

### 20th regular Shareholders Assembly

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the Ljubljana Stock Exchange, d.d, and the relevant legislation, and pursuant to Articles 18 and 19 of the Articles of Association of the company Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d., Article 295, Paragraph 2 of the Companies Act (ZGD-1), resolution by the company Management Board dated May 7, 2014, July 8, 2014, and July 24, 2014 the resolution by the company Supervisory Board dated May 20, 2014, July 15, 2014, and July 25, 2014, the Management Board hereby convenes the

### 20th regular Shareholders Assembly to take place on August 29, 2014 at 1 PM at the company headquarters in Ljubljana, Dunajska cesta 107

The company Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d., announces material for Shareholders Assembly: Convocation of the Shareholders Assembly, Material for Shareholders Assembly, Attendance Form and Authorization Form, and Draft consolidated version of the Articles of Association of the company Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d.

The Annual report of the Mercator Group and the company Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d., for the year 2013 is also an integral part of the material for the 20th regular Shareholders Assembly and was published on April 25, 2014, on SEOnet under the category Annual report.

This announcement will be published on the company's website at <u>www.mercatorgroup.si</u> as of July 29, 2014, and will remain posted for a period of at least five years.

Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d., Management Board



Pursuant to Articles 18 and 19 of the Articles of Association of the company POSLOVNI SISTEM MERCATOR, d.d., Article 295, Paragraph 2, of the Companies Act (ZGD-1), Rules and Regulations of the Ljubljana Stock Exchange, d.d., resolutions by the company Management Board dated May 7, 2014, July 8, 2014, and July 24, 2014, and the resolutions by the company Supervisory Board dated May 20, 2014, July 15, 2014, and July 25, 2014 the Management Board hereby convenes the

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### I. AGENDA AND RESOLUTION PROPOSALS

## 1. Opening of the Shareholders Assembly and appointment of the Shareholders Assembly chairperson

#### **RESOLUTION PROPOSAL:**

Pavle Pensa, attorney at law from Ljubljana, shall be appointed Chairman of the Shareholders Assembly.

## Explanation summary for the resolution proposal as announced in the Shareholders Assembly documentation:

Pursuant to the company Articles of Association, the company Shareholders Assembly shall be presided over by a Chairperson appointed by the shareholders upon proposal by the party convening the Assembly.

2. Presentation of Annual Report and the Supervisory Board's Report on the results of Annual Report review and audit for the 2013 fiscal year; information on the offsetting of net loss; information on the compensation and rewards of the members of managerial and supervisory bodies; information on the Supervisory Board evaluation procedure; and granting discharge from liability to the company Supervisory Board and Management Board.

#### **RESOLUTION PROPOSAL:**

A) Granting discharge from liability to the company Supervisory Board for the fiscal year 2013

*The Shareholders Assembly grants discharge from liability to the company Supervisory Board for the fiscal year 2013.*  B) Granting discharge from liability to the company Management Board for the fiscal year 2013

The Shareholders Assembly grants discharge from liability to the company Management Board for the fiscal year 2013.

## Explanation summary for the resolution proposals as announced in the Shareholders Assembly documentation:

Since the company did not generate profit in 2013, the Shareholders Assembly shall not make any decisions with regard to allocation thereof. The Shareholders Assembly will be informed that as at December 31, 2013, net loss for the fiscal year amounted to EUR 35,599,369.98. Retained earnings were also negative, amounting to EUR 14,790,059.72 as at December 31, 2013. Both the net loss for the fiscal year and the retained earnings have been offset with other revenue reserves in the amount of EUR 50,389,429.70.

Three processes were in progress simultaneously at Mercator in 2013, which will have major longterm effects on company operations and further development: the process of sale, operations restructuring, and corporate debt restructuring. These processes, highly complex as they are, took place in an extremely challenging environment that included changes in shopping behaviour, poor pricing perception among the consumers, and persistently harsh economic conditions in all markets of Mercator's operations. Despite the negative market situation and the drop in Mercator Group revenue resulting from lower sales of apparel, textile, and technical consumer goods, lower revenue in Slovenia and Croatia, and the inevitable operations restructuring process, Mercator succeeded in maintaining its market position in all of its markets.

By reorganization of company operations and improvement measures, particularly the cost rationalization and divestment, the company Mercator, d.d., succeeded in reducing the loss and debt, generate operating profit of EUR 52 million, and signing the agreement on refinancing of Mercator Group's financial liabilities until the year 2020, which will pave the way for the improvement of liquidity and financial stabilization and optimization of operations, which will benefit all stakeholders.

#### 3. Appointment of a certified auditing company for the year 2014

#### **RESOLUTION PROPOSAL:**

The auditing company DELOITTE REVIZIJA, d.o.o., Dunajska cesta 165, Ljubljana, shall be appointed as the company auditor for 2014.

## Explanation summary for the resolution proposal as announced in the Shareholders Assembly documentation:

The resolution proposal is based on the Supervisory Board proposal. Pursuant to Article 281 of the Companies Act (ZGD-1), the Supervisory Board shall propose the candidate for the company auditor.

The auditing company proposed for appointment has relevant auditing experience in the fields of activity of the company, and references both in Slovenia and abroad.

#### 4. Changes and amendments to Article 37 of the company Articles of Association

#### **RESOLUTION PROPOSAL:**

Article 37, Paragraph 4 of the company Articles of Association shall be changed and amended to the following wording: "Supervisory Board sessions shall be attended by Supervisory Board and Management Board members, and invited experts or individuals presenting relevant reports; the Supervisory Board may also invite other persons to be present during discussion of particular agenda items, if their presence is required for such discussion."

## Explanation summary for the resolution proposal as announced in the Shareholders Assembly documentation:

Pursuant to Article 259 of the Companies Act (ZGD-1), the sessions of the managerial and supervisory bodies shall not be attended by persons who are not members of such bodies, unless expressly specified otherwise by the Articles of Association. Pursuant to the currently effective Articles 34 and 37 of the Mercator, d.d., Articles of Association, Supervisory Board sessions may be attended, in addition to the Supervisory Board and Management Board members, by persons presenting reports and experts or consultants if this is required in order to clarify and specific issues. It is specified in the financial restructuring and refinancing agreements, as agreed by their signatories, that Mercator, d.d., Management Board would propose to the Supervisory Board to invite a representative of the financial creditors to the Supervisory Board sessions at which individual agenda items deal with business or financial restructuring. Therefore, an amendment is proposed to allow participation of such persons at Supervisory Board sessions.

Resolution to the agenda item 1 is proposed by the Management Board; resolutions to agenda items 2 and 4 are proposed by the Management Board and the Supervisory Board; and the resolution to agenda item 3 is proposed by the Supervisory Board.

### **II. INFORMATION FOR THE SHAREHOLDERS**

## Access to Shareholders Assembly Documentation, proposed resolutions including explanations, and information on the Shareholders Assembly

Documentation, or materials, for the Shareholders Assembly, including resolution proposals and full explanations thereto, Annual Report complete with Supervisory Board Report and the statement of corporate governance, and other documents specified in Article 297.a, Paragraph 2, of the Companies Act (ZGD-1), shall be made available to the company shareholders at the company headquarters in Ljubljana, Dunajska cesta 107, ground floor, each business day from the day of announcement of the Shareholders Assembly convocation to the day of the Shareholders Assembly session from 9 AM to 12 noon. All documentation referred to above will also be available on the company website at <a href="http://www.mercatorgroup.si">http://www.mercatorgroup.si</a>. Convocation of the Shareholders Assembly, explanation of the resolution proposals, and other materials are also published on the website of the Ljubljana Stock Exchange, d.d. (http://seonet.ljse.si). Information provided in Article 296 of the Companies Act (ZGD-1), Paragraph 3, and detailed information on the rights of the shareholders with regard to submitting any requests for additional agenda items, counter-proposals to proposed resolutions, election/voting proposals, and shareholder rights to information (Article 298, Paragraph 1; Article 300, Paragraph 1; and Articles 301 and 305 of the Companies Act ZGD-1) are published on the company website.

#### Requests and proposals by the shareholders

Shareholders whose combined shareholdings amount to one twentieth (five percent) of share capital, may request in writing in seven days after the convocation of the Shareholders Assembly an additional item of the agenda. A written proposal of the resolution on which the Shareholders Assembly should vote/decide, or an

explanation of the agenda item in case no resolution is adopted with regard to a particular agenda item, shall be attached to the request. Pursuant to Article 298, Paragraph 3 of the Companies Act (ZGD-1), the company Management Board shall announce those additional agenda items that are requested and submitted by the shareholders no later than seven days after the announcement of this Shareholders Assembly convocation. The shareholders may submit the requests for additional items of the agenda to the company by electronic mail, to the address <u>skupscina@mercator.si</u>.

The shareholders may submit, in writing, resolution and election proposals to each item of the agenda. A shareholder proposal will only be announced by the company Management Board in the same way as this convocation, if it is submitted to the company within seven days after the convocation of the Shareholders Assembly complete with a reasonably justified proposition, along with the statement that the shareholder/proposing party will counter the proposal by the Management or Supervisory Board and that she or he intends to convince other shareholders to vote for her/his proposal. Pursuant to Article 301 of the Companies Act (ZGD-1), the shareholder shall not be required to justify an election proposal. The shareholder's proposal shall be announced and communicated in the way provided by Article 296 of the ZGD-1 only if the shareholder has submitted a reasonably justified proposal within seven days after the announcement of the Shareholders Assembly convocation. The shareholders may also submit the resolution and election proposals to the company by electronic mail, to the address <u>skupscina@mercator.si</u>.

Requests for additional agenda items and resolution or election/voting proposals submitted by electronic mail shall be sent as a scanned image file attached to the e-mail message. The image file shall include a handwritten signature of the natural person; in case of legal persons, such documents shall include the handwritten signature of the company representative as well as the seal of the legal person, if applicable. The company shall have the right to check the identity of the shareholder or, the person conferring the power of attorney by e-mail, as well the authenticity of the signature.

#### Shareholder's right to information

Shareholders shall be entitled to raise questions at the Shareholders Assembly and request information on company affairs if such information is required for assessment of agenda items; furthermore, the shareholders may exercise their right to information pursuant to Article 305, Paragraph 1, of the Companies Act (ZGD-1).

