

COMPANY BY-LAWS **Updated on 8 May 2024**

1) CORPORATE NAME

The present company by-laws regulate the joint stock company called "SABAF SpA".

2) REGISTERED HQ

The company's registered HQ is in Ospitaletto (Brescia). The company can set up, modify or close, both in Italy and abroad, secondary locations, branches, affiliates, agencies, delegations and offices, factories, and depots.

3) CORPORATE PURPOSE

The company's purpose is the design, production and sale of gas valves and burners, thermostats, safety valves, and other components and accessories relating to domestic appliances, plus sanitary valves and hydraulic valves in general.

The company's purpose is also the design, construction, and sale of machine tools, automation plant in general and related equipment, and tools, as well as provision of related services of maintenance, repair, assistance, and business organisation.

The company, within the limits fixed by current regulations concerning such matters, will be able to undertake any other stock and property, industrial and commercial operation deemed to be necessary, appropriate or useful for achievement of the corporate purpose.

It can acquire equity interests in other companies, having a similar purpose or one related to its own purpose, as well as give personal or collateral guarantees, including mortgages, also for third parties' obligations, on condition that such activities do not become prevalent versus the company's business and are not performed vis-à-vis the public and therefore within the limits and in the ways envisaged by Italian Legislative Decree 385/1993. The company can perform the function of direction and co-ordination vis-à-vis its investee companies, providing the activities of organisational, technical, operating, and financial support and co-ordination deemed to be appropriate. Activities reserved as the prerogative of stock broking companies under Italian Legislative Decree 41 5/1996, and also pursuant to current regulations concerning the matter, in any case remain excluded.

4) DURATION

The company will last until December 31st 2070 and its duration can be extended as per legal regulations.

5) SHARE CAPITAL

Share capital is fixed as being EUR 12,686,795.00 (twelve million six-hundred and eighty-six thousand seven-hundred and ninety-five) consisting of the number of 12,686,795.00 (twelve million six-hundred and eighty-six thousand seven-hundred and ninety-five) shares of a nominal value of EUR 1.00 (one) each.

The Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting can attribute the Board of Directors with the power to increase share capital within the limits of Article 2443 of the Italian Civil Code.

The company can issue shares with rights different to those of ordinary shares and also non-voting shares endowed with special privileges of a capital nature, as well as other possible financial instruments within the limits allowed by legal regulations.

Capital can be increased also with conferment of receivables and of goods in kind.

In the case of a paid capital increase, the option right can be excluded within the limit of 10% of previously existing share capital, on condition that the issue price matches the shares' market value and that this is confirmed in a specific report by the firm appointed as statutory auditor.

The Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting held on 8 May 2024 resolved to delegate to the Board of Directors the power, pursuant to Article 2443 of the Italian Civil Code, to increase the share capital against payment and by subscription in cash, all at once or in multiple instalments and through splitting shares, no later than 8 May 2029, with the exclusion of the right of option pursuant to Article 2441, paragraph 4, second sentence, of the Italian Civil Code, through the issue, also in several tranches, of a number of ordinary shares not exceeding 10% of the share capital existing before the date of exercise of the delegation of power, and in any case for a nominal amount not exceeding €1,268,679.00 (one million two hundred and sixty-eight thousand six hundred and seventy-nine/00), with the right to establish any additional share premium. For the purposes of exercising the above Delegation of power, the Board of is also vested with all powers to (a) set the number, the unit issue price (including the possible share premium) and the enjoyment of the ordinary shares to be issued, with the limits set forth in art. 2441, paragraph 4, second sentence and/or art. 2438 and/or paragraph 5 of art. 2346 of the Italian Civil Code; (b) set the deadline for the subscription of the Company's ordinary shares; as well as (c) implement the above delegations and powers, including, by way of example only, those necessary to make the consequent amendments to the articles of association required from time to time.

