

**Press release** 

Annual General Meeting 2015 of Bossard Holding AG

Daniel Lippuner and René Cotting appointed to the Board of Directors

Zug, April 13, 2015 – At the annual general meeting of shareholders (AGM) of Bossard Holding AG on Monday, all Board proposals were approved with a large majority. Following the departures since 2013, the Board of Directors now has further reinforcements with the election of Dr. René Cotting and Daniel Lippuner. The annual general meeting of shareholders approved all current directors in their posts. Dr. Thomas Schmuckli remains as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Back in September 2014, the Board of Directors of Bossard Holding AG announced that it would be filling the vacancies in the Board and, with the appointment of Dr. René Cotting and Daniel Lippuner, intended to bring new skills to the Board. Dr. René Cotting, CFO on the executive committee of ABB Switzerland, will bring in particular his European and American market knowledge and his experience in the areas of finance and supply chain management to the Board. Daniel Lippuner, CEO of the Saurer Group, will be a strong addition to the Board with his global industry experience and his expertise in the field of innovation.

In addition, the AGM approved the dividend proposed by the Board of Directors. Accordingly, from the net income of CHF 57.1 million (previous year: CHF 56.0 million) a net dividend of CHF 3.00 will be paid out for the registered A shares and CHF 0.60 for the registered B shares. The dividend proposal is based on the current dividend payout policy of Bossard Holding AG, according to which the shareholders are entitled to 40 percent of the Group net income. Bossard registered A shares will be traded ex-dividend from April 15, 2015. The dividend payment will be made on April 20, 2015.



The annual general meeting of shareholders also approved PricewaterhouseCoopers AG, Zurich, as auditors for the 2015 financial year.

A total of 658 shareholders attended the annual general meeting or shareholders: they represented 10 458 682 of votes.

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## **Profile:**

The Bossard Group is a leading global supplier of product solutions and services in industrial fastener and assembly technology. With over 800,000 items in its comprehensive product range, technical consulting (engineering) and warehouse management (logistics) Bossard has positioned itself as an end-to-end supplier and partner in industry.

Bossard's customers include local and multinational industrial companies who use Bossard solutions to improve their productivity. Employing more than 2,000 people in over 60 locations worldwide, the Group generated CHF 618 million in sales in 2014. Bossard is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange.



## Total votes: 10 458 682

Agenda item		Number of votes		
		Yes	No	Abstained
2.1	Approval of the 2014 Annual Report, the 2014 Consolidated Financial Statement and the 2014 Financial Statement of Bossard Holding AG	10 331 048	1 005	126 749
2.2	Advisory vote on the 2014 Compensa- tion Report of Bossard Holding AG	9 630 629	683 193	145 830
2.3	Discharge of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the 2014 financial year	10 213 965	1 437	128 334
2.4	Appropriation of retained earnings and dividend distribution from reserve from capital contributions	10 324 852	5 212	129 438
3.	Amendment of the company's Articles of Association in the area of compensa- tion, particularly the division of the Nom- ination and Compensation Committee into a Nomination Committee and a Compensation Committee	10 026 848	299 601	133 043
4.1.1	Re-election of Thomas Schmuckli as a member and Chairman of the Board	10 324 507	2 470	132 615
4.1.2	Re-election of Anton Lauber as a mem- ber of the Board	10 275 587	49 141	134 874
4.1.3	Re-election of Helen Wetter-Bossard as a member of the Board	10 321 540	4 289	134 013
4.1.4	Re-election of Stefan Michel as a mem- ber of the Board	10 289 926	33 830	136 096
4.1.5	Re-election of Maria Teresa Vacalli as a member of the Board	10 311 537	5 897	142 058
4.1.6	Election of René Cotting as a member of the Board	10 276 093	14 453	169 346
4.1.7	Election of Daniel Lippuner as a mem- ber of the Board	10 298 617	22 740	138 835



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4.2	Re-election of Stefan Michel as the rep- resentative for holders of category A registered shares	3 523 794	7 651	174 197
4.3.1	Election of Stefan Michel as a member of the Compensation Committee	10 276 686	39 297	144 319
4.3.2	Election of Helen Wetter-Bossard as a member of the Compensation Commit- tee	10 313 682	6 377	140 353
4.3.3	Election of Maria Teresa Vacalli as a member of the Compensation Commit-tee	10 264 456	35 803	157 638
4.4.1	Re-election of lawyer René Peyer as an independent representative	10 308 504	6 274	143 934
4.4.2	Re-election of lawyer Christoph Schweiger as the deputy of the inde- pendent representative	10 288 164	8 764	162 224
4.5	Re-election of PricewaterhouseCoopers AG, Zurich, as statutory auditors	4 853 288	60 669	146 055
5.1	Approval of up to CHF 1,500,000.00 as the total compensation for the Board of Directors for the period from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016	10 122 433	180 057	156 908
5.2	Approval of up to CHF 4,900,000.00 as the total compensation for Group man- agement for the period from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016	10 251 265	45 817	162 700