

# Articles of Association of ČEZ, a. s.

proposal of amendments for discussion at the General Meeting of the  
company on 1 June 2011

# I. PRINCIPAL PROVISIONS

## Article 1

### Corporate Name, Registered Seat and Internet Website of the Company

1. The corporate name of the company is ČEZ, a. s.
2. The company's registered office is at Prague 4, Duhová 2/1444, 140 53.
3. The company's internet website is located at the address: [www.cez.cz](http://www.cez.cz)

## Article 2

### Scope of Business

1. The scope of the company's business is as follows:
  - a) power generation,
  - b) power distribution,
  - c) power trading,
  - d) thermal energy generation,
  - e) thermal energy distribution,
  - f) gas trading,
  - g) production, business and services not stated in annexes 1 to 3 of the Trade Licensing Act
  - h) electronic equipment installation and repairs,
  - i) electrical equipment and devices installation and repairs,
  - j) reserved electrical equipment installation, repairs, reviews, and testing,
  - k) testing, measuring, and analyses,
  - l) reserved pressure equipment, boilers, and pressure vessels installation, repairs, reconstruction, reviews, and testing, periodical testing of gas vessels,
  - m) metal working,
  - n) hazardous waste management business,
  - o) plumbing trade,
  - p) insulation installations,
  - q) catering
  - r) production and imports of chemicals and chemical agents classified as explosive, oxidizing, extremely combustible, highly combustible, highly

toxic, toxic, carcinogenic, mutagenic, teratogenic, environmentally hazardous, and sale of chemicals and agents classified as highly toxic and toxic,

- s) production and import of chemicals and chemical agents classified as combustible, harmful to health, caustic, irritating, and sensibilizing,
- t) psychological advisory services and diagnostics,
- u) provision of services in the area of safety and health protection at work,
- v) technical-organizational activities in the area of fire protection,
- w) acting as accountants, bookkeeping, keeping of tax records.

### **Article 3**

#### **Registered Capital of the Company and Method of Share Issue Price Payment**

1. The company's registered capital shall amount to CZK 53,798,975,900 (to wit: fifty-three billion seven hundred and ninety-eight million nine hundred and seventy-five thousand and nine hundred Czech crowns).
2. In subscribing for new shares, monetary, as well as in-kind contributions are permissible. The value of in-kind contributions shall be stipulated using the procedure pursuant to the law.

### **Article 4**

#### **Company Shares**

1. The company's registered capital shall be divided into 537, 989,759 (to wit: five hundred thirty-seven million nine hundred and eighty-nine thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine) shares, each having a nominal value of CZK 100 (to wit: one hundred Czech crowns). All the shares shall be in book-entry form.
2. All company shares shall be bearer shares. All company shares shall be listed.
3. Company shares may be acquired by company employees subject to the consent of the Supervisory Board and the conditions listed in Section 158(2) of the Commercial Code, with the company employees not being required to pay the full issue price of the shares being issued or the full price for which the company purchased the shares for the employees, if the difference is covered out of the company's own funds. The aggregate of the portions of the issue price or purchase price of all shares not being paid for by employees may not exceed 5% of the registered capital at the time of making decision on the subscription of shares by employees or sale of the shares thereto.

**Article 5  
Issue of Bonds**

1. Pursuant to the general meeting's decision, the company may issue bonds with the attached right to exchange the same for the company's stocks (convertible bonds) or with the attached preferable right to subscription of shares (priority bonds), provided that the general meeting concurrently decides on a conditional increase in the registered capital.

**II. COMPANY'S BODIES**

**Article 6  
Structure of Company's Bodies**

1. The company shall have the following bodies:
  - a) general meeting,
  - b) board of directors,
  - c) supervisory board,
  - d) audit committee.

# III. GENERAL MEETING

## Article 7

### Status of the General Meeting and Intervals of Its Convocation

1. The general meeting shall be the company's supreme body.
2. The ordinary general meeting shall be convened at least once a year, always within six months following the last day of the accounting period.
3. Other general meetings convened by the board of directors or the supervisory board or shareholders specified in section 181 subsection 1 of the Commercial Code shall be deemed to be extraordinary general meetings.

## Article 8

### Powers of the General Meeting

1. The exclusive powers of the general meeting shall include the following:
  - a) decisions on amendments to these Articles of Association, unless such change results from the increase in the registered capital by the board of directors authorized to do so by the relevant decision of the general meeting, or unless such change occurred in consequence of other legal facts,
  - b) decisions on increases in the registered capital or on the board of directors' authorization to increase the registered capital or on the possibility to set-off a monetary claim against the company against a receivable arising from failure to pay the issue price of any shares or decisions on the issue of share warrants (*poukázky na akcie*), or decisions on concurrent reduction of and increase in the registered capital or on authorization of the board of directors to publish in a manner stipulated by law and by these Articles of Association an amount of reduction of the registered capital and the new par value of the existing shares of the company corresponding thereto.
  - c) decisions on decreases in the registered capital and decisions on issue of convertible and priority bonds,
  - d) election and removal of members of the supervisory board, except for members elected and removed by employees pursuant to the law and these Articles of Association, and approval of agreements on incumbency of members of the supervisory board and rules for the voluntary provision of emoluments to members of the company's supervisory board,

- e) approvals of the ordinary or extraordinary financial statements and consolidated financial statements and, in cases stipulated by law, of interim financial statements, decisions on distribution of profits of coverage of losses, determination of royalties and dividends and contributions from profit to individual funds,
- f) decisions on remuneration for directors, members of the supervisory board and members of the audit committee, and decisions on the distribution and rules of distribution of royalties among individual members of the supervisory board and board of directors,
- g) decisions on quotation of participating securities pursuant to a separate legal regulation, and decisions on their exclusion from the official market trading,
- h) decisions on company's winding up with liquidation, appointment and removal of a liquidator, including the determination of the amount of such liquidator's remuneration, and approvals of proposed structure of liquidation balance distribution,
- i) decisions on transformation of the company, unless the law stipulates that such decisions are in the power of the board of directors,
- j) approval of agreements on the transfer of the enterprise (or parts thereof), on the lease of the enterprise (or parts thereof), and on the creation of a pledge over the enterprise (or parts thereof).
- k) approvals of acts taken on behalf of the company prior to its incorporation,
- l) approvals of controlling agreements, agreements on profit transfers, and agreements on silent partnership, as well as approvals of amendments thereto,
- m) granting agreement to conclude contracts under section 193 subsection 2 of the Commercial Code,
- n) decisions on funds available to the company for sponsoring activities within a stipulated period,
- o) decisions on change in form or type of shares and on changes in rights related to specific share types,
- p) exclusions or restrictions of priority rights to acquisitions of convertible and priority bonds or to subscription of new shares,
- q) decisions on share consolidation,
- r) decisions on the concept of the company's business and changes therein,
- s) resolution of disputes between company's bodies,
- t) discussions on board of directors' annual report on company's business and its assets,
- u) decisions on stating the auditor to verify the company's financial statements and consolidated financial statements,

- v) election and removal of the members of the audit committee, approval of incumbency agreements of the audit committee members and of rules for the voluntary provision of emoluments to members of the company's audit committee,
- w) decisions on other matters covered by the powers of the general meeting by law or pursuant to these Articles of Association.

## **Article 9 Convocation of the General Meetings**

1. The general meeting shall be convened by the board of directors, or, as the case may be, any member thereof in the event the board of directors has failed to decide on such convocation of a general meeting without undue delay and the law sets forth the obligation to convene such general meeting, or provided that the board of directors fails to constitute a quorum for an extended period of time.
2. If the company's interests so require, the general meeting shall be convened by the supervisory board and the same shall propose all necessary measures to be taken. A case when the board of directors or any director fails to satisfy their obligation to convene the general meeting shall always be deemed such event of interest of the company.
3. Under the terms and conditions set forth by law, the court may empower shareholders specified in section 181 subsection 1 of the Commercial Code to convene an extraordinary general meeting.
4. A body convening the general meeting shall be obligated to have a notice of such general meeting published no later than 30 days prior to the meeting on the company's internet website, at the company's registered seat and by other means stipulated by law. This period of time shall be reduced to 15 days in the case of convocation of a substitute general meeting and 21 days in the case of convocation of an extraordinary general meeting upon request of shareholders specified in section 181 subsection 1 of the Commercial Code.
5. Each notice of general meeting shall contain the following:
  - a) company's business name and registered seat,
  - b) place, date, and time of general meeting,
  - c) information whether an ordinary, extraordinary, or substitute general meeting is being convened,
  - d) agenda of the general meeting,
  - e) record date for attendance of the general meeting and explanation of its meaning for voting at the general meeting,
  - f) conditions for the exercise of shareholders' rights at the general meeting,

- g) if the agenda of the meeting includes approval of the financial statements, then the notice shall also contain the principal information contained in such financial statements, and shall specify where and when such financial statement shall be available to company's shareholders for review,
  - h) should the agenda of the general meeting include amendments to the company's Articles of Association, then the notice on the general meeting shall also at least characterize the substance of the proposed amendments, and the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association shall be made available to the shareholders in the company's offices during the period set forth for convocation of the general meeting. Each shareholder may request sending of a copy of such proposed amended Articles of Association at its own expense and risk. Shareholders shall be notified of such right in the relevant notice of the general meeting,
  - i) other requisites set forth by law (e.g., in the event of decrease of and increase in the registered capital, in the event of company transformation) or by a decision of the body convening the general meeting.
6. Any general meeting may be canceled or postponed. Such cancellation or postponement must be notified in the same manner as the convocation of the general meeting no later than the time specified for commencement of the general meeting. Unless such notice is issued at least one week prior to the date of the general meeting, the shareholders arriving according to the original notice of the general meeting shall be entitled to reimbursement of purposefully incurred costs. An extraordinary general meeting convened upon request of shareholders specified in section 181 subsection 1 of the Commercial Code may only be canceled or postponed if such shareholders so require.
7. Upon the conditions specified in section 182 subsection 1 letter a) of the Commercial Code the board of directors shall, upon request of shareholders specified in section 181 subsection 1 of the Commercial Code, amend the agenda of the general meeting by a matter specified by such shareholders and publish the amendment of the agenda.