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5 bis) INCREASE IN VOTING RIGHTS

1. The holder of ordinary shares, where the prerequisites and conditions of the current rules and regulations and of these Articles of Association are met, has, in relation to the shares held continuously for at least twenty-four months, and from the date referred to in the following paragraph, two votes per share.

2. The increase in voting is obtained upon entry in the specific list referred to in article 5-*quater* of the Articles of Association ("Special List"):

a) after twenty-four months of uninterrupted ownership from entry in the Special List (the "Period") also certified by the appropriate communication issued by the intermediary and therefore upon the continuous existence of the entry for this period;

b) with effect from the fifth open market day of the calendar month following the expiry of the period specified in letter a) above.

3. Once the increase in voting is already matured, or, if not matured, the period of ownership necessary for the maturation of the increased voting, are kept:

a) In the case of succession due to death in favour of the heir and/or legatee;

b) In the case of merger or demerger of the holder of the shares in favour of the company resulting from the merger or benefitting from the demerger, notwithstanding the provisions specified in paragraph 7 below;

c) In the case of transfer from one portfolio to another of the UCITS managed by one and the same subject;

d) In the case of pledging or usufruct constraints with preservation of the voting right to the pledgee or the bare owner.

4. The increase in voting rights is extended to the shares (the "New Shares"):

(i) Converted shares with a free capital increase in accordance with articles 2442 and 2439 of the Italian Civil Code attributable to the holder in relation to the shares for which the increase in voting has already been matured (the "Original Shares");

(ii) Attributable in exchange for the Original Shares in the case of merger or demerger, provided that the draft merger or demerger provides for this and under the terms provided for there;

(iii) Shares signed by the holder of the Original Shares in the exercise of the option right attributable in relation to these shares.

5. In the cases referred to in paragraph 4, the New Shares acquire the increase in voting from the time of the entry in the Special List, without the need for further expiry of the period.

6. In the cases provided for by paragraph 4 above, where the increase in voting for the Original Shares is not yet matured, but is in the course of being matured, the increase in voting will be attributable to the New Shares for which the entry in the Special List has taken place from the time of completion of the holding period calculated from the time of entry in the Special List of the Original Shares.

7. The increase in voting is nullified for the shares (i) subject to assignment on whatever grounds, against payment or free of charge, or pledging, the object of usufruct and other constraints which attribute the voting right to a third party, (ii) held by companies or entities (the "Participants") which hold participations to a greater extent than the threshold specified in article 120, paragraph 2 of Legislative Decree 58/1998 in the case of assignment on whatever grounds, against payment or free of charge, of the control (namely the subject matter of article 2359, first paragraph no. 1, of the Italian Civil Code), directly or indirectly in the same Participants, it being noted that the subject matters set forth in paragraph three above do not constitute a relevant assignment for the purpose of the foregoing.

8. The increase in voting is nullified in the case of a waiver by the holder in whole or in part of the same increase in voting communicated by the intermediary upon the request of the holder in accordance with currently applicable regulations. The waiver is in any case irrevocable and the increase in voting may be acquired again with a new entry in the Special List and the expiry of the entire period.

9. The subject entered in the Special List consents to the intermediary indicating, and is itself obliged to communicate without undue delay, however by the date referred to in article 5 - *quater* paragraph 3 (record date), any circumstance and matter which nullifies, in accordance with currently applicable provisions and the provisions of the Articles of Association, the prerequisites for the increase in voting or has an impact on the holding of the same.

5 ter) EFFECT OF THE INCREASE IN VOTING RIGHTS

1. The beneficial owner, upon the increase in voting, will be legitimised to make use thereof by producing the specific communication in the forms provided for by the applicable regulations and by the present Articles of Association and after assessment by the Company of the non-existence of impeding circumstances.

2. The legitimisation and the assessment by the Company is done with reference to the date mentioned in article 9 of the Articles of Association.

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3. The increase in voting referred to in article 5-bis is computed for any meeting resolution and therefore also for the determination of quorum for meetings and resolutions which make reference to proportional shares of the capital.

