Triodos @ Investment Management

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY

MEETING DATE	Tue, 25 Apr 2017 11:00 am	TYPE AGM ISSUE DATE	Mon, 24 Apr 2017
MEETING LOCATION	The Hotel Saskatchewan, Regency Ball Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada	room, 2125 Victoria	
CURRENT INDICES	PIRC Global		
SECTOR	Railroads, line-haul operating		

	PROPOSALS	ADVICE
1.01	Elect Shauneen Bruder	For
1 00	Independent Non-Executive Director. Re-elect Donald J. Carty	Withhold
1.02	Independent Non-Executive Director.	withhold
	He is chair of the Audit committee which is not fully independent which Triodos does not support.	
1.03	Re-elect Gordon D. Giffin	Withhold
	Non-Executive Director. Not considered independent owing to a tenure of over nine years. There is insufficient independent representation on the Board.	
	He is chair of the Remuneration committee which is not fully independent which Triodos does not support.	
1.04	Elect Julie Godin	For
	Independent Non-Executive Director.	
1.05	Re-elect Edith E. Holiday	For
	Non-Executive Director. Not considered independent owing to a tenure of over nine years. There is sufficient independent representation on the Board.	
1.06	Elect Luc Jobin	For
4.07	Chief Executive Officer.	_
1.07	Re-elect V. Maureen Kempston Darkes Non-Executive Director. Not considered independent owing to a tenure of over nine years. There	For
	is sufficient independent representation on the Board.	
1.08	Re-elect Denis Losier	For
	Non-Executive Director. Not considered independent owing to a tenure of over nine years. There is isufficient independent representation on the Board.	
1.09	Re-elect Kevin G. Lynch	For
	Independent Non-Executive Director.	
1.10	Re-elect James E. O'Connor	For
	Independent Non-Executive Director.	_
1.11	Re-elect Robert Pace Non-Executive Chairman. Not considered independent owing to a tenure of over nine years. There	For
	is sufficient independent representation on the Board.	
1.12	Re-elect Robert L. Phillips	For
	Independent Non-Executive Director.	
1.13	Re-elect Laura Stein	For
	Independent Non-Executive Director.	
2	Appoint the Auditors KPMG proposed. Non-audit fees represented 49.98% of audit fees during the year under review and 38.35% on a three-year aggregate basis. This level of non-audit fees raises some concerns about the independence of the statutory auditor. In addition, the current auditor has been in place	Withhold
	for more than seven years. There are concerns that failure to regularly rotate the audit firm can compromise the independence of the auditor. A withhold vote is recommended.	

3 Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation

The Company has put forward a resolution on executive compensation practices, which is considered best practice. The voting outcome for this resolution reflects the balance of opinion on the adequacy of disclosure, and the quantum of executive pay.

The Company has disclosed financial targets for its short-term and long-term incentives but has not provided information with respect to individual performance factors. Payments made under the annual bonus plan are not considered acceptable by guidelines. The CEO's maximum opportunity exceeds 200% of his base salary which is not considered best practice. The return on invested capital (ROIC) performance objective is used as a performance measure for the annual bonus and the Performance Share Units (PSUs), allowing executives to be rewarded twice for the same performance. Stock options make up 45% of the long-term incentives and vest over four years at a rate of 25% at each anniversary date. Based on the comments above, Triodos opposes this resolution.

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