Meeting Date Range: 01/10/2016 - 31/12/2016

Informa plc

MEETING TYPE: Special Meeting

MEETING DATE: 10-Oct-16

ITEM	PROPOSAL	Management	VOTE
		RECOMMENDATION	
1	Approve Matters Relating to Acquisition of Penton Business	FOR	FOR
	Media Holdings, Inc.	FOR	101

CSL Ltd.

MEETING TYPE: Annual General Meeting

MEETING DATE: 12-Oct-16

ITEM	PROPOSAL	Management	VOTE
		RECOMMENDATION	
1	Elect Marie McDonald as Director	FOR	FOR
2	Elect Megan Clark as Director	FOR	FOR
3	Elect Tadataka Yamada as Director	FOR	FOR
4	Approve the Remuneration Report	FOR	FOR
	Approve the Grant of Performance Options and		
5	Performance Rights to Paul Perreault, Chief Executive	FOR	FOR
	Officer and Managing Director of the Company		
6	Approve the Increase in Maximum Aggregate	FOR	FOR
	Remuneration of Non-Executive Directors	IOK	I

Gamesa Corporacion Tecnologica S.A.

MEETING TYPE: Special Meeting

MEETING DATE: 24-Oct-16

ITEM	PROPOSAL	Management	VOTE
		RECOMMENDATION	
	Approve Issuance of Shares in Connection with Merger by		
1	Absorption of Siemens Wind Power Parent and Related	FOR	FOR
	Proposals		
2	Amend Articles Re: Audit Committee	FOR	FOR
3	Approve Restated Articles of Association	FOR	FOR
4	Approve Special Cash Dividend of EUR 3.6 per Share	FOR	FOR
5	Fix Number of Directors at 13	FOR	FOR
6	Elect Rosa María García García as Director	FOR	ABSTAIN
7	Elect Mariel von Schumann as Director	FOR	ABSTAIN
8	Elect Lisa Davis as Director	FOR	ABSTAIN

9	Elect Klaus Helmrich as Director	FOR	ABSTAIN
10	Elect Ralf Thomas as Director	FOR	ABSTAIN
11	Elect Klaus Rosenfeld as Director	FOR	ABSTAIN
12	Elect Swantje Conrad as Director	FOR	ABSTAIN
13	Ratify Appointment of and Elect Gerardo Codes Calatrava	FOR	ABSTAIN
13	as Director	TOK	ADSTAIN
14	Authorize Board to Ratify and Execute Approved	FOR	FOR
	Resolutions	1010	TOK

Resolutions 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10: We elected to abstain from voting the election of Rosa María García García, Mariel von Schumann, Lisa Davis, Klaus Helmrich & Ralf Thomas as Directors as they are not independent due to being shareholder representatives and independent directors represent less than a majority of the board. We expect for large companies that a majority of non-executive directors be independent. In addition, the proposed term of office for these directors is four years. We do not support proposed terms of office exceeding 3 years as we feel longer terms in office reduces director accountability to shareholders. However, we are mindful that the proposed term is just one year over our preferred term.

Resolutions 11, 12 & 13: We elected to abstain from voting the election of Klaus Rosenfeld, Swantje Conrad & Gerardo Codes Calatrava as Directors as director terms should not exceed more than three terms, with one term being no more than three years, as we feel that longer terms of office reduce director accountability to shareholders. The proposed term of office for this director is four years. We do not support proposed terms of office exceeding 3 years as we feel longer terms in office reduces director accountability to shareholders. However, we are mindful that the proposed term is just one year over our preferred term.

