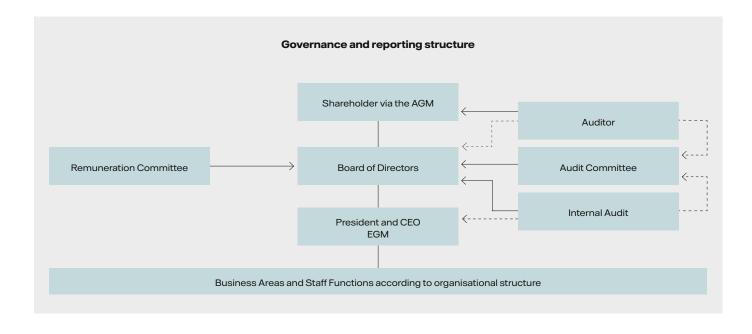
# Corporate Governance Report

The following pages include information on corporate governance during the 2019 financial year, as prescribed by law and the Swedish Corporate Governance Code. Supported by good corporate governance - with effective organisational structure, internal control and risk management - Vattenfall's business can be driven towards the set targets and in accordance with Vattenfall's principles. The Corporate Governance Report has been reviewed by the company's external auditor.



#### Vattenfall's corporate governance model

The Parent Company of the Vattenfall Group, Vattenfall AB, is a Swedish public limited liability company with registered office in Solna. Vattenfall AB is thereby subject to the provisions of the Swedish Companies Act. The main decision-making bodies are the Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Board of Directors, and the President. The AGM elects the Board of Directors, which in turn appoints the President, who is responsible for the dayto-day administration of the company in accordance with the Board's guidelines and instructions.

#### **Application of the Code**

Vattenfall adheres to the Swedish Corporate Governance Code ("the Code", available in Swedish and English at www.bolagsstyrning.se). However, since Vattenfall is wholly owned by the Swedish state, certain stipulations in the Code are not applicable. This applies to the matter of reporting on board members' independence, regulated in points 4.4 and 4.5, among other things.

In addition, Vattenfall also deviates from chapter 2, pertaining to the requirement that the company shall have a nomination committee. Due to its ownership structure, Vattenfall has no nomination committee. The nomination process for the Board and auditors is conducted in accordance with the Swedish state's ownership policy and is described below. Thus, the references to the nomination committee in points 1.2, 1.3, 4.6, 8.1 and 10.2 are not applicable either. However, information on the nomination of board members for new election or re-election is posted on the company's website in accordance with point 2.6. Election of an AGM chairman is done at the AGM in accordance with the stipulations of the Swedish Companies Act and the Swedish state's ownership policy.

#### Important external and internal rules and regulations for Vattenfall

#### **External rules and regulations**

- Swedish and foreign legal rules, particularly the Swedish Companies Act and the Swedish Annual Accounts Act
- The Swedish state's ownership policy
- The Swedish Corporate Governance Code ("the Code")
- Stock exchange rules. Vattenfall follows the stock exchange rules that apply for companies that have fixed-income instruments registered on Nasdaq Stockholm and other marketplaces
- International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and other accounting rules
- The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards and UN Global Compact, as well as reporting according to Green Bonds Impact Reporting and according to Science Based Targets

#### Internal rules

- The Articles of Association
- The Board's and committees' Rules of Procedure, including the CEO instruction and the instruction for reporting to the Board
- The Vattenfall Management System (VMS), including the Code of Conduct and Integrity and the Human Rights Policy, and other internal governance documents

Vattenfall AB's Articles of Association and continuously updated information about corporate governance at Vattenfall are available on Vattenfall's website, www.vattenfall.com (original Swedish documents are available on www.vattenfall.se). The website is also a source for previous corporate governance reports and documentation from the most recent general meetings, and links to the Swedish state's ownership policy, the Swedish Corporate Governance Code and Vattenfall's Code of Conduct and Integrity.

## Shareholder and general meetings

Vattenfall AB is wholly owned by the Swedish state. The right of the state, as a shareholder, to make decisions about Vattenfall's affairs is exercised at the Annual General Meeting and other general meetings. Through a general meeting resolution on the content of the Articles of Association, the shareholder makes decisions on the company's operations. The Swedish state's ownership policy and the guidelines for external reporting in stateowned companies are decided on at the general meeting. In accordance with the Swedish state's ownership policy, the company's financial targets are also decided on by a general meeting.

By law, the AGM of Vattenfall AB is to be held yearly within six months after the end of the financial year and not later than

## **Board of Directors**

#### The Board's duties

The Board is the company's highest administrative body. Its fundamental duties are laid out in the Swedish Companies Act and the Code. Each year, the Board adopts its Rules of Procedure and a number of instructions. The Rules of Procedure and instructions regulate such matters as reporting to the Board, allocation of duties between the Board, the President and the Board's committees, the Chairman's duties, the form and content of board meetings, and the evaluation of the work of the Board and the President.

The Board's Rules of Procedure stipulate that the Board shall set the overarching targets for Vattenfall's operations, decide on Vattenfall's strategy for achieving those targets, and ensure that suitable systems are in place for monitoring and controlling Vattenfall's operations, risks and financial position in respect of the set targets. The 30 April, in accordance with the Swedish state's ownership policy.

#### **Annual General Meeting 2019**

Vattenfall held its 2019 AGM on 11 April. The company's owner, the Swedish state, participated at the AGM through its owner representative. The President, auditor and quorumed Board were also in attendance. Members of Parliament were given the opportunity to ask questions during the AGM, and an open Q&A session was arranged after the meeting, in accordance with the Swedish state's ownership policy. The AGM was open to the general public and was aired live via webcast.

The 2020 AGM will be held on 28 April in Solna, Sweden.

Board is responsible for approving major investments, acquisitions and divestments, and for adopting central policies and instructions. Part of this is to define appropriate guidelines to govern the company's conduct in society, with the aim of ensuring its long-term value creation capability. The Board shall also approve certain important contracts, including contracts between Vattenfall and the President and other senior executives.

The Board's duties pertain to Vattenfall AB as well as the Vattenfall Group. Vattenfall's General Counsel serves as secretary to the Board of Directors.

The Chairman is responsible for – among other things – ensuring that the board members receive relevant information, contacts with the owner on ownership matters, and serving as a liaison between the owner and the Board. According to the Rules of Procedure, the Board – through

#### Duties of the Annual General Meeting

- Elect the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board and the auditors, and decide on their fees
- Adopt the income statement and balance sheet for Vattenfall AB and the Vattenfall Group
- Decide on distribution of the company's profit
- Grant discharge from liability for the board members and the President
- Decide on guidelines for remuneration of senior executives
- Decide on other matters of business prescribed by law or the company's Articles of Association

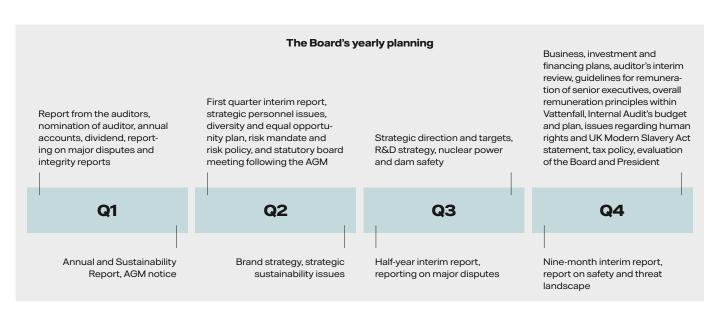
the Chairman – shall coordinate its views with representatives of the owner when the company is facing particularly important decisions.

#### **Board meetings**

The Board shall hold eight to twelve regular board meetings every year. In addition to the regular meetings, the Board is convened when necessary. The agenda of every regular meeting shall include the following items of business:

- The Group's business situation
- Financial report for the Group
- Reports from board committees, when committee meetings have been held
- Matters that are not handled by the President in the day-to-day administration
- Other matters of material importance for the Group

In addition, certain items of business are included on the agenda every year, in



accordance with the yearly planning in the Board's Rules of Procedure. Investments approved by the Board are followed up by the Board one year after their commercial operation date. Strategy issues are discussed in more detail at an annual board seminar where the Executive Group Management participates. The Board met ten times in 2019, including the statutory meeting. The board members' attendance is found on pages 82–83.

#### **Appointment of the Board**

For companies that are wholly owned by the Swedish state, uniform and joint principles for a structured nomination process apply. These principles are set forth in the Swedish state's ownership policy and supersede the Code's rules on drafting work for decisions on the nomination of board members and auditors.

The board nomination process in the Swedish Government Offices is coordinated by the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation. The competency needs are analysed on the basis of the company's operations, situation and future challenges as well as the Board's composition and evaluations of the Board that have been carried out. Included in the Government Offices' nomination process is a continuous evaluation of all state-owned company boards. Thereafter, any recruitment needs are determined and recruitment work is initiated. Once this process has been completed, the nominations are publicly announced in accordance with the Code; however, no account is made regarding directors' independence vis-à-vis the company, the company's management and the owner. Vattenfall provides orientation training for new directors who are elected by the AGM.

