

Dovre Group Plc

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2018

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

This Corporate Governance Statement has been composed in accordance with the reporting requirements of the Finnish Corporate Governance Code (2015) issued by the Finnish Securities Market Association, and Chapter 7, Section 7 of the Finnish Securities Markets Act. The Finnish Corporate Governance Code can be found on the Association's website, <a href="www.cgfinland.fi">www.cgfinland.fi</a>. This Corporate Governance Statement is issued separately from the report by the company's Board of Directors. The Statement has been reviewed by Dovre Group Plc's Board of Directors.

### 2 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Dovre Group's parent company, Dovre Group Plc, is a public limited company registered in Finland and domiciled in Helsinki, Finland. In its decision-making and governance, Dovre Group complies with all applicable legislation, the company's Articles of Association, and the Finnish Corporate Governance Code issued by the Finnish Securities Market Association. In addition, the company complies with the rules and regulations of Nasdaq Helsinki Ltd and the standards, regulations, and guidelines of the Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority. Dovre Group's subsidiaries comply with local legislation.

The company deviates from the Corporate Government Code's recommendation 9 on the diversity of the board of directors, according to which both genders should be represented in the company's board of directors. The selection of the most recent members of the board of directors was based on their international background and industry competence. It was also not seen necessary to increase the number of members of the board of directors. In the previous years, there has been both genders represented on the company's board of directors. The company considers the diverse composition of the board as important and will strive to have representatives of both genders on the board.

The Board of Directors does not have any designated board committees. The establishment of committees has not been deemed necessary due to the size of the company and the Board. The duties of the Audit Committee are managed by the Board of Directors.

Up-to-date information about the company's corporate governance is available on the company's website, <a href="https://www.dovregroup.com/investors/corporate-governance.html">www.dovregroup.com/investors/corporate-governance.html</a>.



#### 2.1 DOVRE GROUP'S GOVERNING BODIES

The General Meeting of Shareholders, the Board of Directors, and the CEO are responsible for the Group's management. Their tasks and responsibilities are determined in accordance with the Finnish Limited Liability Companies Act. The CEO, assisted by the Group Executive Team, is responsible for the Group's operational management.

#### **General Meeting of Shareholders**

Dovre Group's supreme decision-making body is the General Meeting of Shareholders. The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders is organized once a year on a date set by the Board of Directors and is held within six (6) months of the end of the financial period. The Board of Directors may convene one or more Extraordinary General Meetings during the financial year if necessary. In accordance with the Articles of Association, the General Meeting is to be held in Espoo, Helsinki, or Vantaa. Notice of the Annual General Meeting and a proposal for the agenda are released as stock exchange releases and published on the company's website.

The Annual General Meeting decides on the following issues:

- Adoption of the income statement and balance sheet
- Use of the profit or loss shown on the balance sheet
- Discharging from liability the members of the Board and the CEO
- Number of Board members and their election
- Election of the Auditor
- Remuneration of the Board and compensation of the Auditor
- Other issues as outlined in the notice of the meeting

#### **Board of Directors**

Dovre Group's Board of Directors is responsible for the administration and the proper organization of the company's operations. The Board supervises the company's operations and management, and decides on significant matters concerning the company's strategy, organization, financing, and investments. The duties and responsibilities of the Board are determined in accordance with the company's Articles of Association and the Finnish Limited Liability Companies Act.

The Board has not established an audit committee; the duties of the audit committee are discharged by the Board in its entirety.

The Board prepares an annual charter that specifies the Board's meeting procedures and duties. In accordance with the Board charter, the duties of the Board include following:



- Assuming responsibility for tasks specified as obligatory for the Board of Directors by the Finnish Limited Liability Companies Act, the company's Articles of Association, or elsewhere
- Approving the Group's strategy and long-term financial targets
- Approving the Group's Code of Conduct
- Approving the Group's management system and organizational structure
- Approving annual business plans and changes to them, if any
- Approving internal control and risk management policies and monitor them
- Approving the Group's financial reports, including the company's half year financial report, annual financial statements, report by the Board of Directors, and Q1 and Q3 trading statements
- Assuming responsibility for communications related to the Group's financial objectives
- Approving the Group's financial policy
- Assuming responsibility for the development of the Group's market value and specifying dividend policy
- Approving business acquisitions and divestments and significant individual investments and contingent liabilities
- Approving the Group's incentive system and policy
- Appointing and dismissing the Group's top management (CEO and members of the Group Executive Team) and deciding on their terms of employment and remuneration
- Appointing a deputy to the CEO
- Overseeing the succession planning of the CEO
- Deciding on the establishment of new legal entities
- Assuming responsibility for the development of the Group's corporate governance
- Approving the agenda for Board meetings
- Reviewing the operations of the Board annually
- Reviewing the CEO's performance and giving feedback
- Acting as the Audit committee

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the Board has a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of eight (8) members. The Board members are elected by the Annual General Meeting for one term of office at a time. The term of office of a member of the Board begins at the end of the General Meeting that elected the member and expires at the end of the first Annual General Meeting following the election. The company's Articles of Association do not specify an upper age limit for, or the maximum number of terms of office, of a Board member, and place no other restrictions on the authority of the General Meeting to elect members to the Board. The Board selects a Chairman and a Vice Chairman from among its members, and the Board is deemed to have a quorum present when more than half of its members are present.



The company considers diverse composition of the Board as an important asset. In selecting candidates to the Board, the company pays attention, amongst other things, to the candidates' diverse and mutually complementary background, experience, and expertise, especially in international business. The company also aims to have, where possible, representatives of both genders on the Board.

The Board convenes normally once a month according to an preagreed schedule, and may hold additional meetings, if necessary. Minutes are kept for all meetings. In addition to matters requiring Board decision, the Board, in its meetings, is provided with up-to-date information on the Group's operations, financial situation, and risks.

#### **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**

The Board of Directors appoints the CEO. The CEO is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Group's business operations and governance in accordance with the Articles of Association, the Finnish Limited Liability Companies Act, and the instructions issued by the Board. The CEO is assisted by the Group Executive Team.

#### **Group Executive Team**

The Group Executive Team is appointed by the Board of Directors. The Group Executive Team assists the CEO in the operative management of the Group, prepares items for the Board and the CEO, and plans and monitors the operations of the Group's business units. The Group Executive Team convenes at least once a month. The CEO acts as the Chairman of the Group Executive Team.

#### 2.2 INTERNAL AUDIT

The Group has no separate internal audit organization. The establishment of an internal audit organization has not been deemed necessary due to the size of the company. The Group's Executive Team assesses and ensures the sufficiency and effectiveness of the Group's internal control, as well as supports the Board with its monitoring responsibility.

#### 2.3 EXTERNAL AUDIT

According to the Articles of Association, Dovre Group shall have one auditor who shall be an audit firm. The term of the auditor expires at the end of the first Annual General Meeting following their selection. The Board's proposal for the auditor is disclosed in the notice of the General Meeting.



The primary purpose of an audit is to verify that the financial statements give accurate and adequate information concerning the Group's result and financial position for the financial period. In addition, the auditors shall report to the Board of Directors on the ongoing auditing of administration and operations.

# 2.4 INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS PERTAINING TO FINANCIAL REPORTING

The purpose of the Group's internal control is to support the implementation of the Group's strategy and to ensure that the Group complies with all relevant rules and regulations. The Group's internal control framework is based on the Dovre Group Authorization Matrix, which specifies the authority and the responsibilities of the Group's management. The Authorization Matrix is approved by the Board of Directors, which also acts as the highest supervisory body of the Group's internal control. The implementation of internal control measures is supervised primarily by the CEO and CFO, who report to the Board.

The ultimate responsibility for accounting and financial administration lies with Dovre Group's Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for internal control, and the CEO is responsible for the day-to-day organization and monitoring of the control system. The steering and monitoring of business operations is based on the reporting and business planning system that covers the entire Group. The CEO and CFO report monthly to the Board and the Group Executive Team on the Group's financial situation and development.