Abcam plc

MEETING TYPE: Annual General Meeting

MEETING DATE: 02-Nov-16

ITEM	PROPOSAL	Management	VOTE
		RECOMMENDATION	
1	Accept Financial Statements and Statutory Reports	FOR	FOR
2	Approve Final Dividend	FOR	FOR
3	Approve Remuneration Report	FOR	AGAINST
4	Reappoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Auditors and	FOR	FOR
4	Authorise Their Remuneration	TOK	
5	Elect Gavin Wood as Director	FOR	FOR
6	Re-elect Murray Hennessy as Director	FOR	FOR
7	Re-elect Jonathan Milner as Director	FOR	FOR
8	Re-elect Alan Hirzel as Director	FOR	FOR
9	Re-elect Jim Warwick as Director	FOR	FOR
10	Re-elect Louise Patten as Director	FOR	FOR
11	Re-elect Susan Harris as Director	FOR	FOR
12	Re-elect Mara Aspinall as Director	FOR	FOR
13	Authorise Issue of Equity with Pre-emptive Rights	FOR	FOR
14	Authorise Issue of Equity without Pre-emptive Rights	FOR	FOR
15	Authorise Market Purchase of Ordinary Shares	FOR	FOR

Resolution 3: We elected to vote against the approval of the remuneration report as the CEO has received a significant salary increase (50%) and no compelling rationale has been provided. This reflects concerns over the size of the increase, and its impact on the CEO's overall package (annual bonus maximum opportunity is 150% of salary, and LTIP maximum award is 125% of salary).

CVS Group plc

MEETING TYPE: Annual General Meeting

MEETING DATE: 24-Nov-16

ITEM	PROPOSAL	Management RECOMMENDATION	VOTE
1	Accept Financial Statements and Statutory Reports	FOR	AGAINST
2	Approve Remuneration Report	FOR	FOR
3	Approve Final Dividend	FOR	FOR
4	Re-elect Richard Connell as Director	FOR	FOR
5	Re-elect Simon Innes as Director	FOR	FOR
6	Re-elect Mike McCollum as Director	FOR	FOR
7	Re-elect Nick Perrin as Director	FOR	FOR
8	Appoint Deloitte LLP as Auditors	FOR	FOR
9	Authorise Board to Fix Remuneration of Auditors	FOR	FOR
10	Authorise Issue of Equity with Pre-emptive Rights	FOR	FOR
11	Authorise Issue of Equity without Pre-emptive Rights	FOR	FOR
12	Authorise Issue of Equity without Pre-emptive Rights	FOR	FOR
13	Authorise Market Purchase of Ordinary Shares	FOR	FOR

Resolution 1: We elected to vote against the acceptance of the financial statements and statutory reports. This is in line with our matrix rating recommendation, we are voting against due to lack of disclosure on environmental and social impact. We have discussed this previously with the Chief Financial Officer, and will raise the issue again when we next meet the company.

Chr. Hansen Holdings A/S

MEETING TYPE: Annual General Meeting

MEETING DATE: 29-Nov-16

ITEM	PROPOSAL	Management RECOMMENDATION	VOTE
1	Accept Financial Statements and Statutory Reports	FOR	ABSTAIN
2	Approve Allocation of Income and Dividends of DKK 5.23 Per Share	FOR	FOR
3	Approve Remuneration of Directors in the Amount of DKK 1.2 Million for Chairman, DKK 800,000 for Vice Chairman, and DKK 400,000 for Other Directors; Approve Remuneration for Committee Work	FOR	FOR
4	Amend Articles Re: Change Computershare A/S as New Shareholder Register	FOR	FOR
5	Amend Articles Re: Editorial Changes	FOR	FOR
6	Re-elect Ole Andersen (Chairman) as Director	FOR	FOR
7	Re-elect Frédéric Stévenin as Director	FOR	FOR
8	Re-elect Mark Wilson as Director	FOR	FOR
9	Re-elect Dominique Reiniche as Director	FOR	FOR
10	Re-elect Tiina Mattila-Sandholm as Director	FOR	FOR
11	Re-elect Kristian Villumsen as Director	FOR	FOR
12	Elect Luis Cantarell Rocamora as Director	FOR	FOR
13	Ratify PricewaterhouseCoopers as Auditors	FOR	ABSTAIN

14	Authorize Editorial Changes to Adopted Resolutions in	FOR	FOR
	Connection with Registration with Danish Authorities		

Resolution 1: We elected to abstain from voting the acceptance of the financial statements and statutory reports as the company is a constituent of the FTSE EuroFirst 300 and has fewer than 30% of women on the Board at 20%.

Resolution

13: We elected to abstain from voting on the ratification of PricewaterhouseCoopers as Auditors, under normal circumstances we would not expect fees paid to the auditor for the provision of non-audit services to exceed 25% of the fees paid for audit services and this would lead to a vote against. The non-audit fees for the year were significant at DKK 600,000 and being more than 25% of the audit (and related) fees of DKK 800,000. Under normal circumstances we would vote against however as this is not a valid vote option we are forced to abstain.

Microsoft Corporation

MEETING TYPE: Annual General Meeting

MEETING DATE: 30-Nov-16

ITEM	PROPOSAL	Management RECOMMENDATION	VOTE
1	Elect Director William H. Gates, III	FOR	AGAINST
2	Elect Director Teri L. List-Stoll	FOR	FOR
3	Elect Director G. Mason Morfit	FOR	FOR
4	Elect Director Satya Nadella	FOR	FOR
5	Elect Director Charles H. Noski	FOR	AGAINST
6	Elect Director Helmut Panke	FOR	AGAINST
7	Elect Director Sandra E. Peterson	FOR	FOR
8	Elect Director Charles W. Scharf	FOR	FOR
9	Elect Director John W. Stanton	FOR	FOR
10	Elect Director John W. Thompson	FOR	FOR
11	Elect Director Padmasree Warrior	FOR	FOR
12	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers' Compensation	FOR	FOR
13	Ratify Deloitte & Touche LLP as Auditors	FOR	AGAINST
14	Amend Right to Call Special Meeting	FOR	FOR
15	Amend Omnibus Stock Plan	FOR	FOR
16	Proxy Access	AGAINST	FOR

Resolution 1: We elected to vote against the election of William H. Gates, Ill as he is not considered independent (due to being attested not independent by the company, being cofounder of the company, serving as CEO of the company until January 2000 and as chief software architect until June 2006, serving as a technical advisor to the company's CEO, Satya Nadella and having tenure of 35 years) and there is a lack of two-thirds majority independence on the board (our guideline for US companies). We consider directors who have served on the board continually for a period exceeding 9 years to be affiliated.

Resolutions 5 &6: We elected to vote against Charles H. Noski and Helmut Panke as these directors are not considered independent (due to tenure of 13 years) and there is a lack of two-thirds majority independence on the board (our guideline for US companies). We consider directors who have served on the board continually for a period exceeding 9 years to be affiliated directors. Our guideline for US companies requires at least two-thirds of the board be comprised of independent directors. However, no votes against executive directors for independence reasons alone are recommended.

Resolution 13: We elected to vote against the ratification of Deloitte & Touche LLP as Auditors as we believe that the company should pay particular attention to the provision of non-audit services by the external auditor. In addition, the length of tenure of audit firms should also be monitored closely. Where non-audit services have been provided by the auditor, Alliance Trust Investments will consider carefully both the actual value of non-audit services provided as well as the ratio between the audit and non audit fees. In addition, where the auditor has served for a significant amount of time the company is encouraged to rotate auditors. The company has retained the same audit firm in excess of fifteen years (Deloitte & Touche has served as the company's auditors for 30 years).

