

# Further information on the opportunity to submit comments (in writing or as a video message) and to make live comments during the Annual General Meeting<sup>1</sup>

## 1. Opportunity to submit comments for publication prior to the Annual General Meeting

Holding the Annual General Meeting in virtual form without the physical presence of the shareholders or their proxies prevents them from commenting on the agenda at the Annual General Meeting. Therefore, the Company is giving shareholders or their proxies the opportunity to comment on the agenda in advance – also by means of a video message – in a move that goes above and beyond the requirements of the COVID-19 Act.

Shareholders who are entered in the share register and have registered to participate at the Annual General Meeting in due time, or their proxies, have the opportunity to submit comments concerning the agenda either in writing or as a video message in German to the Company in electronic form using the password-protected online service available at the following Internet address

[www.deutsche-boerse.com/agm](http://www.deutsche-boerse.com/agm).

**by midnight CEST of 13 May 2022.** Comments in writing should not exceed **10,000 characters** in length. The duration of video messages should not exceed **three minutes**. Only those video messages are permitted which, in terms of their form, correspond to a speech at an Annual General Meeting held with physical participation. Details of the technical and legal requirements for submitting comments either in writing or as video messages can be found in the online service available at

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The intention is for comments in writing and video messages duly received in accordance with the above provisions to be published prior to the Annual General Meeting on the Company's website at [www.deutsche-boerse.com/agm](http://www.deutsche-boerse.com/agm). It is additionally intended to play such published video messages as part of the audio/visual transmission of the Annual General Meeting. However, the Company will opt not to play video messages from shareholders who make live audio/visual comments during the Annual General Meeting. Please note that there is no legal claim to have comments in writing or video messages published. By submitting a

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<sup>1</sup> This is a translation of the German original prepared for the convenience of English-speaking readers. For purposes of interpretation, the German text shall be authoritative and final.

comment, the shareholder or proxy consents to such comment being published at the aforementioned Internet address ([www.deutsche-boerse.com/agm](http://www.deutsche-boerse.com/agm)) together with their name.

The Company reserves the right to not publish in particular comments in writing or video messages that contain abusive, offensive, criminal, clearly inaccurate or misleading content, or that bear no relation to the agenda of the Annual General Meeting, or that are not in German. The same applies to comments in writing that exceed 10,000 characters in length and to video messages that exceed three minutes in length or those that do not meet the technical requirements. The Company furthermore reserves the right not to publish more than either one comment in writing or one video message per shareholder.

Please note that motions, nominations, questions and follow-up questions as well as objections to resolutions of the Annual General Meeting that are contained in a comment in writing or a video message will not be taken into consideration. Those may only be submitted by the specified means and in compliance with the specified requirements and deadlines.

## **2. Opportunity to make comments at the Annual General Meeting**

The statutory requirements of the COVID-19 Act do not provide for comments from shareholders or their proxies during the virtual Annual General Meeting. Nevertheless, the Company plans to give shareholders and their proxies the opportunity to make live audio/visual comments during the Annual General Meeting – in addition to the opportunity to submit comments in writing and video messages. The opportunity to make comments during the Annual General Meeting will only be granted within a predefined, limited period of time and only provided that the Annual General Meeting can be brought to a close on the same day within a reasonable time frame.

Only those shareholders who are recorded in the share register and who have registered to participate in the Annual General Meeting in good time or their proxies will be permitted to make comments. Shareholders or their proxies who wish to make a comment must register their comment separately with the Company using the password-protected online service at the aforementioned Internet address ([www.deutsche-boerse.com/agm](http://www.deutsche-boerse.com/agm)). **Registration** is only possible using the password-protected online service two days before the Annual General Meeting, i.e., **on Monday, 16 May 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon CEST**. By registering a comment, the shareholder or proxy consents in particular to such comment being called during the Annual General Meeting together with their name.

Shareholders or their proxies wishing to register their comment must provide their contact details as required in the respective window in the online service. The respective shareholder or proxy will then be contacted via the contact details provided to schedule a functionality test of their video and audio connection prior to the start of the Annual General Meeting. Once it has been ensured that the audio/visual connection is functioning, the shareholder or proxy will receive further technical instructions and a personalised link via which they can connect to the audio/visual broadcast during the Annual General Meeting at the relevant time. The Company reserves the right to refuse comments if it is not possible to ensure that the audio/visual

connection is functioning: Further details of the technical and legal requirements for submitting comments can be found in the online service available at [www.deutsche-boerse.com/agm](http://www.deutsche-boerse.com/agm).

Comments are permitted at the virtual Annual General Meeting only if their form corresponds to comments made at an Annual General Meeting held with physical participation. Please note that there is no legal claim to be granted permission to make a comment. In particular, the Company reserves the right to promptly interrupt the broadcast of audio/visual comments that contain abusive, offensive, criminal, clearly inaccurate or misleading content, or that bear no relation to the agenda of the Annual General Meeting or that are in a language other than German.

**A maximum of one hour** will be available **for all comments** by shareholders or their proxies during the Annual General Meeting. However, the chairman of the meeting may decide to reduce the total amount of time available for comments or disallow comments entirely if the time needed to respond to duly submitted questions would not permit more time for comments or any time at all. Otherwise, the time allowed for each shareholder to make comments may be limited depending on the number of duly registered comments.

**No more than 20 comments** from shareholders or their proxies will be permitted. If more than 20 registrations for comments are received, the Company will allocate up to 10 comments to shareholder associations, institutional investors and asset managers with shares representing a nominal amount of more than EUR 100,000.00 in the order in which they were received and allocate the remainder of the comments to the remaining registrants, also in the order in which their registrations were received. The shareholder or their proxy will be notified of the time available for making comments when the personalised link for the audio/visual connection is sent to them and the chairman of the meeting will advise of this again during the meeting. Once the allotted time for making comments has expired, the broadcast of the comment at the Annual General Meeting will be discontinued. The chairman of the meeting will determine the order in which the comments are heard.

Please note that counter-motions, nominations, questions and follow-up questions as well as objections to resolutions of the Annual General Meeting that are contained in a comment will not be taken into consideration. Those may only be submitted via the channels described and in compliance with the specified requirements and deadlines.

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