
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

RESPARCS FUNDING II LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
Jersey

Annual Financial Statements and Management Report for the year
ended 31st December 2020

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MANAGEMENT REPORT

BUSINESS MODEL AND STRATEGY, INCLUDING PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of RESPARCS Funding II Limited Partnership (the "Partnership" or "Limited Partnership") is to participate in financing activities arranged for Hamburg Commercial Bank AG ("HCOB" or the "Bank") (formerly, HSH Nordbank Aktiengesellschaft). The Partnership issued €500,000,000 nominal 7.5% Capital Securities, the proceeds from which were used to acquire a silent capital interest (the "Silent Contribution") in the commercial enterprise of HCOB in the form of a "Stille Gesellschaft" under German law in the amount of €500,000,000. The offering circular dated 28th May 2003 stated that an investment in the Capital Securities issued by the Partnership is suitable only for financially sophisticated investors who understand the risks and rewards associated with these financial instruments. The Capital Securities are listed and/or traded on the Official Segment of the stock market of Euronext Amsterdam N.V and various German stock exchanges.

HCOB's privatisation process was completed on 28th November 2018 after the Bank secured both regulatory approval and European Commission approval of the acquisition. The privatised bank has changed its name and has been operating under the name Hamburg Commercial Bank since 4th February 2019.

ECONOMIC POSITION AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The Partnership considers its key performance indicators (KPIs) to be: (i) the net assets of the Partnership (or Total Partners' Equity) as at the financial year end date; (ii) the profit or loss for the financial year; (iii) the amount of Profit Participation income received on the Silent Contribution during the financial year; and, (iv) the amount of interest paid on the Capital Securities during the financial year.

The Total Partners' Equity as at 31st December 2020 was €nil (2019: €nil) and the profit for the financial year then ended was €nil (2019: loss of €134,803). No Profit Participation income has been received on the Silent Contribution since 2009 and, consequently, no interest has been paid on the Capital Securities since 2009.

On 30th November 2018, HCOB announced that it had decided to terminate the Silent Contribution together with other similar instruments (together, the "Hybrid Capital Instruments") at the book value as determined in HCOB's unconsolidated balance sheet pursuant to HGB (German GAAP) as of 31st December 2020. In its announcement, HCOB published certain forecasts and projected losses and stated that "based on these annual forecasts, and taking into account the aforementioned losses carried forward, HCOB currently expects that the HGB (German GAAP) book values of the Hybrid Capital Instruments as of 31st December 2020 will be in the area of 15%."

On 10th December 2018, the Partnership received a termination letter (the "Termination Notice") from HCOB wherein HCOB formally announced the termination of the Resparcs II Participation Agreement with effect from 31st December 2020, whereby the repayment date would be 30th June 2021. The Partnership immediately submitted the termination letter for legal review. On 21st December 2018, the Partnership wrote to HCOB to expressly object to the Termination Notice and to preserve any rights that the Partnership might have regarding the Termination Notice, noting that the Partnership had received a number of concerns from Capital Securities holders and their legal counsels concerning the legal validity of the Termination Notice.

On 7th January 2019, the Financial Times newspaper in the UK published an article noting that HCOB was being sued by holders of the Capital Securities and holders of other Hybrid Capital Instruments on the basis that these holders alleged that HCOB had "improperly" lowered the book value of the Hybrid Capital Instruments and therefore the Capital Securities. The Partnership was already aware of certain allegations (the "Claims") against HCOB and had entered into a waiver of time-bar agreement of 12th October 2018 (the "Waiver") under which HCOB has waived towards the Partnership HCOB's right to raise the defence that the statute of limitation or any other relevant time limits have expired between the conclusion of the Waiver and 31st December 2019 with respect to the Claims, whether they are known or unknown and they have already arisen or not, to the extent that any of these potential Claims had not already been time-barred as at the date of conclusion of the Waiver. On 17th November 2020, the Waiver was further extended to 31st December 2021.

On 12th February 2019, HCOB published a further announcement wherein it stated that "Due to higher than expected losses under HGB (German GAAP) for the year ended 2018 and changed forecasts for fiscal years 2019 and 2020, the projected HGB (German GAAP) book values of Silent Contributions for Securities as of 31st December 2020 are currently expected to be well below 10%."

On 19th December 2019, HCOB announced that it had agreed a settlement with holders of RESPARC Securities represented by Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan (QE) whereby HCOB would buy back the relevant Capital Securities at a settlement price of 36.24% of the nominal value plus a settlement fee of 1.0% of the nominal value. HCOB also announced that it would offer to buy back all other remaining Capital Securities at the same settlement price of 36.24% of the nominal value.

Also on 19th December 2019, HCOB announced within both its institutional and retail invitation to holders of the Securities ("Eligible Holders") of the outstanding €500,000,000 RESPARC Securities issued by the Limited Partnership that HCOB estimated that the projected HGB (German GAAP) book values of Silent Contributions for Securities as of 31st December 2020 would be "less than 5%."

MANAGEMENT REPORT - (CONTINUED)**ECONOMIC POSITION AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS - (CONTINUED)**

In both its institutional and retail offers on 19th December 2019, HCOB announced that it estimated that the projected HGB (German GAAP) book value of the Capital Securities as at 31st December 2020 would be "below 5%".

Further to its buy back offer, HCOB had acquired €369,927,000 (or 74.0%) of the outstanding nominal amount of the Capital Securities as at 31st December 2019 and €454,607,000 (or 90.9%) of the outstanding nominal amount of the Capital Securities as at 31st December 2020. There were no further buy back offers of the outstanding nominal amounts as at the date of approval of these financial statements.

On 1st April 2021, the Partnership received a notification from HCOB stating that the amount of loss allocated to the Silent Contribution for the financial year 2020 is 6.34980201968% of the principal amount. The reduction in the principal amount per RESPARC Security corresponds to this amount resulting in a new principal amount of 1.78807362466% of the initial principal amount. As a consequence, there will be no write-ups allocated and no Profit Participation Payment will be made with respect to the financial year 2020.

RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING RELATED ASSUMPTIONS, ECONOMIC POSITION AND LIKELY FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

The risks and opportunities facing the Partnership which may impact upon the Partnership's economic position and prospects and likely future developments in the coming year relating thereto are closely linked to those applicable to HCOB.

HCOB's Chief Executive Officer stated the following in HCOB's annual report for the year ended 31st December 2020, as prepared under IFRS:

"In 2020, we continued to work on increasing our profit margins, reducing our administrative expenses and making our balance sheet more robust - the key pillars of our successful restructuring. The quality of our balance sheet is improving steadily; refinancing costs have been falling since privatization. At the same time, we are constantly reviewing how we can improve efficiency in our banking operations. This in turn helps us reduce our costs - thereby improving our profitability. Moreover, in 2020 we were helped by non-recurring effects. As part of our realignment, we divested buildings in Hamburg and Kiel, resulting in additional income of around EUR 150 million. Then again, coronavirus effects can be seen in net allocations to loan loss provisions of EUR -188 million and in negative fair value measurements. The increase in loan loss provisions is an expression of a very cautious risk policy and protects us against possible damage in the future, particularly against the backdrop of the continuing coronavirus crisis. Within a year we were able to realize a significant increase in our CET1 capital ratio, which was already strong, from 18.5 percent to 27.0 percent through the very systematic reduction of risk-bearing assets. This means that our capitalization is more than solid. It protects us, gives us flexibility and provides us with options going forward. All told, the Bank has closed out a difficult year in a stronger position - our transformation, scheduled over three years, has come on apace and is proceeding with great success."

"As early as autumn 2019 we began to get ready for difficult underlying business conditions. We sought to wind down portfolios and to lower our risk profile to make our Bank less vulnerable to a recession, which was certainly on the cards even then. We succeeded in doing just that. And then, when the pandemic hit the whole world and plunged the economy into a hard recession, we tightened our business further. We now have fewer risks on our books than before the coronavirus crisis."

HCOB's Chief Risk Officer and Deputy CEO stated the following in HCOB's Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2020, as prepared under IFRS: "Several factors play a role here: We prepared for an economic downturn as early as the end of 2019, that is, before the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic. We believed then that the economic trend had passed its peak. And so we cut back on new business and began to reduce risks and the size of our balance sheet early on - something we are now benefiting from. At the same time, it is important to take a differentiated look at the impact of the coronavirus on the economy: The negative consequences vary considerably depending on the sector. Retail experienced a boom online while bricks-and-mortar shops were hit hard. The industrial sector did not perform badly overall. All told, Germany experienced a very strong third quarter in 2020, the comprehensive assistance provided by the state helped many businesses."