## **Article 10**

### **General Meeting's Quorum and Substitute General Meeting**

- 1. The general meeting shall constitute a quorum in the event the attending shareholders own shares the nominal value of which exceeds 30% of the company's registered capital.
- 2. In assessing the qualifications of the general meeting to make decisions, shares and interim certificates shall not be taken into account, which do not authorize their holders to exercise voting rights pursuant to the law or these Articles of Association.



3. Unless the general meeting constitutes a quorum within one hour after the time of commencement published in the notice of the general meeting, the board of directors shall convene a substitute general meeting to take place within six weeks following the date of the original general meeting.
4. Such substitute general meeting shall have the same agenda and shall be deemed to constitute a quorum regardless of the provisions of Section 1 above.

### **Article 11**

#### **Attendance of the General Meetings**

1. The right to attend a general meeting shall be vested in each person recorded as a shareholder or administrator in the statutory securities register (central securities depository) as of the record date. The record date shall be the seventh calendar day prior to the date of the general meeting. The general meeting shall also be attended by directors and members of the supervisory board. The general meeting may also be attended by persons whose views on the individual items of the agenda of the general meeting may be useful, such as the company's auditors or advisors and persons ensuring a due course of the general meeting. Other persons may only attend general meetings with the consent of the board of directors.
2. Each shareholder shall without undue delay notify all changes, if any, in their data entered in the statutory register of book-entry securities. Under no circumstances shall the company be liable for any consequences of any shareholder's omission to fulfill such duty.

### **Article 12**

#### **Transaction of Business and Decision-Making of the General Meeting**

1. The general meeting shall elect its chairman, minutes clerk, two minutes verifying clerks, and scrutineers.
2. The general meeting shall be presided by its chairman; until the election of such chairman of the general meeting, the general meeting shall be presided by a chosen member of the body convening such general meeting. Should the general meeting be convened based on a court decision upon request of shareholders specified in section 181, subsection 1 of the Commercial Code, the court may also appoint the chairman of the general meeting without any proposal.
3. The chairman of the general meeting shall be obligated to provide for submission at the general meeting of all proposals, counterproposals, and requests for explanation by shareholders, provided that the same relate to the

agenda of the meeting and the relevant shareholder insists on the submission thereof at the general meeting. The chairman of the general meeting shall also be obligated to provide for response at the general meeting to shareholders' requests for explanation of matters related to the company being the subject of the general meeting. Explanations may be provided in the form of summarised answers to several questions of similar content. It applies that the shareholders have received an explanation, even if the supplementary explanation to points on the agenda was published on the company's internet website at latest on the day before the general meeting, and is available to shareholders at the venue of the general meeting.

4. The general meeting shall decide by a simple majority of votes of attending shareholders, unless provided otherwise by law or company's Articles of Association. One vote shall be attached to each company's share having a nominal value of CZK 100.
5. The general meeting shall decide by at least a two-thirds majority of votes of attending shareholders on the following:
  - a) amendments to these Articles of Association, unless such amendments result from an increase in the company's registered capital by the board of directors or unless they result from other legal facts,
  - b) an increase in or decrease of the registered capital or authorization of the board of directors to increase the registered capital or the possibility to set-off a monetary claim against the company against a receivable arising from failure to pay the issue price, or decisions on the issue of share warrants or decisions on the concurrent reduction of and increase in the registered capital or on the authorization of the board of directors to publish in a manner stipulated by law and by these Articles of Association an amount of reduction of the registered capital and the new par value of the existing shares of the company corresponding thereto.
  - c) a decrease of the registered capital and issue of convertible and priority bonds,
  - d) the company's winding up with liquidation and proposal for distribution of the company's liquidation balance,
  - e) approval of agreements on the transfer of the enterprise (or parts thereof), on the lease of the enterprise (or parts thereof), and on the creation of a pledge over the enterprise (or parts thereof).
6. The general meeting shall decide by at a least three-fourths majority of attending shareholders on the following:
  - a) exclusion or restriction of the priority right for acquisition of convertible and priority bonds,
  - b) exclusion or restriction of the priority right for subscription of new shares pursuant to the provisions of Section 204a of the Commercial Code,
  - c) approval of a controlling agreement and amendments thereto,

- d) approval of an agreement on profit transfer and amendments to the same,
  - e) increase in the registered capital through in-kind contributions.
7. Decisions of the general meeting on the change in a type or form of shares, on changes in rights related to certain types of shares, and on exclusion of shares from trading in the official market shall be subject to the consent of at least three-fourths of votes of attending shareholders holding such shares.
  8. Decisions of the general meeting on consolidation of shares shall also be subject to the consent of all shareholders whose shares are to be so consolidated.
  9. In assessing the qualifications of the general meeting to make decisions and in voting at the general meeting, shares or interim certificates without voting rights shall not be taken into account.
  10. A shareholder may not exercise a voting right in cases set forth by law.
  11. Matters not included in the published agenda of the general meeting may only be decided in the presence and with the participation of all company's shareholders.
  12. A notarial deed shall be drawn up on all decisions specified in Article 8 (1) (a), (b), (c), and (i) and also in all cases of decisions on the following:
    - a) company's winding up with liquidation and plan for distribution of the liquidation balance,
    - b) change in the type or form of shares,
    - c) change in rights related to certain share types,
    - d) restriction of transferability of registered shares,
    - e) exclusion of shares from trading in the official market
    - f) exclusion or restriction of the priority right for acquisition of convertible and priority bonds,
    - g) exclusion or restriction of a priority right for subscription of new shares,
    - h) approval of a controlling agreement,
    - i) approval of an agreement on transfer of profits and amendments thereto,
    - j) increase in the registered capital through in-kind contributions,
    - k) consolidation of shares,
    - l) other cases specified by law.
  13. Minutes of the general meeting and the notice of the general meeting and the list of attending shareholders, including all submitted powers of attorney, shall be kept in the company's archives during the entire term of company's existence.

## Article 13 General Meeting's Rules of Procedure

1. Shareholders may exercise their rights attached to their shares, share warrants, or interim certificates at the general meeting, i.e., they shall be authorized in particular to vote, to request and receive explanations of matters related to the company being the subject of the general meeting's agenda, and to submit proposals and counterproposals, whether in person, through their statutory body, through their proxies submitting a written power of attorney with an officially certified signature of the principal, or through an administrator recorded in the central securities depository.
2. All attending shareholders shall be entered in the attendance list specifying also the business name or name and registered seat of the legal entity or the name and place of residence of an individual person being the shareholder, or, as the case may be, a proxy of the same, the number and nominal value of shares authorizing such person to vote, or, as the case may be, the information that such share does not authorized its holder to vote. Should the company reject to record a person in the attendance list, such fact shall be stated in such attendance list, including the reason for such rejection. The correctness of the attendance list shall be confirmed by the signatures of the chairman of the general meeting and the minutes clerk, both elected pursuant to these Articles of Association.
3. Attendance of the general meeting shall also be registered in attendance sheets. Each such attendance sheet shall contain the name or businesscommercial name of the shareholder ~~(all legal entities' proxies shall specify their, the shareholder's birth registration number – Czech individual, the shareholder's passport number – foreign individual, the shareholder's identification number), for foreign individual persons also the passport number if it is a Czech legal entity~~, and the signature of the shareholder or their proxy. Should a shareholder be represented, such attendance sheet shall contain information on their representative to the extent specified for the shareholder.
4. Shareholding individual persons shall prove their identity by submission of an identity card. Persons acting on behalf of legal entities shall prove their identity, except for through their identity cards, also by submission of a document certifying the existence of the relevant legal entity and such persons' authorization to act on behalf of such legal entity. Shareholders' proxies shall also submit their written powers of attorney with an officially certified signature of the principal.
5. Should a shareholder be a foreign individual person, he shall submit his passport. A foreign shareholder's - individual person's proxy shall also submit written power of attorney with an officially certified signature of the principal. Should a shareholder be a foreign legal entity, he shall also submit an officially certified document proving the existence of the legal entity, which indicates who is authorised to act on behalf of the legal entity, and unless he is also its statutory body, he shall also submit written power of attorney with

the officially certified signatures of the persons authorised to act on behalf of the legal entity.