The Swedish state's ownership policy, which is the diversity policy applied with regard to the Board, stipulates that the selection of board members shall be made from a broad recruitment pool in the aim of soliciting expertise of both women and men as well as persons with varying backgrounds and experience. Discrimination based on gender, transgender identity or expression, ethnic origin, religion or other faith, functional disability, sexual orientation or age may not take place.

At the 2019 AGM the owner's representative presented a reasoned statement on the Board's composition as well as on the changes that had been proposed. In summary, the Board's composition – in respect of the company's operations, stage of development and conditions in general – was judged to be suitable and distinguished by diversity and breadth regarding the directors' competence, experience and backgrounds, as well as fulfilling the government's goal on gender balance.

More detailed information on the board nomination process is provided in the Swedish state's owner policy, at www.regeringen.se.

#### The Board's composition

Vattenfall's Articles of Association stipulate that the Board of Directors shall have, in addition to the employee representatives, a minimum of five and a maximum of ten members without deputies. The directors are elected annually by the Annual General Meeting, which also elects the Chairman of the Board.

In 2019, no member of the Executive Group Management (EGM) was a director on the Board. By law, the unions are entitled to appoint three board members plus three deputies, and they exercised this right. All directors were Swedish citizens. Biographical information about the board members is provided on pages 82–83.

#### Sustainability issues addressed by the Board

Based on a decision by Swedish Parliament in 2010, Vattenfall AB's Articles of Association stipulate that the objective for the company's activities is to generate a market rate of return by, directly or indirectly through subsidiaries and associated companies, operating a commercial energy business that enables the company to be among the leaders in developing environmentally sustainable energy production.

The Swedish state's ownership policy stipulates that companies with state ownership shall integrate sustainability in their corporate governance and act exemplarily in this area. Companies with state ownership shall promote a healthy and safe work environment, respect for human rights, good and decent working conditions, equality and diversity, reduced climate and environmental impact, good business ethics and active work on anti-corruption, ensure that no abuses occur due to their special status of being state-owned and exhibit responsible conduct in the tax area.

The annual planning for the Board and its committees includes recurring items in several of the areas identified by the owner. These areas are furthermore included as an integral part of the handling of concrete board matters and are also handled by the Executive Group Management. Also, Vattenfall's strategic focus areas in themselves constitute sustainability objectives. Among others, sustainability issues such as climate-related consequences of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are included in the Board's handling of the strategy and in the business planning process.

#### Guidelines for directors' fees

Directors' fees and fees for committee work are set by the owner at the AGM, in accordance with the Swedish state's ownership policy. Information on directors' fees in 2019 is provided in the Annual and Sustainability Report, Note 42 to the consolidated accounts, Number of employees and personnel costs.

# Evaluation of the Board's and the President's work

The Board evaluates its own work and the President's work once a year as part of efforts to develop the Board's work forms and effectiveness. This evaluation is conducted under the direction of the Chairman and is reported to the Board and the owner.

During a succession of years, the Board has carried out extensive evaluations with a consistent methodology and with the support of external consultants. The averages have generally risen since 2015. Evaluations have contributed to the continuous development of board work both in terms of content and composition. In 2019, with the aim of renewing the evaluation method, the Board conducted

#### The Board's main items of business in 2019

- Items according to the Rules of Procedure
- The energy transition to a fossil-free future
- E-mobility
- Strategy for wind investments
- Bidding and investments in new wind farms
- District heating investments
- Decommissioning of Ringhals 1 and 2
- Business in the UK

- Tariffs and investments in the Distribution business
- Acquisitions and divestments
- Items on security and new legislation on protective security

a less comprehensive evaluation, including evaluation of the President, based on a number of key issues and an open dis-

# **Board committees**

The Board has established two committees and has established Rules of Procedure for these. At the statutory board meeting, the Board appointed a number of directors elected by a general meeting for each committee, of whom one serves as committee chair. Information on the committees' composition and attendance is provided on pages 82–83.

The committees report their work to the Board at the next regular board meeting, whereby the committee chair presents a report accompanied by minutes from the committee meetings. Except for a few matters handled by the Audit Committee, the committees are only drafting bodies and make recommendations to the Board. The Board's legal responsibility under company law for the company's organisation and administration of the company's affairs is not constrained by the committees' work.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee oversees Vattenfall's financial reporting and is responsible for

#### **Remuneration Committee**

The Remuneration Committee's duties include serving as a drafting body to ensure implementation and compliance with guidelines for remuneration of senior executives. Where applicable, it conducts drafting work for any special reasons that may exist in an individual case to deviate from the guidelines. It also conducts work for the Board's report on remuneration of senior executives in the annual report and, ahead of the Annual General Meeting, monitoring and following up the auditors' review. The President serves in a reporting role on the Remuneration Committee. cussion in the Board. The Chairman also follows up with individual dialogues on a voluntary basis with each of the directors

meeting with Vattenfall AB's external and internal auditors on a regular basis in order to stay informed about the planning, focus and scope of the company's audit. The Audit Committee is also responsible for discussing coordination of the external and internal audit work and views of the company's financial risks. The committee prepares Internal Audit's budget, the Internal Audit Charter and the internal audit plan for resolution by the Board. It has the right, on behalf of the Board, to decide on guidelines for other services than auditing that Vattenfall may procure from the Group's auditors, as well as to decide on procurement in specific cases based on these guidelines.

The Audit Committee meets prior to Vattenfall's publication of interim reports and when warranted by the prevailing conditions. The CFO and head of Internal Audit serve in a reporting role. The company's external auditors attend all regular meetings and report on their observations of the audit. The Audit Committee's most important duties are:

• To oversee Vattenfall's financial reporting, including sustainability reporting

elected by a general meeting and jointly

with the employee representatives.

- With respect to financial reporting, to monitor the effectiveness of Vattenfall's internal control, internal audit and risk management
- To stay informed about the audit of the annual report and consolidated accounts
- To review and monitor the auditor's impartiality and independence
- To assist in the drafting of recommendations for decisions on the election of auditor by the Annual General Meeting
- To review and oversee the management of market and credit risks
- To conduct an annual evaluation of the external auditors' work

#### The Remuneration Committee's most important duties are:

- To conduct drafting work for board decisions on matters regarding remuneration principles, and on remuneration and other terms of employment for members of the Executive Group Management and other senior executives
- To monitor and evaluate application of the guidelines for remuneration of senior executives, which the AGM has decided on, as well as remuneration structures and levels of remuneration in the company
- To conduct drafting work for the Board's decisions regarding overarching remuneration principles, such as the general existence of, amount and structure of variable remuneration (for employees who are not senior executives)

# Auditor

The Swedish state's ownership policy stipulates that the owner is responsible for election of auditors and that the auditors are to be appointed by the Annual General Meeting. Proposals for election of auditors and for auditors' fees are submitted by the Board and drafted by the company. The auditors are elected for a mandate period of one year, in accordance with the main rule in the Swedish Companies Act. Vattenfall's Articles of Association stipulate that the company shall have one or two auditors, or a chartered accounting firm as auditor. The applicable legal provisions for rotation mean that Vattenfall must elect a new accounting firm no later than 2021. Work on the procurement process was initiated in 2019.

At the 2019 AGM, the accounting firm Ernst & Young AB was re-elected as auditor. The accounting firm appointed Authorised Public Accountant Staffan Landén as auditor-in-charge. He has held this position since the 2015 AGM. Staffan Landén is also the auditor of, among others, Alfa Laval AB, Nederman Holding AB, Ambea AB and Polygon AB and is a stock exchange auditor appointed by Nasdaq Stockholm. The auditor has no assignments with companies that affect its independence as auditor of Vattenfall.

The auditor's audit assignment includes a review of the annual report, the consolidated accounts, the corporate governance report, the sustainability reporting and the compliance with the guidelines for remuneration of senior executives. The auditor has access to minutes of board meetings and board committee meetings, as stipulated in the Board's Rules of Procedure. The Audit Committee has approved guidelines for how procurement of other services than auditing shall take place from the auditor.

At the 2019 AGM the auditor reported on the audit work in 2018 and on its review of compliance with the guidelines for remuneration of senior executives. The auditor reported on its review of the year-end accounts for 2019 to the entire Board at the board meeting on 4 February 2020 (with-

## **CEO and Executive Group Management**

The President of Vattenfall AB, who is also Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Vattenfall Group, is responsible for the dayto-day administration in accordance with the Swedish Companies Act. An account of the President's remuneration is provided in the Annual and Sustainability Report, Note 42 to the consolidated accounts, Number of employees and personnel costs.

