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Explanations on Agenda Item 1

In regard to Agenda Item 1 – Presentation of the adopted annual financial statements, the approved consolidated financial statements, the combined management report of the Company and of the Group for the 2023 fiscal year, the report of the Supervisory Board and the explanatory report of the Executive Board on the information stipulated in Section 289a and Section 315a of the German Commercial Code (HGB) – no resolution is required from the Annual General Meeting, as on March 15, 2024 the Supervisory Board approved the annual financial statements and consolidated financial statements drawn up by the Executive Board; according to Section 172 sentence 1 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG), the annual financial statements have therefore been adopted.