4. The increase does not have an effect on the rights, different from the voting, attributable and exercisable on the strength of the possession of fixed proportional shares of the capital and thus also, among other things, for the fixing of the proportional shares of the capital requested for the presentation of lists for the election of the executive bodies, for the exercise of the action of responsibility in accordance with article 2393-bis of the Civil Code, and for the calculation of proportional shares requested for the appeal, on whatever grounds and for whatever reason, of meeting resolutions.

5 quater) SPECIAL LIST

1. The company institutes and has, with the forms provided for the maintenance of the share register, the Special List in which the subjects who have requested the increase in voting are entered upon their request.

2. The Special List contains the information referred to in the applicable regulations and the present Articles of Association.

3. The Special List is updated by the fifth open market day of each calendar month and in each case by the so-called record date provided by the currently applicable regulations (to the state at the end of the accounting day of the seventh open market day preceding the date set for the meeting).

4. The Company proceeds immediately to cancel the Special List beyond which subsequent to the communication by the intermediary effected in the cases provided by article 5-bis, paragraphs 7 and 8, also officially where it had notice of the verification of facts which comprise the loss of the increase in voting or however the nullification of the prerequisites for its acquisition.

5. In the list referred to in the present article, the provisions related to the shareholders' register and any other related provision apply, if they are compatible, also as regards the publicity of the information and the right of inspection of the shareholders, as well as the provisions which the Board of Directors will make public with possible own regulation related to increased voting.

6) RIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL

The right of withdrawal can be exercised only within the limits and according to the provisions dictated by compulsory legal regulations.

7) SHAREHOLDER DOMICILE

The domicile of shareholders as regards their dealings with the company is the one shown in the shareholder register.

8) CONVOCAZIONE OF SHAREHOLDERS' MEETINGS

Shareholders' Meetings can be ordinary and extraordinary and can also be convened by the Board of Directors to be held in a venue other than the company's registered HQ, as long as it is in Italy.

Shareholders' Meetings are convened through a notice published on the company's website as well as using the terms and conditions set forth by current laws and regulations. If the law or regulation requires a notice to be published in a national publication, this must be MF/Milano Finanza or Il Sole 24 Ore.

The Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting is held at least once a year by the statutory deadline to discuss and approve year-end accounts.

If the company must prepare consolidated accounts, the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting can in any case be held within 180 days after the end of the company's financial year, based on a resolution passed by the Board of Directors. In addition, Shareholders' Meetings – both ordinary and extraordinary – are held whenever the Board of Directors deems it advisable, and in the cases envisaged by law.

Shareholders' Meetings must be convened without delay when a request is sent pursuant to law.

The shareholders that individually or jointly represent at least one fortieth of the share capital may, based on the terms and conditions set forth by law, ask for issues to be added to the agenda, indicating other matters proposed in their motion or submit resolution proposals on points already included in the agenda.

The Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings are normally held after several calls; the relative resolutions in the first, second or third call must be passed by the majority required by law as the case may be.

The Board of Directors may decide that, if it deems appropriate, that both the Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings be held following a single notice of call. If a single notice of call is issued, the majorities envisaged in such a case by law shall apply.

9) PARTICIPATION IN AND REPRESENTATION AT SHAREHOLDERS' MEETINGS

Without prejudice to the statutory provisions governing the solicitation and collection of proxies, anyone who has voting rights at the Shareholders' Meetings may be represented pursuant to the limits and provisions of law and regulations, including by means of a proxy granted with an electronic document, signed electronically, when envisaged by the current laws and regulations and pursuant to the terms and conditions that are established therein.

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In this last case, the proxy may be notified electronically in accordance with the terms and conditions indicated in the notice of call.

Authorisation to participate at the Shareholders' Meeting and exercise the voting right is certified by a notice given to and received at the company pursuant to the terms and conditions established by law and applicable regulations.