The purpose of financial reporting is to ensure that all assets and liabilities in the financial statements belong to the company; that all rights and liabilities of the company are presented in the financial statements; that items in the financial statements have been classified, disclosed, and described correctly; that assets, liabilities, income, and expenditure are entered in the financial statements at the correct amounts; that all transactions during the reporting period are included in the accounts; that transactions entered in the accounts are factual transactions; and that assets have been secured.

#### 2.5 RISK MANAGEMENT AND RISK ASSESSMENT

The Group's risk management is guided by legal requirements, business requirements set by shareholders of the company, and the expectations of customers, personnel, and other important stakeholders. The goal of risk management is to acknowledge and identify systematically and comprehensibly any risks relating to the company's operations and to make sure that all such risks are appropriately accounted for when making business decisions.



The Group's risk management procedures support the achievement of the Group's strategic goals and seeks to ensure the continuity of the Group's business operations. The Group takes risks that are a natural part of its strategy and objectives. The Group is not ready to take risks that might endanger the continuity of its operations or be uncontrollable or that may significantly harm the Group's operations.

In accordance with the Group's risk management procedures, the Board of Directors receives an annual report of the most significant risks facing the Group. The Board analyses the risks from the point of view of shareholder value.

The company's risk management process includes an annual identification and analysis of risks pertaining to financial reporting. In addition, the company seeks to analyze and report all new risks immediately as soon as they have been identified. Taking into account the extent of the Group's business operations, the most significant risks pertaining to the reliability of financial reporting relate to revenue recognition, impairment testing (including goodwill), and tax reporting.

#### 2.6 CONTROL FUNCTIONS

The correctness and reliability of financial reporting are ensured through compliance with Group policies and guidelines. Control functions that ensure the correctness of financial reporting include controls related to accounting transactions, to the selection of and compliance with the Group's accounting principles, to information systems, and to fraud or malpractice.

Revenue recognition is supervised by the Group's CFO and is based on the required sale and delivery documents.

The Group's bad debt provision is reviewed monthly. Any eventual bad debt provisions are based on the aging of trade receivables per sales company.

The Group's goodwill is tested for impairment at the end of each financial year on the balance sheet date. Key variables used in the calculations are net sales growth and the estimated change of profit margin. In addition, indications of impairment are monitored regularly. If indications of impairment are detected, a separate testing is performed.

The performance of business operations and the attainment of annual goals is assessed monthly in Group Executive Team and Board meetings. Monthly management and Board reporting includes both the actual and the estimated results compared to the budget and the actual results of previous periods. Financial reports generated for the management are used for monitoring certain key indicators



associated with the development of sales, profitability, and trade receivables on a monthly basis.

In accordance with its strategy, Dovre Group may complement its organic growth with acquisitions. In making acquisitions, the Group follows due diligence and utilizes its internal competence together with external advisors in the planning phase (e.g. due diligence), takeover phase, and when integrating acquired functions into the Group's operations.

#### 2.7 INTERNAL COMMUNICATION AND SHARING OF INFORMATION

The purpose of management reporting is to produce up-to-date, relevant information for decision-making. The CFO provides the Group's business units with monthly reporting guidelines and is in charge of any special reporting instructions related to budgeting and forecasting. The Group's financial administration distributes, on a regular basis, internal information on processes and procedures pertaining to financial reporting. Internal control tasks are carried out in accordance with this information. Financial administration also arranges targeted training for the organization's personnel on the procedures associated with financial reporting and changes in them, if necessary. The Group's investor relations maintains, in cooperation with the Group's financial administration, the guidelines on the disclosure of financial information, including, for example, the disclosure obligations of a publicly listed company.

#### 2.8 MONITORING

Monitoring refers to the process of assessing Dovre Group's internal control system and its performance in the long term. The Group continuously monitors its operations also through various separate assessments, such as internal and external audits, and supplier audits carried out by clients. The Group's management monitors internal control as part of its day-to-day work. The Group Executive Team is responsible for ensuring that all operations comply with applicable laws and regulations. The Group's financial administration monitors compliance with the financial reporting processes. The financial administration also monitors the correctness of external and internal financial reporting. The Board of Directors assesses and ensures the appropriateness and effectiveness of the Group's internal control and risk management.

