

### **Information on Mr. Büchner**

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Ton Büchner joined AkzoNobel on December 1, 2011, and was appointed to the Executive Committee on January 1, 2012. Prior to joining the company, Mr. Büchner, a Dutch national, was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Sulzer Corporation, a position he held since 2007. Sulzer is one of Switzerland's leading publically-quoted, global industrial corporations, employing more than 16,000 people.

Mr. Büchner holds an MSc in Civil Engineering from Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands. He also holds a Masters in Business Administration from IMD in Lausanne and attended the Stanford Executive Program in Palo Alto, California. His early career was spent in the oil and gas construction industry, involving roles at Allseas Engineering in Europe and AkerKvaerner in South East Asia, prior to joining Sulzer in 1994. Mr. Büchner worked in a range of Sulzer operations until his appointment to their executive committee, as a divisional president, in 2001.

He has lived and worked in the Netherlands, Singapore, Malaysia, China, Switzerland and the US.

The Supervisory Board believes Mr. Büchner's international and operational experience will be a great asset to lead AkzoNobel through the current volatile market conditions. It is therefore proposed that Mr. Büchner be appointed as a member of AkzoNobel's Board of Management. It is the intention of the Supervisory Board to appoint Mr. Büchner as Chief Executive Officer upon his appointment as a Member of the Board of Management.

### **Information on Mr. Nichols**

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Keith Nichols joined AkzoNobel in December 2005 from Corus Group plc, where he held the position of Group Treasurer, bringing with him extensive international finance experience. Prior to joining Corus, he held a number of senior finance positions within the TNT Post Group.

Mr. Nichols became a member of the Board of Management and AkzoNobel's CFO in 2008 and played a key senior role in structuring and financing. Mr. Nichols is very well placed to successfully lead the finance team in further integrating the AkzoNobel businesses in a disciplined fashion and help deliver on the company's ambitions. Therefore, it is proposed that Mr. Nichols be appointed for a second term as a member of AkzoNobel's Board of Management.

### **Information on Mr. Darner**

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Leif Darner joined the Board of Management of AkzoNobel in 2004 and has been the member responsible for Performance Coatings since January 2008. Prior to that, Mr. Darner was responsible for the Chemicals group. He has extensive experience in the performance coatings field, having first worked as General Manager of Powder Coatings Scandinavia, Chief Executive of Coatings Northern Europe and Worldwide Director of Yacht Paint and Protective Coatings at Courtaulds, and subsequently as Manager of AkzoNobel's Marine & Protective Coatings business. It is therefore proposed that Mr. Darner be appointed for a third term as a member of

AkzoNobel's Board of Management. In 2014, Mr. Darner will reach the regular retirement age for Board of Management members, so the appointment will be for two years.