The company may designate a person for each Shareholders' Meeting to whom the shareholders may grant a proxy with voting instructions on all or certain of the proposals on the agenda, pursuant to the terms and conditions of law and regulatory provisions, by the end of the second open market day prior to the date scheduled for the Shareholders' Meeting. The proxy shall not be effective in regard to the proposals for which voting instructions have not been given.

10) MEETING CHAIRMAN AND TAKING OF MINUTES

The Shareholders' Meeting is chaired by the Chairman of the Board of Directors or, if he renounces or is impeded from doing so, by another person designated directly by the Shareholders' Meeting.

The meeting chairman is assisted by a secretary, not necessarily a shareholder, who – in the case of Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings – must be a notary.

It is the responsibility of the meeting chairman to ascertain proper constitution of the Shareholders' Meeting, ascertain the right of those having voting rights to attend, establish voting methods, and to proclaim voting results. The meeting chairman will be able to delegate such functions to others.

The Shareholders' Meeting's discussions and resolutions are documented in minutes signed by the meeting chairman and by the secretary and transcribed in the legally required journal, which must also show those minutes drawn up as public deeds.

The copies and extracts of minutes, signed as being "a true copy" by the meeting chairman and by the secretary, constitute full proof in the courts and wherever it is necessary to exhibit them.

11) CONSTITUTION AND RESOLUTIONS OF SHAREHOLDERS' MEETINGS

Shareholder Meetings – ordinary and extraordinary – are constituted and pass resolutions in accordance with legal regulations, saving the provisions established in the present company by-laws for appointment of the Board of Directors and the Statutory Auditors' Committee.

Shareholder Meetings' resolutions, passed in conformity with the law and with company by-laws, are binding for all shareholders, even if absent or dissenting.

12) COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The company is managed by a Board of Directors, consisting, at the Ordinary Shareholder Meeting's discretion, of three to fifteen members, of which the less represented members must be at least the minimum requested by the current law and regulations. Management can also be entrusted to non-shareholders.

Directors hold office for the time established at the time of their appointment, but in any case for not more than three years, and can be re-elected.

Appointment to the office of Director is conditional on possession of the requirements laid down by the legislation and other applicable provisions. At least one member of the Board of Directors, or at least two if the Board of Directors has seven seats pursuant to resolution by the Shareholders' Meeting, must satisfy the requirements of independence set out in the laws and regulations applicable to the statutory auditors of companies listed on Italian regulated markets.

The Board of Directors shall be appointed on the basis of lists submitted by anyone having voting rights who, alone or together with anyone else having voting rights, hold at least 2.5% of the capital carrying the right to vote on the resolutions of the Shareholder's Meeting relating to the appointment of the members of the governing bodies, or such other amount as may be established by Consob Regulation taking account of the capitalisation, float and ownership of the company. The notice of call of the Shareholders' Meeting required to resolve on the appointment of directors shall specify the minimum shareholding required for submission of lists.

The Board of Directors can submit a list in the manner and within the time limits envisaged for lists submitted by shareholders.

Candidates nominated in more than one list shall be disqualified.

Without prejudice to any other cause of disqualification or debarment, candidates who do not meet the requirements laid down by the legislation, the Company Bylaws or the other provisions applicable to the various offices shall not be included in the lists.

No party holding voting rights shall individually or jointly submit more than one list, even through an intermediary or trust company.

The candidates in each list shall be indicated with a sequential number. Each list shall contain at least a number of candidates who meet the independence requirements laid down in the legislation and other provisions applicable to the Company.

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The lists, duly signed by each of the shareholders who submitted them and accompanied by a certificate showing the percentage shareholding held by the persons having voting rights and the ownership of that holding, shall be filed at the company's registered office and made available to the public at the HQ and on the company website, pursuant to the terms and in compliance with the provisions of applicable primary and secondary laws and regulations.