The CEO has set up internal bodies for governance of the Group and makes decisions independently or with the support of these bodies. The most important of these are the Executive Group Management (EGM) and the Vattenfall Risk Committee (VRC). The EGM focuses on the Group's overall direction and addresses – within

## **Internal Audit**

Internal Audit is an independent and objective function that evaluates, recommends and monitors improvements to the effectiveness of Vattenfall's risk management, internal controls and governance processes throughout the Group. This also applies to compliance with Vattenfall's governance documents, including the Code of Conduct and Integrity. The func-

## Internal governance

#### **Principles and strategy**

Vattenfall formulated a strategy in 2016 with the purpose to Power Climate Smarter Living and the goal to enable fossil-free living within one generation.

In 2019, five strategic focus areas replaced the previous four strategic objectives. The strategy wheel, which visualises Vattenfall's way forward to ensure profitability and be a leader in the energy transition, has therefore been updated in 2019. In addition to this are the financial targets, decided on by the general meeting. The targets are further described in the Annual and Sustainability Report on page 13. Group scorecards support by linking to financial, non-financial and operational requirements, for instance with regard to absolute CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and fossil-free generation capacity. Reporting back to the In accordance with the Act on Auditing of State Activities, etc., the Swedish National Audit Office may appoint one or more audi-

the framework of the CEO's mandate from the Board of Directors – matters of importance for the Group, such as certain investments. In the EGM, the Head of Strategic Development covers sustainability issues. The VRC focuses on decisions pertaining to risk mandates and credit limits, among other things, and exercises oversight of the risk management framework.

Both bodies convene monthly and also conduct preparatory drafting work on matters that are to be decided by the Board of Directors. Ahead of decisions made by the President in the EGM or VRC on certain major investments and transactions, the risk unit performs an independent risk analysis, which makes up part of the decision-making documentation.

tion is directly subordinate to the Board of Directors and Audit Committee and performs its work in accordance with an established internal audit plan.

Internal Audit's budget, the Internal Audit Charter and the internal audit plan are drafted by the Audit Committee and decided on by the Board of Directors. The Head of Internal Audit reports administors to participate in the annual audit. No such auditor was appointed in 2019.

The auditor's fees are payable according to an approved invoice. The Group's auditing costs are described in more detail in the Annual and Sustainability Report, in Note 15 to the consolidated accounts, Auditor's fees, and in Note 15 to the Parent Company accounts, Auditor's fees.

In addition, the President follows up operations via quarterly Business Performance Meetings. At these meetings, outcomes, forecasts, important events and challenges are analysed (including the status of Vattenfall's strategic targets) with the top management of each business unit. Yearly deep-dives into sustainability topics (challenges, progress and actions for coming year) are performed with the top management of each Business Area.

Biographical information about the members of the EGM is provided on pages 84-85.

tratively to the President and informs the management teams of the business units and other units about audit activities that have been performed. The Head of Internal Audit also submits a report to the Audit Committee at each regular Committee meeting.

Board is performed as part of the quarterly reporting.

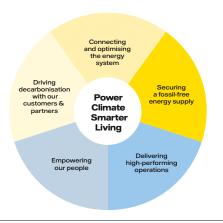
Vattenfall's strategy is well aligned with the UN's Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and will drive Vattenfall to make an important contribution to the global sustainable development agenda.

#### **Governing business ethics**

Vattenfall's Code of Conduct and Integrity builds upon the four Vattenfall principles – open, active, positive and safety – and contains a number of rules built on the "think first" approach. It includes references to the Vattenfall Management System (VMS), which elaborates on these rules. The Code has been communicated throughout the Group and is available on the intranet in several language versions, corresponding to the countries where Vattenfall has business operations. Information about the Code is provided in connection with new hiring and training. An e-learning programme on application of the Code has also been launched, which is mandatory for all Vattenfall employees.

To ensure ethical and non-corrupt conduct throughout the organisation, Vattenfall requires all employees to act in accordance with the company's ethical guidelines, which are set forth in the Code of Conduct and Integrity as well as in internal instructions. Vattenfall believes that competition plays a decisive role for a market to function effectively and has zero tolerance for bribery and corruption. An important step in ensuring this is the training that is conducted within the Vattenfall Integrity Programme, which is described on page 59. Vattenfall's employees, consultants, contractors and other stakeholders have the opportunity to report serious improprieties anonymously through a whistleblowing function staffed by locally appointed external ombudsmen (attorneys), if the whistleblower does not want to report internally via the normal reporting channels. In 2019 an update of the whistleblowing function was performed, which among other things resulted in a decision to introduce an additional reporting channel (web-based), where the reporter could also choose to remain anonymous.

#### The strategy wheel



Read more about reported incidents in the Annual and Sustainability Report on page 59. Ongoing legal processes are described in Note 40 to the consolidated accounts, Contingent liabilities. Examples of sustainability initiatives and principles that Vattenfall has aligned itself with or supports are listed on page 168.

#### Three lines of defence

Vattenfall applies the "three lines of defence" model, for management and control of risks in general. The model secures the principle of segregation of duties and includes different roles for risk ownership, control and independent reporting and assurance. In particular, it is applied in the internal control of the financial reporting and in the integrity organisation, as described further below.

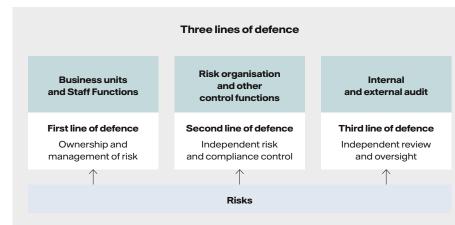
- The first line of defence consists of the business operations (business units and Staff Functions), which are responsible for managing risks.
- 2. The second line of defence consists of Staff Functions governing the organisation, among them Health & Safety, Environment, Integrity, Security, Group Internal Financial Control and Risk Management.

Risk Management is headed by the Chief Risk Officer (CRO), who is accountable for the risk management framework (as described on pages 62–71) and is responsible for ensuring risk governance and risk control. Included in this responsibility are processes related to, among other things, new products and certain contracts with long durations. The CRO provides information on a regular basis to the Vattenfall Risk Committee and to the Executive Group Management as well as to the Board and the Board's audit committee.

3. The third line of defence is made up of internal and external audit. Internal audit oversees and evaluates the first and second lines of defence.

#### Vattenfall Management System

The most important internal rules for governing Vattenfall are found in the Vattenfall Management System (VMS). The VMS is the Group framework that ensures that Vattenfall adheres to formal requirements as well as to requirements made by the Board, the President, the business operations and the Staff Functions. It covers the necessary overall governance, while local management systems cover specific business governance. The VMS is documented in binding governance documents, consisting of policies and instructions. Certain central documents are approved by the Board of Directors of Vattenfall AB, including all policies except the policies on dam safety and nuclear safety; however, within these areas, regular reporting is conducted to the Board of Directors. The VMS is an integrated management system that applies for the entire Vattenfall Group, with the limitations that may arise from legal requirements, such as regarding the unbundling of the electricity distribution business. Special routines are



in place to ensure adherence to the management system also by subsidiaries.

The policies lay out the company's direction and exist in the areas of

- remuneration,
- dam safety,
- nuclear safety and
- risk

as well as in the sustainability area, where the governance is based on an overall sustainability policy. This policy stipulates, among other things, that for Vattenfall, sustainability entails taking responsibility for future generations by contributing to sustainable development in society – economically, environmentally and socially. Further highlighted is that access to energy is a precondition for our society to function and to develop in a sustainable way and that Vattenfall's sustainability focus extends throughout its value chain.

In addition to the Sustainability Policy, specific policies exist for the various sustainability areas:

- Environment. This policy states
   Vattenfall's commitment to being climate neutral, to protect nature and biodiversity and use resources in a sustainable manner. The environmental policy also states the principles for Vattenfall's work within these areas.
- Health and safety. This policy was updated in 2019, and the starting point is the vision of a culture of care where everyone takes responsibility, and where accidents and work-related illnesses never occur.
- Human rights. This policy identifies Vattenfall's salient human rights risks and describes how the company identifies, assesses, and manages these risks.
   The Code of Conduct and Integrity.
- The Code of Conduct and Integrity, which is described above.
- The Code of Conduct for Suppliers, which addresses issues such as human rights, working conditions, the environment and anti-corruption, based on the UN Global Compact. Also, the Board issues a general statement on Vattenfall's tax policy.

The content of the policies is concretised in instructions within the VMS, such as in special instructions for matters concerning competition law and for countering bribery and corruption. Instructions in the VMS can also include concretisations of the content of the Board's Rules of Procedure, such as allocation of responsibilities and risk mandates.

