

## **The Board of Directors' proposal for a resolution on principles of remuneration for Group Management**

### Introduction

The Board of Directors of AB SKF has decided to submit the following principles of remuneration for SKF's Group Management to the Annual General Meeting. Group Management is defined as the President and the other members of the management team. The principles apply in relation to members of Group Management appointed after the adoption of the principles, and, in other cases, to the extent permitted under existing agreements.

The objective of the principles is to ensure that the SKF Group can attract and retain the best people in order to support the SKF Group's mission and business strategy. Remuneration for Group Management shall be based on market competitive conditions and at the same time support the shareholders' best interests.

The total remuneration package for a Group Management member consists primarily of the following components: fixed salary, variable salary, performance shares, pension benefits, conditions for notice of termination and severance pay, and other benefits such as a company car. The components shall create a well-balanced remuneration reflecting individual performance and responsibility as well as the SKF Group's overall performance.

### Fixed salary

The fixed salary of a Group Management member shall be at a market competitive level. It will be based on competence, responsibility and performance. The SKF Group uses an internationally well-recognized evaluation system, International Position Evaluation (IPE), in order to evaluate the scope and responsibility of the position. Market benchmarks are conducted on a regular basis. The performance of Group Management members is continuously monitored and used as a basis for annual reviews of fixed salaries.

### Variable salary

The variable salary of a Group Management member runs according to a performance-based programme. The purpose of the programme is to motivate and compensate value-creating achievements in order to support operational and financial targets.

The performance-based programme is primarily based on the short-term financial performance of the SKF Group established according to the SKF financial performance management model called Total Value Added (TVA). TVA is a simplified, economic value-added model. This model promotes greater operating profit, capital efficiency and profitable growth. The TVA profit is the operating profit, less the pre-tax cost of capital. The TVA result development for the SKF Group correlates well with the trend of the share price over a longer period of time.

The maximum variable salary according to the programme is capped at a certain percentage of the fixed annual salary. The percentage is linked to the position of the individual and varies between 40% and 70% for Group Management members. If the financial performance of the SKF Group is not in line with the requirements of the variable salary programme, no variable salary will be paid. The maximum variable salary

will not exceed 70% of the accumulated annual fixed salary of Group Management members.

#### Performance Shares

Since 2008 SKF's Annual General Meeting has resolved each year upon a performance share programme for senior managers and key employees (SKF's Performance Share Programmes 2008 – 2014). The Board of Directors proposes that a decision be taken at the Annual General Meeting on SKF's Performance Share Programme 2015.

It is proposed that the programme covers a maximum of 225 senior managers and key employees in the SKF Group, including Group Management, with the opportunity of being allotted, free of charge, SKF B shares.

The number of shares that may be allotted must be related to the degree of achievement of the TVA target level, as defined by the Board of Directors, for the TVA development for the financial years 2015–2017 compared to the financial year 2014. Under the programme, no more than 1,000,000 B shares may be allotted.

The allocation of shares is based on the level of TVA increase. In order for allocation of shares to take place the TVA increase must exceed a certain minimum level (the threshold level). In addition to the threshold level a target level is set. Maximum allotment is awarded if the target level is reached or exceeded.

Provided that the TVA increase reaches the target level, the participants of the programme may be allotted the following maximum number of shares per person within the various key groups:

CEO and President – 30,000 shares

Other members of Group Management – 13,000 shares

Managers of large business units and similar – 4,500 shares

Other senior managers – 3,000 shares

Other key persons – 1,250 shares

Before the number of shares to be allotted is finally determined, the Board shall examine whether the allotment is reasonable considering SKF's financial results and position, the conditions on the stock market as well as other circumstances, and if not, as determined by the Board, reduce the number of shares to be awarded to the lower number of shares deemed appropriate by the Board.

If the TVA increase exceeds the threshold level for allotment of shares but the final allotment is below 5% of the target level, payment will be made in cash instead of shares, whereupon the amount of the cash payment shall correspond to the value of the shares calculated on the basis of the closing price for SKF's B share the day before settlement.

Assuming maximum allocation under SKF's Performance Share Programme 2015 and a share price of SEK 169, the cost, including social security costs, is estimated at around SEK 158 million. On the basis of a share price of SEK 348, the cost, including social security costs, is estimated at around SEK 325 million. In addition, administrative costs are estimated at around SEK 2 million.

#### Other benefits

The SKF Group provides other benefits to Group Management members in accordance with local practice. The accumulated value of other benefits shall, in relation to the value of the total remuneration, be limited and shall, as a principle, correspond to what is customary on the relevant market. Other benefits can for instance be a company car, medical insurance and home service.

#### Pension

The SKF Group strives to establish pension plans based on defined contribution models, which means that a premium is paid amounting to a certain percentage of the employee's annual salary. The commitment in these cases is limited to the payment of an agreed premium to an insurance company offering pension insurance.

A Group Management member is normally covered by, in addition to the basic pension (for Swedish members usually the ITP pension plan), a supplementary defined contribution pension plan. By offering this supplementary defined contribution plan, it is ensured that Group Management members are entitled to earn pension benefits based on the fixed annual salary above the level of the basic pension. The normal retirement age for Group Management members is 65 years.

#### Notice of termination and severance pay

A Group Management member may terminate his/her employment by giving six months' notice. In the event of termination of employment at the request of the company, employment shall cease immediately. The Group Management member shall however receive a severance payment related to the number of years' service, provided that it shall always be maximized to two years' fixed salary.

#### The Board of Directors' right to deviate from the principles of remuneration

In certain cases, the Board of Directors may deviate from the principles of remuneration decided by the Annual General Meeting.

#### Preparation of matters relating to remuneration for Group Management

The Board of Directors of AB SKF has established a Remuneration Committee. The Committee consists of a maximum of four Board members. The Remuneration Committee prepares all matters relating to the principles of remuneration for Group Management, as well as the employment conditions of the President. The principles of remuneration for Group Management are presented to the Board of Directors that submits a proposal for such principles to the Annual General Meeting for approval. The Board of Directors must approve the employment conditions of the President.

#### Information about remuneration decided upon but not due for payment

The structure of Group Management remuneration decided upon prior to the approval of these principles for remuneration but not due for payment is in line with these principles. In relation hereto the following should be noted:

- The Annual General Meetings 2008 – 2014 resolved on SKF's Performance Share Programmes 2008 – 2014.

No allotment of shares has been or will be made under SKF's Performance Share Programme 2009 due to non-fulfillment of the TVA target for the financial year 2009. Allotment of shares under SKF's Performance Share

Programme 2010 was made in the beginning of 2013. Allotment of shares under SKF's Performance Share Programme 2011 was made in the beginning of 2014. No allotment of shares will be made under SKF's Performance Share Programme 2012 – 2013 due to non-fulfillment of the TVA target for the financial years 2012 – 2013. Any allotment of shares under SKF's Performance Share Programme 2014 will be made during 2017.

- The pension conditions of the President are described under Note 25 in the Annual Report.
- Certain members of Group Management have defined benefit pension solutions.
- The normal retirement age for Group Management members is 65 years. Certain members of Group Management still have a retirement age of 62 years based on already existing agreements.
- Certain members of Group Management are, in the event of termination of employment at the request of the company, entitled to receive a severance payment which is not related to the number of years' service, but amounting to a maximum of two years' salary.

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