

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020**

Good corporate governance is a requirement and expression of responsible corporate management. The Corporate Governance Report was eliminated by the version of the Corporate Governance Code published in the Bundesanzeiger (Federal Gazette) on March 20, 2020 (GCGC 2020); the Corporate Governance Statement pursuant to Sections 289f and 315d of the German Commercial Code (Handelsgesetzbuch – "HGB") thereby became the central instrument for reporting on corporate governance. The Executive Board and Supervisory Board make the Corporate Governance Statement jointly and are each responsible for the sections of the report concerning them. In this process, they prepare a combined Corporate Governance Statement for JOST Werke AG and the JOST Werke Group.

The combined statement includes the declaration of conformity pursuant to Section 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (Aktiengesetz – "AktG"), disclosures on key corporate governance practices and the working practices and composition of the Supervisory Board and Executive Board, including disclosures on the corporate governance of the company, the diversity concept for the Supervisory Board and Executive Board, and the statutory provisions for the equal participation of women and men in management positions.

# DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 161 GERMAN STOCK CORPORATION ACT (AKTIENGESETZ) WITH RESPECT TO THE GCGC

The Executive Board and Supervisory Board closely examined the applicability of the recommendations of the GCGC 2020 to JOST Werke AG and the JOST Werke Group. They issued the following declaration in accordance with Section 161 AktG on December 2, 2020:

"1. The German Corporate Governance Code was revised on December 16, 2019, and upon its publication in the German Federal Gazette on March 20, 2020, became the basis for the Declaration of Compliance ("GCGC 2020"). JOST Werke AG has complied and will continue to comply with the recommendations of the GCGC 2020 with the following exceptions:

- Recommendation B.1: As a precautionary measure, a deviation from the recommendation regarding
  the composition of the board of directors is declared. The Supervisory Board pays attention to diversity
  when selecting members of the Board of Executive and has passed a quota of 25% female members for
  the Executive Board. At the same time, the Supervisory Board is of the opinion that the decisive factor
  for an appointment to the Executive Board should always be the personal and professional qualifications
  of the candidates.
- Recommendation D.8: Insofar as individual members of the Supervisory Board or its committees did not
  participate in meetings of the Supervisory Board or the relevant committees in the past, they did
  exclusively so for important and comprehensible reasons. In such cases, these members were
  subsequently informed about the meeting proceedings. Therefore, the Supervisory Board considers it
  inappropriate to single out such members by name in its report.
- Section G.I.: The Act on the Transposition of the Second Shareholder Rights Directive (ARUG II) contains new regulations regarding the remuneration of the Executive Board, which are to be implemented in fiscal year 2021. In line with this, the GCGC 2020 in its section G.I. already contains new recommendations on Executive Board remuneration, compared to its previous version. The Supervisory



Board and the Executive Board will therefore propose to the Annual General Meeting scheduled for May 6, 2021, a new remuneration system for the Executive Board. The currently existing remuneration system of the JOST Werke AG, however, does not fully comply with the following recommendations of Section G.I. of the new GCGC 2020: G.2 (determination of a specific target total remuneration for each Executive Board member), G.3 (other third-party entities peer group), G.4 (vertical comparison of Executive Board remuneration), G.7 (orientation of variable remuneration targets mainly to strategic goals; determination of the scope of individual targets versus common targets); G.9 (comprehensibility of target achievement based on individual goals), G.10 (variable remuneration components predominantly invested in company shares; access to long-term remuneration components) and G.11 (possibility to retain and reclaim variable remuneration).

2. JOST Werke AG has complied with all recommendations of the version of the German Corporate Governance Code dated February 7, 2017 ("GCGC 2017") valid until March 20, 2020, with the following exceptions:

- Code No. 3.8 paragraph 3 (deductible in the D&O policy for the Supervisory Board): JOST Werke AG has
  obtained D&O coverage for the members of the Supervisory Board without the deductible
  recommended by the GCGC 2017. The Executive Board takes the view that such a specified deductible
  is not in itself suitable to increase the performance and sense of responsibility of the members of the
  Supervisory Board. The recommendation of a deductible for Supervisory Board members is no longer
  included in the GCGC 2020.
- Code No. 4.2.2 paragraph 2 sentence 3 (appropriateness of the remuneration of the Executive Board; vertical comparison): Due to the dynamic development, the Supervisory Board has not defined any senior management circle or the entire workforce as categories for vertical remuneration comparisons and has therefore not taken it into account for the development of the Executive Board remuneration over time. Such a categorization does not seem crucial to the Supervisory Board.
- Code No. 5.1.2 paragraph 1 sentence 2 (diversity in the composition of the Executive Board): As a
  precautionary measure, a deviation from this recommendation is declared. When selecting members of
  the Executive Board, the Supervisory Board pays close attention to diversity and takes female
  candidates into account. However, the Supervisory Board is of the opinion that the decisive factor for
  an appointment shall always be the personal and professional qualification of a candidate.