Instructions shall be implemented in the relevant organisation and acknowledged by the defined target group. VMS documents are accessible for employees on the intranet, and certain policies are also communicated externally. Vattenfall does not require any acknowledgement by employees or management that they have read the content. Implementation and adherence are regularly followed up, and identified issues are addressed.

The evaluation with respect to knowledge about and compliance with the VMS is made through regular surveys and self-assessments. Results from these evaluations are reported to the EGM and to the Audit Committee. In addition, selfassessments are conducted via the Staff Functions for certain stipulations, including matters concerning integrity and competition law. A special routine ensures that all VMS content is reviewed and updated at least every other year.

Vattenfall's Environmental Management System is integrated in the VMS. At year-end 2019 nearly 100% of Vattenfall's production and distribution portfolios had certified environmental management systems in accordance with ISO 14001. In addition, all the Group's business units are certified for occupational health and safety, of which about half have implemented ISO 45001, and the rest are certified according to OHSAS 18001. Seven business units have certificates in accordance with ISO 50001.

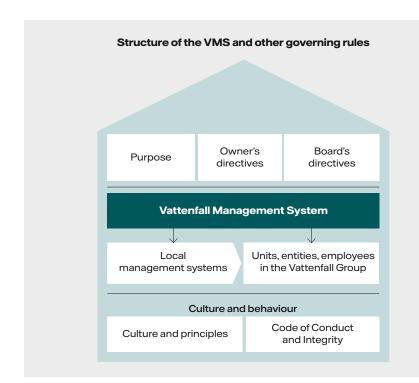
In 2019, continuing updates of the VMS were conducted. A new common technical platform has contributed to better integration of the VMS and the local management systems.

#### Organisation

Vattenfall's organisational structure comprises six Business Areas: Heat, Wind, Customers & Solutions, Generation, Markets and Distribution. The Business Areas are organised in five operating segments, where Generation and Markets make up a single operating segment. The central Staff Functions support and direct the business activities. The organisational structure has been formed to reflect Vattenfall's overall strategy for the coming years. For further information see pages 20-25.

The company structure differs from the business structure. Decisions are made primarily in the business organisation and, to the extent necessary or suitable, by subsidiaries' boards. Governance is conducted financially, non-financially (such as through Staff Functions), and operationally. Unit scorecards and the VMS are the most important governance tools. The business performance steering model consists of an annual business planning process and monthly reporting and follow-up of forecasts and actual results.

In accordance with legislation both within the EU and in the UK, operations of the electricity distribution network shall be separated from sales and generation of



electricity (unbundling). For Vattenfall, this entails, among other things, that electricity distribution operations are conducted in separate subsidiaries that have the actual decision-making rights in respect of the company's day-to-day operations, as well as for decisions needed to ensure operation, maintenance and development of the network. The electricity distribution operations are conducted in a special business area. The Head of the Distribution Business Area is not member of any decision-making forums outside of the Business Area.

#### Integrity organisation

The aim of integrity work at Vattenfall is to uphold integrity and protect the Group's reputation. Toward this end, an organisational framework has been created which, within its area of responsibility, is tasked with ensuring transparency, understanding of applicable laws, guidelines and standards, and promoting compliance with these in all countries in which Vattenfall operates.

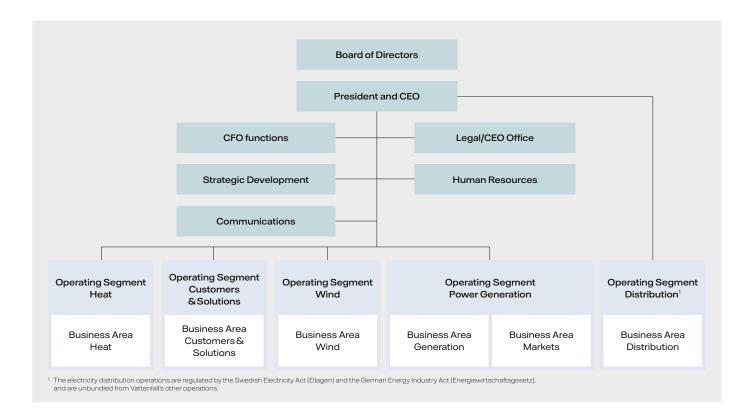
Integrity work at Vattenfall is organised according to the three lines of defence principle:

- 1. Ownership: The line organisation, which is responsible for compliance with laws and regulations within the unit
- 2. Control and advice: The integrity organisation, with reporting to the Group's General Counsel
- 3. Quality assurance: The Internal Audit unit

The Integrity organisation's area of responsibility covers competition matters, bribery and corruption, conflicts of interest, inside information, awareness of Vattenfall's Code of Conduct and Integrity, and coordination of Vattenfall's whistleblowing function.

Within its area of responsibility, the Integrity organisation supports Vattenfall in identifying, avoiding, managing and monitoring the risk for non-compliance with laws, other legal stipulations, regulations, norms and codes of conduct that are relevant for operations. Work is carried out in accordance with an annual plan, which is approved by an Integrity Committee consisting of EGM members and others. The day-to-day work is aligned at meetings within the Integrity organisation and via regular follow-ups. The annual integrity work is summarised in an integrity report to the Board.

Current integrity issues in 2019 are described in more detail in the Annual and Sustainability report on pages 58-59.



# Guidelines for remuneration of senior executives

Vattenfall AB applies the Swedish Government Offices' "Guidelines for remuneration and other terms of employment for senior executives in state-owned companies", decided by the government on 22 December 2016. These guidelines are available on the Government Offices' website, www.regeringen.se.

In line with previous years, at the 2019 AGM the owner approved Vattenfall's application of the guidelines with one deviation: instead of the definition of senior executive in the Swedish Companies Act, senior executives shall be defined on the basis of whether they have a significant impact on the Group's earnings, through use of the International Position Evaluation (IPE) model. Managers with positions of IPE 68 and higher are to be considered as senior executives. The Board's explanation for this deviation is stated in the 2018 Annual and Sustainability Report, page 84.

Actions taken with respect to agreements with the senior executives were continuously reported to the Remuneration Committee and the Board, which also decided on the entering into such agreements. Remuneration and compliance with the adopted guidelines are described in the Annual and Sustainability Report, Note 42 to the consolidated accounts, Number of employees and personnel costs.

The Board and Remuneration Committee's report on compliance with the guidelines for remuneration of senior executives set by the AGM is posted on www.vattenfall.se (English translation is available on www.vattenfall.com). The proposed guidelines ahead of the 2020 AGM are shown on page 86.

# Internal control over financial reporting

This section describes the most important elements in Vattenfall's system of internal control and risk management in connection with financial reporting, as prescribed by the Swedish Annual Accounts Act and the Code. Vattenfall's framework for this control is based on the updated COSO framework "Internal Control – Integrated Framework" from 2013, which has been developed by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Vattenfall's overall risks and risk management are further described in the Annual and Sustainability Report, pages 62–71.

#### **Control environment**

The control environment is based on the allocation of authority between the Board

and the President, which is set forth in the Board's Rules of Procedure, along with the reporting requirements made by the Board. The Board has also adopted Vattenfall's Code of Conduct and Integrity, which lays out the overarching rules governing conduct for all employees.

The Board of Directors has overarching responsibility for internal control over financial reporting, according to the Swedish Companies Act and the Code. In this context the Board shall ensure that the company's organisation is structured in such a way that the bookkeeping, treasury management and the company's financial conditions in general are controlled in a satisfactory manner.

The Board's audit committee conducts drafting work for the Board on matters

related to internal control over financial reporting and makes recommendations and proposals to ensure the reliability of reporting. The committee also informs the Board about the results of the audit and about the ways in which the audit contributed to the reliability of the financial reporting and about which function the committee has had.

The VMS (described on page 78) contains steering rules for all identified material areas, including roles and responsibilities, authority and risk mandates, decisionmaking processes, risk management, internal control, and ethics and integrity issues. The VMS lays out the so-called grandparent principle and four eyes principle for decision-making. For assignment of Group internal authority concerning invoicing, among other things, a new instruction and IT solution were implemented in 2019. The VMS also stipulates which decisionmaking, oversight and advisory bodies exist within the Group, on top of those required by law.

Vattenfall has an internal financial control (IFC) process, organised in Group Finance and whose overall purpose is to ensure that controls are in place in the financial reporting but also in certain nonfinancial reporting.

#### **Risk assessment**

The Board addresses the Group's risk assessment and risk management process for the financial reporting at an overarching level. The Board's audit committee conducts drafting work for evaluation and monitoring of risks and quality in financial reporting. The Audit Committee maintains continuous and regular contact with the Group's internal and external audit functions.

A continuous Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) process makes it possible to quantify and compare financial risks. The risk department reports the findings in the ERM process to the Executive Group Management, to the Vattenfall Risk Committee and ultimately to the Audit Committee and the Board.