#### Attendance conditions and assertion of voting rights

The Assembly may be attended and voted at only by those shareholders who register their attendance in writing in such way that the Management Board receive their application no later than at close of business on the fourth day before the Shareholders Assembly, i.e. by the end of August 25, 2014, and who are registered as shareholders in the central register of dematerialized securities as at COB (close of business) of August 25, 2014. The application shall be submitted by regular mail to the address Mercator, d.d., Dunajska cesta 107, Ljubljana, Tajništvo pravnega sektorja (Legal Affairs Secretary Office). The applications to the Shareholders Assembly cannot be submitted using electronic means. Only applications with original signatures of the shareholders or their proxies shall be accepted and deemed valid. The Shareholders Assembly Application Form shall be available at the company website, and freely available at the company headquarters in Ljubljana, at Dunajska cesta 107, ground floor, each business day from the day of announcement of the convocation to the day of the Shareholders Assembly convention, from 9 AM to 12 noon.

Each shareholder with the right to attend the Shareholders Assembly may also appoint a proxy to attend the Shareholders Assembly on their behalf and exercise their voting right. The power of attorney/authorization shall be submitted to the company in writing. The power of attorney/authorization shall remain in possession of the company. Proxy voting form is available at the company website; it is also freely available at the company headquarters at Ljubljana, Dunajska cesta 107 (ground floor), each workday from the day of announcement of the convocation to the day of the Shareholders Assembly session, from 9 AM to 12 noon. The power of attorney/authorization may also be submitted to the company by electronic mail, to the address skupscina@mercator.si, scanned into an image file and attached to the e-mail message. Such document shall include a handwritten signature of the natural person; in case of legal persons, such documents shall include the handwritten signature of the company representative as well as the seal of the legal person, if applicable. The company shall have the right to check the identity of the shareholder or, the person conferring the power of attorney/authorization in the same way it was submitted, at any time until the day of the Shareholders Assembly.

The shareholders or their proxies or attorneys shall be obliged to prove their identity upon request by presenting a personal identification document and written authorization/power of attorney; in addition, statutory representatives shall also be required to present an extract from the judicial or business register.

As at the day of Shareholders Assembly convocation, the company has 3,765,361 ordinary registered no par value shares. Pursuant to the relevant legislation, each ordinary share carries one vote for its owner at the Shareholders Assembly. As at the day of Shareholders Assembly convocation, the company has 42,192 treasury shares which do not carry voting rights.

The shareholders are kindly requested to check in at the Shareholders Assembly reception office upon their arrival, no later than half hour before the beginning of the convention / session, to confirm their presence with their signatures on the list of attendants and to claim their voting devices. The hall where the Shareholders Assembly is to take place will be open 30 minutes before the beginning of the session.

The Shareholders Assembly is convened for 1 PM. In case of absence of quorum at such time, the Assembly shall be rescheduled for 2 PM on the same day at the same place, regardless of the percentage of total share capital represented at the Assembly.

President of the Management Board Anton Balažič Supervisory Board Chairman Matej Lahovnik



## DOCUMENTATION

for the 20<sup>th</sup> regular Shareholders Assembly of the company Mercator, d.d.



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#### Documents pertaining to item one of the agenda

## OPENING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS ASSEMBLY AND APPOINTMENT OF THE SHAREHOLDERS ASSEMBLY CHAIRPERSON

The Management Board hereby proposes to the Shareholders Assembly of the company Mercator, d.d., to adopt the following

#### resolution:

Pavle Pensa, attorney at law from Ljubljana, shall be appointed Chairman of the Shareholders Assembly.

#### **Explanation:**

Pursuant to Article 20 of the Articles of Association of the public limited company Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d. (hereinafter referred to as the Articles of Association), the company Shareholders Assembly shall be presided over by a chairman appointed by the shareholders based on a proposal by the party convening the Assembly. The Management Board as the convening party proposes Pavle Pensa, attorney at law from Ljubljana, to be elected as the Shareholders Assembly Chairman.

Furthermore, a notary public shall be present at the Shareholders Assembly, to record and write down the Shareholders Assembly resolutions in the form of a notary's minutes / notarial record; the notary public shall be appointed by the party convening the Assembly. In the case at hand, the Management Board has appointed notary public Nada Kumar from Ljubljana.

Ljubljana, July 28, 2014

Management Board President: Anton Balažič



#### Documents pertaining to item two of the agenda

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT AND THE SUPERVISORY BOARD'S REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW AND AUDIT FOR THE 2013 FISCAL YEAR; INFORMATION ON THE OFFSETTING OF NET LOSS; INFORMATION ON THE COMPENSATION AND REWARDS OF THE MEMBERS OF MANAGERIAL AND SUPERVISORY BODIES; INFORMATION ON THE SUPERVISORY BOARD EVALUATION PROCEDURE; AND GRANTING DISCHARGE FROM LIABILITY TO THE COMPANY SUPERVISORY BOARD AND MANAGEMENT BOARD.

The Management Board and Supervisory Board hereby propose to the Shareholders Assembly of the company Mercator, d.d., to adopt the following

#### resolutions:

C) Granting discharge from liability to the company Supervisory Board for the fiscal year 2013

The Shareholders Assembly grants discharge from liability to the company Supervisory Board for the fiscal year 2013.

D) Granting discharge from liability to the company Management Board for the fiscal year 2013

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#### **Explanation:**

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Croatia, and the inevitable operations restructuring process, Mercator succeeded in maintaining its market position in all of its markets.

By reorganization of company operations and improvement measures, particularly the cost rationalization and divestment, the company Mercator, d.d., succeeded in reducing the loss and debt, generate operating profit of EUR 52 million, and signing the agreement on refinancing of Mercator Group's financial liabilities until the year 2020, which will pave the way for the improvement of liquidity and financial stabilization and optimization of operations, which will benefit all stakeholders.

Ljubljana, July 28, 2014

Management Board President: Anton Balažič

Supervisory Board Chairman: Matej Lahovnik

Appendix to item 2 of the agenda:

 Annual Report complete with the corporate governance statement and information on compensation paid out to the Management Board and Supervisory Board, and the Supervisory Board's report



#### Documents pertaining to item three of the agenda

#### APPOINTMENT OF A CERTIFIED AUDITING COMPANY FOR THE YEAR 2014

Based on the proposal by the Audit Committee, the Supervisory Board hereby proposes to the Shareholders Assembly of the company Mercator, d.d., to adopt the following

#### resolution:

# The auditing company DELOITTE REVIZIJA, d.o.o., Dunajska cesta 165, Ljubljana, shall be appointed as the company auditor for 2014.

#### Explanation:

The resolution proposal is based on the Supervisory Board proposal. Pursuant to Article 281 of the Companies Act (ZGD-1), the Supervisory Board shall propose the candidate for the company auditor.

The auditing company proposed for appointment has relevant auditing experience in the fields of activity of the company, and references both in Slovenia and abroad.

Ljubljana, July 28, 2014

Supervisory Board Chairman: Matej Lahovnik



#### Documents pertaining to item four of the agenda

### CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 37 OF THE COMPANY ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The company Management Board and Supervisory Board hereby propose to the Shareholders Assembly of the company Mercator, d.d., to adopt the following

#### resolution:

Article 37, Paragraph 4 of the company Articles of Association shall be changed and amended to the following wording: "Supervisory Board sessions shall be attended by Supervisory Board and Management Board members, and invited experts or individuals presenting relevant reports; the Supervisory Board may also invite other persons to be present during discussion of particular agenda items, if their presence is required for such discussion."

#### **Explanation:**

Pursuant to Article 259 of the Companies Act (ZGD-1), the sessions of the managerial and supervisory bodies shall not be attended by persons who are not members of such bodies, unless expressly specified otherwise by the Articles of Association. Pursuant to the currently effective Articles 34 and 37 of the Mercator, d.d., Articles of Association, Supervisory Board sessions may be attended, in addition to the Supervisory Board and Management Board members, by persons presenting reports and experts or consultants if this is required in order to clarify and specific issues. It is specified in the financial restructuring and refinancing agreements, as agreed by their signatories, that Mercator, d.d., Management Board would propose to the Supervisory Board to invite a representative of the financial creditors to the Supervisory Board sessions at which individual agenda items deal with business or financial restructuring. Therefore, an amendment is proposed to allow participation of such persons at Supervisory Board sessions.

Ljubljana, July 28, 2014

Management Board President: Anton Balažič Supervisory Board Chairman: Matej Lahovnik

Appendix to item 4 of the agenda:

- Draft consolidated version of the Articles of Association



#### **INFORMATION FOR THE SHAREHOLDERS**

# **1.** Total number of shares and voting rights as at the day of Shareholders Assembly convocation

As at the day of Shareholders Assembly convocation, the company has 3,765,361 ordinary registered no par value shares. Pursuant to the relevant legislation, each ordinary share carries one vote for its owner at the Shareholders Assembly. As at the day of Shareholders Assembly convocation, the company has 42,192 treasury shares which do not carry voting rights.

#### 2. Information on additional items of the agenda

Shareholders whose combined shareholdings amount to one twentieth (five percent) of share capital, may request in writing after the convocation of the Shareholders Assembly an additional item of the agenda. A written proposal of the resolution on which the Shareholders Assembly should vote/decide, or an explanation of the agenda item in case no resolution is to be adopted with regard to a particular agenda item, shall be attached to the request. It shall suffice to send the request to the company no later than seven days after the announcement of Shareholders Assembly convocation.

Pursuant to Article 298, Paragraph 3 of the Companies Act (ZGD-1), the company Management Board shall announce those additional agenda items that are requested and submitted by the shareholders no later than seven days after the announcement of this Shareholders Assembly convocation.

The shareholders may submit the requests for additional items of the agenda to the company by electronic mail, to the address <a href="mailto:skupscina@mercator.si">skupscina@mercator.si</a>. Requests for additional agenda item submitted by electronic mail must be sent as a scanned image file attached to the e-mail message. The image file must include a handwritten signature of the natural person; in case of legal persons, such documents shall include the handwritten signature of the company representative as well as the seal of the person, if applicable. The company shall have the right to check the identity of the shareholder or, the person conferring the power of attorney by e-mail, as well the authenticity of the signature.