Neu-Isenburg, December 2, 2020

JOST Werke AG

The Executive Board

The Supervisory Board

All Declarations of Compliance since the IPO of JOST Werke AG in fiscal year 2017 can be found on JOST's website under <u>http://ir.jost-world.com/declaration-of-compliance</u>



### **DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

Responsible interaction with customers, suppliers, employees, and society form the basis for JOST's business relationships. The company meets all regulatory requirements in addition to the ethical principles it has subscribed to of its own accord.

Main features of the Compliance Management System

The aim of compliance management at JOST is to ensure all of the group's activities conform with the law. Lawful and responsible conduct as well as respect for human rights are firmly anchored within our company. By living our values within the company, we create confidence among our customers, business partners, shareholders, and the general public. By doing so, we are ensuring our company's success over the long term.

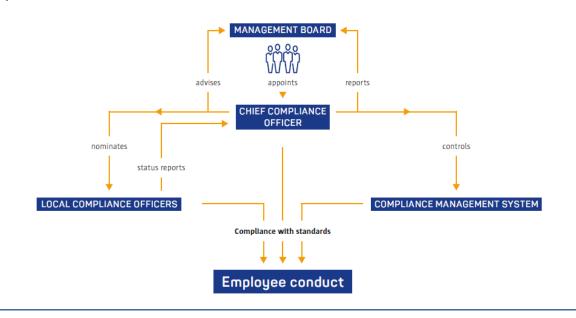
The Executive Board bears overall responsibility for compliance with laws, standards and principles within the group and reports to the Supervisory Board in this regard. When performing its obligations, the Executive Board is required to delegate the relevant duties to various functions within the JOST Werke Group.

The Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) monitors and checks compliance with laws, standards and internal policies within the group (compliance), using the compliance management system to support employees to act with integrity and adhere to the rules. He/she is appointed by the Executive Board and reports directly to the Chief Financial Officer. In addition, he/she is responsible for the compliance management system and advises the Executive Board on any compliance issues.

The CCO nominates the local compliance officers at the subsidiaries, reviews compliance at JOST on an ongoing basis and proposes general compliance objectives and individual compliance-related measures to be implemented at JOST and its subsidiaries to the Executive Board. He/she also manages the process and possible investigative measures in the event of reports or identification of potential compliance incidents.

The local compliance officers support the CCO with all compliance-related communication at local level as well as the introduction of specific compliance measures at the subsidiaries. The local compliance officers report to the CCO regularly on the status and progress of the compliance measures introduced at the respective subsidiaries as well as on the occurrence of any compliance incidents. A key task of the local compliance officers and the CCO is to serve as a contact for all employees at the respective local unit regarding any compliance-related issues.





#### **Code of Conduct**

JOST works in line with the recommendations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations, the core labor standards of the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises as well as the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The company's internal Code of Conduct and the statutory requirements defined there as well as the ethical principles JOST has subscribed to of its own accord are key elements that form the basis of our compliance management system.

The Code of Conduct of JOST Werke AG was adopted in April 2017. It is applicable to all regions and segments. The principles set out in the Code of Conduct provide an essential foundation for day-to-day activities. They give all executives and employees worldwide clear recommendations for action and convey the values and principles of JOST. Respect for human rights, rejection of child and forced labor, and the company's understanding of diversity and inclusion are anchored in the Code of Conduct. JOST does not tolerate violations of internal guidelines and statutory provisions. All employees receive the Code of Conduct when joining the company and have to confirm they have received and understood it. All other employees have already received training on the Code in previous years. In this way, we are able to ensure every employee has knowledge of its contents.

Tip-offs and complaints relating to human rights violations, corruption, and bribery can be reported to the Chief Compliance Officer or the local compliance officers. They can also be submitted anonymously via a whistleblower system either online or by phone in the local language.