For the financial reporting, the IFC process serves as the framework for internal control that identifies and defines risks for material errors in the reporting. These are overseen by the CFO function through regular reporting on tests performed of defined control points. The CFO function is also responsible for performing regular analyses of risks related to financial reporting and for updating this framework.

The external and internal auditors discuss Vattenfall's risk situation in connection with the planning work ahead of the annual audit.

#### **Control activities and monitoring**

The Board monitors and addresses the Group's financial situation at every regular board meeting, with a starting point from the financial report submitted by the President and the Chief Financial Officer.

The Audit Committee conducts the Board's monitoring of the effectiveness of internal control and regularly receives status reports on the Group's internal control over financial reporting, in accordance with the IFC process. A financial report, including a report on accounting and sustainability issues, is presented at every regular Audit Committee meeting, and tax issues are reported on and followed up on a regular basis. The Audit Committee, in turn, reports to the Board on its most important observations and recommendations. The timing and forms of this reporting are set in the Board's and Audit Committees' respective Rules of Procedure.

The Executive Group Management holds regular follow-up meetings with the heads of the Business Areas and Staff Functions regarding the financial outcome. Operations are followed up on a quarterly basis via Business Performance Meetings.

Internally, Vattenfall applies the "three lines of defence" model (described on page 78) for internal control over financial reporting. In this context, the second line of defence includes the Group Internal Financial Control Officer (IFCO), who is responsible for monitoring and control of risks in the financial reporting. The Group IFCO is responsible for the IFC process, which aims to strengthen the governance structure and effectiveness of controls. Continuous improvements to the IFC process are ensured through an annual evaluation and updating process. Information about ineffective controls is provided to internal and external audit. Each incidence of ineffectiveness is riskassessed in consultation with the first line of defence. Information about these risks is provided to the risk organisation. An IFC status update is provided semi-annually to the Audit Committee.

The internal framework for internal control includes processes for selfassessments, monitoring, reporting and improvement of control activities in order to prevent, discover and correct errors in the financial reporting. Written confirmation of adherence to internal and external stipulations is part of these processes. This is done in particular through internal Representation Letters to management.

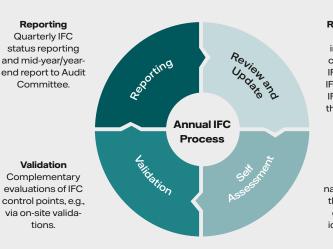
#### Information and communication

The Group's steering documents are accessible via Vattenfall's intranet. The forms for handling internal and external communication are documented in a VMS instruction which aims to ensure that Vattenfall is in compliance with legal as well as stock exchange rules, the state's ownership policy (including guidelines for external reporting), and other obligations. Accounting and reporting principles are laid out in a joint manual for the entire Group. Updates and changes in these policies and principles are communicated on a continuous basis via the intranet as well as at meetings with representatives of the Group's Business Areas and Staff Functions.

Reporting and follow-up reporting to the Board and EGM are part of monitoring activities. Internal and external audit and the CRO also report on their observations to the Board's audit committee.

Furthermore, the semi-annual status report from IFC is a basis for the assessment.

Financial reporting includes interim reports, the year-end report and the annual report. In addition to these reports, financial information is provided to the Group's external stakeholders via press releases and Vattenfall's websites, in accordance with the Swedish Securities Market Act, among other things. Presentations and conference calls for financial analysts, investors and the media are held as a rule on the same day that reports are published.



#### The Internal Financial Control (IFC) process

Review and Update

improvements and correct errors in the IFC process and the IFC framework (list of IFC controls). Define the IFC scope for the forthcoming year.

#### Self Assessment

A yearly questionnaire used to evaluate the status of the IFC control points and identify the need for corrective action.

## **Board of Directors**



LARS G. NORDSTRÖM (1943) Chairman of the Board Education: Law studies

Other assignments: Chairman of the Finnish-Swedish Chamber of Commerce. Board member of Viking Line Abp, the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce and SNS. Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (IVA). Honorary Consul for Finland in Sweden.

Previous positions: Board member of TeliaSonera (2006-2010). Chairman of the Royal Swedish Opera (2005-2009). President and CEO of Posten Norden AB (2008-2011). Various executive positions with Nordea Bank (1993-2007), including as President and Group CEO (2002-2007). also Board member (2002-2019) and Deputy Chairman (2017-2019). Various positions with Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (1970-1993), including as Executive Vice President (1989-1993). Elected: 2011

Committee assignment: Member of the Remuneration Committee

Board meeting attendence: 10/10 Committee meeting attendence Remuneration Committee: 3/3



#### HÅKAN ERIXON (1961) Board member

Education: B.Sc. International Business Administration and Economics Other assignments: Chairman of the Board of Hemnet Group AB. Board member of Alfvén & Didrikson Invest AB.

Previous positions: Board member of Opus Group AB (2018–2020). Chairman of the Board of Capacent Holding AB (2015–2019). Chairman of the Board of Orio AB (publ) (2012–2017). Membe of the Nasdaq OMX Stockholm AB Listing Committee (2010-2016). Senior Advisor, Corporate Finance, Swedish Government Offices, which included work for the Swedish National Debt Office (2007-2010). Board member of Carnegie Investment Bank AB (2008-2009). Board member of Vasakronan AB (2007-2008). Various positions with UBS Investment Bank Ltd, London (1997-2007), includ-ing Vice Chairman of the Investment Banking Division. Various positions with Merrill Lynch International Ltd, London (1992-1997).

#### Elected: 2011

Committee assignment: Member of the Audit Committee Board meeting attendence: 9/10

Committee meeting attendence: Audit Committee: 5/5



FREDRIK ARP (1953) Board member

Education: BSc. Econ. Honorary Doctor of Economics Other assignments: Chairman of the

Board of Nolato AB and Bravida Holding AB. Board member of Swedfund. Previous positions: President and CEO

of Volvo Car Corporation (2005-2008). CEO of Trelleborg AB (1999-2005), PLM AB (1996–1999), Trelleborg Industrier AB (1989-1996) and Boliden Kemi AB (1988-1989). Various positions in Trelleborg AB (1986-1989) and Tarkett (1979-1986). Elected: 2014

Committee assignment: Audit Committee chair

Board meeting attendence: 10/10 Committee meeting attendence: Audit Committee: 5/5



#### VIKTORIA BERGMAN (1965) Board member

Education: Communication Executive Programme at Stockholm School of Economics. Berghs School of Communication.

Other assignments: Chairman of the Board of Galber AB. Board member of Trianon AB and WaterAid Sweder Previous positions: Member of

Group Management and Senior Vice President Stakeholder Management & Corporate Sustainability E.ON Nordic, Board member E.ON Försäljning, E.ON Kundsupport and E.ON Smart Living (2012-2014). Positions in Trelleborg Group (2002-2011), member of Group Management and Senior Vice President Corporate Communications Trelleborg Group (2005–2011). Various positions in Falcon Breweries/ Unilever (1989-1996), Cerealia Group (1987-1989). Elected: 2015

Committee assignment: Member of the Remuneration Committee Board meeting attendence: 10/10 Committee meeting attendence: Remuneration Committee: 3/3



#### ANN CARLSSON (1966) Board member

Education: Bachelor's degree in Personnel Work and Organisation at Stockholm University

Current position: CEO Apoteket AB. Other assignments: Board member of Martin & Servera, The Swedish Pharmacy Association. The Confederation of Swedish Enterprise, The Swedish Trade Federation, SNS and Ruter Dam.

Previous positions: Several positions within ICA, most recently as SVP Store Sales Division at ICA Sverige AB. Elected: 2019

Committee assignment: Member of the Remuneration Committee

Board meeting attendence: 8/8 Committee meeting attendence: Remuneration Committee: 1/2

FREDRIK RYSTEDT (1963)

Education: M.Sc. Business and Economics.

Current position: Executive Vice President

Country Senior Executive, Nordea Sweden

and CFO of Essity Aktiebolag (publ)

Other assignments: Board member of

Vinda International Holdings Limited

President and Chief Financial Officer,

(2008-2012). Chief Financial Officer

Electrolux Group (2001–2008). Chief

Financial Officer (2000-2001) and Head

of Business Development (1998-1999),

Electrolux Group (1989-1998), including

as Vice President and Head of Mergers & Acquisitions (1996-1998), Director

of Mergers & Acquisitions (1995-1996)

Inkassoservice an Electrolux finance com-

and Managing Director of Svensk

pany (1992-1994).

Elected: 2017

Sapa Group. Various positions in the

Previous positions: Executive Vice

Board member



#### TOMAS KÅBERGER (1961) Board member

Education: M.Sc. Engineering Physics. Ph.D. Physical Resource Theory. Associate Professor (Docent), Environmental Science.