MANAGEMENT REPORT - (CONTINUED)

RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING RELATED ASSUMPTIONS, ECONOMIC POSITION AND LIKELY FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR - (CONTINUED)

For up-to-date information regarding the risks and opportunities facing HCOB and HCOB's economic position and prospects and likely future developments relating thereto, please refer to HCOB's website at <https://www.hcob-bank.de/en/startseite/> (HCOB's latest financial news and reports can be found at <https://www.hcob-bank.de/en/investoren/konzernberichterstattung/konzernberichterstattung/>). These are not part of these financial statements.

The General Partner expects the following financial results for the Partnership for the current financial year: net assets of the Partnership (or Total Partners' Equity) as at 31st December 2021 of €nil; a net result of €nil for the financial year then ending; no Profit Participation income to be received on the Silent Contribution; and, consequently, no interest to be paid on the Capital Securities.

HCOB made the following statement in its Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2020: "Distributions may not be made on silent participations in the event that a net loss for the year or an accumulated loss is determined. The silent participations were terminated with effect from 31st December 2020, the silent participations previously reported under equity are recognised as liabilities under other liabilities. In accordance with their contractual agreement the silent participations must participate in the group net loss or net loss for the year (before loss participation) of Hamburg Commercial Bank AG. In the 2020 financial year, the loss participation attributable to silent participations amounted to €77 million (previous year: €236 million). The hybrid capital instruments listed on the capital market participated in the group net loss (incl. group net loss carried forward from the 2019 annual financial statements). The carrying amounts of the hybrid instruments, which are listed on the capital markets, correspond to 1.8% of the original nominal amount on the reporting date due to the attributed losses."

The principal risk factors that are directly relevant to the Partnership during the current financial year are disclosed in the following paragraphs and, except for the risks arising from the impact of COVID-19, are unchanged from all prior years.

PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL RISK FACTORS AND FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT CONTROLS

As stated above, the principal activity of the Partnership is limited to participation in financing activities arranged for HCOB. The Partnership has issued the Capital Securities. The proceeds from the issue of the Capital Securities have been used to acquire a silent capital interest in the commercial enterprise of HCOB. Therefore the role of financial assets and financial liabilities is central to the activities of the Partnership; the financial liabilities provided the funding to purchase the Partnership's financial assets. Financial assets and liabilities provide the majority of the assets and liabilities of the Partnership along with substantially all of the income and expenditure.

The strategies used by the Partnership in achieving its objectives regarding the use of its financial assets and liabilities were set when the Partnership entered into the transactions. The Partnership has attempted, as far as is practicable, to match the properties of its financial liabilities to those of its financial assets to mitigate significant elements of risk generated by mismatches of investment performance against its obligations, together with any maturity or interest rate risk. Accordingly, the risks associated with the Partnership's financial assets and financial liabilities are ultimately borne by the holders of the Capital Securities and, as referred to above, relate to risks applicable to HCOB's business.

MARKET RISK - INTEREST RATE RISK

The Limited Partnership finances its operations through the issue of the Capital Securities. The coupons payable on the Capital Securities and the Profit Participations receivable on the Silent Contribution are fixed and, except for the fixed margin difference of 0.15% between them, the coupons payable on the Capital Securities issued are matched by the Profit Participations receivable on the Silent Contribution. Accordingly, on a cash flow basis, the General Partner believes that there is no significant net interest rate risk to the Partnership and/or holders of the Capital Securities issued. In addition, due to the fact that, except for the fixed margin difference of 0.15% between them, the coupons payable on the Capital Securities issued are matched by the Profit Participations receivable on the Silent Contribution, the General Partner believes that there is no significant net interest rate risk to the Partnership on a fair value basis, with such risk being borne by the holders of the Capital Securities issued.

MARKET RISK - CURRENCY RISK

All of the Partnership's material financial assets and financial liabilities are denominated in Euro. Consequently, the General Partner believes that there is no significant net currency risk to the Partnership and/or holders of the Capital Securities issued.

MANAGEMENT REPORT - (CONTINUED)**MARKET PRICE RISK**

In the opinion of the General Partner, there is no material difference between the fair value of the Capital Securities and the fair value of the Silent Contribution. From the perspective of the Partnership, any change in the fair value of the Capital Securities would be matched by an equal and opposite change in the fair value of the Silent Contribution and vice versa. Consequently the Partnership is not exposed to any net market price risk.

As previously stated, HCOB has issued a Termination Notice wherein HCOB has formally announced the termination of the Resparcs II Participation Agreement with effect from 31st December 2020, whereby the repayment date would be 30th June 2021, and HCOB has estimated that the projected HGB (German GAAP) book values of Silent Contributions for Securities as of 31st December 2020 would be "less than 5%." Although, the Partnership has formally objected to the Termination Notice, it is possible that the Capital Securities will be redeemed at less than 5% of nominal value.

In the opinion of the General Partner, there are no other price risks that could reasonably be foreseen to affect the fair values of the Partnership's financial instruments.

CREDIT RISK

Credit risk arises from the risk that HCOB and affiliates may not repay all amounts due to the Partnership under the Silent Contribution, Contribution Agreement, Loan Agreement and/or Facility Agreement. On the basis that the Capital Securities issued by the Partnership are effectively limited recourse in commercial substance as the Partnership's main financial asset consists of the Silent Contribution issued by HCOB, with the amount payable to the holders limited to the amounts received under the Silent Contribution, in the opinion of the General Partner, the Partnership itself has no material net credit risk and all credit risk is ultimately borne by the holders of the Capital Securities.

As at 31st December 2020 and up to the date of approval of these financial statements, the Capital Securities issued had a long term credit rating from Moody's of C(hyb) (2019: C(hyb)). HCOB has a long term credit rating from Moody's of Baa2 (2019: Baa2).

LIQUIDITY RISK

Due to the nature of the Partnership's operations, the General Partner considers the most significant cash outflow to be the payment of interest on the Capital Securities upon receipt of the Profit Participation, if any, and the payment of the Repayment Amount on the Termination Date, if applicable. Liquidity risk in this regard is mitigated to the extent that the timing of these cash outflows would fall due on the same dates as the cash inflows from the Profit Participation. All other operating expenses are paid either from the Partnership's own resources or through a Liquidity Facility with HCOB (for further details, please see note 8 to the financial statements) which is only repayable at the termination date of the Participation Agreement and all outstanding advances due are waived on a quarterly basis. The General Partner believes that this arrangement further mitigates any residual liquidity risk to the Partnership.

OTHER RISK - CORONAVIRUS WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC (COVID-19)

The risks facing the Partnership from the impact of COVID-19 are closely linked to those applicable to HCOB. HCOB stated the following in its annual management report for the year ended 31st December 2020, as prepared under IFRS: "Uncertainties with regard to the estimates required in line with impairment provisions have increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This relates both to the integration of forward-looking macroeconomic scenarios and their weighting in determining expected losses in Stage 1 and Stage 2 credit exposures and to the estimation of future cash flows in Stage 3 credit exposures." The Directors of the General Partner are currently unable to reliably forecast the impact of COVID-19 on the Silent Contribution held and Capital Securities issued. Therefore, any forward looking statements in this Management Report and accompanying financial statements are subject to significant uncertainty.

MANAGEMENT REPORT - (CONTINUED)

RISK MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL REPORTING CONTROLS AND INTERNAL AUDIT SYSTEM

The Partnership has been established for the sole purpose of entering into the transactions previously described (the "Partnership's business" i.e. the issuance of Capital Securities with the proceeds being used to acquire the Silent Contribution and entering into various ancillary agreements and arrangements). Under the terms of the Limited Partnership Agreement, the General Partner is unable to do anything other than for the purpose of the Partnership's business or to change the Partnership's business without first obtaining the Limited Partner's written consent.

As returns on the Capital Securities issued by the Partnership are dependent on the financial performance of HCOB, investors in the Capital Securities should refer to HCOB's Annual Report 2020 and any subsequent financial information published by HCOB for further information regarding the risks faced by HCOB and any controls employed by HCOB to mitigate such risks. The Partnership does not operate any risk management systems or internal control systems itself, nor does it operate an internal audit system. The Partnership relies upon the risk management systems, internal control systems and internal audit system of HCOB to mitigate the principal risks faced by HCOB.