The Code of Conduct is publicly accessible on the intranet and on the company's website (https://www.jost-world.com/en/corporate/responsibility/compliance.html).

#### **Supplier Code of Conduct**

Aside from monitoring at our own locations, we also want our suppliers to comply with sustainability standards, labor standards, and human rights. We expect our business partners along the entire value chain to behave in a law-abiding manner and with integrity and see this as a key requirement for successful business relationships over the long term.



Our requirements of suppliers are contained in the Supplier Code of Conduct, which was adopted in 2018. It is mandatory for new contractual relationships and is also incorporated into existing relationships. The Supplier Code of Conduct is available on our website (https://www.jost-world.com/en/corporate/responsibility/ compliance.html).

In the "2020 Sustainability Report," JOST provides detailed information on the management approach it follows as well as on existing programs and programs it has introduced and the progress achieved in fiscal year 2020.

#### Internal control and risk management system

The main aspects of the internal control and risk management system relevant for the consolidated financial reporting process are described in the combined management report in accordance with Sections 289 (4) and 315 (4) HGB.

## WORKING PRACTICES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND SUPERVISORY BOARD

As a listed German stock corporation, JOST Werke AG has a dual management and supervisory structure with a strict separation of the two boards responsible for managing and supervising the company. A member of the Executive Board cannot be a member of the Supervisory Board at the same time.

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Executive Board of JOST Werke AG is responsible for managing the company and the group. It comprises three members. The Executive Board has not formed any committees to perform its duties. The age limit at the time of the appointment of new Executive Board members or the extension of existing mandates has been specified as 65 years.

The Executive Board defines the corporate objectives and determines the strategic direction of the group and its operating segments. It manages and supervises the course of business, plans and allocates company resources, monitors operational management, and ensures appropriate risk management. The rules of procedure for the Executive Board govern the principles for management and collaboration within the Executive Board. The members of the Executive Board are bound to observe the company's best interests. No member of the Executive Board may pursue personal interests in their decisions or exploit business opportunities to which the company or a dependent company is entitled for their own purposes. Each member of the Executive Board must immediately inform the Supervisory Board of any conflicts of interest that arise and inform the other Executive Board members of these.

The Executive Board involves the Supervisory Board in all decisions of fundamental importance to the company and comprehensively notifies the Supervisory Board without delay of all issues that are relevant to the company and the group regarding strategy, planning, business development, the risk situation, risk management, and compliance. In addition, the Articles of Association and the rules of procedure for the Executive Board define the transactions or types of transactions requiring the approval of the Supervisory Board.



Members of the Executive Board	Departmental responsibilities
Joachim Dürr (CEO)	Sales, Strategy and Business Development, Research and Development, Human Resources, Marketing, Communications
Dr. Ralf Eichler (COO)	Procurement, Production, Logistics, Quality, Industrial Engineering
Dr. Christian Terlinde (CFO)	Finance and Treasury, Group Accounting and Reporting, Controlling, IT, Legal & Compliance, Investor Relations, Internal Audit, Sustainability

Together with the Executive Board, the Supervisory Board ensures that there is long-term succession planning for the Executive Board. Taking into account the requirements of the German Stock Corporation Act (Aktiengesetz – "AktG") and the GCGC, the Supervisory Board and Executive Board jointly define criteria such as qualification requirements, diversity, experience abroad, and industry experience that potential Executive Board members are to meet.

None of the members of the Executive Board has a Supervisory Board mandate in a listed company outside the group or performs a comparable function.

#### SUPERVISORY BOARD

The Supervisory Board appoints, monitors, and advises the members of the Executive Board on their management of the company. It appoints and dismisses the members of the Executive Board and regularly examines the amount of their remuneration. The Supervisory Board also reviews the annual and consolidated financial statements and the combined management report and the non-financial report of the company and the group. With its approval, the financial statements are adopted.