At the time of submission of the list, the following documentation shall also be filed at the company's registered office:

- detailed information about the personal and professional characteristics of the candidates nominated in the lists submitted, including the administration and control offices held by each candidate in other listed companies or in finance, banking, insurance or other large companies;
- the declarations in which individual candidates accept their nomination and declare, on their own responsibility, that none of the grounds of disqualification or incompatibility laid down by law exist, that they meet the requirements laid down by legislation, the Company By-Laws and the other provisions applicable to the various offices, including the independence requirements established by the legislation applicable to the statutory auditors of companies listed on Italian regulated markets, and the further requirements laid down in the code of conduct drawn up by the management company of the Italian regulated market.

Each list that has a number of candidates greater than or equal to three must have a number of less represented candidates that ensures, on the same list, respect for the balance required by the current laws and regulations.

Submitted lists which do not comply with the above requirements shall be deemed not to have been submitted.

Each party holding voting rights may only vote for one list.

The election of Directors shall be conducted as follows:

- a) a number of directors equal to the number of the Directors to be elected less two shall be taken from the list that obtained the majority of the votes cast by anyone who has voting rights, in the sequential order indicated in the list;
- b) the remaining two Directors are taken, the first from the list that received the second highest number of votes and the second from the list that received the third highest number of votes according to the sequence specified and provided that these lists are not connected and that none of these lists is connected in any way, directly or indirectly, with the list that received the highest number of votes. If only two lists are submitted, both Directors are taken from the list that received the second highest number of votes according to the sequence specified.

If more than two lists which are not connected in any way, even indirectly, with the list that obtained the highest number of votes obtain the same number of votes, a Director shall be taken from each of the said lists, in the sequential order indicated therein, and the older candidate shall be elected based on the minimum quotas required for the various categories that are legally applicable. If two or more lists which are not connected in any way (even indirectly) with the lists that obtained the highest and second highest number of votes obtain the same number of votes, a Director shall be taken from each of the said lists, in the sequential order indicated therein, and the older candidate shall be elected based on the minimum quotas required for the genders that are legally applicable. For the purpose of allocating the Directors to be elected, no account will be taken of lists which do not obtain a percentage of the votes amounting to at least half the percentage required by the Company Bylaws for submission of lists.

If the candidates elected by the aforesaid procedure do not include the minimum number of Directors who meet the independence requirements referred to in article 12 hereof, the elected non-independent candidate(s) listed last in sequential order on the list that obtained the highest number of votes shall be replaced by unelected independent candidate(s) from the same list in sequential order.

If, following the above procedure, the composition of the Board of Directors does not allow respect for the equilibrium between the various categories to be respected as set forth by the applicable laws and regulations, the candidate from the most represented category elected last in sequential order on the list that obtained the greatest number of votes is replaced by the first candidate from the least represented category not elected on the same list based on sequential order.

In the case where the aforementioned procedure is not applicable, the replacement is done by the Shareholders' Meeting with the legal majority.

If a single list is submitted, or if no list is submitted, or if the full Board of Directors is not being elected, the Shareholders' Meeting shall resolve in accordance with the legally envisaged majorities and based on the balance between the categories based on that set forth by the current laws and regulations.

Directors' domicile, as regards their dealings with the company, is the company's registered HQ.

The Shareholders' Meeting determines the entity of remuneration to be accorded to members of the Board of Directors.

13) CHAIRMAN AND DELEGATED BODIES

If the Shareholders' Meeting has not already done so, the Board appoints the Chairman from among its members and one or more Deputy Chairmen.

In the case of the Chairman's absence or impediment, his functions are performed by the Deputy Chairman, in order

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of tenure if there is more than one of the latter.

The Board can elect, when it deems it appropriate, one or more Managing Directors, determining their powers at the time of appointment.

The Board can appoint a secretary, who can also be chosen from outside its members.