6. The written power of attorney must indicate whether it was granted for representation at one general meeting or several general meetings within a certain period. At latest on the day of publication of the notice on convening the general meeting, the company shall make available a form for power of attorney at the company's registered seat in documentary form, and on the company's internet website in electronic form. The company shall allow shareholders to announce the granting or revoking of power of attorney by electronic means. Such notice must bear a guaranteed electronic signature based on a qualified certificate issued by an accredited provider of certification services. Details concerning the reception of notices on granting or recalling powers of attorney and requirements for their contents shall be stipulated by the board of directors on the company's internet website.
7. Documents by virtue of which a foreign shareholder or his/its proxy prove their identity shall be superlegalized or shall have an apostille (certification) attached, unless an agreement on legal assistance exists between the Czech Republic and the country where the shareholder has permanent residence or registered seat. If the aforementioned documents or certification clauses are executed in a foreign language, they must also bear a certified translation into the Czech language.
8. Requests for explanation of matters related to the company, provided that such explanations are required for assessment of the subject of the general meeting, proposals and counterproposals, except for counterproposals to be delivered at least business five days prior to the date of the company's general meeting, may be submitted by the shareholders for the sake of improvement of expediency of the general meeting in writing to the chairman of the general meeting through the general meeting's information center upon the commencement of the relevant general meeting until the declaration by the chairman of the general meeting of the conclusion of such general meeting. The provisions of Section 9 below shall remain unaffected thereby. The heading shall show whether a request for explanation, a proposal, or a counterproposal is concerned. Requests for explanation, proposals, and counterproposals shall also specify under the text the name, birth number (or passport number for a foreign individual person), and signature of a shareholder - individual person, or the business name and identification number of a shareholder-legal entity registered in the Czech Republic, as well as the signature of the person authorized to act on behalf of such legal entity. Such written filing submitted through the information center shall be enclosed with a clause proving the registration of the shareholder's attendance at the general meeting. Without such information, no filing may be submitted to the general meeting.
9. Should shareholders require verbal explanations of matters the explanation of which is required for the assessment of the subject of the general meeting, or should they verbally ask questions and submit proposals and counterproposals, they shall be obligated to ask for the floor by raising their hand. As soon as the course of the general meeting permits so, the chairman

of the general meeting shall give them the floor in the sequence they had asked for the same. All shareholders shall be obligated to formulate their verbal statement so as to make it brief and understandable.

10. The chairman of the general meeting shall be obligated to provide for explanations required by the shareholders through submissions made pursuant to the provisions of these rules or procedure during the general meeting, unless in the specific case such explanation may be withheld pursuant to the provisions of the Commercial Code.
11. Voting on the items of the agenda of the general meeting shall be taken after the general meeting has been informed of all submitted proposals; firstly, the board of directors' proposals shall be voted on; secondly, supervisory board's proposals shall be voted on; thirdly, proposals and counterproposals submitted by shareholders shall be voted on in the order of their submission. Once a submitted proposal is approved, no other proposals or counterproposals opposing the approved proposals shall be voted on.
12. Each ballot paper shall contain the name or businesscommercial name of the shareholder ~~(, the shareholder's birth registration number – Czech individual, the shareholder's passport number – foreign individuals, the shareholder's identification number~~ if it is a Czech legal entity, and their signature or the signature of their proxy. In the ballot, each shareholder shall make its choice for a specific proposal number to which the voting refers by crossing "FOR", or "AGAINST", or "ABSTAINED".
13. Ballots and the attendance sheets must be signed. Unsigned attendance sheets and ballots shall be invalid. Torn, scribbled on or otherwise corrupted ballots and sheets as well as sheets and papers containing illegible information shall be deemed invalid as well. Should a mistake occur when filling in the ballot papers by crossing the incorrect value, a scrutineer must be asked for assistance. Such scrutineer shall transform the cross to an asterisk and by a legible signature placed under the shareholder's (proxy's) signature, s/he shall confirm such adjustment. Should an attendance sheet or ballot be lost, attendance takers or a scrutineer shall be asked to issue a duplicate. A record on such issue of a duplicate shall be made.
14. After voting, scrutineers shall collect the ballots of all shareholders and shall forthwith commence to count the votes. As soon as it is determined that a number of votes required for a decision on the proposed matter has been achieved, the chairman of the general meeting shall be notified by the scrutineers of such preliminary result of voting. Counting of the remaining votes of shareholders shall continue and the final results shall be included in the minutes of the general meeting.

In case the number of votes required for approval of a submitted proposal is not achieved, the chairman of the general meeting shall present to the shareholders a new proposal that may be voted on using the ancillary ballot. An ancillary ballot shall contain all information specified in Section 12 above. Counting shall continue until the decisive result is achieved.

Shareholders shall place their ballots into the ballot box after each round of voting.

# IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Article 14

### Status and Powers of the Board of Directors

1. The board of directors shall be the statutory body managing the company's activities, acting on behalf of the company, and binding the company in the manner set forth herein. No proxy may be appointed to represent a director in their office.
2. The board of directors shall decide on all company matters, unless such matters are reserved for the powers of the general meeting or the supervisory board by law or these Articles of Association.
3. The board of directors shall observe the principles and instructions approved by the general meeting, provided that they are in accordance with legal regulations and these Articles of Association.
4. No one shall be authorized to instruct the board of directors in the matters related to the company's business management, unless provided so by law.
5. The board of directors shall convene a general meeting without undue delay after finding out that the total loss of the company pursuant to any financial statements has achieved such amount that even through coverage thereof using the disposable resources of the company, the unpaid loss would reach one half of the company's registered capital, provided that it may be presumed with a view to all circumstances or provided that it finds out that the company has become insolvent; thereafter, it shall propose winding up of the company or another measure to the general meeting, unless provided otherwise by the insolvency act.
6. The board of directors shall be obligated to file with the relevant court without undue delay an insolvency petition after it finds out that the company went bankrupt.
7. The board of directors shall in particular:
  - a) provide for business management of the company, including the due keeping of the relevant books,
  - b) convene the general meeting and provide for the organization of the same,
  - c) submit the following to the general meeting:
    - c.1. draft concept of company's business and proposed amendments thereto,
    - c.2. draft amendments to these Articles of Association,



- c.3. proposals for increase in or decrease of the registered capital as well as proposals for issue of priority and convertible bonds pursuant to the provisions of Article 8 hereof,
  - c.4. ordinary, extraordinary, and consolidated, or, as the case may be, interim financial statements,
  - c.5. proposal for distribution of profits, including the determination of the amount, method of payment, and maturity of dividends, amount of royalties and contributions to funds, or proposals for coverage of company's losses,
  - c.6. annual reports on company's business and on its assets,
  - c.7. a proposal for winding up of the company,
  - c.8. a summarizing explanatory report pursuant to Section 118 (8) of the Capital Market Trading Act
  - c.9. a proposal for appointment of the auditor to carry out the statutory audit, including verification of the company's financial statements and consolidated financial statements, based on the recommendation of the Audit Committee,
  - d) enforce the resolutions of the general meeting,
  - e) grant and recall the right of procuration,
  - f) approve and amend the Signing Rules of ČEZ, a. s., and - with the approval of such trade union bodies as may be operative at the company - the Working Regulations of ČEZ, a. s.,
  - g) approve the Electoral Regulations of ČEZ, a.s., referring to the election of members of the supervisory board elected by company's employees, and organize such elections, in cooperation with the trade union bodies that are operative at the company;
  - h) recall managers of the company pursuant to the provisions of Section 73 of the Labor Code,
  - i) sign incumbency agreements for members of company's bodies.
8. The board of directors shall decide in particular on the following:
- a) disbursement of funds from the reserve fund, unless provided otherwise by law,
  - b) increase in the company's registered capital pursuant to the provisions of Section 210 of the Commercial Code and pursuant to the provisions of Article 30, and issue of company's bearer shares in this connection,
  - c) price proposals submitted to the regulatory body,
  - d) draft purchase agreements for electricity, heat, natural gas and greenhouse gas emission allowances, distribution, transmission and auxiliary services, commodity derivatives and commodity trade services, provided that this arises from the Signing Rules of ČEZ, a. s.,

- e) capital expenditure projects and performance thereof, provided that this arises from the Signing Rules of ČEZ, a. s.,
  - f) approval of long-term loans or borrowings for a period exceeding 1 year and of other similar long-term financial operations of the company, except for security operations, provided that this arises from the Signing Rules of ČEZ, a. s.,
  - g) content of the annual report pursuant to the provisions of the accounting act and of the semi-annual and annual reports pursuant to the provisions of the capital market trading act,
  - h) distribution of remuneration stipulated by the general meeting between the board of directors and the supervisory board based on rules approved by the general meeting,
  - i) conclusion of agreements on foundation of a business company or an association of legal entities or on acquisition of a business interest in another legal entity as well as on winding up of a business company or association of legal entities or sale of a business interest in another legal entity,
  - j) disposal of real estate without the provisions of Article 8 (1) (m) being affected or lease of real estate for a definite period of time, provided that the company is the lessor and the term of lease exceeding three years is concerned.
9. The board of directors shall be obligated to obtain prior consent of the supervisory board before it implements any decision pertaining to the following:
- a) acquisitions, alienation, encumbrance and leases of movables and immovables (except for stock and securities for liquidity management), which shall be or already are part of the company's business assets, if their book value exceeds CZK 500,000,000 (to wit: five hundred million Czech crowns),
  - b) the company's capital expenditure projects, the value of which exceeds CZK 500,000,000 (to wit: five hundred million Czech crowns),
  - c) on disposition with property stakes in another legal entity, with the seat in CR or abroad in the following cases:
    - c.1. acquisition of a stake in another legal entity by founding a daughter company or by increase in the registered capital of an existing company or by transfer from a third person or by any other manner where the acquired stake equity exceeds in each individual case CZK 500,000,000 (to wit: five hundred million Czech crowns) or where due to such action, the company's share in the registered capital of that other legal entity shall exceed one third or one half or two thirds of such entity's registered capital; this stipulation shall not be used in the event of founding a daughter company with the registered capital not exceeding CZK 10,000,000. A controlled person shall not be deemed to be a third person.