The additional agenda item shall only be discussed at the Shareholders Assembly if it is announced in the same way as the Shareholders Assembly convocation, no later than 14 days before the Shareholders Assembly; otherwise, it shall be discussed at the first subsequent Shareholders Assembly. The Management Board will provide in the same deadline and in the same way an announcement of the consolidated copy of the agenda.

#### 3. Information on shareholder proposals

The shareholders may submit, in writing, resolution proposals to each item of the agenda. A shareholder proposal will only be announced by the company Management Board if the shareholder submits within seven days after the convocation of the Shareholders Assembly to the company a reasonably justified proposition, along with the statement of whether the shareholder will counter the proposal by the managerial/supervisory body, and whether the shareholder intends to convince other shareholders to vote for her/his proposal. The shareholder shall not be required to justify an election proposal.



The shareholders may also submit the resolution and election proposals to the company by electronic mail, to the address <u>skupscina@mercator.si</u>. Resolution or election/voting proposals submitted by electronic mail must be sent as a scanned image file attached to the e-mail message. The image file must include a handwritten signature of the natural person; in case of legal persons, such documents shall include the handwritten signature of the company representative as well as the seal of the person, if applicable. The company has the right to check the identity of the shareholder or, the person conferring the power of attorney by e-mail, as well the authenticity of the signature.

The Management Board shall not announce the shareholder's proposal and the pertaining explanation in the following cases:

- if an announcement of the proposal would constitute a criminal or minor offence;

- if the proposal could lead to a Shareholders Assembly resolution that would be in breach of the legislation or the provisions of the Articles of Association;

- if the explanation of the proposal includes obviously wrong or misleading information or insults in its key points;

- if the shareholder's proposal with the same contents has already been submitted to the company Shareholders Assembly;

- if the same shareholder's proposal with essentially the same explanation has been submitted at two or more company Shareholders Assemblies in the last five years, and if less than one twentieth (five percent) of the represented share capital voted in favour of such proposal;

- if the shareholder makes it clear that she/he would not attend the Shareholders Assembly and would not be represented there; or

- if the shareholder has not upheld her or his submitted proposal at the Shareholders Assembly in the last two years, or did not do so via proxy.

The Management Board shall not announce the explanation to the proposal if it includes more than 3,000 characters. The Management Board has the right to announce any proposal and their respective explanations in a summary, if several shareholders submit their proposals on the same issue. Shareholder proposals that are not submitted to the company within seven days after the announcement of the Shareholders Assembly convocation and are presented at latest at the Shareholders Assembly shall be discussed at the Assembly.

### 4. Information on the shareholder's right to information

The Management Board shall provide reliable information on company affairs at the Shareholders Assembly, if such information is required for assessment of the agenda items. Upon questions posed by several shareholders with regard to the same issue, the Management Board may submit the information in a combined reply. The Management Board will submit information on legal and business relations of the company with its subsidiaries, if this is deemed necessary for assessment of the agenda.

Regardless of the provisions from the previous paragraph, the Management Board shall not be required to submit information in the following cases:

- if submitting the information is, by sound economic judgement, of such nature that it could cause injury to the company or an associated company;



- if the information is related to balancing and assessment methods, when the description of such methods in the appendix suffices for assessment of property, finance, and performance aspects of the company corresponding to the actual circumstances;

- if submitting such information would constitute a criminal or minor offence or non-compliance with sound business practice;

- if the information has already been announced on the company website in the FAQ section at least seven days before the Assembly.

If a shareholder is provided with information outside the Shareholders Assembly, the same information shall be submitted to any other shareholder upon their request, even if such information is not deemed necessary for assessment of the agenda item. If a shareholder is not provided with the required information at the Shareholders Assembly, they may request that their question and the reason for which access to information was denied be entered into the Assembly minutes.

#### 5. Attendance conditions and assertion of voting rights

The Assembly may be attended and voted at only by those shareholders who register their attendance in writing in such way that the Management Board receive their application no later than at close of business on the fourth day before the Shareholders Assembly, i.e. by the end of August 25, 2014, and who are registered as shareholders in the central register of dematerialized securities as at COB (close of business) of August 25, 2014. The application shall be submitted by regular mail to the address Mercator, d.d., Dunajska cesta 107, Ljubljana, Tajništvo pravnega sektorja (Legal Affairs Secretary Office). The applications to the Shareholders Assembly cannot be submitted using electronic means. Only applications with original signatures of the shareholders or their proxies shall be accepted and deemed valid. The Shareholders Assembly Application Form shall be available at the company website, and freely available at the company headquarters in Ljubljana, at Dunajska cesta 107, ground floor, each business day from the day of announcement of the convocation to the day of the Shareholders Assembly convention, from 9 AM to 12 noon.

Each shareholder with the right to attend the Shareholders Assembly may also appoint a proxy to attend the Shareholders Assembly on their behalf and exercise their voting right. The power of attorney/authorization shall be submitted to the company in writing. The power of attorney/authorization shall remain in possession of the company. Proxy voting form is available at the company website; it is also available free of charge at the company headquarters in Ljubljana, at Dunajska cesta 107, ground floor, each business day from the day of announcement of the convocation to the day of the Shareholders Assembly session, from 9 AM to 12 noon. The power of attorney/authorization may also be submitted to the company by electronic mail to the address skupscina@mercator.si, scanned into an image file and attached to the e-mail message. Such document shall include a handwritten signature of the natural person; in case of legal persons, such documents shall include the handwritten signature of the company representative as well as the seal of the person, if applicable. The company shall have the right to check the identity of the shareholder or, the person conferring the power of attorney by e-mail, as well the authenticity of the signature. The shareholders may also revoke the power of attorney/authorization in the same way it was submitted, at any time until the day of the Shareholders Assembly.



The shareholders or their proxies or attorneys shall be obliged to prove their identity upon request by presenting a personal identification document and written authorization/power of attorney; in addition, statutory representatives shall also be required to present an extract from the judicial or business register.

The shareholders are kindly requested to check in at the Shareholders Assembly reception office upon their arrival, no later than half hour before the beginning of the convention/session, to confirm their presence with their signatures on the list of attendants and to claim their voting devices. The hall where the Shareholders Assembly is to take place will be open 30 minutes before the beginning of the session.

The Shareholders Assembly is convened for 1 PM. In case of absence of quorum at such time, the Assembly shall be rescheduled for 2 PM on the same day at the same place, regardless of the percentage of total share capital represented at the Assembly.

Ljubljana, July 28, 2014

Management Board President: Anton Balažič Supervisory Board Chairman: Matej Lahovnik

#### Attendance Form

(First and last name, or company name of the shareholder)

(Address)

(Place and postal code)

(Unique personal identification number - for natural persons only)\*

MERCATOR, d.d. Dunajska cesta 107 1000 LJUBLJANA (Office of the legal affairs secretary)

### ATTENDANCE APPLICATION

#### for the 20th regular Shareholders Assembly of MERCATOR, d.d.

The undersigned:

(First and last name of the shareholder, or first and last name of company representative and company name of the shareholder)

#### hereby announce

my attendance at the Shareholders Assembly of the company MERCATOR, d.d., convened for Friday, August 29, 2014 at 1 PM at the company headquarters in Ljubljana, Dunajska cesta 107.

I shall attend the said Shareholders Assembly (circle accordingly):

- personally

- by proxy

Date and place: \_\_\_\_\_

(Handwritten signature of the shareholder or their representative, and seal of the legal person, if applicable)

#### Appendix:

- authorization for representation at the Shareholders Assembly (only for attendance by proxy)

- extract from judicial or business register (for legal persons)

\* Unique personal identification number – EMŠO – as a piece of personal information may only be used for the purpose of attendance and exercising the rights at the Shareholders Assembly. By signing this statement, the shareholder agrees to the use and processing of this information for the purposes of the Shareholders Assembly. The shareholder shall have the right to view, copy by hand or machine, amend, edit, block, or delete this information.

#### Proxy form

(First and last name, or company name of the shareholder)

(Address)

(Place and postal code)

(Unique personal identification number - for natural persons only)\*

MERCATOR, d.d. Dunajska cesta 107 1000 LJUBLJANA (Office of the legal affairs secretary)

### **AUTHORIZATION / POWER OF ATTORNEY**

for attendance and exercising of voting right at the 20th regular Shareholders Assembly of MERCATOR,

d.d.

The undersigned:

(First and last name of the shareholder, or first and last name of company representative and company name of the shareholder)

#### hereby authorize

(First and last name, address, and Unique personal identification number of the proxy)

to attend on my behalf and exercise my voting right at the 20<sup>th</sup> Shareholders Assembly of the company MERCATOR, d.d., convened for Friday, August 29, 2014 at 1 PM at the company head offices in Ljubljana at Dunajska cesta 107, for all shares of the issuer Mercator, d.d., code (symbol) MELR, of which I am the owner. Upon request by the party convening the Assembly, the proxy shall provide proof of his or her identity by presenting a personal identification document.

Date and place: \_\_\_\_\_

(Handwritten signature of the shareholder or their representative, and seal of the legal person, if applicable)

\* Unique personal identification number – EMŠO – as a piece of personal information may only be used for the purpose of attendance and exercising the rights at the Shareholders Assembly. By signing this statement, the shareholder agrees to the use and processing of this information for the purposes of the Shareholders Assembly. The shareholder shall have the right to view, copy by hand or machine, amend, edit, block, or delete this information.