Other assignments: Industrial Growth Chairman of Renewable Energy Institute, Tokyo, Board member of Sustainable Energy Angels AB, Tanke och Möda AB and The Research Council of Norway. Senior Advisor GEIDCO, Beijing. Affiliate professor at Chalmers University of Technology Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (IVA).

Previous positions: Professor Chalmers University of Technology, Industrial Energy Policy (2012-2018). Director General, Swedish Energy Agency (2008–2011). Professor Lund University, International Sustainable Energy Systems (2006-2008)

#### Elected: 2015

Committee assignment: Member of the

Audit Committee Board meeting attendence: 10/10

Committee meeting attendence: Audit Committee: 4/5



#### JENNY LAHRIN (1971) Board member

Education: Master of Laws. Executive MBA. Current position: Investment Director and Head of Group, Department for State-Owned Enterprises, Ministry of Enterprise. Other assignments: Board member of AB Göta kanalbolag and V.S. VisitSweden AB. Previous positions: Board member of SOS Alarm Sverige AB (2015-2016). Board member of Swedavia AB (2012-2015). Board member of RISE Research Institutes of Sweden AB (2012–2013), Legal Counsel at the Division for State-Owned Enterprises, Ministry of Enterprise/Ministry of Finance (2008-2012). Legal Director at Veolia Transport Northern Europe AB (2003-2008) and admitted to the Bar Association (2001–2002).

#### Elected: 2013

Committee assignment: Member of the Audit Committe

#### Board meeting attendence: 10/10 Committee meeting attendence: Audit

Committee assignment: Member of the Audit Committee Committee: 5/5

Board meeting attendence: 9/10 Committee meeting attendence: Audit

Committee: 5/5





#### **ÅSA SÖDERSTRÖM WINBERG** (1957) Board member

Education: BSc. Econ

Other assignments: Chairman of the Board of Scanmast AB. Board member of OEM International AB, Balco Group AB, Delete Oy and Fibo AS. Fellow to the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (IVA).

#### Previous positions: President of

SWECO Theorells AB (2001–2006) and Ballast Väst AB (1997–2001). Marketing Manager NCC Industry (1994-1997), and Communications Manager NCC Bygg AB (1991-1993).

#### Elected: 2013

Committee assignment: Remuneration Committee chair

#### Board meeting attendence: 9/10

Committee meeting attendence Remuneration Committee: 3/3



**ROBERT LÖNNQVIST** (1979) Employee representative

Education: 3-year upper secondary degree in electrical installation. Further education in project management, labour law and health & safety

Current position: Employee representative for SEKO Facket för Service och Kommunikation. Vattenfall employee since 2007, currently as Project Manager at Vattenfall Services Nordic AB.

Other assignments: Member of the European Works Council. Assignments for Seko.

# Elected: 2017

Board meeting attendence: 9/10



ROLF OHLSSON (1961) Employee representative Education: Mechanical M.Sc. KTH Roval Institute of Technology.

Current position: Employee representative for Akademikerrådet at Vattenfall. Vattenfall employee since 1998, currently as full time representative for Akademikerna at Forsmarks Kraftgrupp AB

Other assignments: Employee representative on Forsmarks Kraftgrupp AB's board. Chairman of Akademikerrådet i Vattenfall. Elected 2017

Committee assignment: Member of the Audit Committee

Board meeting attendence: 10/10 Committee meeting attendence: Audit Committee: 5/5



#### JEANETTE REGIN (1965) Employee representative

Education: Secondary school diploma and two-year education in healthcare. Current position: Employee representative for Unionen. Currently head of customer service/office services for Gotlands Energi AB.

Elected: 2011

Board meeting attendence: 9/10



### LENNART BENGTSSON (1958)

Employee representative (deputy) Education: Two-year secondary school degree in mechanics and network technology training in IT.

Current position: Employee representative for SEKO Facket för Service och Kommunikation. Vattenfall employee since 1979, currently as IT technician Elected: 2018

#### Board meeting attendence: 10/10



ANDERS BOHLIN (1965) Employee representative (deputy) Education: Energy Engineer from

Polhemsskolan, Gävle Current position: Research Engineer at Strategic Development, Vattenfall AB. Other assignments: Member of the European Works Council. Vice Chairman,

. Unionen Vattenfall. Elected: 2019 Board meeting attendence: 8/8



CHRISTER GUSTAFSSON (1959) Employee representative (deputy) Education: Four-year education in technology.

Current position: Employee representative for Ledarna (the Association of Management and Professional Staff). Employed at Vattenfall since 1986, cur-rently in the staff function for the engineer ing department, Forsmarks Kraftgrupp AB. Other assigments: Representative for Energy & Technology, Confédération Européenne des Cadres (for energy issues).

Elected: 2013 Board meeting attendence: 10/10

# Directors who left the Board in 2019: The deputy employee representative Johnny Bernhardsson resigned in

connection with the Annual General Meeting on 11 April. Board meeting attendence: 2/2

# **Executive Group Management**



MAGNUS HALL (1959) President and CEO Vattenfall employee since: 2014

Education: M.Sc. Industrial Engineering and Management.

**Previous positions**: President and CEO of the forestry group Holmen.

Other assignments: Chairman the Board of NTM AB and President in Eurelectric. In 2019 Magnus Hall did not have any significant shareholdings in companies with which Vattenfall has business relations.



KERSTIN AHLFONT (1971) Senior Vice President, Human Resources Vattenfall employee since: 1995 Education: M.Sc. Eng.

Previous positions: Long-standing experience from Vattenfall through various management positions in Finance in Business Unit Heat Nordic, Business Group Pan Europe, Business Division Production and Region Nordic as well as acting head of Human Resources.



ANNA BORG (1971) Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer Vattenfall employee since: 2017 and 1999–2015

**Education**: Master's in Economics and Political Science.

Previous positions: Senior Vice President, Business Area Markets, Vattenfall (2017), Senior Vice President, Nordic Klarna (2015-2017), Vice President, Marketing and Sales Nordic, Vattenfall (2013-2015), Vice President B2C Sales Europe, Vattenfall (2011-2013), Vice President, Sales Nordic, Vattenfall (2009-2011), Various management positions in Strategy, Business Development, Project Management and Trading, Vattenfall (1999-2009). Other assignments: Board member of Gunnebo AB and Cellmark AB.



#### **GUNNAR GROEBLER** (1972) Senior Vice President, Business Area Wind

Vattenfall employee since: 1999 Education: Mechanical Engineering. Previous positions: Vice President, Business Unit Renewables, Continental/UK Region, Vattenfall (2014-2015). Head of Business Unit Hydro Germany, Vattenfall (2017-2013). Head of Corporate Development & M&A, Business Group Central Europe, Vattenfall Europe AG (2009-2010). Head of Mergers & Acquisitions, Business Group Central Europe, Vattenfall Europe AG (2008-2009). Head of Corporate Restructuring, Vattenfall Europe AG (2007-2008). Head of Purchasing, Vattenfall Europe Hamburg AG (2005-2007).



ANNE GYNNERSTEDT (1957) Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Directors Vattenfall employee since: 2012 Education: LL.B.

Previous positions: General Counsel, Secretary to the Board and member of executive management of SAAB AB (2004-2012). General Counsel and member of executive management of the Swedish National Debt Office (2002-2004). Corporate Legal Counsel, SAS (1987-2002).

Other assignments: Board member of Swedish Space Corporation.



MARTIJN HAGENS (1971) Senior Vice President, Business Area Customers & Solutions Vattenfall employee since: 2003 Education: M. Sc. Industrial Engineering

and Management. Previous positions: Head of Heat Continental/UK, Vattenfall (2014-2015). Head of Customer Service, Vattenfall (2011-2013). Head of Customer Care Centre, Nuon (2008-2010). Program Director Unbundling, Nuon (2006-2007). Nuon Consultancy Group & Lean Competence Center, Nuon (2005-2006). Head of Customer Care B2B, Nuon (2003-2004). Management Consultant, Accenture

Other assignments: Managing Director of Vattenfall N.V. Netherlands.

(1996-2002).



TUOMO HATAKKA (1956) Senior Executive Vice President, Business Area Heat Vattenfall employee since: 2002 Education: B. Sc. Econ. MBA. Previous positions: Head of Business Division Production (2010-2013). Head of Business Group Central Europe (2008-2010). Head of Business Group Poland (2005-2007). Other assignments: Board member of

PKP Energetyka S.A.



NIEK DEN HOLLANDER (1973) Senior Vice President, Business Area Markets

Vattenfall employee since: 2014 Education: Master's in Financial Econometrics. MBA.

Previous positions: Head of Business Unit Trading, Vattenfall Energy Trading GmbH (2014–2017). Head of Trading, Statkraft Markets GmbH (2008–2014). Head of Long-term Energy Management, Statkraft Markets B.V. (2006–2006). Head of Asset Management, Statkraft Markets B.V. (2005–2006). Various trading positions, Statkraft Markets B.V. (2002–2005). Various trading positions in the financial sector (1997–2002).