- c.2. alienation, abolishment or encumbrance of the stake in another legal entity or decrease of the registered capital of another legal entity in the event that the equity of stake in such person that is subject to such disposition exceeds in every individual case CZK 500,000,000 (to wit: five hundred million Czech crowns) or where due to such action the company's share in the registered capital of this other legal entity shall decrease below one third or one half or two thirds; this stipulation shall not be used on case the property stake in the other legal entity is transferred or encumbered to the controlled person,
- d) transfer and encumbrance of the company's own shares,
  - e) composition of supervisory boards of companies wherein the company holds a stake in such company's registered capital in each individual case exceeding CZK 500,000,000 (to wit: five hundred million Czech crowns). The supervisory board may reserve by resolution the right of prior consent even with regard to companies wherein the stake in such company's registered capital does not exceed CZK 500,000,000 (to wit: five hundred million Czech crowns),
  - f) draft agreement with the auditor selected by the general meeting to verify/carry out the audit, including verification of the company's financial statement and consolidated financial statement,
  - g) alienation of real estate whose market or appraised price exceeds CZK 100,000,000 (to wit: one hundred million Czech crowns) in each individual case,
  - h) provision of borrowings (loans) or acceptance of any guarantees of the company for third-party liabilities exceeding CZK 200,000,000 (to wit: two hundred million Czech crowns) in each individual case, with a controlled person not being deemed to be a third party,
  - i) acceptance of a long-term loan from third parties for a period exceeding 1 year, or of other similar financial operation, save for security operations, in excess of CZK 500,000,000 (to wit: five hundred million Czech crowns), with a controlled person not being considered to be a third party,
  - j) bond issue, except for a bond issue subject to approval by the general meeting within the meaning of Section 160 of the Commercial Code,
  - k) provision of options to the company shares,
  - l) transformation of the company, if the law stipulates that the board of directors has the power to make such decisions,
  - m) conclusion of a contract under section 193 subsection 2 of the Commercial Code; stipulation of Article 8 (1) (m) shall remain unaffected thereby,
  - n) conduct of due diligence (legal, economic, technical, or, as the case may be, environmental audits) and provision of information related thereto,

- o) conclusion of management contracts and the manner of remunerating managers, who are simultaneously members of the board of directors, and directors of the company divisions, and appointment to the function of chief executive officer,
  - p) stipulation and evaluation of the nominal duties of managers, who are simultaneously members of the board of directors, and individual directors of the company divisions,
  - q) submission of tender documentation to tenderers for public contracts pursuant to the Public Procurement Act, if the expected value of the contract is higher than one third of the equity arising from the last consolidated financial statements,
  - r) other cases stipulated by law.
10. The board of directors shall be obligated to submit for review to and obtain the opinion of the supervisory board on the following matters:
- a) approvals of or amendments to the Organizational Rules of ČEZ, a. s.,
  - b) approval of rules for creation and application of the company's funds in accordance with the law and these Articles of Association,
  - c) annual investment and operational budgets,
  - d) proposals for substantial changes in the organization structure of the company,
  - e) draft business plan of the company as part of the concept of business approved by the company's general meeting,
  - f) proposals for the business concept (and changes thereof) of controlled entities with a registered capital exceeding CZK 500,000,000 (five hundred million Czech crowns), in accordance with legal regulations and with the constitutive documents of those persons controlled by the company),
  - g) any and all proposals submitted by the board of directors to the general meeting for decision or for information purposes. Where the board of directors is obligated to submit a particular proposal to the general meeting by law, it shall be sufficient to advise the supervisory board of such fact,
  - h) content of tender documentation pursuant to the Public Procurement Act, if the expected value of the contract is higher than one third of the equity arising from the last consolidated financial statements.
11. The board of directors shall be obliged to advise the supervisory board in particular of the following:
- a) approvals of the Working Regulations of ČEZ, a.s., and the Signing Rules of ČEZ, a. s.,

- b) approval of the Electoral Regulations of ČEZ, a. s., dealing with the election of members of the supervisory board elected by the employees,
  - c) disbursement of funds from the reserve fund,
  - d) increase in the registered capital pursuant to the provisions of Article 31,
  - e) long-term agreements for the purchase ~~and~~, sale and transit of electricity concluded for a period exceeding 3 years or if their value in each individual case exceeds CZK 1,000,000,000 (to wit: one billion Czech crowns), agreements for the purchase of distribution and transmission services concerning electricity, agreements on the provision of supporting services under the Power Act, ~~and~~ agreements for the purchase and sale of commodity derivatives and on the provision of commodity trade services, agreements for the purchase and sale of greenhouse gas emission permits, allowances, agreements for purchase, sale, storage and transit of natural gas, agreements for the purchase of distribution and transmission services concerning natural gas and agreements for the purchase and sale of heat, all this if their value in each individual case exceeds CZK 1,000,000,000 (to wit: one billion Czech crowns),
  - f) principles for collective bargaining and the company's wage policy,
  - g) supporting documentation for materials submitted to the government of the Czech Republic,
  - h) acquisition (including increase in the registered capital), alienation, abolishment or encumbrance of the company's stake in another legal entity or decrease of the registered capital of another legal entity in all other cases not regulated by Section 9 (c),
  - i) founding or winding up of an association of legal entities
  - j) capital expenditure projects and their implementation,
  - k) developments in the status of receivables and payables past due,
  - l) monthly developments in the company's economic operations,
  - m) the course and outcome of meetings of the company's board of directors,
  - n) contractual conditions of remunerating managers, who are simultaneously members of the board of directors, and directors of the company divisions, on an annual basis.
12. Always on or before May 15 of each calendar year, the board of directors shall submit to the supervisory board for review the ordinary and consolidated financial statements and proposals for distribution of profits, the board of directors' report pursuant to stipulation of Section 66(a) (9) of the Commercial Code, method of payment and maturity of dividends, amounts of royalties, and proposals for coverage of the company's losses. The board of directors also submits the extraordinary financial statements to the Supervisory Board for reviewing.

**Article 15**  
**Number of Directors and Their Terms of Office**

1. The board of directors shall have 7 members.
2. The members of the board of directors shall be elected and removed by the supervisory board. Each director may be elected repeatedly.
3. The board of directors shall elect and remove the board of directors' chairman and the vice-chairman.
4. The term of office of each director shall be four years.
5. Should a director decease, resign, be removed, or his term of office be otherwise terminated, the supervisory board shall elect a new director within three months.
6. A director may resign from their office at any time by virtue of a written statement delivered to the board of directors or supervisory board. Each such resignation shall be discussed by the supervisory board. The office of such director shall be terminated as of the date on which the supervisory board discussed or was to discuss such notice of resignation. The supervisory board shall be obligated to discuss such resignation at its subsequent meeting held after the delivery of such notice. Should a director submit their resignation from the office at a meeting of the supervisory board, its incumbency shall be terminated upon the expiration of two months after such notice, unless the supervisory board approves another date for termination of the office of such director upon such director's request.
7. The office of a director shall be terminated upon the election of a new director, but no later than after three months following the termination of such director's term of office, except pursuant to the provisions of Sections 5 and 6 of this article."

**Article 16**  
**Board of Directors' Meetings and Decision-Making**

1. The board of directors shall decide in such manner that to adopt a resolution, a simple majority of all the members' votes is necessary. The board of directors shall constitute a quorum when more than one half of its members are attending. Each director shall have one vote.
2. The procedure of the board of directors shall be governed by the board of directors' rules of procedure adopted by the board of directors. The board of directors' rules of procedure shall be adopted or amended by a two-thirds majority of votes of all directors.

3. Manner of the meetings of the board of directors' convocation: the contents of the notice, time limits for delivery of such notices and other details shall be set forth by the board of directors' rules of procedure.
4. The chairman of the board of directors shall be obligated to convene a meeting of the board of directors in the event at least two directors or the chairman of the supervisory board based on the decision of the supervisory board require so. Such request shall be made in writing and shall specify the urgent reason for the convocation of such board of directors' meeting. The time limit for convocation of such extraordinary meeting, measures against inactivity, and other details shall be regulated by the board of directors' rules of procedure.
5. The meetings of the board of directors shall be presided by the board of directors' chairman or vice-chairman, as the case may be.
6. Minutes shall be taken of the course of a board of directors' meeting and on all adopted resolutions; such minutes shall be signed by the chairman of the board of directors, another director (always the vice-chairman of the board of directors if such vice-chairman presided the meeting of the board of directors or its part), and the minutes clerk. The minutes of the board of directors' meeting shall specify the names of directors voting against each individual resolution of the board of directors or abstaining from voting. Unless provided otherwise, it shall apply that members of the board of directors not specified voted for the adoption of such resolution.
7. In election and voting on recall of a chairman or vice-chairman of the board of directors, the person concerned shall not vote.
8. In urgent matters permitting no delay, the chairman or vice-chairman in the chairman's absence may submit a *per rollam* voting by virtue of a written query or through a query made through communication technology towards all directors, and provided that all directors consent. Such resolution shall be deemed adopted in the event at least two thirds of all directors have voted and a simple majority of all directors have voted for its adoption. A decision made outside a meeting shall be recorded in the minutes from the [subsequent](#) subsequent meeting of the board of directors. Details of the *per rollam* voting are set forth in the board of directors' rules of procedure.
9. The board of directors may at its own discretion invite to its meetings also members of other company's bodies, company's employees, or other persons.
10. The board of directors shall hold its meetings at least once a month.

## **Article 17**

### **Board of Directors' Working Commissions, Teams, and Committees**

1. The board of directors may establish for its activities working commissions, teams, and committees.



# V. SUPERVISORY BOARD

## Article 18

### Status and Powers of the Supervisory Board

1. The supervisory board is the company's inspecting body. The supervisory board shall supervise the exercise of powers and satisfaction of obligations of the board of directors and conduct of the company's business. No proxy may be appointed to represent a member of the supervisory board in its office.
2. The members of the supervisory board shall be authorized to review all documents and records related to company's business and to inspect whether accounting entries are kept correctly and whether the company's business is conducted pursuant to the provisions of the law, these Articles of Association, and the instructions of the general meeting. The supervisory board shall inform the general meeting of the results of its inspection activities.
3. The supervisory board shall convene a general meeting in the event it is necessary in the company's best interest; at such general meeting, it shall propose all necessary measures.
4. The supervisory board shall appoint a member thereof to represent the company in proceedings before courts and other authorities against a member of the board of directors.
5. The supervisory board shall further:
  - a) supervise the observance of generally binding legal rules and regulations, these Articles of Association, and resolutions of the general meeting,
  - b) supervise the exercise of ownership rights by the board of directors in legal entities wherein the company holds stakes,
  - c) review the ordinary, extraordinary, consolidated, or, as the case may be, interim financial statements, proposals for distribution of profits, including the determination of the amount and method of dividend and royalty distributions, or proposals for coverage of losses, report of the board of directors pursuant to the provision of Section 66a (9) of the Commercial Code, and submit its opinions to the general meeting,
  - d) discuss the quarterly economic results, semi-annual and annual reports pursuant to the provisions of the ~~securities act~~[Capital Market Business Act](#), and the annual reports drawn up pursuant to the provisions of the accounting act,
  - e) convene an extraordinary general meeting if necessary in the best interest of the company,
  - f) submit to the general meeting and the board of directors its opinions, recommendations, and proposals,

- g) elect and recall members of the board of directors in the manner provided for in Article 20,
  - h) approve agreements on incumbency of directors in accordance with the provision of Section 194 (1) of the Commercial Code,
  - i) approve rules for the voluntary provision of emoluments to members of the company's board of directors in accordance with the provision of Section 194 (1) of the Commercial Code.
6. The supervisory board shall grant its preliminary consent to the board of directors in the following matters:
- a) acquisitions, alienation, encumbrance and leases of immovables and movables (except for stock and securities for liquidity management), which shall be or already are part of the company's business assets, if their book value exceeds CZK 500,000,000 (to wit: five hundred million Czech crowns),
  - b) the company's capital expenditure projects, the value of which exceeds CZK 500,000,000 (to wit: five hundred million Czech crowns),
  - c) disposition with property stakes in another legal entity, with the seat in CR or abroad in the following cases:
    - c.1. acquisition of a stake in another legal entity by founding a daughter company or by increase in the registered capital of an existing company or by transfer from a third person or by any other manner where the acquired stake equity exceeds in each individual case CZK 500,000,000 (to wit: five hundred million Czech crowns) or where due to such action, the company's share in the registered capital of that other legal entity shall exceed one third or one half or two thirds of such entity's registered capital; this stipulation shall not be used in the event of founding a daughter company with the registered capital not exceeding CZK 10,000,000. A controlled person shall not be deemed to be a third person.
    - c.2. alienation, abolishment or encumbrance of the stake in another legal entity or decrease of the registered capital of another legal entity in the event that the equity of stake in such person that is subject to such disposition exceeds in every individual case CZK 500,000,000 (to wit: five hundred million Czech crowns) or where due to such action the company's share in the registered capital of this other legal entity shall decrease below one third or one half or two thirds; this stipulation shall not be used on case the property stake in the other legal entity is transferred or encumbered to the controlled person,
  - d) transfer and encumbrance of the company's own shares,
  - e) composition of supervisory boards of companies wherein the company holds a stake in such company's registered capital in each individual case exceeding CZK 500,000,000 (to wit: five hundred million Czech crowns). The supervisory board may reserve by resolution the right of prior consent even with regard to companies wherein the stake in such

company's registered capital does not exceed CZK 500,000,000 (to wit: five hundred million Czech crowns),

- f) draft agreement with the auditor selected by the general meeting to verify the company's financial statement and consolidated financial statement,
- g) alienation of real estate whose market or appraised price exceeds CZK 100,000,000 (to wit: one hundred million Czech crowns) in each individual case,
- h) provision of borrowings (loans) to third parties, acceptance of any guarantees on behalf of the company for third-party obligations exceeding in each individual case CZK 200,000,000 (to wit: two hundred million Czech crowns), with a controlled person not deemed to be a third party,
- i) acceptance of a long-term borrowing (loan) from third parties for a period exceeding 1 year and other similar long-term financial operation, save for security operations, in excess of CZK 500,000,000 (to wit: five hundred million Czech crowns), with a controlled person not being deemed to be a third party,
- j) bond issue, except for a bond issue subject to approval by the general meeting within the meaning of Section 160 of the Commercial Code,
- k) provision of options to company's shares,
- l) transformation of the company, if the law stipulates that the board of directors has the power to make such decisions,
- m) conclusion of a contract under section 193 subsection 2 of the Commercial Code; stipulation of Article 8 (1) (m) shall remain unaffected thereby),
- n) conduct of due diligence (legal, economic, technical, or, as the case may be, environmental audits) and provision of information related thereto
- o) conclusion of management contracts and the manner of remunerating managers, who are simultaneously members of the board of directors, and directors of the company divisions, and appointment to the function of chief executive officer,
- p) stipulation and evaluation of the nominal duties of managers, who are simultaneously members of the board of directors, and directors of the company divisions,
- q) submission of tender documentation to tenderers for public contracts pursuant to the Public Procurement Act, if the expected value of the contract is higher than one third of the equity arising from the last consolidated financial statements
- r) other cases stipulated by law.

7. The supervisory board shall discuss and provide its opinions to the board of directors on the following matters:
- a) approvals of or amendments to the Organizational Rules of ČEZ, a. s.,
  - b) approval of rules for creation and application of the company's funds in accordance with the law and these Articles of Association,
  - c) annual investment and operational budgets,
  - d) proposals for substantial changes in the organization structure of the company,
  - e) draft business plan of the company as part of the concept of business approved by the company's general meeting,
  - f) proposals for the business concept (and changes thereof) of controlled entities with a registered capital exceeding CZK 500,000,000 (five hundred million Czech crowns), in accordance with legal regulations and with the constitutive documents of those persons controlled by the company),
  - g) any and all proposals submitted by the board of directors to the general meeting for decision or for information purposes. Where the board of directors is obligated to submit a particular proposal to the general meeting by law, it shall be sufficient to advise the supervisory board of such fact,
  - h) content of tender documentation pursuant to the Public Procurement Act, if the expected value of the contract is higher than one third of the equity arising from the last consolidated financial statements.
8. The supervisory board shall be entitled to be advised by the board of directors in particular of the following:
- a) approvals of the Working Regulations of ČEZ, a.s., and the Signing Rules of ČEZ, a. s.,
  - b) approval of the Electoral Regulations of ČEZ, a. s., dealing with the election of members of the supervisory board elected by the employees,
  - c) disbursement of funds from the reserve fund,
  - d) increase in the registered capital pursuant to the provisions of Article 31,
  - e) long-term agreements for the purchase ~~and~~ sale and transit of electricity concluded for a period exceeding 3 years or if their value in each individual case exceeds CZK 1,000,000,000 (to wit: one billion Czech crowns), as well as agreements for the purchase of distribution and transmission services concerning electricity, agreements on the provision of supporting services under the Power Act, ~~and~~ agreements ~~for the purchase and sale of commodity derivatives and provision of commodity trade services, agreements for the purchase and sale of greenhouse gas emission permits, allowances, agreements for the purchase, sale, storage and transit of natural gas, agreements for the purchase of distribution and transmission services concerning natural~~

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[gas and agreements for the purchase and sale of heat, all this](#) if their value in each individual case exceeds CZK 1,000,000,000 (to wit: one billion Czech crowns),

- f) principles for collective bargaining and the company's wage policy,
  - g) supporting documentation for materials submitted to the government of the Czech Republic,
  - h) acquisition (including increase in the registered capital), alienation, abolishment or encumbrance of the company's stake in another legal entity or decrease of the registered capital of another legal entity in all other cases not regulated by Section 6 (c),
  - i) founding or winding up of an association of legal entities
  - j) capital expenditure projects and their implementation,
  - k) developments in the status of receivables and payables past due,
  - l) monthly developments in the company's economic operations,
  - m) the course and outcome of meetings of the company's board of directors,
  - n) contractual conditions of remunerating managers, who are simultaneously members of the board of directors, and directors of the company divisions, on an annual basis.
9. The supervisory board shall review the report on relations between interconnected persons. It shall be obligated to advise the general meeting of such review, and to communicate its opinion to the general meeting.
10. The chairman or vice-chairman with another member of the supervisory board shall act on behalf of the supervisory board.

## **Article 19**

### **Number of Supervisory Board's Members and Their Terms of Office**

1. The supervisory board shall have 12 members..
2. Two-thirds of the members of the supervisory board shall be elected and removed by the general meeting, one-third of the members of the supervisory board shall be elected and removed by the company's employees. Each member of the supervisory board may be elected repeatedly.
3. Persons elected as members of the supervisory board by the company's employees must be employed by the company or represent the employees or be its member pursuant to the provisions of special legal rules and regulations.
4. The supervisory board shall elect and recall its chairman and two vice-chairmen.