## **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

## OF THE PUBLIC LIMITED/JOINT STOCK COMPANY

## POSLOVNI SISTEM MERCATOR, d.d.

Pursuant to the Companies Act (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia 30/93, 29/94, and 82/94), the Shareholders Assembly of the company POSLOVNI SISTEM MERCATOR, d.d., adopted on May 30th 1995 (May thirtieth nineteen ninety-five) the Articles of Association of the public limited company / joint stick company Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d.; at the 1st (first) Shareholders Assembly of Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d., following the registration of the ownership restructuring of the company into the Court Register on November 23rd 1995 (November twenty-third nineteen ninety-five); at the 2nd (second) Shareholders Assembly on December 19th 1996 (December nineteenth nineteen ninety-six), at the 3rd (third) Shareholders Assembly on June 20th 1997 (June twentieth nineteen ninety-seven), at the 4th (fourth) Shareholders Assembly on November 17th 1998 (November seventeenth nineteen ninety-eight), at the 8th (eighth) Shareholders Assembly on May 31st 2002 (May thirty-first two thousand two), at the 13th (thirteenth) Shareholders Assembly on June 27th 2007 (June twenty-seventh two thousand seven), at the 16th (sixteenth) Shareholders Assembly on July 13th 2010 (July thirteenth two thousand ten), and at the 18th (eighteenth) Shareholders Assembly on March 30th 2012 (March thirtieth two thousand twelve), at the 19th (nineteenth) Shareholders Assembly on June 18, 2013 (June eighteenth two thousand thirteen), and at the 20th (twentieth) Shareholders Assembly on August 29, 2014 (August twenty-ninth two thousand fourteen), changes and amendments thereto were adopted so that the consolidated text is as follows:

## ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

### OF THE PUBLIC LIMITED/JOINT STOCK COMPANY

### POSLOVNI SISTEM MERCATOR, D.D.

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 (one)

These Articles of Association define:

- general provisions,
- name and residence resp. name and seat of founders,

- name and seat of the company,
- representation,
- company activity,
- share capital amount, share number,
- company bodies,
- restraint of trade/no-compete clause,
- measures for increase and decrease of share capital,
- possible ways to use or allocate the distributable profit,
- relations in the group,
- company dissolution,
- business secret,
- rules and other company acts,
- informing of shareholders,
- transitional and final provisions.

#### Article 2 (two)

Pursuant to the Law on Enterprises (Official Gazette of the SFRY Nos. 77/88, 40/89) the former members of SOZD MERCATOR-KIT, n.sub.o., signed at the sessions of managerial bodies, held in the period from December five (5) and December twenty-seven (27) 1989 (nineteen hundred and eighty-nine), the Agreement on the Incorporation of Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d., Ljubljana as a composite form of enterprise integration.

By the end of 1992 (one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two) the unpayable transfers of the members' social capital to the holding enterprise were registered which thus became the majority owner of members. In this way the actual corporate group has been formed concentrating social capital among its sources of assets.

The Programme of ownership transformation of Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d., Ljubljana was adopted by the Shareholders Assembly of Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d., Ljubljana on the 19 (nineteenth) May and 9 September 1994 (the ninth of September one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four); according to this Programme 40 (forty) % of social capital is designated to three funds and 60 (sixty) % to public sale of shares. On the 28 September 1994 (the twenty-eighth of September one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four) it was approved by the Agency of the Republic of Slovenia for Reconstructing and Privatization. The public sale of shares of Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d., Ljubljana was carried out in the period from October 20 (twentieth) November 18 (eighteenth) 1994 (nineteen hundred and ninety-four).

#### Article 3 (three)

The Companies Act is used directly unless otherwise determined by these Articles of Association.

#### Article 4 (four)

Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d. is a business company organized as a joint-stock company performing a gainful activity and appearing on the market with the objective of profit making.

The company is a legal entity registered in the court register and has all authorizations in legal transactions.

The company is responsible for its liabilities with its total property, whereas shareholders bear no responsibility for the liabilities of the company.

The company has been founded for an indefinite period.

#### Article 5 (five)

Poslovni sistem Mercator is an actual group in which the company Poslovni sistem Mercator d.d. is a controlling company. The companies of the group are those companies in which the controlling company owns directly or indirectly the majority share or the majority of voting rights, and which are under its actual unified management.

The group Poslovni sistem Mercator has been founded with the aim of:

- profit increase in each group company and the group as a whole,
- common balanced development of all companies,
- the best and the greatest possible supply of consumer goods and services in Slovenia,
- greater competitiveness, efficiency and successfulness,
- guidance of goods flows,
- coordinated appearance on home and foreign markets in purchase and sale,
- financing of current operating and development with joint means,
- security, joint liquidity and the best possible yield in money transactions.

Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d. as a holding company of the group directs and coordinates goods and market flows in the group, consolidates financial resources of members for securing current financial operations and investments and coordinates the development of members, develops mutual business connections and establishes their organizational and technological progress.

When speaking about company or group bodies, the same bodies are meant.

#### II. NAME AND SEAT OF THE FOUNDER

#### Article 6 (six)

In the sense of the company transformation according to the Company Law, the company founders are as follows:

- Development Fund of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana, Kotnikova 28 (twenty-eight),
- Kapitalski sklad pokojninskega in invalidskega zavarovanja (Pension and Disability Insurance Fund), Ljubljana, Mala ulica 5 (five),
- Slovenski odškodninski sklad (Slovenian Compensation Fund), Ljubljana, Dunajska 22 (twenty-two),
- 14 (fourteen) agricultural cooperatives as per the list, and the company MERCATOR-ROŽNIK, d.d., Ljubljana,
- natural persons as per the list.

#### III. NAME AND SEAT OF THE COMPANY

#### Article 7 (seven)

Company name: POSLOVNI SISTEM MERCATOR, d.d. (hereinafter referred to as the company)

Abbreviated name of the company: MERCATOR, d.d.

A constituent part of the company is a collective logo MERCATOR representing a common exterior sign of affiliation to the group.

The collective logo "M" comprises a mark resp. symbol made up of an abstract symbol of stylized letter "M" and a logo Mercator in Folio Extra Bold type font. The obligatory colours in

colour execution are: symbol - red (pantone 1935 – one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five), logo - grey (pantone 425 – four hundred and twenty-five).

The use of the collective logo MERCATOR by members and in legal transactions is determined by rules adopted by the Management Board.

The full or the shortened name and seat of the company is used on company stamps.

#### Article 8 (eight)

The seat of the company is in Ljubljana.

#### IV. REPRESENTATION

Article 9 (nine)

The Management Board acts for and represents the company against third persons unlimitedly.

#### Article 10 (ten)

Upon previous consent of the Supervisory Board, the Management Board can grant a power of attorney to one or more persons.

#### V. COMPANY ACTIVITY

Article 11 (eleven)

Company activities include the following:

- 01.110 Growing of cereals (except rice), leguminous crops and oil seeds
- 01.120 Growing of rice
- 01.130 Growing of vegetables and melons, roots and tubers
- 01.140 Growing of sugar cane
- 01.150 Growing of rice
- 01.160 Growing of fiber crops
- 01.190 Growing of other non-perennial crops
- 01.210 Growing of grapes
- 01.220 Growing of tropical and subtropical fruits
- 01.230 Growing of citrus fruits
- 01.240 Growing of pome fruits and stone fruits
- 01.250 Growing of other tree and bush fruits and nuts
- 01.260 Growing of oleaginous fruits
- 01.270 Growing of beverage crops
- 01.280 Growing of spices, aromatic, drug and pharmaceutical crops
- 01.290 Growing of other perennial crops
- 01.300 Plant propagation
- 01.610 Support activities for crop production
- 01.620 Support activities for animal production
- 01.630 Post-harvest crop activities
- 01.640 Seed processing for propagation
- 02.100 Silviculture and other forestry activities
- 02.200 Logging
- 02.300 Gathering of wild growing non-wood products

02.400 Support services to forestry

10.130 Production of meat and poultry meat products

10.310 Processing and preserving of potatoes

10.320 Manufacture of fruit and vegetable juice

10.390 Other processing and preserving of fruit and vegetables

10.410 Manufacture of oils and fats

10.520 Manufacture of ice cream

10.710 Manufacture of bread; manufacture of fresh pastry goods and cakes

10.720 Manufacture of rusks and biscuits; manufacture of preserved pastry goods and cakes

10.730 Manufacture of macaroni, noodles, couscous and similar farinaceous products

10.850 Manufacture of prepared meals and dishes

10.890 Manufacture of other food products not elsewhere classified

11.010 Distilling, rectifying and blending of spirits

11.020 Manufacture of wine from grape

13.300 Finishing of textiles

14.130 Manufacture of other outerwear

16.100 Sawmilling and planing of wood

16.220 Manufacture of assembled parquet floors

16.230 Manufacture of other builders' carpentry and joinery

17.230 Manufacture of paper stationery

18.120 Other printing

18.140 Binding and related services

19.200 Manufacture of refined petroleum products

23.200 Manufacture of refractory products

23.410 Manufacture of ceramic household and ornamental articles

23.420 Manufacture of ceramic sanitary fixtures

23.430 Manufacture of ceramic insulators and insulating fittings

23.440 Manufacture of other technical ceramic products

23.490 Manufacture of other ceramic products

25.120 Manufacture of doors and windows of metal

25.620 Machining

25.930 Manufacture of wire products, chain and springs

25.940 Manufacture of fasteners and screw machine products

33.120 Repair of machinery

41.100 Development of building projects

41.200 Construction of residential and non-residential buildings

42.110 Construction of roads and motorways

42.120 Construction of railways and underground railways

42.130 Construction of bridges and tunnels

42.210 Construction of utility projects for fluids

42.220 Construction of utility projects for electricity and telecommunications

42.910 Construction of water projects

42.990 Construction of other civil engineering projects not elsewhere classified

43.110 Demolition

43.120 Site preparation

43.130 Test drilling and boring

43.210 Electrical installation

43.220 Plumbing, heat and air conditioning installation

43.290 Other construction installation

43.310 Plastering

43.320 Joinery installation

43.330 Floor and wall covering

43.341 Glazing

43.342 Painting

43.390 Other building completion and finishing

43.910 Roofing activities

43.990 Other specialized construction activities not elsewhere classified

45.110 Sale of cars and light motor vehicles

45.190 Sale of other motor vehicles

45.200 Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles

45.310 Wholesale trade of motor vehicle parts and accessories

45.320 Retail trade of motor vehicle parts and accessories

45.400 Sale, maintenance and repair of motorcycles and related parts and accessories

46.110 Agents involved in the sale of agricultural raw materials, live animals, textile raw materials and semi-finished goods