The Partnership is controlled by the General Partner and relies upon the board of the General Partner to exercise control over the Partnership's activities. In turn, the Directors of the General Partner rely upon the Partnership's service providers to exercise control over the activities for which they have responsibility. The Partnership's accounting records, including its annual and interim financial statements, are maintained/prepared by its Administrator, Sanne Financial Services Limited (SFSL), which is a professional service provider that operates its own procedures and controls to ensure the accuracy of such accounting records/financial statements. SFSL is regulated by the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Partnership's capital is represented by the balance on the Partners' capital account. The Partnership's transactions are designed to enable the Partnership to pay its liabilities as they fall due, without realising a significant return on capital. This is the objective of the Partnership's capital management policy. The level of interest income receivable on the Silent Contribution and interest expense payable on the Capital Securities issued are fixed and were established on formation of the Partnership in order that the Partnership realises a margin that is sufficient to pay the ongoing operational expenses of the Partnership and any loan interest payable.

Where on-going expenses cannot be covered in the normal course as contemplated under the agreements, the Partnership has been granted a Liquidity Facility (for further details, please see note 8 to the financial statements). There were no changes in the Partnership's approach to capital management during the year. The Partnership is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

GOING CONCERN

The General Partner has chosen to prepare these financial statements on a basis other than going concern. Further information and details on the General Partner's assessment of going concern is set out in the "Going concern" section in note 2 to the financial statements.

As at the date of approval of the financial statements, the COVID-19 outbreak has not had, and is not anticipated to have, a material adverse effect on the Limited Partnership.

Signed for and on behalf of European Capital Investment Opportunities Limited in its capacity as General Partner of RESPARCS Funding II Limited Partnership:

John N. Pendergast

Stephanie J. Hopkins

Date: 27th of April 2021

RESPARCS FUNDING II LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

BALANCE SHEET**AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>31st Dec 20</u>	<u>31st Dec 19</u>
ASSETS			
A. FIXED ASSETS			
I. Financial assets			
1. Other loans	3	8,940,368	22,500,000
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B. CURRENT ASSETS			
I. Receivables and other assets			
1. Trade receivables	4	4,023	2,250
2. Receivables from affiliated companies	4	826,478	1,004,933
II. Cash			
	5	170,750	170,932
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		1,001,251	1,178,115
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TOTAL ASSETS		€ 9,941,619	€ 23,678,115
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EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
A. PARTNERS' EQUITY			
I. General Partner's equity	6	-	-
II. Limited Partner's equity		-	-
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TOTAL PARTNERS' EQUITY		-	-
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B. CREDITORS			
I. Loans payable, of which nil is convertible	7	8,940,368	22,500,000
II. Trade creditors	8	72,492	276,669
III. Amounts owed to affiliated companies	9	928,759	901,446
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TOTAL CREDITORS		9,941,619	23,678,115
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TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		€ 9,941,619	€ 23,678,115
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RESPARCS FUNDING II LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1st Jan 20</u> <u>to</u> <u>31st Dec 20</u>	<u>1st Jan 19</u> <u>to</u> <u>31st Dec 19</u>
1. Other operating income	11	13,932,713	45,650,686
NET OTHER OPERATING INCOME		<u>13,932,713</u>	<u>45,650,686</u>
2. Other operating charges		(372,554)	(784,500)
3. Amounts written off on investments	3	(13,559,632)	(45,000,000)
4. Interest payable and similar charges		(527)	(989)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>(13,932,713)</u>	<u>(45,785,489)</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	€	-	€ (134,803)

Other comprehensive income

There were no items of other comprehensive income in either the current or prior year.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PARTNERS' EQUITY**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	<u>General Partner's equity</u>	<u>Limited Partner's equity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at 1st January 2020	-	-	-
Comprehensive income:			
- Result for the year	-	-	-
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Balance at 31st December 2020	€ -	€ -	€ -
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Balance at 1st January 2019	-	134,803	134,803
Comprehensive income:			
- Loss for the year	-	(134,803)	(134,803)
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Balance at 31st December 2019	€ -	€ -	€ -
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1st Jan 20</u> <u>to</u> <u>31st Dec</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>1st Jan 19</u> <u>to</u> <u>31st Dec 2019</u>
Cash flows from business activities			
1. Result/(loss) for the year		-	(134,803)
2. Amounts written off on investments	2	13,559,632	45,000,000
3. Decrease in estimated settlement amount on Capital Securities	6	(13,559,632)	(45,000,000)
4. Decrease/(increase) in trade receivables and receivables from affiliated companies	3	176,682	(470,248)
5. (Decrease)/increase in trade creditors	8	(204,177)	240,949
6. Increase in amounts owed to affiliated companies	8	27,313	363,914
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Net cash used in business activities		(182)	(188)
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Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(182)	(188)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		170,932	171,120
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	5	€ 170,750	€ 170,932
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

The Limited Partnership was established on 17th April 2003 and is registered as a Limited Partnership in Jersey, Channel Islands under the Limited Partnerships (Jersey) Law 1994 (as amended) with registration number 384.

ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of RESPARCS Funding II Limited Partnership (the "Partnership" or "Limited Partnership") is to participate in financing activities arranged for Hamburg Commercial Bank AG ("HCOB" or the "Bank") (formerly, HSH Nordbank Aktiengesellschaft).

GENERAL PARTNER

The General Partner of the Limited Partnership is European Capital Investment Opportunities Limited whose registration number is 85250.

DIRECTORS OF THE GENERAL PARTNER

The Directors of the General Partner who held office during the year and subsequently were:

Stephanie J. Hopkins

John N. Pendergast

REGISTERED OFFICE

Hamburg Commercial Bank AG:

The registered office is Gerhart-Hauptmann-Platz 50, 20095, Hamburg, Germany.

RESPARCS Funding II Limited Partnership:

The registered office is IFC 5, St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands, JE1 1ST

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Basis of accounting

These financial statements of RESPARCS Funding II Limited Partnership (the "Partnership" or "Limited Partnership"), which give a true and fair view, have been prepared in accordance with German GAAP. The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. The significant accounting policies used are set out below.

In prior periods, the Partnership prepared its financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), under which both the Silent Contribution and the Capital Securities were previously measured at fair value in the Balance Sheet.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020****2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (CONTINUED)****Going concern**

The Partnership relies upon Hamburg Commercial Bank AG ("HCOB" or the "Bank") (formerly, HSH Nordbank Aktiengesellschaft) to fund its ongoing expenses under the terms of the Support Undertaking and Compensation Agreement. These financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the Partnership is currently a non-going concern. With regard to the going concern assumption for the Bank, HCOB's most recent published audited financial statements were prepared on a going concern basis and however due to the fact that it appears more likely than not that the silent participation will be terminated by 30th June 2021 and that the Resparcs II structure will be wound up as soon as is practicable thereafter, European Capital Investment Opportunities Limited (the "General Partner") has reassessed its ability to not operate as a going concern.

As stated in the Management Report, HCOB has served the Partnership with a Termination Notice in respect of the Silent Contribution which, if such Termination Notice subsequently proves to be valid, would result in redemption of the Capital Securities on 30th June 2021. Although the Partnership is not currently directly involved in any litigation, the General Partner is aware of certain allegations (the "Claims") against HCOB and the Partnership and considers that the claims could potentially result in the Partnership becoming directly involved in litigation. In the General Partner's opinion, these uncertainties create doubt regarding whether or not the Partnership should continue to be considered as a going concern. Upon redemption of the silent participation, the Partnership would be likely to be obliged to redeem the RESPARC Securities and, subsequent to this, the Partnership structure would be likely to serve no further commercial purpose and would therefore be likely to be liquidated. However the Partnership has objected to the redemption of the silent participation, however it appears to be increasingly likely that this will occur on 30th June 2021. No further communications or information has been received from Capital Securities holders, their lawyers or HCOB since the 2019 financial statements were published.

The current worldwide Coronavirus outbreak was declared by the World Health Organisation ("WHO") as a worldwide pandemic on 11th March 2020. HCOB disclosed in its 2019 annual financial report that the economic implications of the Coronavirus outbreak could have a negative impact on HCOB's ability to meet its financial targets, although the prevailing uncertainty prevented HCOB from estimating any reliable forecasts of the effects of the Coronavirus outbreak. In its 2020 financial report, HCOB noted that the Coronavirus crisis had triggered a global recession and that "conditions in the markets relevant to the Bank have clouded over considerably overall, although the extent of the deterioration varies from market to market and within individual sub-segments and sectors."