5. The term of office of each members of the supervisory board shall be four years.
6. Should a member of the supervisory board decease, resign, be recalled, or its term of office be otherwise terminated, the general meeting shall elect a new member of the supervisory board within three months, unless the supervisory board exercises its right set forth under Section 10 below.
7. A member of the supervisory board elected by the general meeting may resign from his/her office at any time by virtue of a written statement delivered to the supervisory board or the general meeting. Each such resignation shall be discussed by the supervisory board. The office of such member of the supervisory board shall be terminated as of the date on which the supervisory board discussed or was to discuss such notice of resignation. The supervisory board shall be obligated to discuss such resignation at its subsequent meeting held after the delivery of such notice. Should a member of the supervisory board submit his/her resignation from the office at a meeting of the supervisory board, his/her incumbency shall be terminated upon the expiration of two months after such notice, unless the supervisory board approves another date for termination of the office of such member upon such member's request.
8. A member of the supervisory board elected by the employees may also resign from his office by virtue of a written notice delivered to the supervisory board. The supervisory board shall be obligated to forthwith notify the board of directors of such resignation of its member elected by employees. The office of such resigning member of the supervisory board shall be terminated as of the date on which the supervisory board discussed such notice of resignation. The board of directors shall be obligated to organize an election of a new member elected by employees within one month following the delivery of the resignation notice of the resigning member to the supervisory board.
9. The office of a member of the supervisory board shall be terminated upon the election of a new member of the supervisory board, but no later than after three months following the termination of such member's term of office, save for pursuant to the provisions of Sections 6, 7, and 8 of this article.
10. Unless the number of members of the supervisory board elected by the general meeting drops under one half, the supervisory board may appoint substitute members to take office until the subsequent general meeting.

## **Article 20**

### **Supervisory Board's Meetings and Decision-Making**

1. The supervisory board shall decide by a simple majority of the votes of all its members, unless provided otherwise by these Articles of Association. The supervisory board shall constitute a quorum when a simple majority of its members are attending. Each member of the supervisory board shall have one vote.

2. The procedure of the supervisory board shall be governed by the supervisory board's rules of procedure adopted by the supervisory board. The supervisory board's rules of procedure shall be adopted or amended by a simple majority of votes of all its members. As regards election of persons in respect of which there is an obstacle to discharge of office pursuant to the provisions of the Commercial Code, or ratification of election, the supervisory board shall decide by a two-thirds majority of all of its members.
3. The meetings of the supervisory board shall be convened by the supervisory board's chairman by virtue of a written notice specifying the place, date, and time of such meeting as well as its agenda. Time limits for delivery of such notices and other details shall be set forth by the supervisory board's rules of procedure.
4. The chairman of the supervisory board shall be obligated to convene a meeting of the supervisory board in the event a member of the supervisory board or the board of directors or shareholders specified in section 181 subsection 1 of the Commercial Code so require. Such request shall be made in writing and shall specify the urgent reason for the convocation of such meeting of the supervisory board. The time limit for convocation of such extraordinary meeting, measures against inactivity, and other details shall be regulated by the supervisory board's rules of procedure.
5. The meetings of the supervisory board shall be presided by the supervisory board's chairman. In the event of the chairman's absence, all such meetings shall be presided by a vice-chairman of the supervisory board. The sequence shall be determined by the supervisory board's rules of procedure.
6. Minutes shall be taken of the course of each supervisory board's meeting and on all adopted resolutions; such minutes shall be signed by the chairman of the supervisory board and by the minutes clerk. The minutes from the supervisory board's meeting shall also specify the opinions of a minority of members if so requested by the same, and the dissenting opinion of the members of the supervisory board elected by employees shall be recorded under all circumstances.
7. In election and voting on recall of a chairman or vice-chairman of the supervisory board, the person concerned shall not vote.
8. In urgent cases that cannot be delayed, a chairman of the supervisory board (or the vice-chairman in the absence of the chairman) may organize a per rollam decision through a written request or a request via communication technology for all members of the supervisory board, provided that all members of the supervisory board consent to such manner of voting. A resolution is adopted if the minimum of two thirds of all members take part in the voting and if the majority of all members votes in favor of such resolution. A resolution adopted outside a meeting must be contained in the minutes of the next [subsequent](#) meeting of the supervisory board.
9. The supervisory board may at its own discretion invite to its meetings also members of other company's bodies, company's employees, or other

persons. As far as employees or the members of other company's bodies are concerned, those shall be obligated to attend.

10. The supervisory board shall hold its meetings at least once a month.

## **Article 21**

### **Committees of the Supervisory Board**

1. The supervisory board shall be entitled to establish certain committees ("supervisory board committees"). Only a member of the supervisory board may serve on a supervisory board committee.
2. Members of supervisory board committees shall be elected and removed by the supervisory board. The term of office of members of supervisory board committees shall be of the same length as their term of office in their capacity as supervisory board members. Unless a supervisory board committee member is recalled from the committee (or steps down from his or her membership in the committee), their term of office as a committee member ends no later than on the day on which their supervisory board membership terminates.
3. Each supervisory board committee shall elect from among their number a chairman and a vice-chairman who shall act on the chairman's behalf in his absence.
4. The supervisory board committees shall meet as required but at least once every quarter.
5. Meetings of a supervisory board committee shall be convened by the chairman, or in his/her absence, by the vice-chairman, or another authorized member of the supervisory board committee.
6. Each supervisory board committee shall form a quorum if all members have been duly invited to the meeting and a simple majority of its members is present.
7. Resolutions of each supervisory board committee shall be adopted by a simple majority of all of its members.
8. Minutes shall be taken of the meetings of supervisory board committees; such minutes shall be signed by the chairman of the supervisory board committee, or by the vice-chairman or another authorized member of the committee. The minutes from the supervisory board's meeting shall also specify the opinions of a minority of members if so requested by the same. The minutes shall be kept on file for the duration of the company.
9. The position, competences and composition of the individual supervisory board committees shall be stipulated by the statutes of every such committee, approved by the supervisory board. Details about the manner of supervisory

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committee meetings shall be set forth by rules of procedure of every such committee, which shall be approved by the supervisory board.

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# VI. AUDIT COMMITTEE

## Article 22

### Status and Powers of the Audit Committee

1. The audit committee shall be a company body performing especially the following activities while responsibilities of the members of the board of directors or of the supervisory board remain unaffected:
  - a) monitor compilation of the financial statements and consolidated financial statements,
  - b) evaluate efficiency of the company's internal security, internal audit and the risk management systems, as the case may be,
  - c) monitor process of the obligatory audit of the financial statements and consolidated financial statements,
  - d) assess independence of the statutory auditor and audit company and especially provision of supplementary services to the company,
  - e) recommend an auditor ~~for~~[carry out the statutory audit, including](#) verification of the company's financial statements and consolidated financial statements.
2. The auditor shall report the audit committee continuously about important facts ensuing from the obligatory audit, especially about principal flaws in the internal check relating to the process of compiling the financial statements or consolidated financial statement.
3. Members of the audit committee shall exercise their powers with professional care and observe secrecy about confidential information and about facts the disclosure of which to third persons could cause the company any harm. The secrecy duty shall continue even after termination of appointment.
4. Members of the audit committee shall participate in the general meeting and they are obliged to present results of their activities to the general meeting.

## Article 23

### Number of the Audit Committee Members and Their Term of Office

1. The audit committee shall have 5 members appointed and removed by the general meeting from among the supervisory board members or from among third persons. Nor members of the board of directors neither proxies may become the audit committee members. At least one member of the committee has to be independent from the company and has to have minimum three-year practical experience in book-keeping or obligatory audit.
2. The audit committee shall appoint their chairman and vice-chairman.

3. Term of office of each audit committee member shall be four years.
4. Should a member of the audit committee de cease, resign, be recalled, or his term of office be otherwise terminated, the supervisory board shall elect a new member of the audit committee to the subsequent general meeting.
5. A member of the audit committee may resign from his/her office at any time by virtue of a written statement delivered to the audit committee. Each such resignation shall be discussed by the audit committee. The office of such member of the audit committee shall be terminated as of the date on which the audit committee discussed or was to discuss such notice of resignation. The audit committee shall be obligated to discuss such resignation at its subsequent meeting held after the delivery of such notice. If a member of the audit committee announces his/her resignation at the meeting of the audit committee, his/her office shall end upon the passing of two months after such announcement, unless the audit committee approves a different moment for expiry of the office.
6. The office of a member of the audit committee shall be terminated upon the election of a new member of the audit committee by the next general meeting, but no later than after three months following the passing of such member's term of office, save for pursuant to the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 of this article.

## **Article 24**

### **Audit Committee's Meetings and Decision-Making**

1. The audit committee shall decide by a simple majority of the votes of all its members. The audit committee shall constitute a quorum when a simple majority of its members are attending. Each member of the audit committee shall have one vote.
2. The procedure of the audit committee shall be governed by the audit committee's rules of procedure adopted by the audit committee. The audit committee's rules of procedure shall be adopted or amended by a simple majority of votes of all its members.
3. As a rule, the audit committee shall hold its meetings once in two months.