Tuomo Hatakka will retire at the end of 2020.

Niek den Hollander has decided to leave Vattenfall and will stay on until 31 March 2020.



#### KARIN LEPASOON (1968) Senior Vice President, Group Communications

Vattenfall employee since: 2016 Education: Master's (LL.M.) in Swedish and International Laws from the University of Lund, Sweden and Master's (LL.M) in EU Laws from the University of Leiden, the Netherlands.

#### Previous positions: Director of

Sustainability, Communications and HR, Nordic Capital (2015-2016). Executive Vice President and member of the Group Senior Executive Team (full member since 2008), Skanska (2006-2015). Vice President Group Communications, Gambro (1999-2006).

Other assignments: Board member of Energiföretagen Sverige – Swedenergy AB.



ANDREAS REGNELL (1966) Senior Vice President, Strategic Development Vattenfall employee since: 2010 Education: B.Sc. Econ.

Previous positions: Head of Nordic Business Strategy (2014-2015). Head of Strategy and Sustainability (2010-2013). Senior Partner and Managing Director, Managing Partner of Nordic Region, The Boston Consulting Group (1992-2010).

Analyst and Account Manager, Citibank (1989–1992). Other assignments: Board member of Svevia AB and Hybrit AB.



TORBJÖRN WAHLBORG (1962) Senior Executive Vice President, Business Area Generation Vattenfall employee since: 1990

Education: M.Sc. Eng.

Previous positions: Head of Business Region Nordic (2014-2015). Head of Business Division Nuclear (2012-2013). Head of Business Division Distribution and Sales (2010-2012). Head of Business Group Nordic (2010). Vattenfall's Polish operations (1997-2010), including as country manager (2008-2009).

Other assignments: Board member of the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise. Chairman of the Board of EnergiFöretagens Arbetsgivareförening (EFA) AB.

# **AGM** proposal

#### Proposed guidelines for compensation and other terms of employment for senior executives

The Board proposes that the 2020 Annual General Meeting resolves to adopt the Board's proposal which corresponds to the government's principles for remuneration and other terms of employment for senior executives in state-owned companies, adopted by the government on 27 February 2020 (www.regeringen.se), with the deviation set out below.

In accordance with a resolution by the Annual General Meeting on 11 April 2019, Vattenfall deviates from the definition of senior executive of a subsidiary. Instead of using the definition of senior executive set forth in the Swedish Companies Act, senior executives shall be defined based on whether the individual has significant influence on the Group's earnings. Through application of the International Position Evaluation (IPE) model, executives with positions of IPE 68 and higher shall be considered to be senior.

# The guidelines' promotion of the company's business strategy, long-term interests and sustainability

Vattenfall has defined a strategy with the purpose to Power Climate Smarter Living and enable fossil free living within one generation. The business strategy is further described on the website https://group.vattenfall.com/who-we-are/about-us/our-goals-andstrategy.

A prerequisite for the successful implementation of Vattenfall's business strategy and the safeguarding of its long-term interests, including its sustainability, is that Vattenfall is able to recruit and retain qualified personnel. To this end, it is necessary that Vattenfall offers competitive remuneration. These guidelines enable Vattenfall to offer members of the executive management a competitive total remuneration package.

#### Salary and employment conditions for employees

In the preparation of the Board's proposal for these remuneration guidelines, salary and employment conditions for employees of the company have been taken into account by including information on the increase and growth rate over time in the Remuneration Committee's and the Board's basis of decision when evaluating whether the guidelines and the limitations set out herein are reasonable.

#### Decision-making process to determine,

#### review and implement the guidelines

The Board has established a Remuneration Committee. The Committee's tasks include preparing the Board's decision to propose guidelines for executive remuneration. The Board shall prepare a proposal for new guidelines and annually submit it to the general meeting. The guidelines shall be in force until new guidelines are adopted by a general meeting. The Remuneration Committee shall also monitor and evaluate application of the guidelines for executive remuneration as well as the current remuneration structures and compensation levels in Vattenfall. The members of the Remuneration Committee are independent of Vattenfall and its executive management. The CEO and other members of the executive management do not participate in the Board's processing of and resolutions regarding remunerationrelated matters in so far as they are affected by such matters.

The Board certifies that the compensation in question is in compliance with the guidelines set by the general meeting in such way that before a decision is made on compensation and other terms of employment for a senior executive, written documentation shall be available that shows the company's total cost. The proposal for decision shall be drafted by the Board's remuneration committee and thereafter be put to the Board for a decision. The company's auditors shall perform a review to ensure that the set compensation levels and other terms of employment have not been exceeded and, in accordance with the Companies Act, shall once a year – not later than three weeks before the general meeting – issue a written statement as to whether the adopted guidelines have been adhered to.

# The Board's explanation for deviations from the government's principles

The deviation from the government's guidelines for terms of employment for senior executives of state-owned companies, decided on by the owner at the 2019 Annual General Meeting, entails use of a generally accepted ranking model instead of the definition of senior executive of a subsidiary in the Swedish Companies Act. The Board is of the opinion that the following, special reasons exist for deviating from the principles.

Like other international groups, Vattenfall governs its operations from a commercial perspective and not according to the legal company structure. For commercial and legal reasons, the Vattenfall Group has approximately 300 subsidiaries. Through application of the government's principles for subsidiaries, a very large number of executives would be considered to be senior, without them having any significant influence on the Group's earnings.

The proposed deviation reflects these circumstances. The criteria used to define what constitutes a senior executive are the individual subsidiary's size based on sales, the number of employees and number of steps in the value chain, as well as the requirements on the individual executive for innovation, knowledge, strategic/visionary role and international responsibility.

The International Position Evaluation (IPE) model is used as support for determining in a systematic manner which positions can be considered to be senior. The Board's conclusion is that, in addition to the members of the Executive Group Management, executives in positions of IPE 68 or higher should be considered to be senior.

#### **Proposed distribution of profits**

The Annual General Meeting has at its disposal retained profits, including the profit for the year, totalling SEK 65,172,029,238. The Board of Directors and President propose that the profits be distributed as follows:

To be distributed to the shareholder:	SEK 7,245,000,000
To be carried forward:	SEK 57,927,029,238

The proposed distribution corresponds to a dividend of SEK 55.01 per share. The dividend is proposed for payment on 12 May 2020.

# Statement by the Board of Directors pursuant to the Swedish Companies Act, Chapter 18, Section 4

Based on the Parent Company's and Group's financial position, earnings and cash position, the Board of Directors is of the opinion that the proposed distribution of profits will not lead to any material limitation of the Parent Company's or Group's ability to make any necessary investments or to meet their obligations in the short and long term. In view of the above, the Board of Directors finds the proposed dividend, totalling SEK 7,245,000,000 to be carefully considered and justified, and that the proposal adheres to the principles of the adopted dividend policy (page 13).

# The Board of Directors' and the President's assurance upon signing the Annual and Sustainability Report for 2019

The undersigned certify that the consolidated accounts and the Annual Report have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as endorsed by the European Commission, for application within the EU, and generally accepted accounting principles, respectively, and give a true and fair view of the Parent Company's and the Group's financial position and earnings, and that the Administration Report for the Parent Company and the Group presents a fair overview of the development of the Parent Company's and the Group's operations, financial position and earnings and describes significant risks and uncertainties that the companies in the Group face. In addition, the undersigned certify that the sustainability data and the statutory sustainability report according to the Swedish Annual Accounts Act Chapter 6 118, as defined in the GRI Index on pages 168-171, have been prepared in accordance with the GRI Standards, and have been adopted by the Board of Directors.



## **Auditor's Report**

To the general meeting of the shareholders of Vattenfall AB, corporate identity number 556036-2138

# Report on the annual accounts and consolidated accounts

We have audited the annual accounts and consolidated accounts of Vattenfall AB (publ) except for the corporate governance statement on pages 72–87 for the year 2019. The annual accounts and consolidated accounts of the company are included on pages 4–5, 8–13, 62–150 in this document.

In our opinion, the annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the parent company as of 31 December 2019 and its financial performance and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act. The consolidated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the group as of 31 December 2019 and their financial performance and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as adopted by the EU, and the Annual Accounts Act. Our opinions do not cover the corporate governance statement on pages 72-87. The statutory administration report is consistent with the other parts of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts. We therefore recommend that the general meeting of shareholders adopts the income statement and balance sheet for the parent company and the group.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA) and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities section. We are independent of the parent company and the group in accordance with professional ethics for accountants in Sweden and have otherwise fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

#### **Key Audit Matters**

Key audit matters of the audit are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of, and in forming our opinion thereon, the annual accounts and consolidated accounts as a whole, but we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying financial statements.