The Supervisory Board has adopted its own rules of procedure that, together with the company's Articles of Association and current legislation, govern the work of the Supervisory Board. In the performance of its duties, the Supervisory Board collaborates with the Executive Board closely in a spirit of trust for the good of the company. The Chairman of the Supervisory Board is in regular contact with the Executive Board, particularly the Chief Executive Officer, on current business issues.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the Supervisory Board of JOST Werke AG is composed of six members. In its rules of procedure, the Supervisory Board has determined that none of its members should be older than 75 years of age at the time of their appointment. Members of the Supervisory Board shall not be members of governing bodies of, or exercise advisory functions at, major competitors of the company. Conflicts of interest must be disclosed to the Chairman. The Chairman of the Supervisory Board is required to notify the Supervisory Board or the Executive and Nomination Committee of any conflicts of interest. No conflicts of interest were reported in fiscal year 2020. CVs of the current members of the Supervisory Board can be found at https://www.jost-world.com/en/corporate/company/supervisory-board.html. The rules of procedure for the Supervisory Board can be found on the JOST Werke AG website under the following link: https://www.jost-world.com/en/corporate/corporate-goverance.html

The Supervisory Board meets at least twice in each half of each calendar year, including without the Executive Board. Other meetings are convened as required. The Supervisory Board convened on a total of eight occasions



in fiscal year 2020, including five times at face-to-face meetings, twice via teleconference, and once by way of written circulation. Five of the six members of the Supervisory Board participated in all meetings and/or resolutions; one member was once unable to attend a teleconference due to important reasons. The attendance rate was 98% overall, and 100% at the face-to-face meetings. All members of the Supervisory Board attended more than half of the meetings and teleconferences of the Supervisory Board and committees of which they are members. Further information is provided in the Report of the Supervisory Board for fiscal year 2020, which is part of the 2020 annual report.

#### Self-assessment

The Supervisory Board reviews the efficiency of its activities on a regular basis, but at least once every two years. The focal points of the self-assessment carried out in fiscal year 2020 related to the composition of the Supervisory Board, the exchange of information between the Executive Board and Supervisory Board, the organization of working practices, the quality and efficiency of work within the committees, and ensuring targeted succession planning within the group. This was carried out internally based on comprehensive questionnaires. The results of the self-assessment were discussed at plenary meetings and also presented to the Executive Board. Recommendations for actions and proposals for their execution were discussed and implemented.

#### Independence

All members of the Supervisory Board are independent within the meaning of the GCGC. None of the members of the Supervisory Board has a personal or business relationship with the company, the Executive Board, or a controlling shareholder. None of the members of the Supervisory Board has been a member of the Supervisory Board for more than five years. None of the members of the Supervisory Board has previously been on the Executive Board of the company. None of the members of the Supervisory Board are members of governing bodies or exercise advisory functions at significant competitors or hold any personal relationships with a significant competitor.

#### **Supervisory Board committees**

For the performance of its duties, the Supervisory Board of JOST Werke AG established two committees:

**Executive and Nomination Committee** 

Members: Manfred Wennemer (Chair), Prof. Dr. Bernd Gottschalk, Rolf Lutz

The Chairman of the Supervisory Board is also the Chairman of the Executive and Nomination Committee.

Key duties:

- Identification of suitable candidates for the Executive Board
- Succession planning for the Executive Board and preparation of a profile of skills and expertise for the Executive Board
- Preparation of resolutions for the appointment or revocation of the appointment of members of the Executive Board
- Preparation of employment contracts with members of the Executive Board
- Preparation of resolutions on the structure of the Executive Board remuneration system
- Identification of suitable candidates for the Supervisory Board
- Preparation of proposals to the Annual General Meeting for the election of Supervisory Board members



Audit Committee:

Members: Jürgen Schaubel (Chair), Natalie Hayday, Klaus Sulzbach

The Chair of the Audit Committee is elected by the Supervisory Board and must not be the Supervisory Board Chairman. The Chair should have specialist knowledge and expertise in the application of accounting principles and internal control procedures. They should be familiar with the auditing of financial statements and be independent so as to fulfill their supervisory duties in the fields of accounting or auditing as defined by Sections 100 (5) and 107 (4) (AktG).

Key duties:

- Supervising accounting, the accounting process, the effectiveness of the internal control system, the risk management system, the internal audit system, the audit of the financial statements, and especially the independence of the auditor
- Awarding the audit assignment to the auditors, granting approval for additional services to be covered by the audit assignment and defining key audit areas
- Preparing resolutions by the Supervisory Board on the adoption and approval of the consolidated and annual financial statements
- Monitoring observation of and adherence to the legal requirements and group policies by the group companies (compliance)
- Preparing a substantiated recommendation for selection of the auditor

Profile of skills and expertise for the Supervisory Board and objectives for its composition

The Supervisory Board amended the objectives for its composition in December 2020 in accordance with the recommendations of GCGC 2020. The share of women on the Supervisory Board is to be at least 17% (1:6). In its election proposals to the Annual General Meeting, the Supervisory Board continues to pursue the aim of considering candidates who possess international knowledge and experience due to their background, education, or professional activities.

