility of having to commit additional time to the role in times of crisis is ever present.

#### **Proposal 14 - Appoint the Auditors**

It is intended that following Deloitte's resignation on completion of its 2015 audit work, the Board will appoint PwC to fill the casual vacancy left by Deloitte's resignation, pending the approval of the appointment by shareholders at the 2016 Annual General Meeting. It is noted with approval that Deloitte was not included in the tender.

#### Proposal 18 - Issue Shares for Cash

The Company has stated that this authority will only be used in respect of more than 5% of the issued share capital to fund one or more acquisitions or specified capital investments, in line with the Pre-Emption Group Guidelines. This recommendation is not supported by PIRC.

#### Proposal 20 - Meeting notification-related proposal

The proposed resolution reflects the implementation of the EU Shareholder Rights Directive into English law, which took place on 3 August 2009 as implemented by the company in its Articles of Association. Under the regulations, the minimum notice period for general meetings (other than Annual General Meetings) will increase to 21 days unless shareholders agree on a shorter notice period, in which case it may be 14 days. Shareholder approval is sought to call general meetings on 14 clear days notice.

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