#### Key audit matters, the Group Valuation of Tangible and Intangible assets

#### Description of the matter

In the Group's statement of financial position as per December 31, 2019 reported value of fixed tangible and intangible assets amounts to SEK 275,435 million, which equals 61.1 % of the Group 's total assets. Of the carrying value, SEK 14,005 million was goodwill. As described in note 9 the Company is making assessments throughout the year for any indication that an asset may have decreased in value. If there is an indication of this kind, the asset's recoverable amount is calculated in order to determine whether there is any need for impairment. For goodwill the recoverable amount is calculated at least annually or as soon as there is an indication that an asset has decreased in value.

The Company has grouped its assets to the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows that are largely independent from cash inflows from other assets. Recoverable amount is determined by calculating value in use. In note 9 the main assumptions, such as future prices of electricity, fuel and CO2 emission allowances used when calculating the value in use, are described. Further, in note 9 it is described that the calculation of value in use for cash-generating units with finite useful lives are based on forecasts of the useful life of the respective asset. Cash flow projections for cash-generating units with infinite useful lives are based on the business plan for the coming five years. Cash flows after the five year-period are calculated based on a growth factor of 0–0.5 %. Future cash flows have been discounted to value in use using a discount rate as described in note 9.

Goodwill impairment is never reversed. Impairment of other assets is reversed if there has been a significant and lasting change in the assumptions used to calculate the recoverable amount.

In 2019, the company wrote-down a total of SEK 1,459 million primarily within Business Area Heat and Wind. No write-down reversals have occurred during the year.

Changes in assumptions may have a significant impact on the calculation of value in use which imply that the determination of assumptions is of significant importance to the valuation. Hence, we have assessed the valuation of tangible and intangible assets as a key audit matter in the audit.

#### How this matter has been reflected in the audit

In our audit we have evaluated the Company's process to develop and perform impairment tests. We have assessed how cash-generating units, based on established criteria's, are identified and compared to how the Company internally monitors its business. We have involved valuation specialists to assist us in the assessment of the Company's valuation and calculation methods, assessment of reasonableness in used assumptions, sensitivity analysis of changed assumptions, comparisons with historical results and the accuracy in previous forecasts. Each cash-generating units' discount rate and long-term growth have been evaluated through comparisons with other companies within the same industry and current market rates. We have also assessed whether the information disclosed is appropriate.

#### Provision for future expenses of nuclear power operations

#### Description of the matter

In the Group's statement of financial position as per December 31, 2019 the provisions for future expenses of nuclear power operations amounts to SEK 85,881 million. As described in note 31 the provisions pertain to future obligations for handling the decommissioning of the Company's nuclear power plants in Sweden and Germany as well as for handling nuclear waste. The provisions are based on forecasts for future expenditures that cover a period of up to 50 years. These forecasts include assessments with significant uncertainties, such as for expenditures for the disposal of nuclear fuel and radioactive waste as well as for the decommissioning of reactor plants. The estimated expenditures have thus been calculated based on a discount rate.

Calculation of future expenses for decommissioning of nuclear power operations include a number of assumptions determined by the Company and changes in these assumptions may have a significant impact on the provision amount. Hence, we have assessed the recognition of provisions for future expenses of nuclear power operations as a key audit matter in the audit.

#### How this matter has been reflected in the audit

In our audit we have evaluated the Company's process to calculate the amount of the provisions. We have evaluated the Company's calculation methods, obtained assessments by third-parties, assessed the reasonableness in used assumptions and sensitivity analysis of changed assumptions and performed comparisons with historical results and the accuracy in previous forecasts. The reasonableness of used discount rate has been evaluated through comparisons with other companies within the same industry and current market rates. We have also assessed whether the information disclosed is appropriate.

# Other Information than the annual accounts and consolidated accounts

This document also contains other information than the annual accounts and consolidated accounts and is found on pages 1–3, 6–7, 14–61 and 156–185. The Board of Directors and the Managing Director are responsible for this other information.

Our opinion on the annual accounts and consolidated accounts does not cover this other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion regarding this other information.

In connection with our audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts, our responsibility is to read the information identified above and consider whether the information is materially inconsistent with the annual accounts and consolidated accounts. In this procedure we also take into account our knowledge otherwise obtained in the audit and assess whether the information otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If we, based on the work performed concerning this information, conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director

The Board of Directors and the Managing Director are responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts and that they give a fair presentation in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and, concerning the consolidated accounts, in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU. The Board of Directors and the Managing Director are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of annual accounts and consolidated accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual accounts and consolidated accounts, The Board of Directors and the Managing Director are responsible for the assessment of the company's and the group's ability to continue as a going concern. They disclose, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting. The going concern basis of accounting is however not applied if the Board of Directors and the Managing Director intends to liquidate the company, to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Audit Committee shall, without prejudice to the Board of Director's responsibilities and tasks in general, among other things oversee the company's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual accounts and consolidated accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these annual accounts and consolidated accounts.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of the company's internal control relevant to our audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Directors and the Managing Director.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors' and the Managing Director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual accounts and consolidated accounts. We also draw a conclusion, based on the audit evidence obtained, as to whether any material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's and the group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty

exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the annual accounts and consolidated accounts or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion about the annual accounts and consolidated accounts. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause a company and a group to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts, including the disclosures, and whether the annual accounts and consolidated accounts represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the group to express an opinion on the consolidated accounts. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our opinions.

We must inform the Board of Directors of, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit. We must also inform of significant audit findings during our audit, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identified.

We must also provide the Board of Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Board of Directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts, including the most important assessed risks for material misstatement, and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in the auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in the auditor's report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

#### Report on other legal and regulatory requirements Opinions

In addition to our audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts, we have also audited the administration of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director of Vattenfall AB (publ) for the year 2019 and the proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss.

We recommend to the general meeting of shareholders that the profit be appropriated in accordance with the proposal in the statutory administration report and that the members of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director be discharged from liability for the financial year.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities* section. We are independent of the parent company and the group in accordance with professional ethics for accountants in Sweden and have otherwise fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

#### Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director

The Board of Directors is responsible for the proposal for appropriations of the company's profit or loss. At the proposal of a dividend, this includes an assessment of whether the dividend is justifiable considering the requirements which the company's and the group's type of operations, size and risks place on the size of the parent company's and the group's equity, consolidation requirements, liquidity and position in general.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the company's organization and the administration of the company's affairs. This includes among other things continuous assessment of the company's and the group's financial situation and ensuring that the company's organization is designed so that the accounting, management of assets and the company's financial affairs otherwise are controlled in a reassuring manner. The Managing Director shall manage the ongoing administration according to the Board of Directors' guidelines and instructions and among other matters take measures that are necessary to fulfill the company's accounting in accordance with law and handle the management of assets in a reassuring manner.

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our objective concerning the audit of the administration, and thereby our opinion about discharge from liability, is to obtain audit evidence to assess with a reasonable degree of assurance whether any member of the Board of Directors or the Managing Director in any material respect:

- has undertaken any action or been guilty of any omission which can give rise to liability to the company, or
- in any other way has acted in contravention of the Companies Act, the Annual Accounts Act or the Articles of Association.

Our objective concerning the audit of the proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss, and thereby our opinion about this, is to assess with reasonable degree of assurance whether the proposal is in accordance with the Companies Act.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden will always detect actions or omissions that can give rise to liability to the company, or that the proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss are not in accordance with the Companies Act.

As part of an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. The examination of the administration and the proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss is based primarily on the audit of the accounts. Additional audit procedures performed are based on our professional judgment with starting point in risk and materiality. This means that we focus the examination on such actions, areas and relationships that are material for the operations and where deviations and violations would have particular importance for the company's situation. We examine and test decisions undertaken, support for decisions, actions taken and other circumstances that are relevant to our opinion concerning discharge from liability. As a basis for our opinion on the Board of Directors' proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss we examined the Board of Directors' reasoned statement and a selection of supporting evidence in order to be able to assess whether the proposal is in accordance with the Companies Act.

#### The auditor's examination of the corporate governance statement

The Board of Directors is responsible for that the corporate governance statement on pages 72–87 has been prepared in accordance with "The State's Ownership Policy and guidelines for companies with state ownership" ("the Ownership Policy").

Our examination of the corporate governance statement is conducted in accordance with FAR's auditing standard RevU 16 *The auditor's examination of the corporate governance statement*. This means that our examination of the corporate governance statement is different and substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. We believe that the examination has provided us with sufficient basis for our opinions.

A corporate governance statement has been prepared. Disclosures in accordance with chapter 6 section 6 the second paragraph points 2–6 of the Annual Accounts Act and chapter 7 section 31 the second paragraph the same law are consistent with the other parts of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts and are in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act.

Stockholm, 19 March 2020 Ernst & Young AB

Staffan Landén Authorized Public Accountant