The Supervisory Board as a whole is to be a competent advisor to the Executive Board and possess sufficient expertise in the following areas:



Profile of skills and expertise for the Supervisory Board	Manfred Wennemer	Prof. Dr. Gottschalk	Natalie Hayday	Jürgen Schaubel	Rolf Lutz	Klaus Sulzbach
Industry knowledge	х	X		(X)	x	X
automotive	Х	Х		(X)	х	х
agriculture		2	. S		х	
Corporate governance and strategy	x	x		x	x	
Accounting and auditing		х	х	х		X
Risk management	x	х		х	x	X
Controlling		х		x		x
Financial and capital market	х	х	x	х		x
Law				х		x
Compliance and corp. governance	х	х	x	х	x	x
International experience	х	х	x	x	x	x
Sustainability/CSR		х	x	x	x	x
Technology/digitalization	х	х		х	(X)	
Innovation, Research and Development	x	x			x	

The current composition of the Supervisory Board meets these objectives and fulfills the profile of skills and expertise. The Supervisory Board will take appropriate account of the profile of skills and expertise and its objectives in its election proposals to the Annual General Meeting.

#### REMUNERATION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND SUPERVISORY BOARD

The remuneration of the members of the Executive Board and Supervisory Board is proportionate to their duties and the responsibility assigned to them. The Executive Board's remuneration system, as well as the compensations paid to the Executive and the Supervisory Board in fiscal year 2020 pursuant to Sections 289a (2), 285 No. 9 HGB in the version applicable according to Art. 83 (1) EGHGB is presented in the Remuneration Report, which is printed in the chapter "Corporate Governance" in the 2020 Annual Group Report as part of the Group Management Report.

In line with the transitional provisions pursuant to Section 26j (1) and (2) of the Introductory Act to the German Stock Corporation Act (Einführungsgesetz zum Aktiengesetz – "EGAktG"), a remuneration report on the last fiscal year prepared in accordance with Section 162 AktG, together with a statement from the auditor pursuant to Section 162 AktG and an Annual General Meeting resolution on remuneration pursuant to Section 87a (1) and (2) sentence 1 AktG and Section 113 (3) AktG, are not yet available at present. The intention is to submit an enhanced system for remuneration of members of the Executive Board and remuneration of the Supervisory Board to the 2021 Annual General Meeting for approval.



# SHARE OF WOMEN ON THE SUPERVISORY BOARD AND EXECUTIVE BOARD AND IN THE MANAGEMENT LEVELS BELOW THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

In accordance with Section 111 (5) AktG, the Supervisory Board of JOST Werke AG set targets for the share of women on the Supervisory Board and Executive Board of JOST Werke AG.

By the end of the Annual General Meeting that votes on the approval of the actions of the Supervisory Board for fiscal year 2025, the share of women in the Supervisory Board is to meet the target of 1:6, or 17%. This target was reached in fiscal year 2020. The minimum quota of 30% in accordance with Section 96 (2) and (3) AktG does not apply to the Supervisory Board of JOST Werke AG.

When selecting Executive Board members, the Supervisory Board takes care to ensure diversity and considers female candidates. However, the Supervisory Board believes that a decision on Executive Board appointments should always be based on the personal and professional suitability of the candidate. In December 2020, the Supervisory Board resolved a target of 25% for the share of women on the Executive Board. This is to be met by December 31, 2025.

The Executive Board is striving to achieve a balance between genders at all employee levels. Since JOST's business focuses heavily on technical professions, in which women are still underrepresented in both higher education and the application process, an increase in the number of women employed in the group presents a challenge. The proportion of women throughout the group in fiscal year 2020 increased to 14% (2019: 13%). The groupwide share of women in management positions at both levels of management under the Executive Board rose to 11% in 2020 (2019: 10%). In 2017, JOST thus achieved the target defined in Section 76 (4) AktG of increasing the share of women in management positions groupwise to at least 10% by 2020. The Executive Board has resolved to increase the groupwide share of women in management positions at both levels of management positions at both levels of management positions at both levels of management position 76 (4).

