

Kemira Oyj: Proposals of the Board of Directors to the Annual General Meeting 2012

Following proposals will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting:

- Resolution on the use of the profits shown on the balance sheet and on dividends
- Remuneration and election of the auditor
- Proposal of the Board of Directors for amendment of Article 5 and Article 13 of the Articles of Association
- Share repurchase authorization
- Share issue authorization
- Proposal of the Board of Directors for the establishment of the Nomination Board

Proposals of Kemira Oyj's Nomination Board, consisting of the representatives of the four largest shareholders, on the number of members of the Board of Directors and election of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors and on the remuneration of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman and the members of the Board of Directors to the Annual General Meeting were published on January 23, 2012.

The Annual General Meeting of Kemira Oyj will be held in the Marina Congress Center, Katajanokanlaituri 6, Helsinki, Finland on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at 1.00 pm. The invitation will be published on February 27, 2012 in Helsingin Sanomat, Kauppalehti and on Kemira's website.

Resolution on the use of the profit shown on the balance sheet and on dividends

The Board of Directors proposes to the Annual General Meeting that a dividend of EUR 0.53 per share be paid based on the adopted balance sheet for the financial year which ended on December 31, 2011. The dividend will be paid to a shareholder who is registered in the Company's Shareholder Register maintained by Euroclear Finland Ltd on the record date for dividend payment, March 26, 2012. The Board of Directors proposes that the dividend be paid out on April 2, 2012.

Resolution on the remuneration of the auditor

The Board of Directors proposes to the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, that the Auditor's fees be paid against an invoice approved by Kemira.

Election of the auditor

The Board of Directors proposes to the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, that Deloitte & Touche Ltd. be elected as the Company's auditor with Jukka Vattulainen, APA, acting as the principal auditor.

Proposal of the Board of Directors for amendment of Article 5 and Article 13 of the Articles of Association

The Board of Directors proposes that Article 5 and Article 13 of the current Articles of Association be amended as follows:

Article 5

The following sentence is deleted: "A person who has reached the age of 68 at the time of the election, cannot be elected as member of the Board."

Article 5, if amended as proposed, would thus read as follows:

"The Board of Directors, elected by the general meeting of shareholders, shall comprise a minimum of four and a maximum of eight members. The general meeting of shareholders shall elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman from among the Board members. The term of office of a Board member shall terminate at the close of the Annual General Meeting following the election."

Article 13

The way of giving notice to the general meeting of shareholders is changed so that instead of publishing an announcement in at least two nationwide newspapers, the notice will be released in the company's website and, if so decided by the Board of Directors, by publishing an announcement in one nationwide newspaper. Additionally, the reference to the shareholder communication is deleted.

Article 13, if amended as proposed, would thus read as follows:

"Notice to the general meeting of shareholders shall be released in the company's website no earlier than two months and no later than three weeks before the general meeting of shareholders, however, at least nine days before the record date of the general meeting of shareholders. Additionally, if so decided by the Board of Directors, the company may within the same time frame publish the notice to the general meeting of shareholders in one nationwide newspaper."

Proposal of the Board of Directors for authorizing the Board of Directors to decide on the repurchase of the company's own shares

The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting authorizes the Board of Directors to decide upon repurchase of a maximum of 4,500,000 Company's own shares ("Share repurchase authorization").

Shares will be repurchased by using unrestricted equity either through a tender offer with equal terms to all shareholders at a price determined by the Board of Directors or otherwise than in proportion to the existing shareholdings of the Company's shareholders in public trading on the NASDAQ OMX Helsinki Ltd (the "Helsinki Stock Exchange") at the market price quoted at the time of the repurchase.

The price paid for the shares repurchased through a tender offer under the authorization shall be based on the market price of the company's shares in public trading. The minimum price to be paid would be the lowest market price of the share quoted in public trading during the authorization period and the maximum price the highest market price quoted during the authorization period.

Shares shall be acquired and paid for in accordance with the Rules of the Helsinki Stock Exchange and Euroclear Finland Ltd.

Shares may be repurchased to be used in implementing or financing mergers and acquisitions, developing the Company's capital structure, improving the liquidity of the Company's shares or to be used for the payment of the annual fee payable to the members of the Board of Directors or implementing the Company's share-based incentive plans. In order to realize the aforementioned purposes, the shares acquired may be retained, transferred further or cancelled by the Company.

The Board of Directors will decide upon other terms related to share repurchase.

The Share repurchase authorization is valid until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

Proposal of the Board of Directors for authorizing the Board of Directors to decide on share issue

The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting authorizes the Board of Directors to decide to issue a maximum of 15,600,000 new shares and/or transfer a maximum of 7,800,000 Company's own shares held by the Company ("Share issue authorization").

The new shares may be issued and the Company's own shares held by the Company may be transferred either for consideration or without consideration.

The new shares may be issued and the Company's own shares held by the Company may be transferred to the Company's shareholders in proportion to their current shareholdings in the Company, or by disapplying the shareholders' pre-emption right, through a directed share issue, if the Company has a weighty financial reason to do so, such as financing or implementing mergers and acquisitions, developing the capital structure of the Company, improving the liquidity of the Company's shares or if this is justified for the payment of the annual fee payable to the members of the Board of Directors or implementing the Company's share-based incentive plans. The directed share issue may be carried out without consideration only in connection with the implementation of the Company's share-based incentive plan.

The subscription price of new shares shall be recorded to the invested unrestricted equity reserves. The consideration payable for Company's own shares shall be recorded to the invested unrestricted equity reserves.

The Board of Directors will decide upon other terms related to the share issues.

The Share issue authorization is valid until May 31, 2013.

Proposal of the Board of Directors for the establishment of the Nomination Board

The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting decides to establish a Nomination Board as follows:

1. The Annual General Meeting decides to establish a Nomination Board comprising of the shareholders or the representatives of the shareholders to prepare annually proposals concerning the composition and remuneration of the Board of Directors for the next Annual General Meeting.
2. The tasks of the Nomination Board are annually
 - a. preparation of the proposal for the Annual General Meeting concerning the composition of the Board of Directors;
 - b. preparation of the proposal for the Annual General Meeting concerning the remuneration of the Board of Directors;
 - c. identification of successor candidates for the members of the Board of Directors; and
 - d. presentation of the proposal concerning the composition and remuneration of the Board of Directors to the Annual General Meeting.

3. The Nomination Board shall consist of the four largest shareholders or the representatives of such shareholders and the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Kemira Oyj acting as an expert member. The four shareholders having the most voting rights on August 31 preceding the Annual General Meeting according to the company's shareholders' register maintained by Euroclear Finland Ltd, shall have a right to appoint a member to the Nomination Board. In case a shareholder, who has a duty to disclose certain ownership changes based on the Securities Market Act (disclosure obligation of holdings), presents no later than on August 30 preceding the Annual General Meeting a written demand to the Board of Directors of the company concerning the matter, the shareholdings of such shareholder which are registered in several funds or registers shall be summed up when calculating the voting rights of such shareholder. In case a shareholder does not wish to use his right to appoint a member to the Nomination Board, such right will pass on to the shareholder who according to the shareholder register is the next largest shareholder and who otherwise would not have the appointment right.
4. The Nomination Board shall be convened by the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Nomination Board shall elect a Chairman among its members.
5. The Nomination Board shall deliver its proposal to the Board of Directors no later than on February 1 preceding the Annual General Meeting.

According to the view of the Board of Directors, it is in the best interest of the company and its shareholders that the biggest shareholders participate in preparing nomination and compensation issues related to the Board of Directors.

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