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Ternitz - The Austrian Enforcement Panel for Financial Reporting (OePR) has audited the consolidated financial statements of Schoeller-Bleckmann Oilfield Equipment AG (SBO) as of 31 December 2018 and the half-year financial statements as of 30 June 2019 in accordance with the Financial Reporting Enforcement Act (RL-KG). Based on today's preliminary notification by the Panel, there is a need for material restatement of the goodwill of the Cash Generating Unit (CGU) Resource Well Completion Technologies, Inc. (Resource) as of 31 December 2018. The goodwill of this CGU amounted to MEUR 23.7 as of 31 December 2018. The extent of the possible restatement could be in that same range. SBO expects the preliminary audit result to be confirmed in the coming weeks.

CGU Resource no longer exists in the form audited as of 31 December 2018. As of 1 October 2019, Resource and SBO's subsidiary Downhole Technology have been combined to form the new CGU "The WellBoss Company". The newly created company has high future potential and merges the high innovative capacity of Resource with the sales strength of Downhole Technology, which future potential was not taken into account in the restatement as of 31 December 2018.

Based on the final decision, SBO will make and publish the necessary corrections. Before restatement, the Group's equity amounted to MEUR 368.2 and the equity ratio to 40.9 % as of 31 December 2018. The corrections to the 2018 consolidated financial statements will reduce the Group's equity as of 31 December 2018 in the amount stated above and the equity ratio by up to 1.6 %. These corrections will also be included in the half-year financial statements as of 30 June 2019.

The non-cash goodwill restatement as of 31 December 2018 will have no impact on the 2019 result nor on the dividend proposal. It is planned to increase the dividend for the 2019 financial year compared with the previous year and it is expected to come to EUR 1.20 per share. The 2019 annual financial statements will be published on 18 March 2020.

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