If, during the company's financial year, one or more Directors cease to hold offices, the others replace them via a resolution approved by the Statutory Auditors' Committee. If the Board of Directors is elected by the list voting procedure referred to in art. 12, the Board of Directors, based on respect for the provision on equilibrium among the legal and regulatory categories that are applicable as well as these by-laws, shall make the replacement, where possible, by appointing, in the sequential order indicated in the list, persons belonging to the list to which the replaced Director belonged, who are still electable and willing to accept the appointment. If an independent director ceases to hold office, s/he shall be replaced, where possible, by appointing the first of the unelected independent candidates in the list to which the replaced Director belonged. If a Director belonging to the less represented category leaves office, the replacement will be the first member from the same category that was not elected but was on the same list as the Director leaving office. The Director thus appointed remains in office until the next Shareholders' Meeting. If this is impossible, the Board of Directors shall co-opt a member regardless of list membership, retaining the balance between the categories based on that set forth by the current laws and regulations.

If the majority of directors cease to hold office, those remaining in office must convene the Shareholders' Meeting to replace the missing members.

Directors appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting lapse from office together with those in office at the time of their appointment.

If all directors cease to hold office, the Shareholders' Meeting to appoint the entire Board must be urgently convened by the Statutory Auditors' Committee, which in the meantime can perform ordinary management deeds

13 bis) HONORARY CHAIRMEN

The Board of Directors can appoint an Honorary Chairman not necessarily among its members, if he/she has not already been appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting, chosen from among persons who have contributed to the establishment or development of the company.

The office of Honorary Chairman does not determine the power of signature or powers of representation of the company.

The Honorary Chairman who is not a member of the Board of Directors can attend Board meetings and Shareholders' Meetings with the power to express assessments and non-binding opinions on the matters dealt with. In such cases, the Honorary Chairman does not have the right to vote and his/her presence is not counted for the validity of Board meetings.

The Board of Directors determines the remuneration, if any, and any other remuneration and/or reimbursement of expenses due to the Honorary Chairman.

The Honorary Chairman remains in office for the duration established by the appointment resolution, unless he/she resigns or is removed.

14) BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meets, also at a venue other than the company's registered HQ, as long as it is in Italy or in other European countries, whenever the Chairman deems it appropriate, or when a request for a meeting is made to the Chairman even by just one director or by the statutory auditors.

Directors report in a timely manner, on occasion of Board of Directors' meetings or also directly – in oral or written form and in any case on at least a quarterly basis – to the Statutory Auditors' Committee on the activity performance and on the transactions of greatest business, financial and capital importance undertaken by the company or its subsidiaries, as well as on transactions in which they have an interest, on their own account or that of third parties, or that are influenced by the subject exercising the direction and co-ordination function.

The possibility is allowed of Board meetings being held via tele- or videoconferencing, on condition that all participants can be identified and are able to follow the discussion and intervene in real time in discussion of the topics addressed. If these requirements are met, the Board of Directors' meeting is considered to be held in the place where the Chairman is physically located, and where the secretary must also be, so as to permit the drafting and signature of minutes in the relevant company journal.

Board meetings are convened by the Chairman by letter, fax, email or any other suitable means to provide proof of receipt, to be sent at least five days before the meeting, or at least twenty-four hours before in urgent cases, to be sent to each Director and Standing Auditor.

In order for Board resolutions to be valid, the majority of directors in office must be present.

Resolutions are passed with the outright majority of voters. Abstainers are not counted in the number of voters.

In the case of a tie vote, the person chairing the meeting has the casting vote.

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15) POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors is vested with all the fullest powers of ordinary and extraordinary management. It is thus attributed all powers for accomplishment of corporate purposes, excluding only those that, by law or the present company by-laws, are reserved as the prerogative of the Shareholders' Meeting.

The Board of Directors is also competent, with limits established by law still holding good, for resolutions concerning:

- Opening or closing of secondary locations
- Transfer of the company's registered HQ within Italian territory
- Mergers in the cases envisaged by Articles 2505 and 2505/2 of the Italian Civil Code, also as recalled due to splitting of Article 2506/3 of the Civil Code
- Reduction of share capital in the case of shareholder withdrawal
- Adaptation of company by-laws to regulatory requirements.

The Board of Directors can, in any case, decide at any time to remit the above resolutions to the competence of the Shareholders' Meeting.

16) CORPORATE REPRESENTATION

The power of corporate representation pertains, on a disjoined basis, to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and to the Deputy Chairmen and Managing Directors within the sphere of the powers conferred upon them at the time of appointment.

The persons to whom corporate representation has been delegate can appoint as special attorneys persons also outside the company for individual deeds or categories of deeds.

17) ACCOUNTING DOCUMENT DRAFTING OFFICER

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for appointing and terminating the appointment, subject to the compulsory and not binding opinion of the Statutory Auditors' Committee, of an accounting document drafting officer to perform the tasks laid down by law.

The accounting document drafting officer shall meet the requirements laid down by legislation, and in any event shall have specific skills in a) accounting and financial information and b) management and control of the corresponding procedures, and c) at least three years' proven experience in administration and control duties or the performance of executive or consultancy functions in listed companies and/or the corresponding groups of enterprises, or in companies, organisations and enterprises of significant size and importance, including in relation to the function of drafting and checking accounting and company documents.

At the time of the appointment, the Board of Directors shall establish whether the officer meets the requirements laid down by the current legislation and these Company By-Laws.

The Board of Directors shall ensure that the officer holds suitable powers and resources for the performance of the tasks assigned to him/her, and complies with the administrative and accounting procedures.

18) STATUTORY AUDITORS' COMMITTEE

The Statutory Auditors' Committee consists of three Standing Statutory Auditors and two Substitute Statutory Auditors of which members from the least represented category are at least equal the minimum quota required by the current law and regulations. The election of one standing statutory auditor and one substitute statutory auditor is reserved for minority shareholders.

Statutory Auditors shall not be elected and, if elected, shall be debarred from office, if they do not meet the requirements of professionalism, respectability and independence laid down by current legislation or are in one of the situations of disqualification, incompatibility or debarment laid down by law. The limits on holding multiple offices established by Consob Regulation shall also apply to Statutory Auditors.

The Statutory Auditors' Committee is appointed on the basis of lists presented by those holding voting rights in which candidates are listed by means of a sequential number.

The list consists of two sections: one for candidates for office as standing statutory auditors and the other for candidates for office as substitute statutory auditors.

Only those holding voting rights who, alone or together with others, are owners of shares with voting rights accounting for at least 2.5 percent of capital with voting rights for resolutions relating to the appointment of members of the governing and control bodies, or such other holding as may be established for the submission of lists for the appointment of members of the Board of Directors pursuant to Article 12 hereof, may submit lists.

Each list that presents a number of candidates greater than or equal to three must have a number of candidates from the least represented category that ensures, within the list, respect for the balance between the categories, at least based on the minimum requested by the current laws and regulations.

Each holder of voting rights, as well as shareholders forming part of a group as defined by Article 2359 of the Italian Civil Code, or shareholders who enter into a shareholders' agreement relating to the company's shares, cannot

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present – not even via interposed persons or trustee companies – more than one list and cannot vote for several lists.

A candidate may be presented in only one list, failing which s/he shall be disqualified. Outgoing statutory auditors can be re-elected.

The lists presented must be lodged at the company's registered HQ and made available to the public at the company's registered HQ and on the company's website, pursuant to the terms and in compliance with the provisions of applicable primary and secondary laws and regulations, and this will be mentioned in the announcement. The lists shall be accompanied by:

- a) information about the identity of the holders of voting rights who submitted the lists, stating the total percentage shareholding owned, and a certificate demonstrating the ownership of the said holding;
- b) a declaration by those holding voting rights other than those who can express the absolute or relative majority at the Shareholders' Meeting or individually or jointly hold a controlling interest or relative majority, certifying that they have no connection with the latter as defined in the applicable legislation; and
- c) detailed information about the personal and professional characteristics of the candidates, and a declaration by the candidates that they meet the requirements laid down in the legislation and the Company Bylaws and accept the nomination.