46.120 Agents involved in the sale of fuels, ores, metals and industrial chemicals

46.130 Agents involved in the sale of timber and building materials

46.140 Agents involved in the sale of machinery, industrial equipment, ships and aircraft

46.150 Agents involved in the sale of furniture, household goods, hardware and ironmongery

46.160 Agents involved in the sale of textiles, clothing, fur, footwear and leather goods

46.170 Agents involved in the sale of food, beverages and tobacco

46.180 Agents specialized in the sale of other particular products

46.190 Agents involved in the sale of a variety of goods

46.210 Wholesale of grain, unmanufactured tobacco, seeds and animal feeds

46.220 Wholesale of flowers and plants

46.230 Wholesale of live animals

46.240 Wholesale of hides, skins and leather

46.310 Wholesale of fruit and vegetables

46.320 Wholesale of meat and meat products

46.330 Wholesale of dairy products, eggs and edible oils and fats

46.340 Wholesale of beverages

46.350 Wholesale of tobacco products

46.360 Wholesale of sugar and chocolate and sugar confectionery

46.370 Wholesale of coffee, tea, cocoa and spices

46.380 Wholesale of other food, including fish, crustaceans and molluscs

46.390 Non-specialized wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco

46.410 Wholesale of textiles

46.420 Wholesale of clothing and footwear

46.430 Wholesale of electrical household appliances

46.440 Wholesale of china and glassware and cleaning materials

46.450 Wholesale of perfume and cosmetics

46.460 Wholesale of pharmaceutical goods

46.470 Wholesale of furniture, carpets and lighting equipment

46.480 Wholesale of watches and jewellery

46.490 Wholesale of other household goods

46.510 Wholesale of computers, computer peripheral equipment and software

46.520 Wholesale of electronic and telecommunications equipment and parts

46.610 Wholesale of agricultural machinery, equipment and supplies

46.620 Wholesale of machine tools

46.630 Wholesale of mining, construction and civil engineering machinery

46.640 Wholesale of machinery for the textile industry and of sewing and knitting machines

46.650 Wholesale of office furniture

46.660 Wholesale of other office machinery and equipment

46.690 Wholesale of other machinery and equipment

46.710 Wholesale of solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products

46.720 Wholesale of metals and metal ores

46.730 Wholesale of wood, construction materials and sanitary equipment

46.740 Wholesale of hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies

46.750 Wholesale of chemical products

46.760 Wholesale of other intermediate products

46.770 Wholesale of waste and scrap

46.900 Non-specialized wholesale trade

47.110 Retail sale in non-specialized stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating

47.190 Other retail sale in non-specialized stores

47.210 Retail sale of fruit and vegetables in specialized stores

47.220 Retail sale of meat and meat products in specialized stores

- 47.230 Retail sale of fish, crustaceans and molluscs in specialized stores
- 47.240 Retail sale of bread, cakes, flour confectionery and sugar confectionery in specialized stores
- 47.250 Retail sale of beverages in specialized stores
- 47.260 Retail sale of tobacco products in specialized stores
- 47.290 Other retail sale of food in specialized stores
- 47.301 Retail sale of own motor fuels
- 47.302 Agents involved in the retail of motor fuels
- 47.410 Retail sale of computers, peripheral units and software in specialized stores
- 47.420 Retail sale of telecommunications equipment in specialized stores
- 47.430 Retail sale of audio and video equipment in specialized stores
- 47.510 Retail sale of textiles in specialized stores
- 47.520 Retail sale of hardware, paints and glass in specialized stores
- 47.530 Retail sale of carpets, rugs, wall, and floor coverings in specialized stores
- 47.540 Retail sale of electrical household appliances in specialized stores
- 47.590 Retail sale of furniture, lighting equipment and other household articles not elsewhere classified in specialized stores
- 47.610 Retail sale of books in specialized stores
- 47.621 Retail sale of newspapers and magazines in specialized stores
- 47.622 Retail sale of paper and stationery in specialized stores
- 47.630 Retail sale of music and video recordings in specialized stores
- 47.640 Retail sale of sporting equipment in specialized stores
- 47.650 Retail sale of games and toys in specialized stores
- 47.710 Retail sale of clothing in specialized stores
- 47.720 Retail sale of footwear and leather goods in specialized stores
- 47.730 Dispensing chemist in specialized stores
- 47.740 Retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods in specialized stores
- 47.750 Retail sale of cosmetic and toilet articles in specialized stores
- 47.761 Retail sale of flowers, plants, seeds, fertilizers, pet animals and pet food in specialized stores
- 47.762 Retail sale of gardening equipment and pets in specialized stores
- 47.770 Retail sale of watches and jewellery in specialized stores
- 47.781 Retail sale of eyeglasses in specialized stores
- 47.782 Retail sale of artistic products in specialized stores
- 47.789 Other retail sale of new goods in specialized stores
- 47.790 Retail sale of second-hand goods in stores
- 47.810 Retail sale via stalls and markets of food, beverages and tobacco products
- 47.820 Retail sale via stalls and markets of textiles, clothing and footwear
- 47.890 Retail sale via stalls and markets of other goods
- 47.910 Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet
- 47.990 Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets
- 49.310 Urban and suburban passenger land transport
- 49.320 Taxi operation
- 49.391 Intercity and other road passenger transport
- 49.392 Cable car operation
- 49.410 Freight transport by road
- 49.420 Removal services
- 52.100 Warehousing and storage
- 52.210 Service activities incidental to land transportation
- 52.220 Service activities incidental to water transportation
- 52.230 Service activities incidental to air transportation
- 52.240 Cargo handling
- 52.290 Forwarding and Other transportation support activities
- 53.200 Other postal and courier activities
- 55.100 Hotels and similar accommodation
- 55.201 Children and other holiday homes
- 55.202 Tourist farm houses with lodging
- 55.203 Letting of private tourist rooms

55.204 Mountain refuges and youth hostels

55.209 Other short-stay accommodation

55.300 Camping grounds, recreational vehicle parks and trailer parks

55.900 Student and other accommodation

56.101 Restaurants and inns

56.102 Snack bars and similar

56.103 Sweetshops and coffee-houses

56.104 Provisory food-serving stands

56.105 Tourist farm houses without lodging

56.210 Event catering activities

56.290 Other food service activities

56.300 Beverage serving activities

58.110 Book publishing

58.120 Publishing of directories and mailing lists

58.130 Publishing of newspapers

58.140 Publishing of journals and periodicals

58.190 Other publishing activities

58.210 Publishing of computer games

58.290 Other software publishing

59.200 Sound recording and music publishing activities

60.100 Radio broadcasting

60.200 Television programming and broadcasting activities

62.010 Computer programming activities

62.020 Computer consultancy activities

62.030 Computer facilities management activities

62.090 Other information technology and computer service activities

63.110 Data processing, hosting and related activities

63.120 Web portals

63.990 Other information service activities not elsewhere classified

64.190 Other monetary intermediation

64.200 Activities of holding companies

64.300 Trusts, funds and similar financial entities

64.910 Financial leasing

64.920 Other credit granting

64.990 Other financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding not elsewhere classified

66.110 Administration of financial markets

66.120 Security and commodity contracts brokerage

66.190 Other activities auxiliary to financial services, except insurance and pension funding

66.300 Fund management activities

68.100 Buying and selling of own real estate

68.200 Renting and operating of own or leased real estate

68.320 Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis"

69.101 Legal representation

69.103 Other legal activities

69.200 Accounting, bookkeeping and auditing activities; tax consultancy

70.100 Activities of head offices

70.210 Public relation and communication activities

70.220 – Business and other management consultancy activities

71.111 Architectural planning

71.112 Landscape architecture, urban and other planning

71.121 Geo-engineering and related activities 71.129 Other engineering activities and related technical consultancy

71.200 Technical testing and analysis

72.110 Research and experimental development on biotechnology

72.190 Other research and experimental development on natural sciences and engineering

72.200 Research and experimental development on social sciences and humanities

73.110 Advertising agencies

73.120 Media representation

73.200 Market research and public opinion polling

74.100 Specialized design activities

74.200 Photographic activities

74.300 Translation and interpretation activities

74.900 Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified

77.110 Renting and leasing of cars and light motor vehicles

77.120 Renting and leasing of trucks

77.210 Renting and leasing of recreational and sports goods

77.220 Renting of video tapes and disks

77.290 Renting and leasing of other personal and household goods

77.310 Renting and leasing of agricultural machinery and equipment

77.320 Renting and leasing of construction and civil engineering machinery and equipment

77.330 Renting and leasing of office machinery and equipment (including computers)

77.340 Renting and leasing of water transport equipment

77.350 Renting and leasing of air transport equipment

77.390 Renting and leasing of other machinery, equipment and tangible goods not elsewhere classified

77.400 Leasing of intellectual property and similar products, except copyrighted works

78.100 Activities of employment placement agencies

78.200 Temporary employment agency activities

78.300 Other human resources provision

79.110 Travel agency activities

79.120 Tour operator activities

79.900 Other reservation service and related activities

80.100 Private security activities

80.200 Security systems service activities

80.300 Investigation activities

81.210 General cleaning of buildings

81.220 Other building and industrial cleaning activities

81.290 Other cleaning activities

81.300 Landscape service activities

82.110 Combined office administrative service activities

82.190 Photocopying, document preparation and other specialized office support activities

82.200 Activities of call centers

82.300 Organization of conventions and trade shows

82.910 Activities of collection agencies and credit bureaus

82.920 Packaging activities

82.990 Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified

85.320 Technical and vocational secondary education

85.510 Sports and recreation education

85.520 Cultural education

85.590 Other education not elsewhere classified

85.600 Educational support activities

90.010 Performing arts

90.020 Support activities to performing arts

93.110 Operation of sports facilities

93.120 Activities of sport clubs

93.190 Other sports activities

93.299 Other amusement and recreation activities not elsewhere classified

95.110 Repair of computers and peripheral equipment

95.120 Repair of communication equipment

95.210 Repair of consumer electronics

95.220 Repair of household appliances and home and garden equipment

95.230 Repair of footwear and leather goods

95.250 Repair of watches, clocks and jewellery

95.290 Repair of other personal and household goods

96.010 Washing and (dry-) cleaning of textile and fur products

#### VI. SHARE CAPITAL

#### Article 12 (twelve)

The share capital of the company amounts to EUR 157,128,514.53 (one hundred and fiftyseven million one hundred and twenty-eight thousand five hundred and fourteen euros 53/100) and it is divided into 3,765,361 (three million seven hundred and sixty-five three hundred and sixty-one) ordinary registered no-par value shares.

