



**Synopsis of the intended amendments of the
Articles of Association¹**

Current version	<i>Intended version</i>
Resolution of the General Meeting as of 11 February 2022	<i>Resolution proposal for the General Meeting on 24 February 2023</i>
For Agenda Item 6: § 16 (Right to Attend) of the Articles of Association	
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<p>(1) Holders of ordinary shares are entitled to attend the General Meeting and to exercise their voting rights, holders of preference shares are entitled to attend the General Meeting – and, in the cases provided for by statutory law, also to exercise their voting rights – if they have registered for the General Meeting in advance. The Company must receive the registration at the address specified in the invitation to the General Meeting in text form, and in the German or English language, at least six days prior to the General Meeting, not including the date of receipt and the date of the General Meeting.</p> <p>(2) The right to attend the General Meeting or to exercise voting rights must be verified. For this purpose, a proof of share ownership in text form issued by the last intermediary according to § 67c (3) German Stock Corporation is required. The verification of share</p>	<p><i>(1) Holders of ordinary shares are entitled to attend the General Meeting and to exercise their voting rights, holders of preference shares are entitled to attend the General Meeting – and, in the cases provided for by statutory law, also to exercise their voting rights – if they have registered for the General Meeting in advance. The Company must receive the registration at the address specified in the invitation to the General Meeting in text form, and in the German or English language, at least six days prior to the General Meeting, not including the date of receipt and the date of the General Meeting.</i></p> <p><i>(2) The right to attend the General Meeting or to exercise voting rights must be verified. For this purpose, a proof of share ownership in text form issued by the last intermediary according to § 67c (3) German Stock Corporation is required. The verification of share</i></p>

¹ Intended changes are highlighted in **boldface**.

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- (4) The Management Board is authorised to provide for a meeting to be held without the physical presence of shareholders or their proxies at the venue of the General Meeting (virtual General Meeting) if the meeting is held within five years of the registration of this provision of the Articles of Association in the commercial register.**

- (5) The members of the Supervisory Board may, in agreement with the Chairman of the Supervisory Board, participate in the General Meeting by means of video and audio transmission if the Supervisory Board member concerned is prevented from physically attending the venue of the General Meeting, if the Supervisory Board member resides abroad or if attendance at the venue of the General**

Meeting would entail an unreasonably long travel time or if the General Meeting is held as a virtual General Meeting.