

Statement by the Board of Management and Supervisory Board of LEIFHEIT AG in accordance with section 161 of the German Joint Stock Corporations Act (AktG) on compliance with the German Corporate Governance Code in the version of 12.06.06

The Board of Management and Supervisory Board declare that LEIFHEIT AG is and has in the past been in compliance with the recommendations of the “German Corporate Governance Code” as published by the Federal Ministry of Justice in the version of 12.06.06 in the official section of the electronic edition of the Federal Gazette. The following recommendations have not been and are not currently applied.

Retention for D&O insurance (section 3.8)

The German Corporate Governance Code recommends agreeing an appropriate deductible in D&O insurance taken out by a company for members of the Boards of Management and Supervisory Boards.

LEIFHEIT AG's existing D&O insurance policy has not had and does not have any deductible for members of the Board of Management and the Supervisory Board. LEIFHEIT AG feels that a deductible in the D&O policy cannot lead to an improvement in the motivation and readiness to accept responsibility which the members of the Executive and Supervisory Boards bring to their duties. LEIFHEIT AG does not plan to change its D&O insurance.

Remuneration of members of the Board of Management (sections 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.5)

The German Corporate Governance Code recommends that the full Supervisory Board discuss and regularly review the structure of the system of remuneration for members of the Board of Management, and that a cap should be agreed for extraordinary and unforeseeable developments in variable components of remuneration. In addition, it is recommended to show the remuneration of the members of the Board of Management individually in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

The remuneration system for members of the Board of Management will continue to be discussed and regularly reviewed in the Personnel Committee of the Supervisory Board, and will not be additionally discussed and reviewed by the full Supervisory Board. Since April 2006 a cap for variable components of remuneration has been agreed in all service contracts with members of the Board of Management. There are no plans to show annual allocation to accrued pension liabilities or pension funds in the case of pension plans.

Supervisory board approval for secondary occupations of executive board members (section 4.3.5)

The German Corporate Governance Code recommends that executive board members should only take on secondary occupation (and specifically membership in supervisory boards) with the approval of the supervisory board.

Secondary occupations of members of the Board of Management at LEIFHEIT AG require approval by the Personnel Committee of the Supervisory Board.

Succession planning for members of the Board of Management (section 5.1.2)

The German Corporate Governance Code recommends that the Supervisory Board should ensure long-term succession planning together with the Board of Management.

The LEIFHEIT AG Supervisory Board has the task of appointing and removing members of the Board of Management. As part of this the Supervisory Board also deals with succession planning. As a result, this recommendation has not been and will not be adopted.

Age limit for members of the Supervisory Board (section 5.4.1)

The German Corporate Governance Code recommends setting an age limit for members of the Supervisory Board.

This recommendation has not been adopted. The expert advice of our experienced Supervisory Board members will continue to be utilised for the benefit of the company's development, without regard for their age.

Election of Supervisory Board members (section 5.4.3)

The German Corporate Governance Code recommends holding individual elections for Supervisory Board members, setting a time limit until the next general meeting for applications for court appointment of a Supervisory Board member, and notifying shareholders of nominations for the Chairman of the Supervisory Board.

These recommendations have not been and will not be adopted.

Remuneration of Supervisory Board members (section 5.4.7)

The German Corporate Governance Code recommends that remuneration paid or benefits granted by the company to members of the Supervisory Board for personal services, and specifically consulting and brokering services, be disclosed individually and by component in the Corporate Governance Report.

Disclosure of the total remuneration of the Supervisory Board is sufficient for evaluating the appropriateness of remuneration of its members. There are accordingly no plans to show the remuneration of the members individually or by component.

Disclosure (section 7.1.2)

The German Corporate Governance Code recommends making the consolidated financial statements available to the public within 90 days of the end of the financial year.

For reasons of scheduling, the consolidated financial statements for 2006 will not be published until 12.04.07.

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