DFS Furniture plc

MEETING TYPE: Annual General Meeting

MEETING DATE: 02-Dec-16

ITEM	PROPOSAL	Management RECOMMENDATION	VOTE
1	Accept Financial Statements and Statutory Reports	FOR	FOR
2	Approve Final Dividend	FOR	FOR
3	Approve Remuneration Report	FOR	FOR
4	Re-elect Richard Baker as Director	FOR	FOR
5	Re-elect Ian Filby as Director	FOR	FOR
6	Elect Nicola Bancroft as Director	FOR	FOR
7	Re-elect Luke Mayhew as Director	FOR	FOR
8	Re-elect Gwyn Burr as Director	FOR	AGAINST
9	Re-elect Julie Southern as Director	FOR	FOR
10	Reappoint KPMG LLP as Auditors	FOR	AGAINST
11	Authorise the Audit Committee to Fix Remuneration of Auditors	FOR	AGAINST
12	Authorise Issue of Equity with Pre-emptive Rights	FOR	FOR
13	Authorise Issue of Equity without Pre-emptive Rights	FOR	FOR
14	Authorise Issue of Equity without Pre-emptive Rights	FOR	FOR
15	Authorise Market Purchase of Ordinary Shares	FOR	FOR
16	Authorise the Company to Call EGM with Two Weeks' Notice	FOR	FOR
17	Authorise EU Political Donations and Expenditure	FOR	FOR

Resolution 8: We elected to vote against the re-election of Gwyn Burr as we expect directors to be able to dedicate sufficient time to the role. Alliance Trust Investments will vote against any director that we feel is 'overboarded'. Gwyn currently sits on the board of six institutions including; Metro AG, Wembley National Stadium Limited, Hammerson plc, Just Eat plc, Sainsbury's Bank plc and the Financial Ombudsman Service. Resolutions 10 & 11: We elected to vote against the reappointment of KPMG LLP as Auditors and the authorisation of the Audit Committee to fix remuneration of Auditors as non-audit fee are 50% of audit fee which in our view can impact in independence of the auditor, additionally DFS has retained the same audit firm in excess of ten years (KPMG was the auditor of DFS Furniture Company, the former listed entity, prior to its delisting in 2004).

Softcat PLC

MEETING TYPE: Annual General Meeting

MEETING DATE: 08-Dec-16

ITEM	PROPOSAL	Management	VOTE
		RECOMMENDATION	
1	Accept Financial Statements and Statutory Reports	FOR	ABSTAIN
2	Approve Remuneration Report	FOR	FOR
3	Approve Remuneration Policy	FOR	FOR
4	Approve Final Dividend	FOR	FOR
5	Approve Special Dividend	FOR	FOR
6	Elect Brian Wallace as Director	FOR	FOR
7	Elect Martin Hellawell as Director	FOR	FOR
8	Elect Graham Charlton as Director	FOR	FOR
9	Elect Lee Ginsberg as Director	FOR	FOR
10	Elect Peter Ventress as Director	FOR	FOR
11	Elect Vin Murria as Director	FOR	FOR
12	Appoint Ernst & Young LLP as Auditors	FOR	ABSTAIN
13	Authorise Board to Fix Remuneration of Auditors	FOR	ABSTAIN
14	Authorise EU Political Donations and Expenditure	FOR	FOR
15	Authorise Issue of Equity with Pre-emptive Rights	FOR	FOR
16	Authorise Issue of Equity without Pre-emptive Rights	FOR	FOR
17	Authorise Issue of Equity without Pre-emptive Rights	FOR	FOR
18	Authorise the Company to Call General Meeting with Two Weeks' Notice	FOR	FOR

Resolution 1: We elected to abstain from voting on the acceptance of the financial statements and statutory reports as the Company is a constituent of the FTSE 250 and has fewer than 30% of women on the Board this is below our minimum threshold on gender balance.

Resolutions 12 & 13: We elected to abstain from voting the appointment of Ernest & Young as Auditors and the authorisation of the board to fix remuneration of Auditors as non-audit fees for the year were significant at GBP 412,000 and being more than 25% of the audit fees of GBP 150,000. The integrity of the auditor's relationship with the company is compromised when a firm is paid excessive fees on top of those paid for auditing services. This arrangement has the potential to open the auditor process to a wide range of conflicts of interest. However, the company explains that the majority of the non-audit fees being transaction related fees represent professional fees related to the initial public offering (Softcat plc had its IPO in November 2015 and joined the FTSE 250 in March 2016).

MEETING TYPE: Special Meeting

MEETING DATE: 16-Dec-16

ITEM	PROPOSAL	Management	VOTE
		RECOMMENDATION	
1	Approve the Acquisition Agreement	FOR	FOR
2	Approve Capital Raising	FOR	FOR