According to the regulations the shares are expressed in book-entry form and represent the shares of the same class within the meaning of the Companies Act (ZGD-1). All shares have been fully paid.

#### Article 13 (thirteen)

As at 1 January 1993 (the first of January one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three) the share capital of the company was divided in shares of the following marks:

1,377,575 (one million three hundred and seventy-seven thousand five hundred and seventy-five) ordinary shares marked A, serial numbers from 0,000,001 (one) to 1,377,575 (one million three hundred and seventy-seven thousand five hundred and seventy-five) of the total nominal value SIT 13,775,750,000 (thirteen billion seven hundred and seventy-five million seven hundred and fifty thousand tolars) representing 39.68 (thirty-nine point sixty-eight)% of the total share capital;

2,094,265 (two million ninety-four thousand two hundred and sixty-five) ordinary shares marked G, serial numbers from 1,377,576 (one million three hundred and seventy-seven thousand five hundred and seventy-six) to 3,471,840 (three million four hundred and seventy-one thousand eight hundred and forty) of the total nominal value SIT 20,942,650,000 (twenty billion nine hundred and forty-two million six hundred and fifty thousand) representing 60.32 (sixty point thirty-two) % of the total share capital.

The shareholder shall not be allowed to transfer the shares marked A until 5 December 1995 (the fifth of December one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five) to any foreign legal or natural person or domestic legal person predominantly owned by a foreign legal or natural person without the Agency consent.

After this date the share marks A and G will be eliminated.

#### Article 14 (fourteen)

Ordinary shares:

- grant proportional right to management and dividend,
- are registered,
- are transferable,
- are issued in book-entry form,
- in case of the company bankruptcy or liquidation grant the right to the payment of a proportional share from bankruptcy or liquidation assets.

#### Article 15 (fifteen)

The transfer of registered shares will be performed validly by the transfer entry in shareholder's register based on the document of payment resp. transfer or decree on succession, unless otherwise determined by a legal or executive order.

#### VII. COMPANY BODIES

a) SHAREHOLDERS ASSEMBLY

#### Article 16 (sixteen)

The Shareholders Assembly consists of the shareholders who assert their rights in the company affairs at the Assembly.

The Assembly may be attended and voted at only by those shareholders who register their attendance no later than at the end of the fourth day before the Shareholders Assembly, and who are entered as shareholders in the central register of dematerialized securities as at the end of the fourth day before the Assembly.

At the Assembly, the shareholders may also assert their rights arising from their shareholding via proxy. Power of attorney/authorization to the proxy shall be submitted to the company in writing and such documents shall remain in the custody of the company.

The shareholders may also appoint a proxy to represent them at the Assembly by electronic means. An authorization form for asserting the voting right via proxy is available at the company website. The authorization / power of attorney may be submitted to the company by electronic mail to the address specified in the relevant Convocation of the Shareholders Assembly, scanned into an image file and attached to the e-mail message. Such document shall include a handwritten signature of the natural person; in case of legal persons, such documents shall include the handwritten signature of the company representative as well as the stamp of the person, if applicable. The company shall have the right to check the identity of the shareholder or, the person conferring the power of attorney by e-mail, as well the authenticity of the signature.

The shareholders may also employ the method described in the previous paragraph to submit to the company any requests for additional items on the agenda and resolution proposals to the items on the agenda, including voting proposals. The company shall have the right to check the identity of the shareholder or, the proxy conferring the power of attorney by e-mail, as well the authenticity of the signature."

#### Article 17 (seventeen)

The Shareholders Assembly shall decide on the following issues:

- 1. In relation to the Management Board:
  - it can express a no confidence vote to the president and (or) member(s) of the Management Board;
  - decides on granting discharge to the Management Board or to an individual Member of the Management Board;
  - exceptionally it can decide on business management issues, if required by the Management Board,
- 2. In relation to the Supervisory Board:
  - it elects and discharges members of the Supervisory Board representing the interests of shareholders;
  - it decides on assigning a discharge paper to the Supervisory Board or to an individual member of the Management Board;
  - decides on the amount of attendance fees or other compensations and rewards for the services of Supervisory Board members;

- 3. In relation to the annual report and performance:
  - it decides on the adoption of the annual report if the Supervisory Board has not approved the annual report or in case that Management Board and the Supervisory Board have ceded the decision on annual report adoption to the Shareholders Assembly.
  - it decides on profit distribution according to the proposal of Management Board and the Supervisory Board;
- 4. In relation to the Articles of Association:
- it decides on amendments to the Articles of Association.
- 5. With regard to share capital and shares:
- it decides on measures for capital increase and decrease.
- 6. In relation to the status changes:
- it decides on company dissolution and status changes (merger, affiliation, splitting, change of company form).
- 7. In relation to operations auditing:
- it decides on auditor appointment.
- 8. On other matters according to the law and these Articles of Association.

For the adoption of decision the majority of shareholders' votes cast (simple majority) is necessary, with the exception of decisions referring to the change of Articles of Association, share capital, status changes, exclusion of priority right at new share emission, discharge and in other matters determined by the law or the Articles of Association when a three-quarter or a larger majority (qualified majority) is necessary for the adoption of a decision.

#### Article 18 (eighteen)

The Shareholders Assembly shall be convened in all cases provided by law or the Articles of Association, or when such convocation is deemed to benefit the company.

The Shareholders Assembly shall, as a rule, be convened by the Management Board; alternatively, it may be convened by the Supervisory Board.

The Shareholders Assembly shall be convened when this is requested from the Management Board by shareholders whose combined shares amount to one twentieth of the total share capital. In such case, the request for convocation shall be submitted complete with agenda, resolution proposal for each proposed item on the agenda on which the Shareholders Assembly should vote, or an explanation of the agenda item if no resolution is adopted with regard to a particular agenda item; all proposals should be submitted in writing. If the Shareholders Assembly is not convened no later than in two months from the receipt of the request, the shareholders who filed the request may request from the relevant court to authorize them to convene the Shareholders Assembly.

#### Article 19 (nineteen)

Convocation of the Shareholders Assembly, including the contents stipulated by the relevant regulations and legislation, shall be publicly announced at least 30 days before the day of the Shareholders Assembly in the Delo daily paper, on the company's website, and in other way when required by relevant regulations or legislation."

#### Article 20 (twenty)

As a rule the Shareholders Assembly holds a session in the company seat, but it can also be held at any other place determined by the convener.

The Shareholders Assembly is conducted by the president elected by shareholders among them upon the proposal of the convener.

#### Article 21 (twenty-one)

At the Assembly, a list of all shareholders present or represented, and their representatives, shall be compiled. The list shall include first and last name, residence, and the number of shares for each of the attendants.

The list shall be compiled based on the submitted attendance applications or powers of attorney, and based on the statement of record from the central register of dematerialized securities.

The list, signed by the Management Board President, shall be made available for viewing to the attendants before the vote; or, the attendants shall be allowed to view the list on an electronic medium.

#### Article 22 (twenty-two)

The Shareholders Assembly decisions are effective if shareholders with voting rights representing at least fifteen percent of the represented share capital are present (the first summons).

In the summons it shall be determined when the repeated meeting is to take place if quorum is not reached at the first summons. At the repeated session the Shareholders Assembly resolutions shall be effective regardless of the amount of the represented share capital (the second convocation/summons).

b) MANAGEMENT BOARD

#### Article 23 (twenty-three)

The company shall be managed by the Management Board for the benefit of the company, independently and on its own responsibility.

The Management Board is constituted of the president and members. Upon proposal of the president of the Management Board, their number, sphere of work and authorizations shall be determined by the Supervisory Board of the company with the Management Board Act.

The Management Board President and each member of the Management Board individually and unlimitedly represent the company.

#### Article 24 (twenty-four)

A member of the Management Board can be a person who, besides legal conditions, fulfils the conditions determined by the Supervisory Board of the company.

#### Article 25 (twenty-five)

As a rule, the Management Board shall adopt decisions and resolutions unanimously; should this not be possible, decisions and resolutions shall be adopted by ordinary majority of all the members; each member shall be entitled to one vote. In case of an equal number of votes, the vote of the Supervisory Board Chairperson shall decide.

#### Article 26 (twenty-six)

In capacity of an advisory body the Management Board summons a conference of directors of all group companies with intention to obtain their opinions on all important questions of business, development and current policy it is preparing and to determine the way of decisions realization.

#### Article 27 (twenty-seven)

The president and the members of the Management Board are appointed by the Supervisory Board, the latter on proposal by the president of the Management Board, for a 5-year term, with the possibility of unlimited re-appointment.

Re-appointment may not be performed sooner than one year prior to the expiry of the term of office.

The Supervisory Board may dismiss a particular member or the president of the Management Board in case a major violation of his obligations is established, or that he is not capable of business management, or else, he is dismissed if Shareholders Assembly expresses a no confidence vote, except in case when no confidence vote has been expressed without founded reasons, or if other economic and business reasons are involved (major changes in shareholders' structure, reorganization, new product introduction, larger activity change, etc.).

The President, or a member of the Management Board, shall not be entitled to any compensation in the first three cases form the above paragraph of this article, in case of dismissal for economic or business reasons; however, he or she shall be entitled to compensation as determined by the Manager Employment Contract.

#### Article 28 (twenty-eight)

The Management Board of the company:

1. In the field of management:

- it determines a three-year development strategy and the annual plan of the company;
- it manages the company.

2. In acting for and representing:

- it acts for and represents the company and is responsible for the legality of the work;

3. Competences and responsibilities in relation to the Shareholders Assembly:

- it realizes decisions adopted by the Shareholders Assembly and prepares measures on its request;
- it summons or convenes the Shareholders Assembly;
- in agenda announcement, together with the Supervisory Board, it submits proposals of decisions for each agenda item upon which the Shareholders Assembly should decide (except in members of the Supervisory Board votes and in appointment of an auditor );

- at the Shareholders Assembly it informs the shareholders on company matters which are the subject of the agenda;
- it enforces the nullity of a Shareholders Assembly resolution.