The Group's internal control is also assessed by the Group's external auditor. The auditor verifies the correctness of external annual financial reporting. The most significant observations and recommendations of the audit are reported to the Board of Directors.



#### 2.9 INSIDER ADMINISTRATION AND TRADING RESTRICTIONS

With regards the company's insider guidelines, Dovre Group complies with the applicable legislation, the standards of the Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority as well as Nasdag Helsinki Ltd.'s Guidelines for Insiders effective as of July 3, 2016. In accordance with the legislation in force and the standards and guidelines in question. inside information refers to all information of a precise nature, which has not been made public and relates, directly or indirectly, to one or more issuers or to one or more financial instruments and which, if made public, would be likely to have a significant effect on the prices of those financial instruments or on the price of related derivative financial instruments. Dovre Group discloses any possible inside information concerning the company as soon as possible and as a stock exchange release. However, the company may, on its own responsibility and on a case-by-case basis, delay disclosure of inside information to the public in accordance with the conditions outlined in the Market Abuse Regulation ((EU) No 596/2014). Should the company decide to delay disclosure, the company documents and continuously monitors the preconditions of delayed disclosure. The company notifies the Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority of the delayed disclosure immediately after the information has been publicly disclosed.

Dovre Group does not maintain a list of permanent insiders, but establishes project-specific insider lists following the identification of a specific issue as inside information by the company's Board of Directors and the Board's decision to establish an insider list relating to the identified issue. The CFO is responsible for administration of the company's insider registers and project-specific insider lists are maintained by the company.

The company has defined the Board of Directors, the CEO and the Group Executive Team as persons discharging managerial responsibilities. The company maintains a list of persons discharging managerial responsibilities and their closely associated persons. In accordance with current legislation, persons discharging managerial responsibilities in Dovre Group as well as their closely associated persons are obliged to notify the company and the FSA of every transaction in the company's financial instruments. The notification obligation applies to all transactions once a total amount of EUR 5,000 has been reached within a calendar year. Dovre Group will disclose all such transaction notifications as stock exchange releases within three (3) business days of the date of transaction.

Persons discharging managerial responsibilities in the company may not trade in any financial instruments in the company during a closed period of 30 calendar days before the announcement of the company's half year financial report, annual financial statements, or Q1 and Q3 trading statements. In addition to persons discharging managerial responsibilities in the company, the trading restriction applies to the



company's employees participating in the preparation, drawing-up, and disclosure of the company's financial reports.

#### 2.10 REMUNERATION

The Annual General Meeting decides on the remuneration of the Board of Directors. The Board decides on the terms and conditions of the employment of the CEO, specified in writing. The remuneration principles of the key management are set by the Board. The Board annually approves the Group's short-term and long-term incentive schemes.

The Board decides on the CEO's and the Group Executive Team's remuneration. The remuneration of the management of the Group's business areas is based on the so-called one-over-one principle whereby the remuneration decision must be approved by the supervisor of the employee's direct supervisor.

## 3 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IN 2018

#### **Annual General Meeting**

Dovre Group's Annual General Meeting was held in Helsinki on March 28, 2018.

#### **Board of Directors**

The Annual General Meeting elected four (4) members to the Board of Directors. From March 28, 2018, to August 31, 2018, the Chairman of the Board was Ole Olsen and the Vice Chairman Svein Stavelin. The other members were llari Koskelo and Antti Manninen. Ole Olsen is dependent of the company and its significant shareholders. Other members of the Board were independent of the company and significant shareholders. Since August 31, 2018, the Chairman of the Board has been Svein Stavelin and the Vice Chairman llari Koskelo. Antti Manninen continued as the member of the Board. Until the Annual General Meeting held on March 28, 2018, the Board of Directors consisted of Rainer Häggblom (Chairman), Ole Olsen (Vice Chairman) and Aloysius (Louis) Harrewijn and Ilari Koskelo.