Due to the nature of the structure and the existence of the Support Undertaking, Compensation Agreement and Liquidity Facility, the General Partner is of the opinion that the Partnership will be able to meet its obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. It appears more likely than not that the silent participation will be terminated by 30th June 2021 and that the Resparcs II structure will be wound up as soon as is practicable thereafter. Therefore the financial statements have been prepared on a non-going concern basis.

New accounting standards, amendments to existing accounting standards and/or interpretations of existing accounting standards (separately or together, "new accounting requirements") adopted during the current year

The General Partner has assessed the impact, or potential impact, of all new accounting requirements. In the opinion of the General Partner, there are no mandatory new accounting requirements applicable in the current year that had any material effect on the reported performance, financial position, or disclosures of the Partnership. Consequently, no mandatory new accounting requirements are listed. The Partnership has not early adopted any new accounting requirements that are not mandatory.

Non-mandatory new accounting requirements not yet adopted

All non-mandatory new accounting requirements in issue are either not yet permitted to be adopted or, in the General Partner's opinion, would have no material effect on the reported performance, financial position, or disclosures of the Partnership and consequently have neither been adopted, nor listed.

Assets measured at amortised cost: Financial assets; Receivables and other assets; and, cash

The Partnership's "Financial assets" comprise its Other loans, being the investment in the Silent Contribution. The Partnership's "Receivables and other assets" comprise: (i) Trade receivables; and (ii) Receivables from affiliated companies which, in turn, comprise the amounts receivable from Limited Partner in respect of withholding tax receivable; and, amounts receivable from HCOB under Compensation Agreement. The Partnership's "Cash" comprises its deposit account at HCOB.

Recognition: the Partnership recognises such assets when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the relevant instrument; such assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired or the Partnership has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020****2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (CONTINUED)****Assets measured at amortised cost: Financial assets; Receivables and other assets; and, cash - (continued)**

Initial measurement: the Partnership initially measures such assets at cost.

Subsequent measurement: the Partnership subsequently measures such assets at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any allowance for impairment, if any. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when such assets are derecognised or impaired, and through the amortisation process.

Impairment

Where the expected recoverable value of an asset falls below the amortised cost of that asset and the decrease in recoverable value is not considered to be temporary, an impairment is recognised and the asset is measured at its estimated net realisable value.

Financial assets - Other loans - Silent Contribution - impairment

The expected recoverable value of the Silent Contribution has been lower than its amortised cost for a prolonged year. Consequently, the Partnership has recognised an impairment as at the reporting date and previously.

In the opinion of the Directors of the General Partner, the best available prudent estimate of the net realisable value as at 31st December 2017 was the book value as at that date as announced by HCOB in accordance with HCOB's own financial statements.

As at 31st December 2018, HCOB had recently announced that HCOB anticipated that the Silent Contribution would be likely to be redeemed at less than 15% of its nominal value. As at 31st December 2018, the General Partner was unable to obtain any further reliable information regarding this estimate (i.e. how much lower than 15% the Silent Contribution would be likely to be redeemed at). In the absence of any other reliable method being available, the Directors of the General Partner estimated that the projected redemption value could be reasonably expected to be approximately 10% lower than 15% (i.e. 1.5% of nominal value lower than 15% of nominal value). Consequently, in the opinion of the Directors of the General Partner, the best available prudent estimate of the net realisable value as at 31st December 2018 was calculated using HCOB's projected value as being 13.5% of nominal value.

As at 30th June 2019, HCOB's most up-to-date announcement had stated that HCOB anticipated that the Silent Contribution would be likely to be redeemed at less than 10% of its nominal value. As at 30th June 2019, the General Partner was unable to obtain any further reliable information regarding this estimate (i.e. how much lower than 10% the Silent Contribution would be likely to be redeemed at). In the absence of any other reliable method being available, the Directors of the General Partner estimated that the projected redemption value could be reasonably expected to be approximately 10% lower than 10% (i.e. 1% of nominal value lower than 10% of nominal value). Consequently, in the opinion of the Directors of the General Partner, the best available prudent estimate of the net realisable value as at 30th June 2019 was calculated using HCOB's projected value as being 9.0% of nominal value.

As at 31st December 2019, HCOB had recently announced that HCOB anticipated that the Silent Contribution would be likely to be redeemed at less than 5% of its nominal value. As at 31st December 2019, the General Partner was unable to obtain any further reliable information regarding this estimate (i.e. how much lower than 5% the Silent Contribution would be likely to be redeemed at). In the absence of any other reliable method being available, the Directors of the General Partner estimated that the projected redemption value could be reasonably expected to be approximately 10% lower than 5% (i.e. 0.5% of nominal value lower than 5% of nominal value). Consequently, in the opinion of the Directors of the General Partner, the best available prudent estimate of the net realisable value as at 31st December 2019 was calculated using HCOB's projected value as being 4.5% of nominal value.

As at 31st December 2020, the Directors of the General Partner further reassessed the realisable value of the Silent Contribution to 1.79% in line with the notification received from HCOB on 1st April 2021 as disclosed in the Management Report and note 2 of the financial statements.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020****2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (CONTINUED)****Partners' equity**

Partners' equity comprises the General Partner's equity and the Limited Partner's equity. The profits and losses of the Partnership shall belong to or be borne by the Partners in their respective Partnership Shares (see note 5 for further details) subject to the fact that the total liability of the Limited Partner shall not exceed the Capital Contribution of the Limited Partner. Such profits and losses are classified as equity instruments when:

- The respective Partnership Shares entitle the holder to a pro rata share of the Fund's net assets in the event of the Fund's liquidation;
- The respective Partnership Shares are in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other classes of instruments;
- The respective Partnership Shares do not include any contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset other than the holder's rights to a pro rata share of the Fund's net assets; and,
- The total expected cash flows attributable to the respective Partnership Shares over the life of the instrument are based substantially on the profit or loss, the change in the recognised net assets or the change in the fair value of the recognised and unrecognised net assets of the Fund over the life of the instrument.

Recognition: the Partnership recognised each Partners' equity upon formation of the Partnership and will derecognise each Partners' equity upon dissolution of the Partnership.

Initial measurement: the Partnership initially measured each Partners' equity at the amount each Partner contributed to the Partnership.

Subsequent measurement: the Partnership subsequently measures each Partners' equity at the amount of each Partner's respective share of the profits and losses of the Partnership.

Liabilities measured at amortised cost: Creditors

The Partnership's "Creditors" comprise: (i) its Loans payable, of which nil is convertible, being the Capital Securities issued; (ii) Trade creditors which, in turn, comprise the items detailed in note 7; (iii) Amounts owed to affiliated companies which, in turn, comprise: the Support Undertaking fee payable to HCOB Luxembourg Branch; and, the Liquidity Facility drawn down, including accrued interest payable.

Recognition: the Partnership recognises such liabilities when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the relevant instrument or immediately when an obligation arises from a past event where the commitment is probable and a reliable estimate of the liability can be made. Such liabilities are derecognised when the obligation is discharged, cancelled or expired.

Initial measurement: the Partnership initially measures such liabilities at the estimated settlement amount.

Subsequent measurement: the Partnership subsequently measures such liabilities at the estimated amount required to settle the obligation. Interest expense, if any, is recognised in profit or loss and gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when such liabilities are derecognised.

Creditors - Loans payable - Capital Securities issued

The General Partner has considered the characteristics of the Capital Securities issued and considers that the most appropriate classification of these securities is as financial liabilities. Accordingly, the Capital Securities are presented in the Balance Sheet under the heading Loans payable, of which nil is convertible.

The terms of the Capital Securities are identical in all material respects to those of the Silent Contribution, except for the fact that the Capital Securities bear interest at a fixed rate of 7.5% per annum, whilst the Silent Contribution bears interest at a fixed rate of 7.65% per annum. However, in the Directors' opinion, as no interest is currently payable or receivable on either of these financial instruments and is unlikely to be payable or receivable for the foreseeable future, the settlement amount payable on the Capital Securities is estimated to be approximately equal and opposite to the settlement value of the Silent Contribution. Therefore, in the opinion of the Directors of the General Partner, the estimated settlement value of the Silent Contribution represents the best available objective estimate of the estimated settlement value of the Capital Securities.