# **VII. JOINT PROVISIONS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE SUPERVISORY BOARD AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

## **Article 25**

### **Conditions for Incumbency in Company's Bodies, Remuneration and Royalties for Company's Bodies' Members**

1. Costs related to the organization of meetings and to other activities of the board of directors, the supervisory board and the audit committee shall be borne by the company.
2. Members of company's bodies shall be reimbursed by the company for costs purposefully expended thereby in connection with their incumbency and with their attendance at such bodies' meetings.
3. Members of company's bodies shall be entitled to remuneration for their incumbency based on the approval of the same by the general meeting, provided that the amount and method of payment of such remuneration shall be set forth in agreements entered into by and between the company and the members of its bodies.
4. Should a member of the board of directors also provide for the supreme executive management of the company, they shall conduct such activities as company's employee and shall be paid the salary therefore pursuant to the provisions of the managerial salary rules of the company.
5. In addition to the remuneration, members of the board of directors and of the supervisory board shall be entitled to royalties, the amount of which shall be decided by the general meeting in connection with its decision on profit distribution.
6. The company may, in accordance with legal regulations, provide to members of the bodies other emoluments, such emoluments to be paid pursuant to the rules for the provision of voluntary emoluments to members of the supervisory board, approved pursuant to Article 8 (1)(d) by the general meeting, based on rules for the provision of voluntary emoluments to members of the audit committee, approved pursuant to Article 8 (1)(d) by the board of directors, and based on rules for the provision of voluntary emoluments to members of the board of directors approved pursuant to Article 18 (5)(i) by the supervisory board.

## **VIII. ACTING AND SIGNING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE COMPANY**

### **Article 26**

#### **Acting and Signing for and on Behalf of the Company**

1. The board of directors shall act and sign on behalf of the company, through two directors jointly. They shall sign by appending their signatures to the printed or typed business name of the company.
2. Persons authorized by virtue of a written power of attorney granted by the board of directors shall also act and sign on behalf of the company. They shall sign by appending their signatures to the printed or typed business name.
3. The company's employees shall also act and sign on behalf of the company to the extent arising from organizational and signing rules and regulations of the company. They shall sign by appending their signatures to the printed or typed business name of the company, and also by printing legibly their names, surnames and titles.

## **IX. COMPANY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

### **Article 27**

#### **Method of Profit Distribution and Loss Coverage**

1. The net profits shall be distributed in particular for the following purposes:
  - a) 5% to the reserve fund of up to 20% of the company's registered capital,
  - b) to the company's other funds, if established,
  - c) for dividend payment,
  - d) for royalty payments to members of the board of directors and of the supervisory board,
  - e) the remaining part of profits shall remain undistributed.

The above-specified order of priority is not binding on the company, except as far as the contribution to the reserve fund is concerned. A part of the net profits may - based on the approval by the general meeting - also be applied for the increase in the registered capital. A part of the net profits may - based on the approval of the general meeting - also be applied for payment of

shares pertaining to bonds pursuant to the provisions of the issuer's prospectus.

2. The company's own resources shall be applied to cover losses in the following sequence of priority:
  - a) undistributed profits from previous years,
  - b) other company funds apart from the reserve fund, if established,
  - c) reserve fund,
  - d) registered capital.
3. The company shall not be authorized to distribute its profits or other resources among its shareholders in the event its equity determined through an ordinary or extraordinary financial statement is lower than the company's registered capital or in the event distribution of profits would result in the equity being lower than the company's registered capital increased by the subscribed nominal value of shares, provided that company's shares are subscribed for such increase in the registered capital, and in the event the increased registered capital has not yet been entered in the Commercial Register as of the date of the ordinary or extraordinary financial statements. The provisions of Section 65a of the Commercial Code shall remain unaffected by the provisions of this section. Further on, the company shall not be authorized to distribute that part of the reserve fund or such reserve funds that it may not utilize for payments to shareholders pursuant to the provisions of the laws and these Articles of Association.
4. The amount determined for payment as a share in the company's profits shall not exceed the economic result of the relevant accounting period reported in the financial statement and decreased by the obligatory contribution to the reserve fund and by the deferred unpaid loss and increased by the undistributed profits from previous years and by created profit funds that the company may use at its own discretion.
5. The board of directors shall be obligated to announce a decision of the general meeting on the date of dividend maturity, place, and method of payment thereof, in the manner set forth by law and these Articles of Association ~~for convocation of general meetings~~.

## **Article 28**

### **Quarterly Results of Operations**

1. Besides the annual financial statement, the board of directors shall be obliged to provide for drawing up of quarterly results of operations, providing the basic information on the current proprietary and financial situation of the company, efficiency of its financial management in the previous calendar quarter, and on the amounts of profits generated or loss incurred during such period of time.

## **Article 29**

### **Reserve Fund and Other Funds**

1. The company shall create a reserve fund.
2. At the time of the company's foundation, a reserve fund of CZK 4,918,125,000 (to wit: four billion nine hundred eighteen million one hundred and twenty-five thousand Czech crowns) was created. Such reserve fund shall be supplemented with the annual contribution from profits totalling to at least 5% of net profits each year, until its amount reaches the equivalent of 20% of the registered capital.
3. The company shall also be obligated to create a special reserve fund in cases set forth in Sections 161d and 161f of the Commercial Code. The procedure set forth under Section 161d (2) through to (4) of the Commercial Code shall be applied.
4. The reserve fund may also be created as follows:
  - a) by the general meeting's decision on increasing the registered capital together with the resolution on the increase in the registered capital through subscription of own stock as follows:
    - by an extra charge added to the issue price of new shares, or
    - by application of the difference (or part thereof) by which the value of the in-kind contribution exceeds the nominal value of shares to be issued to subscribers as consideration,
  - b) by the general meeting's decision on further voluntary creation of a reserve fund from the profits; the reserve fund thus created may reach the double of the company's registered capital,
  - c) by the board of directors' decision on the transfer of funds from other company's funds, unless they are purposefully bound; the reserve fund thus created may reach the double of the company's registered capital,
  - d) by the general meeting's decision on the decrease of the registered capital for the purpose of transfer to the reserve fund for coverage of future losses under the terms and conditions set forth in Section 216a of the Commercial Code, provided that the amount transferred to the reserve fund shall not exceed 10% of the company's registered capital. Such reserve fund created may only be applied pursuant to the provisions of Section 216a of the Commercial Code.
5. The board of directors shall decide on the application of the reserve fund, unless the general meeting has such decisions reserved for itself.
6. The company may also establish other funds. The establishment of these other funds shall be decided by the general meeting, except for those cases in which the establishment of the given fund is obligatory as set forth by the law. Should such funds be created or supplemented using the profits, the contributions to such funds shall be approved by the general meeting. The board of directors shall decide on the manner of use of such funds according

to the approved rules and regulations. Rules for creation and use of such funds shall be approved by the board of directors based on the discussion of the same at a meeting of the supervisory board.

## **X. CHANGE IN REGISTERED CAPITAL**

### **Article 30 Increase in Registered Capital**

1. The general meeting shall decide on any increase in or decrease of the company's registered capital, or the board of directors shall decide on the same pursuant to the provisions of the laws and these Articles of Association.
2. The company's registered capital may be increased in all manners permissible pursuant to the provisions of Sections 202 through to 210, and Section 216c of the Commercial Code.
3. In its increase in the registered capital, the company shall observe the provisions contained in Sections 202 through to 210 of the Commercial Code, while also observing the following rules:
  - a) for the general meeting's decisions on the increase in the registered capital, at least two-third majority of votes of all attending shareholders shall be required, unless the legal rules and regulations require a greater majority for certain decisions,
  - b) in the notice of the general meeting, the requisites specified in Section 9 (5) shall be included as well as requisites specified in Section 202 (2) through to (4) of the Commercial Code,
  - c) the issue price of subscribed shares may be paid up through a monetary contribution; shares may only be subscribed for through in-kind contributions if this is in the best interest of the company,
  - d) subscription of shares may not be commenced before the entry of the relevant resolution of the general meeting into the Commercial Register, unless an application for the entry of such resolution into the Commercial Register has been filed and the subscription of shares is subject to a condition subsequent, i.e., the legal effects of the decision on the rejection of such application for entry of the relevant resolution into the Commercial Register,
  - e) shareholders' priority right to subscription of new shares may only be excluded or restricted by virtue of a resolution of the general meeting due to company's significant interests,
  - f) within 30 days following the general meeting's resolution on the increase in the registered capital, the board of directors shall file an application for the entry of such resolution into the Commercial Register,



- g) after the satisfaction of all conditions set forth by law, these Articles of Association, or a decision of the general meeting, the board of directors shall propose the entry of the new amount of the registered capital into the Commercial Register; the effects of such increase in the registered capital shall occur as of the date of such entry.
4. New shares issued based on the decision of a general meeting's or board of directors' decision on subscription of shares shall also have a share in the economic results of previous years.
5. If in the increase of the registered capital through the subscription of new shares, the transferability of which is not limited, the subscriber has paid up the issue price of shares, the company may issue share warrants prior to the entry of increase in the registered capital in the Commercial Register, if so decided by the general meeting.

### **Article 31**

#### **Increase in the Registered Capital by the Board of Directors**

1. By virtue of a general meeting's resolution, the board of directors may be authorized under the terms and conditions set forth by law and these Articles of Association to decide on an increase in the registered capital through subscription of shares or using company's own resources, save for undistributed profits, but always by the maximum of one-third of the amount of the registered capital existing at the time when the general meeting charged the board of directors with such increase in the registered capital.
2. The authorization to increase the company's registered capital may be granted for a maximum period of five years of the date of the general meeting that decided to grant the authority to increase the registered capital.
3. The authorization must specify the nominal value, kind, form and type of shares to be issued in order to increase the company's registered capital. The board of directors may increase the company's registered capital repeatedly within the authorization, provided that the total amount of the increase does not exceed the limit set out in Section 1.