In 2018, the Board convened 13 times, with an attendance rate of 96 per cent. The Group's CEO acted as the Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Board member attendance at meetings:

Svein Stavelin 8/10 Ilari Koskelo 13/13 Antti Manninen 10/10 Ole Olsen 8/8



Rainer Häggblom 3/3 Louis Harrewijn 3/3

#### CEO

Arve Jensen has served as the Group's CEO as of November 1, 2018. Patrick von Essen served as the Group's CEO from April 1, 2014 until November 1, 2018.

On December 31, 2018, Arve Jensen held a total of 200,000 options and a total of 80,000 shares in Dovre Group Plc.

#### **Group Executive Team**

At the end of 2018, the members of the Group Executive Team were Arve Jensen (CEO & President, business area Norway), Mari Paski (CFO) and Stein Berntsen (President, business area Consulting).

On December 31, 2018, members of the Group Executive Team held a total of 3,500 shares in Dovre Group Plc and a total of 200,000 stock options. Each stock option entitles the owner to subscribe to one share in Dovre Group Plc. The above information does not include the shares and options held by the company's CEO Arve Jensen.

Shareholdings and options of Dovre Group Plc's management on December 31, 2018:

Name	Shares	Options
Berntsen Stein (Member of the Group Executive Team)	0	200,000
Jensen Arve (CEO)	80,000	200,000
Koskelo Ilari (Vice Chairman of the Board)	6,529,653	0
Manninen Antti (Member of the Board)	433,485	0
Paski Mari (Member of the Group Executive Team)	3,500	0
Stavelin Svein (Chairman of the Board)	147,613	0

Information includes also ownership through controlled companies of the Board members.

#### **External audit**

In 2018, the Group's auditor was BDO Ltd., Authorized Public Accountants, with Ari Lehto, APA as the principal auditor.

#### **Board members December 31, 2018**

#### Svein Stavelin, Chairman of the Board

M.Sc. (Computer Science), Pedagogy (PUFS), Business Economist



## Board member since 28 March 2018 b.1957, Norwegian citizen

#### Key employment

Incepto AS, CEO and Founding Partner, 2007 – present
Bridgehead AS, Partner, April 2005 – August 2007
Telecomputing ASA, CEO, January 2004 – March 2005
Creuna AS, CEO and founder, June 2001 – December 2003
Ementor ASA (Avenir until 26 October 2000), several positions (CEO 2000 -2001), 1994 – 2001

#### Ilari Koskelo, Vice Chairman of the Board

M. Sc. (Management)Board member since February 28, 2008b. 1959, Finnish citizen

#### Key employment

Navdata Ltd., Managing Director and founder, August 1988 – present Thai Biogas Energy Corporation, Pte, Ltd., Thailand, Co-investor and Director, June 2016 – present

Sararasa Bioindo, Pte, Ltd., Singapore, Co-investor and Director, August 2014 – present

Soil Scout Oy, Finland, Co-founder and CFO, May 2013 – present Planman Oy, Co-investor and Director, January 2010 – June 2015 Global Satellite Solutions Inc, USA, Co-investor, March 1997 – September 2000

#### Key positions of trust

Chairman of the Board: Navdata Ltd

Member of the Board: Soil Scout Ltd, SaraRasa Bioindo Pte. Ltd.

#### Antti Manninen

M.Sc. (Econ.) Board member since 28 March 2018 b. 1961, Finnish citizen

#### Key employment

Rio Group Oy, Chairman of the Board, 1998-Dovre Group Plc, Member of the Board, Vice Chairman, and the Chairman, 2008-2013 Mega Vision S.A. Ltd., Director, Investments, 1993-1998

#### Other key positions of trust

Chairman of the Board, Event Management Group Oy, 2004 - present



#### **Group Executive Team December 31, 2018**

#### **Arve Jensen**

CEO and President, business area Norway
Member of the Group Executive Team since October 2009
M. Sc. (Mech.)
b. 1959, Norwegian citizen

#### Key employment

Dovre Group Plc, CEO, November 2018 - present Other positions at Dovre Group:

- President of Business Area Norway, Project Personnel June 2015 –
- EVP Project Personnel, May 2012 June 2015
- EVP Norway, 2009 May 2012
- CEO Dovre International AS, 2001 2008
- Regional Manager Oslo, Dovre International AS, 1993 2001
- Dovre International AS, Consultant within Contracts Management and Project Management ( client : Statoil ), various projects 1995 - 1999

ABB Global Engineering AS, Senior Project Engineer within Statfjord Satellite Project, 1990-1993

Senior Project Engineer at Aker and Statoil 1988-1990 though own company Aker Engineering AS, Piping Engineer with Statoil (Gullfaks B project), 1985-1987

#### Stein Berntsen

President, business area Consulting Member of the Group Executive Team since July 2014 M. Sc. (Econ. and BA) b. 1965, Norwegian citizen

#### Key employment

Dovre Group Consulting AS: Managing Director/Managing Partner, Dovre Consulting Norway 2011-2014; EVP, Management Consulting 2008-2011 Dovre International AS: Vice President, Project Management 2006-2008; Vice President, Project Consulting 2002-2008; Manager Project Analysis 2000-2002; Project Control Manager (at Statoil) 1999-2000; Senior Consultant (at Statoil) 1997-1999 Philips Petroleum AS: Department Manager, Risk Management 1995-1997; Senior Cost Estimator 1993-1995; Cost and Contracts Engineer 1991-1993; Cost Estimator 1989-1991

#### Mari Paski

CFO



Member of the Group Executive Team since January 2018 M. Sc. (Econ) b. 1974, Finnish citizen

#### Key employment

June 2011

Dovre Group Plc, CFO, January 2018 – present

Dovre Group Plc, Head of Group Accounting, June 2011 – December 2017 Nokia Siemens Networks Oy, Senior Specialist in Corporate Accounting, April 2007-

Wihuri Oy, Controller & Financial Analyst, February 2001 – March 2007

### 4 REMUNERATION IN 2018

#### **Board of Directors**

The General Meeting decides on the remuneration of the Board of Directors. The proposal for the remuneration of the Board of Directors presented to the General Meeting is based on the shareholders' proposal delivered to the company. In 2018, the proposal for the remuneration of the Board of Directors came from shareholders, who represented over 35 per cent of all shares and votes in the company.

The Annual General Meeting held on March 28, 2018, decided that the Chairman of the Board be paid EUR 35,000, Vice Chairman EUR 25,000, and each other member of the Board EUR 22,000 for the term which will last to the next Annual General Meeting. Actual travelling expenses are compensated as incurred. Of the annual remuneration, 40 per cent of the total gross compensation will be used to purchase Dovre Group Plc's shares in public trading through Nasdaq Helsinki Ltd. Remuneration of the members of the Board and method of payment did not change from the previous year.

Remuneration of the members of the Board of Directors in 2018:

Member	Annual remuneration, EUR	No. of shares purchased *)
Svein Stavelin (Chairman) ***)	30,833	47,613
Koskelo Ilari (Vice Chairman) ***)	23,750	36,353
Olsen Ole (Chairman until Aug 2018)**)	14,583	22,197
Manninen Antti	22,000	33,485
Total	91,167	139,648

<sup>\*) 40%</sup> of total annual remuneration has been paid in the company's shares



- \*\*) Total number of 53,272 shares were purchased to Ole Olsen in April 2018. Ole Olsen returned pro-rated amount of shares (31,075 shares) following his resignation in August 2018. 60% of excess remuneration was returned in cash.
- \*\*\*) Additional pro-rated shares were purchased in October 2018 due to new roles. 60% of the pro-rated remuneration was paid in cash.

#### CEO

The Board of Directors decides on the remuneration of the CEO. The terms and conditions of employment of the CEO are approved by the Board and specified in writing.

The service terms and conditions of the current CEO, Arve Jensen, comprise of an annual salary (including holiday pay, and car and phone benefits) of NOK 1,950,000 (approx. EUR 196 thousand) and a performance-based bonus decided by the Board. The CEO will have same pension and personnel insurance as the other Company employees in Norway. The contract does not specify the CEO's retirement age. The contract may be terminated by either party by giving six (6) months' notice. The contract does not include any additional severance payment to the CEO in case the company decide to terminate the employment contract.

The CEO's bonus is based on the company's or its individual units' performance and profitability or on the successful completion of organizational measures. These objectives are specified annually. The CEO will receive a yearly bonus of NOK 300,000 – 500,000 depending on budget compliance, structured in such a way that if budget for the year is met, minimum bonus payment will be NOK 300,000. In addition, the CEO is eligible for the STI/LTI program for the Group's key personnel. The STI part of the plan is paid in cash and the objectives are defined annually. The LTI part is a fully equity settled share-based payment transaction and the objectives are defined annually.

In 2018, CEO Arve Jensen's total compensation was NOK 2,526,659 (approx. EUR 263 thousand). The amount includes performance bonus of NOK 490,798 (approx. EUR 51 thousand). Additionally, Arve Jensen earned equal to 169,631 shares of Dovre Group Plc from the LTI 2018-2020 program. The shares will be awarded at the beginning of 2021. On December 31, 2018, Arve Jensen held a total 200,000 stock options and a total 80,000 shares in Dovre Group Plc.

#### **Group Executive Team**

The Group Executive Team's remuneration consists of total salary (including salary in money and typical fringe benefits such as car and phone) as well as long- and short-term incentives as decided by the Board of Directors. Short-term incentives include a yearly performance-based bonus decided by the Board. Long-term incentives include option plans, for which all members of the Group Executive Team are eligible, as well as yearly performance-based share-based incentive plans. The Board decides on long



term incentive plans. The Group has not taken out any additional pension insurance for the members of the Group Executive Team.

The Board approves annually the terms and criteria of the Group Executive Team's short-term incentives (or bonuses). Any bonuses are based on the achievement of financial targets, such as operating result and net sales and other related targets, on either Group and/or business unit level. In addition, members of the Group Executive Team may have either individual or team objectives.

In 2018, the total salaries and benefits of the Group Executive Team members, not including the CEO Arve Jensen, were EUR 400,413. The amount includes performance bonuses of EUR 74,474.

#### Long-term incentive plans for key personnel (option plans)

In 2018, the company had one open option plan, option plan 2013, directed to the Group's key personnel. Each stock option entitles the holder to subscribe one share in Dovre Group Plc.

The 2013 option plan was approved by the company's Board of Directors in their meeting on January 24, 2013 based on the authorization given by the Annual General Meeting held on March 15, 2012. The share subscription price and period per series under the 2013 option plan are as follows:

- 2013B: Subscription price EUR 0.52; subscription period March 1, 2016 February 28, 2019.
- 2013C: Subscription price EUR 0.43; subscription period March 1, 2017 February 28, 2020.

Options of the option plan 2013 were not granted during 2018. A total of 935,000 of 2013 options were returned to the company. The subscription period for Dovre Group Plc's 2013A option plan ended on February 29, 2018. No shares were subscribed for under the option plan. The remaining 565,000 stock options expired as unused. At the end of 2018, the company had granted a total of 850,000 options under the 2013 option plan and had in reserve a total of 1,150,000 options.

The full terms and conditions of the company's option plan can be found on the company's Investor pages at <a href="https://www.dovregroup.com/investors/corporate-governance.html">https://www.dovregroup.com/investors/corporate-governance.html</a> -> Remuneration.

The company's Board of Directors has also an authorization granted by the Annual General Meeting held on March 28, 2018, to decide on the issuance of new shares and the granting of option rights and other special rights entitling to shares. The authorization is valid until June 30, 2019. In accordance with the resolution of the Annual General Meeting, the Board may use the authorization, among other things, for



the company's incentive programs. The Board may issue a maximum of 9,900,000 shares by virtue of the authorization, and the Board may use the authorization in one or more installments. The Board of Directors did not use the authorization in 2018.

#### Long-term incentive plans for key personnel (LTI 2018 - 2020)

As of January 1, 2018, the Group has a new share-based remuneration and incentive program, where the remuneration is based on an annually set performance condition and a service condition.

The total value of the bonus accrued from the 2018 earnings period corresponds to approximately 2.1 months' basic salary. The bonus paid in shares will consist of 169,631 of the company's shares. The executive is responsible for personnel income tax on award. The vesting period ends at the beginning of 2021.