4. Competences and responsibilities in relation to the Supervisory Board:

- it reports to the Supervisory Board on planned business policy, profitability of the company, operating, turnover, financial situation, on business operations which can significantly influence the profitability and solvency and on all other questions concerning the operations of the company and its associated companies;
- it presents to the Supervisory Board the annual report drawn up within two months after the end of a business year;
- it can demand that the president summons the Supervisory Board session.

5. In relation to the performance

- it prepares the proposal on the allocation of distributable profit;
- it may pay out interim dividend which must not exceed 50 percent of the amount remaining from the foreseen profit after creation of reserves, and which shall not exceed 50 percent of the profit from the previous year; payment must be approved by the Supervisory Board.

6. In relation to the announcement of data and notifications of the company:

- it decides which data are important for shareholders and must, therefore, be published;
- it cares for announcement of all the necessary data in the company magazine and of those important for the public.
- 7. It presents to the court all the necessary data for entry in the court register.

8. With regard to share capital and shares:

- it can increase the share capital according to these Articles of Association.

9. In relation to group companies;

- it nominates representatives of the Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d. for the sessions of group companies Shareholders Assemblies;
- it gives instructions to representatives of the Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d. in bodies of group companies;
- in group companies where Poslovni sistem Mercator d.d. is the only shareholder or partner it performs the founder's function;
- it defines criteria for concluding contracts, salary levels and other earnings for members of the Boards of Management of group companies.

10. It performs other tasks in accordance with the law and these Articles of Association.

#### Article 29 (twenty-nine)

The amount of profit belonging to each member of the company's Management Board is determined by the Supervisory Board on the basis of the Shareholders Assembly's decision.

#### Article 30 (thirty)

A member of the Management Board must act in managing business with the concern of a conscientious and honest economist, must protect business secret of the company and Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d., respect the clause on loyalty and restraint of trade.

#### c) SUPERVISORY BOARD

#### Article 31 (thirty-one)

The company has a Supervisory Board consisting of nine (9) members, of which three (3) are worker representatives.

All six (6) Supervisory Board members representing shareholders shall be elected by the Shareholders Assembly; worker representatives shall be appointed by the Workers Council pursuant to the special legislation; the company shall be informed about the appointment of Supervisory Board members by the Workers Council.

#### Article 32 (thirty-two)

Supervisory Board members are appointed for a term of four years and they are eligible for re-election.

The Management Board must immediately announce each replacement of members of the Supervisory Board and enter the change in the register.

#### Article 33 (thirty-three)

Supervisory Board Chairperson and his or her deputy shall be appointed by the Supervisory Board members, among the members representing the interest of the shareholders. The deputy shall have the same powers and authorizations as the Chairperson during the latter's absence.

The president of the Supervisory Board performs primarily the following tasks:

- he conducts and summons sessions of the Supervisory Board,
- he signs minutes of the sessions of the Supervisory Board,
- he represents the company against members of the Management Board meaning he signs contracts with members of the Management Board.

#### Article 34 (thirty-four)

The Supervisory Board adopts its resolutions in sessions in the form of decisions, but it can also function directly while supervising and controlling documentation.

The Minutes must be kept on work of the Supervisory Board.

The Supervisory Board can nominate one or more commissions with intention to prepare proposals of decisions and to care for their realization. A Committee may not decide on issues within the responsibility of the Supervisory Board.

The Supervisory Board may authorize experts or consultants to analyze particular expert issues; these experts or consultants may also be invited to attend the Supervisory Board session.

#### Article 35 (thirty-five)

The Shareholders Assembly may prematurely dismiss the Supervisory Board members:

- on their own request,
- if they are no longer capable of performing their functions,
- if they perform their functions in a negligent or harmful way,
- for other reasons of relevance to the company business.

For a resolution on discharge at least three-quarter majority of cast votes shall be necessary.

#### Article 36 (thirty-six)

The Supervisory Board shall have in particular the following powers and authorizations:

1. In relation to the Management Board:

- it supervises the company business and adopts reports of the Management Board;
- it supervises and controls the books and documents of the company
- it gives consent to decisions of the Management Board when requested by the law and these Articles of Association;
- it gives consent to the three-year development strategy and to the annual plan of the company;
- it can at any time request from the Management Board a report on any question connected to the company business which has an important influence on company position;
- it appoints, discharges resp. dismisses the president and members of the Management Board ;
- it determines earnings of members of the Management Board of the company;
- it gives consent to members of the Management Board for performing gainful activity in the field of company operation and grants loans to members of the Management Board and procurators;
- give consent to the Management Board decisions regarding the subscription for shares in the share capital or in voting rights, or other acquisition and control, either by founding, increase or decrease of share capital, acquisition/purchase or otherwise, in a single transaction or more, in another legal entity/person, if such share represents 25 (twenty-five) percent or more of the share capital or voting rights in such legal person or if the acquisition price (or consideration) to be paid for such share exceeds EUR 5,000,000 (five million) or the equivalent thereof in any other currency as per the average rate of the Bank of Slovenia a at the day of the decision;
- give consent to the Management Board decisions to increase or decrease the company share in the share capital or voting rights of another person/entity, in a single transactions or several transactions, which increase or decrease the company shareholdings in the share capital or voting rights in such person by 10 (ten) percentage points or more;
- give consent to the Management Board decisions to sell, transfer, lease, or to have in any other way on disposal company real estate portfolio, acquisition or lease thereof, if the value of such property exceeds EUR 5,000,000 (five million) or the equivalent amount in any other currency as per the average rate of the Bank of Slovenia as at the day of the decision.

2. In relation to the Shareholders Assembly:

- it can summon a Shareholders Assembly;
- it submits to the Shareholders Assembly the report on the results of annual report audit and, together with the Management Board, the proposal for distributable profit utilization;
- it creates opinion to the report of the Management Board on relations with group companies and submits it to the Shareholders Assembly;
- it prepares together with the Management Board (and alone for elections of members of the Supervisory Board and auditor) a proposal for resolutions in the agenda announcement for each agenda point, upon which the Shareholders Assembly should decide.

3. In connection to the annual report:

- it approves the annual report and prepares the report on the audit of the annual report.

4. In connection to the relations between the Supervisory Board and the company:

- it approves contracts between a member of the Supervisory Board and the company.

5. In connection with the Articles of Association of the company:

- it updates the wording of the Articles of Association to include the valid resolutions of the Shareholders Assembly.

The Supervisory Board further decides on all other matters according to the law, these Articles of Association and general acts of the company.

#### Article 37 (thirty-seven)

As a rule, a session of the Supervisory Board is convened by the president of the Supervisory Board at his judgement, but he must convene it immediately on the initiative of a member of the Supervisory Board or the Management Board. A session must take place within two weeks after the convocation.

If the president does not accept the initiative, a member or the Management Board themselves can convene the Supervisory Board and propose the agenda.

As a rule, the Supervisory Board shall be convened at least once per quarter and no less than once per every half of each year.

Supervisory Board sessions shall be attended by Supervisory Board and Management Board members, and invited experts or individuals presenting relevant reports; the Supervisory Board may also invite other persons to be present during discussion of particular agenda items, if their presence is required for such discussion.

#### Article 38 (thirty-eight)

The presence of at least one half of Supervisory Board members is required in any decisionmaking in order to constitute quorum.

Supervisory Board resolutions may be adopted in writing, by telephone, telegraph, or by using similar technology, only if all Supervisory Board members agree to such method.

In order to adopt a decision and for the Supervisory Board decision to be valid, majority of the votes cast is required. In case of an equal number of votes, the vote of the Supervisory Board Chairperson shall decide.

A member of the Supervisory Board does not participate in deciding on matters which concern him, but this is not valid for the elections of the president of the Supervisory Board and his deputy.

#### Article 39 (thirty-nine)

Supervisory Board members may be compensated or rewarded for their services; such compensation and rewards shall be voted on by the Shareholders Assembly. The amount of payment must be in an appropriate ratio relative to the tasks of the Supervisory Board members and the company's financial status. Members of any Supervisory Board committees shall be compensated with one half of the monthly amount received by the Supervisory Board members, as well as attendance fee and the right to claim remuneration of costs in the same amount that applies for the work of the Supervisory Board."

#### Article 40 (forty)

Members of the Management Board must act in managing business with concern of conscientious and honest economist and must protect business secret of the company.

The provisions of these Articles of Association on protection of business secret and on restraint of trade for the Management Board are analogously used also for members of the Supervisory Board.

#### VIII. RESTRAINT OF TRADE / NON-COMPETE CLAUSE

#### Article 41 (forty-one)

Members of the Management Board and members of the Supervisory Board as well as procurators are not allowed to participate as partners of the unlimited liability company, as general partners in limited partnership, partners and managers of the limited liability company, as members of the Management Board and the Supervisory Board and the procurators, and also not as workers in any other company or as an entrepreneur with the activity which is or could be in competitive relation to the activity of Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d.

Only the Supervisory Board of Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d., shall define the terms and conditions on which the persons from paragraph one hereof shall be allowed to take part in a competing company.

#### Article 42 (forty-two)

Without the consent of the Supervisory Board, members of the Management Board shall not be allowed to carry out any gainful activity in the field of the company activity, and shall also not be allowed to conclude deals for their own or third-party account which would have negative effect on the interests of the company or Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d.

#### IX. MEASURES FOR INCREASE OF SHARE CAPITAL

a) Increase of share capital by stakes

#### Article 43 (forty-three)

The increase of share capital by contributions can only be carried out by issue of new shares. The increase of share capital is decided by the Shareholders Assembly with three-quarters of votes at decision making of represented share capital.

Share capital cannot be increased as long as the previous contributions are fully paid up, unless only an insignificant part has remained unpaid. The share capital may also be increased by in-kind contributions.

If a share subscriber is in default with the payment of cash contribution, such subscriber shall be obliged to pay default interest at a rate that is 10 percentage points higher than the statutory default interest rate.

#### Article 44 (forty-four)

The former shareholders have, in proportion to their shares in share capital, a pre-emptive right to subscribe the new shares. At least 14 (fourteen) days shall be allowed for asserting such right.