### **Article 32**

#### **Method of Share Issue Price Repayment and Consequences of Breach of Obligation to Timely Pay Up Subscribed Shares**

1. The issue price of the shares may be paid up—based on the general meeting's decision—both through monetary and in-kind contributions. If such in-kind contribution is:

- a) a movable item, the subscriber shall be obligated to submit the object of the contribution to the company and to provide for the acquisition of the company's title to the paid up object of contribution prior to the filing of an application for entry of increase in the registered capital into the Commercial Register,
  - b) an immovable, prior to the filing of an application for the entry of the increase in the registered capital into the Commercial Register, the subscriber shall be obligated to submit to the company the object of his/her contribution and a written statement with officially certified signature and to provide for the company's acquisition of the title to such paid up object of contribution, provided that any potential application for entry into the real estate register shall be filed within 15 days following the entry of the increase in the registered capital into the Commercial Register.
2. For other in-kind contributions, each contribution shall be paid up through the execution of a written agreement on contribution. Should know-how constitute such in-kind contribution, documentation shall also be required for such contribution to be effective, wherein such know-how is described. Should a company or a part thereof constitute an in-kind contribution, submission of such company or a part thereof shall also be required for the provision thereof. The company and the contribution shall draw up a record on the submission of documentation describing the know-how as well as a record on the submission of the company or a part thereof.
3. Unless the title to the object of an in-kind contribution is transferred to the company although the in-kind contribution is deemed paid up, the person that had undertaken to provide such contribution shall be obligated to pay the value of the in-kind contribution in monies and the company shall be obligated to return the in-kind contribution it had accepted to such person, unless it is obligated to issue the same to the obligee. Should a shareholder transfer shares or interim certificates to another, the transferee of such shares or interim certificates shall be liable for the satisfaction of the obligation to pay up the value of the in-kind contribution in monies, unless acquisition within a regulated market is concerned.
4. In subscription of shares for the purpose of increasing the registered capital, the subscriber shall be obligated to pay up the entire share premium and that part of the nominal value (but at least 30% thereof) that has been stipulated by the authority in charge in its decision on the increase in the registered capital. The remaining amount shall be paid up on dates specified in such decision, but under all circumstances within one year. In-kind contributions shall be paid up in full prior to the filing of the application for the entry of the increase in the registered capital into the Commercial Register.
5. Should the subscriber fail to pay the issue price of subscribed shares or the due and payable part of such price, it shall be called upon by the board of directors to pay the same within 30 days. After the expiration in vain of such deadline, however, the board of directors shall exclude such subscriber from the company and shall apply the procedure set forth in Section 177 (4) of the

Commercial Code, or the general meeting shall decrease the registered capital by deciding on the non-issue of shares.

6. In the event of a breach of the obligation to pay up the issue price of subscribed shares, the subscriber shall pay default interest at 24% a year. However, the right to file an action for the payment of the issue price shall remain unaffected thereby.
7. Shareholders cannot exercise their voting rights attached to their interim certificates in case they are in default with payment of the issue price of unpaid shares or a part thereof.

### **Article 33 Decrease of Registered Capital**

1. Decrease of the registered capital shall be governed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 211 through to 216c of the Commercial Code, while decrease of the registered capital through withdrawal of shares based on the shareholders' proposal shall be permissible (pursuant to the provisions of Section 213c of the Commercial Code). Decrease of the registered capital through decrease of the nominal value of shares and interim certificates and through the decision not to issue shares shall also be permissible.
2. In decrease of the registered capital through withdrawal of shares based on a proposal, the following procedure shall be observed:
  - a) should registered capital be decreased through withdrawal of shares based on a public draft agreement, a decision of the general meeting may determine that the registered capital shall be decreased to the extent of nominal values of shares to be so withdrawn, or that it shall be decreased by a specific fixed amount,
  - b) the board of directors shall publish in the manner set forth for convocation of the general meeting the draft agreement pursuant to the provisions of Section 213c of the Commercial Code for the purpose of withdrawal of shares,
  - c) the board of directors shall based on the authorization by the general meeting submit an application for the entry of the new amount of the registered capital into the Commercial Register to the extent to which the public draft agreement has been accepted by the shareholders,
  - d) upon the entry of the amount of the registered capital into the Commercial Register, the board of directors shall without undue delay submit an order to the central securities depository to cancel the shares that the company had purchased pursuant to the provisions of the public draft agreement.
3. In the event of a decrease of the registered capital, the following rules shall also be observed:

- a) the general meeting shall decide on the decrease of the registered capital, to which at least two-thirds majority of the votes of shareholders attending the relevant general meeting are required,
- b) in the notice of the general meeting and in the invitation thereto, the requisites specified in Section 9 (5) shall be included as well as requisites specified in Section 211 (1) of the Commercial Code
- c) within 30 days following the resolution of the general meeting, the board of directors shall file an application for the entry thereof into the Commercial Register,
- d) the general meeting's resolution on the decrease of the registered capital shall be performed by the very same board of directors or by the board of directors through another person based on a contract,
- e) within 30 days following the legal effects of the general meeting's decision on the decrease of the registered capital towards third parties, the board of directors shall be obligated to inform in writing the known creditors having receivables from the company arising prior to the effective date of such decision with respect to third parties of the amount of decrease of the registered capital and shall also request that such creditors apply their receivables; after its entry into the Commercial Register, the general meeting's decision on the decrease of the registered capital shall be published by the board of directors at least twice successively in at least thirty-day intervals and with a request for the creditors to apply their receivables,
- f) the board of directors shall file an application for the entry of the decrease of the registered capital within the period specified in Section 216 of the Commercial Code,
- g) the registered capital may not be decreased under the amount set forth in Section 162 (3) of the Commercial Code,
- h) should the company be obligated to decrease the registered capital, it shall use the treasury stock or interim certificate for such purpose, provided that it owns any; also in other cases of decrease of the registered capital, the company shall use for the decrease of the registered capital in particular its treasury stock or interim certificate, while any other method may only be applied to decrease the registered capital in the event they are not sufficient for the decrease of the registered capital to the extent determined by the general meeting or should the purpose of the decrease of the registered capital not be complied with,
- i) prior to the entry of the decrease of the registered capital into the Commercial Register and prior to the satisfaction or securing of the creditors' receivables pursuant to the provisions of Section 215 (2), or, as the case may be, Section 215 (4) of the Commercial Code, shareholders may not be provided any payments due to such decrease of the registered capital or forgiven or reduced any unpaid amounts of the nominal values of their shares as a result of such decrease of registered capital.

## **Article 34**

### **Parallel Reduction of and Increase in the Registered Capital**

1. Subject to terms and conditions stipulated by law, the general meeting may concurrently decide on the reduction of and increase in the registered capital, if the purpose of the reduction is to conform the par value of the existing quoted shares to their price on the regulated market in connection with increase in the registered capital through the subscription of new shares under public offering.
2. In a resolution on the parallel reduction of and increase in the registered capital, the general meeting may determine the extent of the registered capital reduction by determining the method of calculation of the amount of reduction according to the issue price of new shares to be set later on. Such a determination method must clearly reveal by what amount the registered capital is to be reduced. In a resolution on the concurrent reduction of and increase in the registered capital, the general meeting shall commission the board of directors to promptly publish the amount of the registered capital reduction and the new par value of the company's shares corresponding thereto, with such publication to be performed in a manner stipulated by law and by these Articles of Association with respect to the convocation of a general meeting.

# XI. FINAL PROVISIONS

## Article 35

### Publishing, Notices, and Information

1. All facts that the company shall be obligated to publish shall be so published in *Obchodní věstník*.
2. All facts that the company shall be obligated to publish shall be published on the company's internet website and ~~posted in the company's registered office at a place~~other locations designated ~~for such purpose, unless provided otherwise~~ by laws or these Articles of Association.
3. The annual report together with a report on related persons shall be published by the company pursuant to the provisions of special legal rules and regulations. Should the company issue quoted securities, it shall also draw up and publish a semi-annual report and shall comply with all obligations of the issuer of quoted securities set forth by a special act. Should the company intend to issue or offer securities to the public, it shall be obligated to draw up and publish a prospectus pursuant to the provisions of special legal rules and regulations.

## Article 36

### Procedure for Amendment of These Articles of Association

1. The general meeting shall decide on amendments of these Articles of Association as specified in Article 12.
2. Should amendments to these Articles of Association be included in the agenda of a general meeting, a notice of such general meeting shall at least characterize the basis of the proposed amendments and the draft amended Articles of Association shall be available to the shareholders for review in the company's registered office during the time period set forth by the law for convocation of the respective general meeting. Each shareholder may require sending of a copy of the draft amended Articles of Association at their own expense and risk. The shareholders shall be notified of such right in the notice of the general meeting or in the invitation thereto.
3. Should a shareholder intend to submit counterproposals at a general meeting to the proposed amendments to these Articles of Association specified in the notice of the general meeting, he/she shall be obligated to deliver the written wording of such counterproposal to the company at least five business days prior to the date of the relevant general meeting. The board of directors shall be obligated to publish such counterproposal together with its opinion, if possible, at least three days prior to the notified date of the general meeting concerned.

4. After the approval of such amendments to these Articles of Association by the general meeting, the board of directors shall provide for drawing up of a complete new wording of the Articles of Association and shall submit the same to the relevant registry court. All amendments to the Articles of Association consisting of the increase in or decrease of the registered capital, split of shares, or consolidation of shares into one share, changes in the form and type of shares or restrictions on transferability of registered shares or changes therein shall enter into effect as of the date of entry of such facts into the Commercial Register. Other amendments and changes shall enter into effect at the time when decided on by the general meeting, unless it arises from the decision of the general meeting on amendments to the Articles of Association or from the law that such changes shall only enter into effect at a later date.