Foreign currencies

The principal activity of the Partnership is to participate in financing activities arranged for HCOB, a German Bank. The Partnership's investment in the Silent Contribution and the Capital Securities issued are denominated in Euro. As such, the General Partner considers Euro as the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Partnership operates. The financial statements are presented in Euro.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020****2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (CONTINUED)****Foreign currencies - (continued)**

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Profit and Loss Account.

Employees

The Partnership had no employees during the year (2019: none).

Profit Participation income

Profit Participation income is accounted for on an accrual basis using the effective interest rate method.

Interest expense

Interest expense on Capital Securities issued and loans payable are accounted for on an effective interest rate basis.

German withholding tax

Profit Participation income is received net of German withholding tax ("WHT"). The Partnership is refunded the amount of any WHT deducted under the Contribution Agreement and Loan Agreement and therefore investment income is shown gross.

Distributions

Distributions to Partners are recorded on the date they are declared by the General Partner.

Segmental reporting

An operating segment is a component of the Partnership that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses. The General Partner, as the chief operating decision-maker, performs regular reviews of the operating results of the Partnership and makes decisions using financial information at the entity level. Accordingly, the General Partner considers the Partnership as a whole to be a single operating segment which generates all of its revenues from HCOB in Germany.

The General Partner is responsible for ensuring that the Partnership carries out business activities in line with the transaction documents. The General Partner may delegate some or all of the day to day management of the business including the decisions to purchase and sell securities to other parties both internal and external to the Partnership. The decisions of such parties are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure compliance with the policies and legal responsibilities of the General Partner. Therefore the General Partner retains full responsibility as to the major allocation decisions of the Partnership.

3. FINANCIAL ASSETS - OTHER LOANS**Silent capital interest in the commercial enterprise of HCOB ("Silent Contribution")**

	<u>31st Dec 20</u>	<u>31st Dec 19</u>
Opening balance at 1st January	22,500,000	67,500,000
Impairment during the year	(13,559,632)	(45,000,000)
Closing balance at the year end	€ 8,940,368	€ 22,500,000
Notional amount outstanding at the year end	€ 500,000,000	€ 500,000,000
Impairment loss due to permanent decrease in value	€ (491,059,632)	€ (477,500,000)

On 28th May 2003, the Partnership acquired a Silent Contribution in the commercial enterprise (Handelsgewerbe) of Landesbank Schleswig-Holstein Girozentrale ("LB Kiel") with retroactive effect as of 1st January 2003. The Silent Contribution is in the form of a Stille Gesellschaft under German law pursuant to an agreement dated 23rd May 2003 (the "Participation Agreement") providing for an asset contribution by the Partnership to LB Kiel in the amount of €500,000,000. LB Kiel has now merged with Hamburgische Landesbank Girozentrale ("Hamburg LB" or "HLB") into HCOB.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020****3. FINANCIAL ASSETS - OTHER LOANS - (CONTINUED)**

Under the Participation Agreement the Partnership is entitled to receive Profit Participations on the Silent Contribution. Profit Participations accrue for Profit Periods running from 1st January to 31st December with the exception of the first Profit Period, which ran from 28th May 2003 to 31st December 2003 and the last Profit Period, which runs from 1st January of the year in which the Termination Date occurs and ends on the Termination Date.

Profit Participations are receivable annually in arrears on the later of (i) 30th June in the year following the end of the relevant Profit Period, and (ii) the business day following the date on which HCOB's annual financial statements have been adopted for the fiscal year of HCOB to which the relevant Profit Period relates. No Profit Participation shall accrue for the Profit Period in which the Termination Date occurs.

Profit Participations are received net of German withholding tax and any solidarity surcharge, if applicable (together "WHT"). European Equity Participation Management GmbH (the "Issuer Limited Partner") reclaims such WHT, to the extent that such amounts exceed the amount of German tax payable by the Issuer Limited Partner, and then pays the amounts reclaimed onto the Partnership under the terms of the Contribution Agreement. Under the Loan Agreement, HCOB is required to advance to the Partnership an amount equal to the WHT deducted. On this basis, the Partnership does not effectively suffer WHT on its Profit Participation, and accordingly the investment income is shown gross and the net amount of WHT suffered by the Partnership is shown in the Profit and Loss Account.

At the outset of the transaction it was agreed between the Partnership and HCOB that the Profit Participations for each year would consist of two elements: 50% relating to the first half of the relevant Profit Period and 50% relating to the second half of the relevant Profit Period, with the second element being payable only if the Partnership still remains a Silent Partner until the payment date.

Following the first Profit Period, subject to HCOB having sufficient distributable profits, Profit Participations accrue on the book value of the Silent Contribution at a rate of 7.65% p.a.

The Silent Contribution is a perpetual instrument which will only be repaid to the Silent Partner after termination of the Participation Agreement by HCOB. As stated in the Offering Circular dated 28th May 2003, HCOB may only terminate the Participation Agreement if either (i) tax or regulatory changes occur but in no case before 31st December 2008, or (ii) on or after 31st December 2011, with 2 years' prior notice to the Silent Partner (with termination becoming effective on or after 31st December 2013) so long as HCOB's solvency ratio exceeds 9% on a sustainable, unconsolidated or consolidated basis. However, HCOB has issued a Termination Notice wherein HCOB has formally announced the termination of the Resparcs II Participation Agreement with effect from 31st December 2020, whereby the repayment date would be 30th June 2021, and HCOB has estimated that the projected HGB (German GAAP) book values of Silent Contributions for Securities as of 31st December 2020 would be "less than 5%." The Partnership has formally objected to the Termination Notice.

On 1st April 2021, the Partnership received a notification from HCOB stating that the amount of loss allocated to the Silent Contribution for the financial year 2020 is 6.34980201968% of the principal amount. The reduction in the principal amount per RESPARC Security corresponds to this amount resulting in a new principal amount of 1.78807362466% of the initial principal amount. As a consequence, there will be no write-ups allocated and no Profit Participation Payment will be made with respect to the financial year 2020.

Profit Participations are not currently receivable due to HCOB's net balance sheet loss position.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

3. FINANCIAL ASSETS - OTHER LOANS - (CONTINUED)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS

Development of fixed assets

	<u>1st Jan 20</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>31st Dec 20</u>	<u>31st Dec 20</u>	<u>31st Dec 19</u>	
	Historical cost of acquisition	Additions	Disposals	Historical cost of acquisition	Accumulated depreciation	Carrying amount
€	500,000,000	-	-	500,000,000	491,059,632	8,940,368
Silent Contribution						22,500,000

Development in depreciation/amortisation

	<u>1st Jan 20</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>31st Dec 20</u>			
	Accumulated in the financial depreciation	Depreciation in the financial year	Write-ups in the financial year	Change in total depreciation in connection with additions	Change in total depreciation in connection with disposals	Accumulated depreciation
Silent Contribution	€ 477,500,000	13,559,632	-	-	-	491,059,632

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020**

4. RECEIVABLES AND OTHER ASSETS	<u>31st Dec 20</u>	<u>31st Dec 19</u>
Trade receivables - receivable within one year:		
Other receivables	4,023	2,250
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Receivables from affiliated companies		
Receivable in more than one year:		
Amounts receivable from Limited Partner in respect of withholding tax receivable	797,357	656,399
Receivable within one year:		
Amounts receivable from HCOB under Compensation Agreement	29,121	348,534
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	826,478	1,004,933
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	€ 830,501	€ 1,007,183
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As no income has been received from the Silent Contribution since 2009, the Partnership relies on the Liquidity Facility to fund ongoing operational costs and expenses. To rectify this situation, the Partnership entered into a Compensation Agreement with HCOB and the Limited Partner wherein the Partnership received an initial non-refundable compensation payment in an amount corresponding to the outstanding balance under the Liquidity Facility as at 30th June 2017. Subsequently, the Partnership will receive non-refundable compensation payments on a quarterly basis as necessary to cover costs and expenses payable under the Support Undertaking, any interest payments accrued under the Liquidity Facility and other operational costs and expenses incurred by the Partnership and the Limited Partner in the ordinary course of business as approved by HCOB.

5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>31st Dec 20</u>	<u>31st Dec 19</u>
HCOB - EUR accounts	€ 170,750	€ 170,932
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6. PARTNERS' EQUITY

The following information provides a summary of the main rights of the General Partner and the Limited Partner. It does not attempt to provide details of all circumstances, terms and conditions, and reference should also be made to the detailed provisions contained within the Limited Partnership Agreement (the "LPA") dated 17th April 2003 and the Limited Partnerships (Jersey) Law 1994 (as amended).

General Partner

The General Partner is European Capital Investment Opportunities Limited, incorporated in Jersey, Channel Islands. The General Partner's Partnership Share is 0.01% (€0.10).

Limited Partner

The Limited Partner is European Equity Participation Management GmbH, incorporated in Germany. The Limited Partner's Partnership Share is 99.99% (€1,000).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020****7. LOANS PAYABLE, OF WHICH NIL IS CONVERTIBLE**

Capital Securities issued - RESPARC Securities	<u>31st Dec 20</u>	<u>31st Dec 19</u>
Opening balance at 1st January	22,500,000	67,500,000
Decrease in estimated settlement amount	(13,559,632)	(45,000,000)
Closing balance at the year end	€ 8,940,368	€ 22,500,000
Notional amount outstanding at the year end	€ 500,000,000	€ 500,000,000
Gain due to permanent decrease in value of Silent Contribution	€ (491,059,632)	€ (477,500,000)

On 28th May 2003 the Partnership issued €500,000,000 aggregate nominal amount of 7.5% Re-Engineered Silent Participation Assimilated Regulatory Capital (RESPARC) Securities, the proceeds from which have been used to acquire a silent capital interest in the commercial enterprise of HCOB in the form of a "Stille Gesellschaft" under German law in the amount of €500,000,000. The nominal amount of each Capital Security is €1,000. The Capital Securities issued are listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and the Official Segment of the stock market of Euronext Amsterdam N.V.

The Capital Securities bear interest at a rate of 7.5% p.a., accruing from 28th May 2003, payable annually in arrears on the same date as the relevant Profit Participations are received by the Partnership. It is expected that the normal coupon date will be 30th June of each year, commencing 30th June 2004. The commercial effect of the Terms and Conditions of the Capital Securities is that coupon payments thereon are contingent on the Partnership's actual receipt of Profit Participation payments from HCOB under the Participation Agreement and advances from HCOB Luxembourg Branch under the Loan Agreement.

The Capital Securities issued are perpetual Capital Securities, having no mandatory maturity date. However, the Capital Securities issued may be redeemed, at the option of HCOB, on the date on which the Silent Contribution is repaid in accordance with the Participation Agreement. The redemption amount will equal the Repayment Amount required to be paid by HCOB under the Participation Agreement. The Capital Securities issued will also be redeemable, in whole but not in part, at the option of the Partnership, on 30th June 2009 and annually thereafter. However, such early termination is only permissible if financing of the redemption of the Capital Securities issued at their nominal amount, plus any interest accrued thereon, has been secured through the issuance of similar debt securities or in any other way.

Any change in expected cash flows following the non-payment of the Silent Contribution in the year and the likelihood of the non-payment of the Profit Participation in the future would result in an equal and opposite effect on the Capital Securities issued. The Capital Securities holders therefore bear the ultimate risk regarding the ability of HCOB to make payments on the Silent Contribution.

The liabilities of the Partnership under the Capital Securities issued are supported by HCOB Luxembourg Branch under the Support Undertaking, as described in note 8. The holders of the Capital Securities issued are therefore also exposed to the risk of default of HCOB Luxembourg Branch.

On 30th November 2018, HCOB announced that it had decided to terminate the Silent Contribution together with other similar instruments (together, the "Hybrid Capital Instruments") at the book value as determined in HCOB's unconsolidated balance sheet pursuant to HGB (German GAAP) as of 31st December 2020. In its announcement, HCOB published certain forecasts and projected losses and stated that "based on these annual forecasts, and taking into account the aforementioned losses carried forward, HCOB currently expects that the HGB (German GAAP) book values of the Hybrid Capital Instruments as of 31st December 2020 will be in the area of 15%."

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020****7. LOANS PAYABLE, OF WHICH NIL IS CONVERTIBLE - (CONTINUED)**

On 10th December 2018, the Partnership received a termination letter (the "Termination Notice") from HCOB wherein HCOB formally announced the termination of the Resparcs II Participation Agreement with effect from 31st December 2020, whereby the repayment date would be 30th June 2021. The Partnership immediately submitted the termination letter for legal review. On 21st December 2018, the Partnership wrote to HCOB to expressly object to the Termination Notice and to preserve any rights that the Partnership might have regarding the Termination Notice, noting that the Partnership had received a number of concerns from Capital Securities holders and their legal counsels concerning the legal validity of the Termination Notice.

On 7th January 2019, the Financial Times newspaper in the UK published an article noting that HCOB was being sued by holders of the Capital Securities and holders of other Hybrid Capital Instruments on the basis that these holders alleged that HCOB had "improperly" lowered the book value of the Hybrid Capital Instruments and therefore the Capital Securities. The Partnership was already aware of certain allegations (the "Claims") against HCOB and had entered into a waiver of time-bar agreement of 12th October 2018 (the "Waiver") under which HCOB has waived towards the Partnership HCOB's right to raise the defence that the statute of limitation or any other relevant time limits have expired between the conclusion of the Waiver and 31st December 2019 with respect to the Claims, whether they are known or unknown and they have already arisen or not, to the extent that any of these potential Claims had not already been time-barred as at the date of conclusion of the Waiver. On 17th November 2020, the Waiver was further extended to 31st December 2021.

On 12th February 2019, HCOB published a further announcement wherein it stated that "Due to higher than expected losses under HGB (German GAAP) for the year ended 2018 and changed forecasts for fiscal years 2019 and 2020, the projected HGB (German GAAP) book values of Silent Contributions for Securities as of 31st December 2020 are currently expected to be well below 10%."

On 19th December 2019, HCOB announced that it had agreed a settlement with holders of Capital Securities represented by Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan (QE) whereby HCOB would buy back the relevant Capital Securities at a settlement price of 36.24% of the nominal value plus a settlement fee of 1.0% of the nominal value. HCOB also announced that it would offer to buy back all other remaining Capital Securities at the same settlement price of 36.24% of the nominal value.

Also on 19th December 2019, HCOB announced within both its institutional and retail initiations to holders of the outstanding €500,000,000 RESPARC Securities that HCOB estimated that the projected HGB (German GAAP) book values of Silent Contributions for Securities as of 31st December 2020 would be "below 5%".

On 1st April 2021, the Partnership received a notification from HCOB stating that the amount of loss allocated to the Silent Contribution for the financial year 2020 is 6.34980201968% of the principal amount. The reduction in the principal amount per RESPARC Security corresponds to this amount resulting in a new principal amount of 1.78807362466% of the initial principal amount. As a consequence, there will be no write-ups allocated and no Profit Participation Payment will be made with respect to the financial year 2020.

HCOB had acquired €369,927,000 (or 74.0%) of the outstanding nominal amount of the Capital Securities as at 31st December 2019 and €454,607,000 (or 90.9%) of the outstanding nominal amount of the Capital Securities as at 31st December 2020.

8. TRADE CREDITORS

	<u>31st Dec 20</u>	<u>31st Dec 19</u>
Trade creditors (all due within one year):		
Administrative penalty imposed by BaFin	-	98,700
Administration fees payable	13,587	80,646
Audit fee payable - PwC Jersey	-	40,537
Audit fee payable - PwC Germany	58,905	55,000
Transaction fee payable	-	886
Other payable	-	900
	€ 72,492	€ 276,669

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020****8. TRADE CREDITORS - (CONTINUED)**

As explained in note 2, no Profit Participation income was receivable during the year ended 31st December 2020. Since the coupon payments on the Capital Securities issued are contingent on the receipt of Profit Participation income, no accrual has been made as at 31st December 2020 in respect of interest payable.

9. AMOUNTS OWED TO AFFILIATED COMPANIES

	<u>31st Dec 20</u>	<u>31st Dec 19</u>
Support Undertaking fee payable to HCOB Luxembourg Branch	€ -	€ 30,667

The liabilities of the Partnership are supported by HCOB Luxembourg Branch under a Support Undertaking dated 26th May 2003. HCOB Luxembourg Branch has undertaken to ensure that the Partnership will at all times be in a position to meet its obligations. HCOB Luxembourg Branch's payment obligations under the Support Undertaking are subordinated to all senior and subordinated debt obligations of HCOB Luxembourg Branch in the same manner as HCOB's payment obligations under the Participation Agreement are subordinated. A Support Undertaking Fee is payable by the Partnership to HCOB Luxembourg Branch, quarterly in arrears on 30th March; 30th June, 30th September and 30th December, calculated at 0.32% p.a. on a nominal amount of €37,500,000.

	<u>31st Dec 20</u>	<u>31st Dec 19</u>
Liquidity Facility drawn down, including accrued interest payable	€ 928,759	€ 870,779

The Partnership was originally granted a Liquidity Facility by HCOB Luxembourg Branch up to a maximum amount of €22,000,000. This was reduced to a maximum amount of €2,000,000 in December 2008. The Liquidity Facility is available until the termination date of the Participation Agreement, on which date any amounts advanced under the Liquidity Facility will become repayable. Interest is payable quarterly in arrears at the 12 month Euribor rate plus a margin of 0.3%.

	<u>31st Dec 20</u>	<u>31st Dec 19</u>
Total amounts owed to affiliated companies	€ 928,759	€ 901,446

10. LIABILITIES

The composition of the liabilities and their remaining contractual maturities are shown in the following schedule:

	<u>31st Dec 20</u>	<u>31st Dec 19</u>
	€	€
Loans payable, of which nil is convertible		
- thereof due in more than one year	-	22,500,000
- thereof due within one year	8,940,368	-
Trade creditors		
- thereof due within one year	72,492	276,669
Amounts owed to affiliated companies		
- thereof due in more than one year	-	870,779
- thereof due within one year	928,759	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020****11. OTHER OPERATING INCOME**

	<u>1st Jan 20 to</u> <u>31st Dec 20</u>	<u>1st Jan 19 to</u> <u>31st Dec 19</u>
Income from HCOB under Compensation Agreement	360,904	650,686
Unrealised exchanged gain	12,177	-
Decrease in estimated settlement amount on Capital Securities - Impairment	13,559,632	45,000,000
	<u>€ 13,932,713</u>	<u>€ 45,650,686</u>

12. OTHER OPERATING CHARGES

	<u>1st Jan 20 to</u> <u>31st Dec 20</u>	<u>1st Jan 19 to</u> <u>31st Dec 19</u>
	€	€
Other operating charges include the following:		
Amount repayable to HCOB under Compensation Agreement	-	56,862
Support undertaking fees payable to HCOB Luxembourg Branch	123,000	121,333
Management and Administration fees payable to SANNE	109,353	226,559
Legal and professional fees	58,519	-
Audit fees - PwC Channel Islands	-	38,995
Audit fees - PwC Germany	61,015	55,000
Expenses paid on behalf of General Partner and Trust	19,759	25,965

13. TAXATION

Any tax liability arising on the activity of the Partnership is borne by the individual Partners.

14. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

In accordance with the Limited Partnership Agreement, the Partnership is controlled on a day-to-day basis by its General Partner. The General Partner is owned 51% by HCOB and 49% by Sanne Trustee Services Limited as Trustee of the European Capital Investment Charitable Trust, which is a charitable trust constituted under the laws of Jersey, Channel Islands. As disclosed in note 5, the General Partner's Partnership Share is 0.01% and the Limited Partner's Partnership Share is 99.99%. For accounting purposes only, HCOB is considered to be the ultimate controlling party of Partnership.

15. RELATED PARTIES

Each of J.N. Pendergast and S.J. Hopkins is a Director of the General Partner. The Directors of the General Partner do not have any financial interest in the Partnership.

Sanne Fiduciary Services Limited ("SFSL") and Sanne Secretaries Limited ("SSL") provide ongoing administration and/or secretarial services respectively to the General Partner and the Partnership at commercial rates. Each of SFSL and SSL is a member of Sanne Group PLC and all of its subsidiaries and affiliates ("Sanne Group"). Each of Stephanie J. Hopkins and John N. Pendergast is an employee of SFSL and should be regarded as interested in any transaction with any member of the Sanne Group.

The Partnership is included in the IFRS consolidated financial statements of HCOB, which prepares the consolidated financial statements for the largest group of companies in which the Partnership is included. The consolidated financial statements of Hamburg Commercial Bank AG are published in the electronic Federal Gazette in accordance with statutory requirements. Therefore HCOB and its affiliates are considered as related parties in all transactions.

Fees incurred with Sanne Group during the year in respect of administration and management fees are disclosed on the face of the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Fees owed at the year end are disclosed in note 7 to the financial statements. In the General Partner's opinion, there are no material related party transactions that require disclosure, other than those disclosed in notes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 13 and 18.

Expenses paid on behalf of the General Partner and the Limited Partner and their respective holding entities during the year are also disclosed on the face of the Profit and Loss Account.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020****16. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

As stated in the Management Report, the principal activity of the Partnership is limited to participation in financing activities arranged for HCOB. The Partnership has issued the Capital Securities and the proceeds from which have been used to acquire the Silent Contribution in the commercial enterprise of HCOB. Therefore, the role of financial assets and financial liabilities is central to the activities of the Partnership; the financial liabilities provided the funding to purchase the Partnership's financial assets. Financial assets and financial liabilities provide the majority of the assets and liabilities.

The strategies used by the Partnership in achieving its objectives regarding the use of its financial assets and financial liabilities were set when the Partnership entered into the transactions. The Partnership has attempted to match the properties of its financial liabilities to its financial assets to mitigate significant elements of risk generated by mismatches of investment performance against its obligations, together with any maturity, liquidity or interest rate risk. Accordingly, the risks associated with the Partnership's financial assets and financial liabilities are ultimately borne by the holders of the Capital Securities.

17. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Partnership's transactions are designed to enable the Partnership to pay its liabilities as they fall due only, without realising a significant return on capital. The level of interest income receivable on the Silent Contribution and interest expense payable on the Capital Securities are fixed and were established on formation of the Partnership in order that the Partnership realises a margin that is sufficient to pay the ongoing operational expenses of the Partnership and any loan interest payable on the liquidity facility.

No Profit Participation income has been received since 2008 and therefore no margin has been realised. The operational expenses, loan interest and support undertaking fees of the Partnership will be provided by funding received from HCOB Luxembourg Branch under the Support Undertaking Agreement by virtue of the liquidity facility.

There were no changes to the Partnership's approach to capital management during the year.

The Partnership is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

18. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The key management personnel have been identified as being the Directors of the General Partner. The personal emoluments of the key management personnel are paid by Sanne Group which makes no direct recharge to the Partnership. It is therefore not possible to make a reasonable apportionment of their personal emoluments in respect of the Limited Partnership. Directors fees with respect to the General Partner paid to Sanne Group during the year amounted to €4,499 (2019: €4,563).

19. COMPENSATION AGREEMENT

As no income has been received from the Silent Contribution since 2009, the Partnership relies on the Liquidity Facility to pay for ongoing operational costs and expenses. To rectify this situation, the Partnership entered into a Compensation Agreement (the "Agreement") with HCOB and the Limited Partner wherein the Partnership received an initial non-refundable compensation payment in an amount corresponding to the outstanding balance under the Liquidity Facility as at 30th June 2017. Subsequently, the Partnership will receive non-refundable compensation payments on a quarterly basis as necessary to cover costs and expenses payable under the Support Undertaking, any interest payments accrued under the Liquidity Facility and other operational costs and expenses incurred by the Partnership and the Limited Partner in the ordinary course of business as approved by HCOB.

In accordance with the Compensation Agreement, the Partnership recognised an income in the amount of €360,905 (2019: €650,686).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

20. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

As previously stated, although the Partnership is not currently directly involved in any litigation, the General Partner is aware of certain allegations (the "Claims") against HCOB and the Partnership and considers that the Claims could potentially result in the Partnership becoming directly involved in litigation. In the event that any Claims are eventually made against the Partnership and are successful, the Partnership's liabilities may exceed the amount of the Partnership's liabilities presented in these financial statements. However, in the General Partner's opinion, it is not currently possible to reliably forecast whether or not any such successful Claims will arise nor is it possible to reliably forecast the amount of any resulting liabilities that might arise in the Partnership.

21. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In the opinion of the General Partner, no significant events have occurred subsequent to the year end that require adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 24 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of European Capital Investment Opportunities Limited in its capacity as General Partner of RESPARCS Funding II Limited Partnership on the 27th of April 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

John N. Pendergast

Stephanie J. Hopkins

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To RESPARCS Funding II Limited Partnership, Jersey

Audit Opinions

We have audited the annual financial statements of RESPARCS Funding II Limited Partnership, Jersey, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2020, and the profit and loss account, the statement of cash flow and the statement of changes in partners' equity for the financial year from 1 January to 31 December 2020 and notes to the financial statements, including the presentation of the recognition and measurement policies. In addition, we have audited the management report of RESPARCS Funding II Limited Partnership for the financial year from 1 January to 31 December 2020.

In our opinion, on the basis of the knowledge obtained in the audit,

- the accompanying annual financial statements comply, in all material respects, with the accounting requirements of German commercial law and give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2020 and of its financial performance for the financial year from 1 January to 31 December 2020 in compliance with German Legally Required Accounting Principles, and
- the accompanying management report as a whole provides an appropriate view of the Company's position. In all material respects, this management report is consistent with the annual financial statements, complies with German legal requirements and appropriately presents the opportunities and risks of future development.

Pursuant to § [Article] 322 Abs. [paragraph] 3 Satz [sentence] 1 HGB [Handelsgesetzbuch: German Commercial Code], we declare that our audit has not led to any reservations relating to the legal compliance of the annual financial statements and of the management report.

Basis for the Audit Opinions

We conducted our audit of the annual financial statements and of the management report in accordance with § 317 HGB in compliance with German Generally Accepted Standards for Financial Statement Audits promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer [Institute of Public Auditors in Germany] (IDW). Our responsibilities under those requirements and principles are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements and of the Management Report" section of our auditor's report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the requirements of German commercial and professional law, and we have fulfilled our other German professional 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 audit opinions on the annual financial statements and on the management report.

Emphasis of Matter – Liquidation of the Company and Non-Going Concern

We draw attention to the disclosures of the executive directors in section 1 of the notes to the financial statements and in the section “Going Concern” of the management report, which describe that the partnership has received a termination notice in respect of the silent contribution and that the partnership would likely be liquidated due to the redemption of the silent participation and the resulting accounting treatment at liquidation values due to non-going concern. Our audit opinions on the annual financial statements and on the management report are not modified in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Executive Directors for the Annual Financial Statements and the Management Report

The executive directors are responsible for the preparation of the annual financial statements that comply, in all material respects, with the accounting requirements of German commercial law, and that the annual financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and financial performance of the Company in compliance with German Legally Required Accounting Principles. In addition, the executive directors are responsible for such internal control as they, in accordance with German Legally Required Accounting Principles, have determined necessary to enable the preparation of annual financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual financial statements, the executive directors are responsible for assessing the Company’s ability to orderly liquidate the Company. They also have the responsibility for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to the orderly liquidation. In addition, they are responsible for financial reporting under non-going concern, provided actual or legal circumstances conflict with going concern.

Furthermore, the executive directors are responsible for the preparation of the management report that as a whole provides an appropriate view of the Company’s position and is, in all material respects, consistent with the annual financial statements, complies with German legal requirements, and appropriately presents the opportunities and risks of future development. In addition, the executive directors are responsible for such arrangements and measures (systems) as they have considered necessary to enable the preparation of a management report that is in accordance with the applicable German legal requirements, and to be able to provide sufficient appropriate evidence for the assertions in the management report.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements and of the Management Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and whether the

management report as a whole provides an appropriate view of the Company's position and, in all material respects, is consistent with the annual financial statements and the knowledge obtained in the audit, complies with the German legal requirements and appropriately presents the opportunities and risks of future development, as well as to issue an auditor's report that includes our audit opinions on the annual financial statements and on the management report.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with § 317 HGB and in compliance with German Generally Accepted Standards for Financial Statement Audits promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer (IDW) will always detect a material misstatement. 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 financial statements and this management report.

We exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the annual financial statements and of the management report, 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 audit 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 controls.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit of the annual financial statements and of arrangements and measures (systems) relevant to the audit of the management report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an audit opinion on the effectiveness of these systems of the Company.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used by the executive directors and the reasonableness of estimates made by the executive directors and related disclosures.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the executive directors' preparation of the annual financial statements under non-going concern and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to orderly liquidate the Company. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the annual financial statements and in the management report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our respective audit opinions. 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 the Company to cease to be able to orderly liquidate the Company.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the annual financial statements present the underlying transactions and events in a manner that the annual financial statements give a true and fair

view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and financial performance of the Company in compliance with German Legally Required Accounting Principles.

- Evaluate the consistency of the management report with the annual financial statements, its conformity with German law, and the view of the Company's position it provides.
- Perform audit procedures on the prospective information presented by the executive directors in the management report. On the basis of sufficient appropriate audit evidence we evaluate, in particular, the significant assumptions used by the executive directors as a basis for the prospective information, and evaluate the proper derivation of the prospective information from these assumptions. We do not express a separate audit opinion on the prospective information and on the assumptions used as a basis. There is a substantial unavoidable risk that future events will differ materially from the prospective information.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Assurance Report in Accordance with § 317 Abs. 3b HGB on the Electronic Reproduction of the Annual Financial Statements and the Management Report Prepared for Publication Purposes

Reasonable Assurance Conclusion

We have performed an assurance engagement in accordance with § 317 Abs. 3b HGB to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the reproduction of the annual financial statements and the management report (hereinafter the "ESEF documents") contained in the attached electronic file RFII_LP_JA+LB_ESEF-2020-12-31.zip and prepared for publication purposes complies in all material respects with the requirements of § 328 Abs. 1 HGB for the electronic reporting format ("ESEF format"). In accordance with German legal requirements, this assurance engagement only extends to the conversion of the information contained in the annual financial statements and the management report into the ESEF format and therefore relates neither to the information contained within this reproduction nor to any other information contained in the above-mentioned electronic file.

In our opinion, the reproduction of the annual financial statements and the management report contained in the above-mentioned attached electronic file and prepared for publication purposes complies in all material respects with the requirements of § 328 Abs. 1 HGB for the electronic reporting format. We do not express any opinion on the information contained in this reproduction nor on any other information contained in the above-mentioned electronic file beyond this reasonable assurance conclusion and our audit opinion on the accompanying annual financial statements and the accompanying management report for the financial year from 1 January to 31 December 2020 contained in the "Report on the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements and on the Management Report" above.

Basis for the Reasonable Assurance Conclusion

We conducted our assurance engagement on the reproduction of the annual financial statements and the management report contained in the above mentioned attached electronic file in accordance with § 317 Abs. 3b HGB and the Exposure Draft of IDW Assurance Standard: Assurance in Accordance with § 317 Abs. 3b HGB on the Electronic Reproduction of Financial Statements and Management Reports Prepared for Publication Purposes (ED IDW AsS 410) and the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised). Accordingly, our responsibilities are further described below in the “Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Assurance Engagement on the ESEF Documents” section. Our audit firm has applied the IDW Standard on Quality Management: Requirements for Quality Management in the Audit Firm (IDW QS 1).

Responsibilities of the Executive Directors for the ESEF Documents

The executive directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the ESEF documents including the electronic reproduction of the annual financial statements and the management report in accordance with § 328 Abs. 1 Satz 4 Nr. 1 HGB.

In addition, the executive directors of the Company are responsible for such internal control as they have considered necessary to enable the preparation of ESEF documents that are free from material non-compliance with the requirements of § 328 Abs. 1 HGB for the electronic reporting format, whether due to fraud or error.

The executive directors of the Company are also responsible for the submission of the ESEF documents together with the auditor's report and the attached audited annual financial statements and audited management report as well as other documents to be published to the operator of the German Federal Gazette [Bundesanzeiger].

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Assurance Engagement on the ESEF Documents

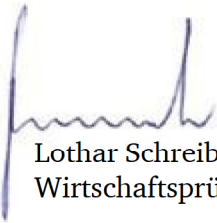
Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the ESEF documents are free from material non-compliance with the requirements of § 328 Abs. 1 HGB, whether due to fraud or error. We exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the assurance engagement. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material non-compliance with the requirements of § 328 Abs. 1 HGB, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform assurance procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain assurance evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our assurance conclusion.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the assurance engagement on the ESEF documents in order to design assurance procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an assurance conclusion on the effectiveness of these controls.

- Evaluate the technical validity of the ESEF documents, i.e., whether the electronic file containing the ESEF documents meets the requirements of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815 in the version applicable as at the balance sheet date on the technical specification for this electronic file.
- Evaluate whether the ESEF documents enables a XHTML reproduction with content equivalent to the audited annual financial statements and to the audited management report.

Hamburg, 28 April 2021

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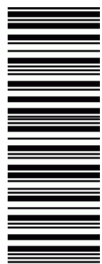
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