The Management Board must announce the issue amount of new shares and the term from the above paragraph.

A preferential right can be fully or partially excluded only by decision on increase of share capital. In this case, besides legal requirements, the three-quarter majority is necessary for decision at decision making of represented share capital.

#### Article 45 (forty-five)

The Management Board and the president of the Supervisory Board must file the decision on increase of share capital for entry in the register.

The increase of share capital enters into force as of the date of entry in the register.

New shares must not be issued prior to the entry of decision on increase of share capital in the register.

b) Conditional increase of share capital

#### Article 46 (forty-six)

The Shareholders Assembly can adopt the decision on conditional increase of share capital only for:

- 1. exercising the right of holders of convertible bonds for shares or realization of the preferential right to the purchase of new shares,
- 2. preparation of merger of several companies, or in order to ensure compensation for dismissal to shareholders in connection with company's status change, when the compensation for dismissal can according to the law stipulations be ensured in shares;
- 3. exercising the company workers' rights to the receipt of new shares from profit and to ensure the optional entitlement of purchasing the shares provided by the company to the members of Management Board, Supervisory Board and to the employees of the company and of the associated companies.

The nominal amount of conditionally increased share capital may not exceed one half of capital existing at the moment of adoption of such decision.

Provisions of these Articles of Association on pre-emptive right to the purchase of new shares also shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to convertible bonds. A pre-emptive right is exercised by a written statement, issued in duplicate, pursuant to the law.

#### Article 47 (forty-seven)

For validity of the decision on conditional increase of share capital the majority of at least three quarters of the represented share capital is necessary at decision making.

In the Shareholders Assembly decision on conditional increase of capital it must be precisely determined for which intention the share capital is being conditionally increased, who are the beneficiaries of conditional increase of share capital and the issue amount or the scales for calculation of this amount.

Shares can be issued only after the entry of decision on conditional increase of share capital in the court register.

Share capital shall be increased by the issue of new shares.

c) Approved capital

Article 48 (forty-eight)

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d) Increase of share capital from the company assets

#### Article 49 (forty-nine)

The Shareholders Assembly can decide for the share capital to be increased by transformation of other items of its own capital into the share capital.

The resolution from the Paragraph 1 (one) hereof shall be adopted in the same way as the resolution on increase of share capital with contributions.

The decision on increase can be passed after approval of the annual report for the last business year.

#### Article 50 (fifty)

Unless specified otherwise in the resolution on increase, new shares shall participate in the profit the entire business year in which the resolution on the increase of share capital is adopted.

#### Article 51 (fifty-one)

The items equity which are transformed into share capital shall be stated reported in the most recent balance sheet or in the interim balance sheet.

The transformation of other equity items into the share capital shall not be permitted if the balance sheet representing the basis for transformation reports a net retained loss or net loss for a particular year.

#### Article 52 (fifty-two)

It shall be deemed as of the date of registration of the resolution on the increase of capital from the company assets that the new shares are fully paid up and can actually be issued.

After the entry of the decision on increase of share capital in the register, the Management Board is obliged to announce immediately the invitation to shareholders to take over their new shares.

The invitation shall include all data and the caveat as required by the law.

#### X. MEASURES FOR DECREASE OF SHARE CAPITAL

#### Article 53 (fifty-three)

The share capital can be decreased:

by combining the shares, if the minimum issue amount of the shares after the decrease in share capital fails to reach the lowest corresponding value (market value) allowed. by withdrawing the shares.

For validity of the decision on decrease of share capital the majority of at least three quarters of the represented share capital is necessary at decision making.

The resolution shall specify the reasons for the decrease of share capital and the method of share capital decrease.

With the entry of the resolution on share capital decrease into the register, the share capital shall be deemed decreased. The decision shall be announced.

#### XI. UTILIZATION OF DISTRIBUTABLE PROFIT

Article 54 (fifty-four)

A business year of the company is a calendar year.

In drawing up the annual report the Management Board should propose the utilization or allocation of distributable profit.

The distributable profit can be used for:

- payment to shareholders,
- formation of other reserves from the profit,
- payment to the members of Management Board.

The Shareholders Assembly can bring a resolution on balance profit utilization, determining that distributable profit will not be distributed to shareholders, but transferred into the next period as the transferred profit, so that the entire or part of the balance profit remains undistributed.

Shareholders' shares in profit are determined in proportion to corresponding amounts of shares.

#### XII. RELATIONS WITHIN THE CORPORATE GROUP

Article 55 (fifty-five)

Relations in the group mean the actual dependence of group companies on the controlling company. The latter under unified management controls the affiliated companies.

A group company is autonomous in organizing its business and other functions and is independent in entering marketing business relations following its business interests within the obligatory instructions for the unified management.

#### Article 56 (fifty-six)

Decisions of the Shareholders Assembly, the Supervisory Board and the Group Management Board, are considered as obligatory instructions for unified management, unless it is explicitly determined in an individual decision that they are not binding.

#### Article 57 (fifty-seven)

Group companies are organized and managed on the basis of obligatory instructions determined by the group bodies according to the law.

#### Article 58 (fifty-eight)

Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d. as the controlling company of the group must not exercise its influence to induce a group company to carry out a legal business harmful to itself, or to do or to waive something to its disadvantage, unless the controlling company should compensate the damage.

If the company carries out a legal business harmful to itself, or does or waives something to its disadvantage, the Management Board of the group company must evaluate the detrimental effect of its action and the height of the loss at the latest in 30 days from the conclusion of business resp. services or waiver of a legal act according to instruction of the group, and present a report in writing to the Management Board of the group company evaluates the detrimental effect of its action, but cannot estimate the loss, it is obliged to do it at the latest within one year from the conclusion of business resp. services or business resp. service or waiver of a legal act, otherwise it cannot claim the loss compensation.

The Management Board and the Supervisory Board must state the findings in 3 months, and at the latest in the annual report, and if a loss occurred, how it will be compensated.

Loss compensation must be settled already during the year and at the latest until the end of the business year in which the group company presented in writing to the group the height of the loss, whereas the group must secure the priority for this compensation and its source.

If the group does not compensate the loss until the end of the business year, a group company holds a compensation claim against the group. Besides the group company also the shareholders and the company creditors hold a compensation claim, regardless of the loss they have suffered through the company detriment.

#### Article 59 (fifty-nine)

Beside the annual report, the Group Management Board must prepare the report on relations in the group in the sense of this paragraph for the previous business year.

#### Article 60 (sixty)

All the goods, rights and benefits deriving from their membership in the group are accessible to group companies on equal conditions.

#### Article 61 (sixty-one)

Group companies, in accordance with the corporate graphic image, design their name by putting the word MERCATOR in the first place followed by the company name. All parts of the company name must be equal as regards the design and size of letters, and there is a - (dash) between the parts.

The Management Board can exceptionally determine that an individual group company does not design its company name as defined in the above paragraph hereof.

#### XIII. COMPANY DISSOLUTION

#### Article 62 (sixty-two)

A company is dissolved for reasons and according to procedure determined by the law.

#### XIV. BUSINESS SECRET

#### Article 63 (sixty-three)

On proposal of the Management Board the Supervisory Board of the company, with written decision, determines:

- which company data are considered as business secret,
- the circle of persons who must protect the company business secret,
- by whom and how the confidential data are preserved,
- deciding on time and the way how the confidential data are communicated to other persons,
- the responsibility of persons who are obliged to protect the confidential data.

#### XV. RULES AND OTHER COMPANY ACTS

#### Article 64 (sixty-four)

In addition to the Articles of Association, the company acts include the following: collective labour agreement, rules and regulations, rules of procedure, organization guidelines. working instructions other general acts.

These acts may be company acts or Group acts in the sense of Article 56 (fifty-six) of the Articles of Association.

#### XVI. INFORMING AND NOTIFICATION OF SHAREHOLDERS

Article 65 (sixty-five)

The company informs shareholders on all matters important for realization of their rights and liabilities in the daily newspaper Delo and in electronic form.

#### XVII. TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

#### Article 66 (sixty-six)

As of the date of implementation of these Articles of Association the Agreement on foundation of Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d., Ljubljana as of 27 December 1989 (the twenty-

seventh of December one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine) with amendments dated 23 May 1990 (the twenty-third of May one thousand nine hundred and ninety), 4 October 1991 (the fourth of October one thousand nine hundred and ninety-one), 28 February 1992 (the twenty-eighth of February one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two) and 25 February 1993 (the twenty-fifth of February one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three), and Articles of Association of Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d., Ljubljana dated 6 February 1990 (the sixth of February one thousand nine hundred and ninety), 4 October 1990 (the sixth of February one thousand nine hundred and ninety), 4 October 1990 (the sixth of February one thousand nine hundred and ninety), 4 October 1991 (the fourth of October one thousand nine hundred and ninety), 28 February 1992 (the twenty-third of May one thousand nine hundred and ninety), 4 October 1991 (the fourth of October one thousand nine hundred and ninety), 28 February 1992 (the twenty-eighth of February one thousand nine hundred and ninety), and 25 February 1993 (the twenty-third of May one thousand nine hundred and ninety), and 25 February 1993 (the twenty-eighth of February one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two) and 25 February 1993 (the twenty-fifth of February one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two) and 25 February 1993 (the twenty-fifth of February one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two) and 25 February 1993 (the twenty-fifth of February one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two) and 25 February 1993 (the twenty-fifth of February one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two) and 25 February 1993 (the twenty-fifth of February one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two) and 25 February 1993 (the twenty-fifth of February one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two) and 25 February 1993 (the twenty-fifth of February one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two) and 25 February 1993 (the twenty-fifth of February one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two) and 25 February 1993 (the twenty-fifth of February one thousan

#### Article 67 (sixty-seven)

As of the date of entry in the court register the company takes over all assets, rights and liabilities of the hitherto company named Poslovni sistem Mercator, d.d., Ljubljana with seat in Ljubljana, Dunajska 107 (one hundred and seven, registered in the court register under the registration entry No. 1/2785/00 (one slash two thousand seven hundred and eighty-five slash zero zero) as of 29 December 1989(the twenty-ninth of December one thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine).