

## **PROPOSAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON GUIDELINES FOR REMUNERATION TO SENIOR EXECUTIVES**

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The Board of Directors of AAK AB (publ) proposes that the Annual General Meeting 2023 resolves on guidelines for remuneration to senior executives as follows.

These guidelines include the CEO and the persons who during the period the guidelines apply are included in the group management. The guidelines are applicable to remuneration agreed, and amendments to remuneration already agreed, after adoption of the guidelines by the Annual General Meeting 2023. These guidelines do not apply to any remuneration decided or approved by the general meeting.

*The guidelines' promotion of the company's business strategy, long-term interests and sustainability*

AAK's business strategy is described on AAK's website, [www.aak.com](http://www.aak.com).

A prerequisite for the successful implementation of the company's business strategy and safeguarding of its long-term interests, including its sustainability, is that the company is able to recruit and retain qualified personnel. To this end, it is necessary that the company offers competitive remuneration. These guidelines enable the company to offer the executive management a competitive total remuneration.

Warrants programs have been implemented in the company for senior executives and key employees within the AAK Group. The programs have been resolved by the general meeting and are therefore excluded from these guidelines. For more information regarding the programs, see AAK's Annual Report 2022, note 8. The Board of Directors proposes the Annual General Meeting 2023 to resolve on the implementation of a new performance based long-term incentive program for senior executives and key employees within the AAK Group (Incentive Program 2023/2026). In total, Incentive Program 2023/2026 comprises approximately 70 senior executives and key employees within the Group. The program entails that the participants receive a conditional right to receive AAK shares, half of the shares to be allocated in the first half of 2025 and half of the shares to be allocated in the first half of 2026, provided that all conditions of the program are met. Allocation of shares in Incentive Program 2023/2026 is connected to a performance requirement established by the Board of Directors based on earnings per share. The program is clearly linked to the business strategy and thereby to the company's long-term value creation, including its sustainability. The general meeting resolves on implementation of the program and the program is therefore excluded from these guidelines.

Variable cash remuneration covered by these guidelines shall aim at promoting the company's business strategy and long-term interests, including its sustainability.

*Types of remuneration, etc.*

The remuneration shall be on market terms and may consist of the following components: fixed cash salary, variable cash remuneration, pension benefits and other benefits. Additionally, the general meeting may – irrespective of these guidelines – resolve on, among other things, share-related or share price-related remuneration.

The satisfaction of criteria for awarding variable cash remuneration shall be measured over a period of one or several years. The annual variable cash remuneration may amount to not more than 125 percent of the fixed annual cash salary.

Pension entitlements for senior executives shall apply from the age of 60 years at the earliest. For the CEO, pension benefits, including health insurance (*Sw. sjukförsäkring*), shall be premium defined. Variable cash remuneration shall not qualify for pension benefits. The pension premiums for premium defined pension shall amount to not more than 30 percent of the fixed annual cash salary. For other senior executives, pension benefits, including health insurance, shall be premium defined unless the individual concerned is subject to defined benefit pension under mandatory collective agreement provisions. Variable cash remuneration shall qualify for pension benefits to the extent required by applicable mandatory collective agreement provisions. The pension premiums for premium defined pension shall amount to not more than 30 percent of the fixed annual cash salary.

Other benefits may include, for example, life insurance, medical insurance (*Sw. sjukvårdsförsäkring*) and company cars. Such benefits may amount to not more than 10 percent of the fixed annual cash salary.

For employments governed by rules other than Swedish, duly adjustments may be made for compliance with mandatory rules or established local practice, taking into account, to the extent possible, the overall purpose of these guidelines.

#### *Termination of employment*

The notice period may not exceed 12 months if notice of termination of employment is made by the company. Fixed cash salary during the period of notice and severance pay may together not exceed an amount equivalent to the fixed cash salary for two years. The period of notice may not exceed six months without any right to severance pay when termination is made by the executive.

In addition, remuneration for any commitment to restrict competition can be paid. Such remuneration shall compensate for any loss of income and shall only be paid to the extent that the former executive has no right to severance pay. The remuneration shall be based on the fixed cash salary at the time of termination and shall be paid during the period the non-compete restriction applies, which shall not exceed 12 months after the termination of employment.

#### *Criteria for awarding variable cash remuneration, etc.*

The variable cash remuneration shall be linked to predetermined and measurable criteria which can be financial or non-financial. They can also be individualized, quantitative or qualitative objectives. The criteria shall be designed so as to contribute to the company's business strategy and long-term interests, including its sustainability, by for example being clearly linked to the business strategy or promote the executive's long-term development.

The criteria mainly applied are linked to the development of operating profit and earnings per share. The criteria shall also be linked to the fulfilment of predetermined sustainability criteria (ESG – Environmental, Social and Governance). The criteria thereby contribute to the company's business strategy, long-term interests, and sustainability.

To which extent the criteria for awarding variable cash remuneration has been satisfied shall be evaluated/determined when the measurement period has ended. The remuneration committee is responsible for the evaluation so far as it concerns variable cash remuneration

to the CEO and other executives. For financial objectives, the evaluation shall be based on the latest financial information made public by the company.

*Salary and employment conditions for employees*

In the preparation of the Board of Directors' proposal for these remuneration guidelines, salary and employment conditions for employees of the company have been taken into account by including information on the employees' total income, the components of the remuneration and increase and growth rate over time, in the remuneration committee's and the Board of Directors' basis of decision when evaluating whether the guidelines and the limitations set out herein are reasonable. The increase of the gap between the remuneration to senior executives and remuneration to other employees will be disclosed in the remuneration report.

*The decision-making process to determine, review and implement the guidelines*

The Board of Directors has established a remuneration committee. The committee's tasks include preparing the Board of Directors' decision to propose guidelines for executive remuneration. The Board of Directors shall prepare a proposal for new guidelines at least every fourth year and submit it to the general meeting. The guidelines shall be in force until new guidelines are adopted by the general meeting. The remuneration committee shall also monitor and evaluate programs for variable remuneration for the executive management, the application of the guidelines for executive remuneration as well as the current remuneration structures and compensation levels in the company. The members of the remuneration committee are independent in relation to the company and company management. The CEO and other members of the executive management do not participate in the Board of Directors' processing of and resolutions regarding remuneration-related matters in so far as they are affected by such matters.

The Board of Directors shall annually draw up a remuneration report that shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting for approval.

*Derogation from the guidelines*

The Board of Directors may temporarily resolve to derogate from the guidelines, in whole or in part, if in a specific case there is special cause for the derogation and a derogation is necessary to serve the company's long-term interests, including its sustainability, or to ensure the company's financial viability. As set out above, the remuneration committee's tasks include preparing the Board of Directors' resolutions in remuneration-related matters. This includes any resolutions to derogate from the guidelines.

*Description of material changes of the guidelines and how the shareholders' opinions are considered*

No material amendments have been made to the guidelines. In relation to the guidelines for remuneration to senior executives adopted on the Annual General Meeting 2022, the guidelines have been adjusted so that the annual variable cash remuneration may amount to maximum 125 percent instead of 120 percent of the fixed annual cash salary.

No remarks on the remuneration guidelines have emerged.