At JOST Werke AG (as single entity), the share of women in management positions below the Executive Board was 25% in the reporting period (2019: 25%). The parent company of the group is thus below the target of 30%, which was set for the single entity. The Executive Board has set as new minimum target until December 31, 2025 a quote of 25% for JOST Werke AG (single entity).

#### DIVERSITY CONCEPT FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

When appointing members of the Executive Board, the Supervisory Board pays particular attention to personal suitability and professional qualifications. In addition, the Supervisory Board considers other aspects such as age, gender, educational background, or work experience in an effort to achieve a high degree of diversity. JOST's strong international presence must also be taken into account in the appointment of Executive Board members. Different age groups should be appropriately represented on the Executive Board. Special consideration should also be given to female Executive Board candidates. Moreover, members of the Executive Board must have as broad an educational background and work experience as possible. Nonetheless, the company does not follow a concrete and rigid concept of diversity since the promotion of diversity cannot be achieved by using a standardized system.



Status of implementation

There are currently no women on the Executive Board. All three members of the Executive Board have international work experience. All three members have German citizenship. As of the reporting date, the current members of the Executive Board were 48, 55 and 56 years old. The educational background and work experience of the different Executive Board members varies. You can find more information on the careers and work experience of the members of the Executive Board of JOST Werke AG online at https://www.jost-world.com/en/corporate/company/executive-board.html.

#### **DIVERSITY CONCEPT FOR THE SUPERVISORY BOARD**

First and foremost, the composition of the Supervisory Board has to ensure that its members collectively have the knowledge, skills, and professional expertise required to properly perform all their duties. In particular, it aims to ensure that its members as a whole fulfill the profile of skills and expertise resolved by the Supervisory Board.

Furthermore, when proposing candidates for election to the Supervisory Board, the Supervisory Board takes international experience and diversity into account. Without proposals of individual candidates being exclusively dependent on this, the Supervisory Board strives to ensure its composition is as balanced and broadly diverse as possible and satisfies the diversity requirements, e.g. gender, age, education, and work experience.

#### Status of implementation

The Supervisory Board of JOST Werke AG consists of five men and one woman. As of the reporting date, the members of the Supervisory Board were aged between 44 and 77, with a relatively balanced distribution of members between the different age groups. All members gained international experience during their professional life. The educational background and work experience of the Supervisory Board members also covers a broad spectrum. You can find a current curriculum vitae for each Supervisory Board member, supplemented by an updated overview of the member's seats on other Supervisory Boards or comparable control committees online at <a href="http://ir.jost-world.com/supervisory-board">http://ir.jost-world.com/supervisory-board</a>.

# DUTY TO REPORT TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES AND SHAREHOLDINGS OF GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS

In accordance with Article 19 of the European Market Abuse Directive, members of the Executive Board and Supervisory Board and related parties are required to report their transactions with shares of JOST Werke AG or associated financial instruments to the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin) and to JOST Werke AG as soon as the total of the transactions conducted in a single calendar year exceeds the threshold of EUR 20,000.

JOST Werke AG duly disclosed all transactions reported to it in fiscal year 2020. These can be found on the company's website.  $\rightarrow$  http://ir.jost-world.com/managers-transactions.

As of the reporting date of December 31, 2020, the members of the Supervisory Board and Executive Board held less than 1% of the shares of JOST Werke AG in total.

#### SHAREHOLDERS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Shareholders exercise their rights at the Annual General Meeting. Each share of the company confers one vote. Shareholders may exercise their right to vote at the Annual General Meeting either themselves, via an authorized person of their choice, or via a proxy appointed by the company and bound to vote in accordance with



instructions. Due to the pandemic, the 2020 Annual General Meeting was held virtually in accordance with the statutory provisions applicable in Germany. Shareholders had the opportunity to submit their questions electronically up until to two days before the Annual General Meeting. They had the opportunity to cast their votes online through the virtual portal of the Annual General Meeting or by postal vote, fax or email. It was possible to follow the whole of the Annual General Meeting live on the company's Annual General Meeting portal. Owing to the ongoing pandemic, the Executive Board and Supervisory Board resolved that the 2021 Annual General Meeting will also be held as a virtual event in accordance with the statutory provisions applicable at that time.