Any list for which the above rules are not observed is considered not to have been presented. The election of statutory auditors takes place according to the following procedure:

- 1) From the list obtaining the highest number of votes at the Shareholders' Meeting on an absolute basis, two standing statutory auditors and one statutory auditor are taken according to the sequential order in which they were listed in the list's sections;
- 2) From the list obtaining the highest number of votes at the Shareholders' Meeting, among those submitted and voted on by holders of voting rights not connected with the majority shareholders as defined in the applicable legislation, the remaining standing statutory auditor and the other substitute statutory auditor are taken according to the sequential order in which they were listed in the list.
- 3) The presidency of the Statutory Auditors' Committee goes to the Regular Statutory Auditor elected from the list that obtained the highest number of votes among those submitted and voted on by holders of voting rights not connected with the holders of voting rights or the majority shareholders as defined in the applicable legislation.

In the event of a tie between two or more lists, the oldest candidates shall be elected Statutory Auditors until all posts have been assigned.

In the case where the minimum number necessary, as prescribed by the standing or substitute Statutory Auditors in the less represented categories, is not elected, the last candidate elected from the most represented category on the majority list must be replaced by the next candidate from the least represented category that is on the same list.

If it is not possible to proceed, either totally or partly, with appointments according to the above procedure, the Shareholders' Meeting decides on the basis of a legal majority.

If the requisites required by regulations and company bylaws cease to exist, the statutory auditor concerned lapses from office. In case of the replacement of an Auditor, the first substitute on the same list as the auditor leaving office replaces him, except where, in order to respect the balance between categories based on that set forth by the current laws and regulations, another substitute auditor from the same list must be the replacement. If the balance between categories is not respected in this case, the Shareholders' Meeting must be convened to appoint an Auditor from the least represented category.

The Statutory Auditors' Committee can, after having notified the Chairman of the Board of Directors, convene Shareholders' Meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors. Power to call meetings of the Board of Directors may also be exercised by a single member of the Statutory Auditors Committee, and power to call Shareholders' Meetings may also be exercised by least two members of the Statutory Auditors' Committee.

The Statutory Auditors' Committee must meet at least once every 90 days.

In order for the Committee's resolutions to be valid, the presence of the majority of standing statutory auditors in office and the favourable vote of the majority of those present are required. Distance participation in the Committee's meetings is allowed via use of appropriate tele- and videoconferencing links, on condition that all participants can be identified and are able to follow the discussion and intervene in real time in discussion of the topics addressed.

If these requisites exist, the meeting of the Statutory Auditors' Committee is considered to be held in the place where the meeting's chairman is physically located. The discussions and resolutions of the Statutory Auditors' Committee are documented in minutes signed by the meeting's chairman and secretary.

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19) STATUTORY AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

An independent statutory auditing firm possessing the requisites required by law performs the statutory audit of the company's accounts.

The appointment as independent statutory auditor for the term provided by law, and determination of the fees shall be resolved by the ordinary Shareholders' Meeting, on the basis of a justified proposal by the Statutory Auditors' Committee.

20) YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EARNINGS

The company's financial year ends on December 31st of each year. At each year-end, the Board of Directors – within legally established deadlines and in compliance with legal requirements – will draw up year-end financial statements based on current regulations.

Five percent will be deducted from the net earnings reported in year-end statements to be allocated to the legal reserve until the latter has reached the equivalent of one fifth of share capital.

The Shareholders' Meeting, upon the Board of Directors' proposal, passes a resolution deciding on distribution of the remaining earnings to shareholders or on other allocations to extraordinary reserves or to other destinations.

The company can decide on distribution of dividends on account within legal limits and according to the procedures laid down by law.

21) DISSOLUTION OR LIQUIDATION

If the company is dissolved for any reason, the Shareholders' Meeting will establish the liquidation approach and will appoint one or more liquidators, determining their powers.

22) GENERAL PROVISIONS

For what is not expressly contemplated in the present company by-laws, reference is made to the provisions of the Italian Civil Code, to specific relevant laws and to other relevant provisions.

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