



Appendix 7 to the Clearing Conditions of Eurex Clearing AG:

# Pledge Agreement

relating to pledges of Eligible Margin Assets in the form of Securities and pledges of eligible Securities as Contributions to the Default Fund

As of 12.02.2024





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THE CLEARING CONDITIONS WILL BE AMENDED.

AMENDMENTS ARE MARKED AS FOLLOWS:

INSERTIONS ARE UNDERLINED,

DELETIONS ARE CROSSED OUT.

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**NOW THEREFORE**, the Parties agree as follows:

[...]

### 2 Granting of Pledges

### 2.1 Securities Accounts

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### 2.1.3 Swiss Securities Accounts

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Securities Account number(s):

(each account specified (if any) a "**Swiss Clearing Agent <u>Default Fund</u> Pledged Securities Account**" for the purposes of making Contributions in the form of securities to the Default Fund in accordance with the General Clearing Provisions and the ISA Direct Provisions in the capacity as a Clearing Agent)

### 2.1.4 Belgian Securities Accounts

The following securities account(s) with Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("**Euroclear**") under Belgian law (in each case, in the form of a *Single Pledgor Pledged Account* opened in the name of Euroclear and held by Euroclear as a pledgeholder (*tiers détenteur du gage* or *tiers convenu / derde pandhouder*) for the account of Eurex Clearing AG):

Securities Account number(s):

(each account specified (if any) a "**Belgian Pledged Securities Account**" for the purposes of granting Proprietary Margin)

Securities Account number(s):





(each account specified (if any) a "**Belgian Omnibus Pledged Securities Account**" for the purposes of granting Omnibus Margin (other than any Omnibus Margin for CASS <u>Transactions)</u>)

Securities Account number(s):

(each account specified (if any) a "Belgian CASS Omnibus Pledged Securities Account" for the purposes of granting Omnibus Margin for CASS Transactions)

Securities Account number(s):

(each account specified (if any) a "**Belgian ISA Pledged Securities Account**" for the purposes of granting Margin for ISA Transactions (other than any Margin for ISA CASS Transactions))

Securities Account number(s):

(each account specified (if any) a "Belgian ISA CASS Pledged Securities Account" for the purposes of granting Margin for ISA CASS Transactions)

Securities Account number(s):

(each account specified (if any) a "Belgian Default Fund Pledged Securities Account" for the purposes of making Contributions in the form of securities to the Default Fund in accordance with the General Clearing Provisions in the capacity as a Clearing Member)

Securities Account number(s):

(each account specified (if any) a "Belgian Clearing Agent Default Fund Pledged Securities Account" for the purposes of making Contributions in the form of securities to the Default Fund in accordance with the ISA Direct Provisions in the capacity as a Clearing Agent)

#### 2.2 Pledges of Securities in German Securities Accounts

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# 2.2.6 Elementary Clearing Model Provisions – CASS Transactions (Use of CmaX for German accounts) – CASS Transactions

If one or more German CmaX CASS Omnibus Pledged Securities Account(s) have been established pursuant to Clause 2.1.1, in order to provide Omnibus Margin for CASS Transactions, in accordance with Chapter I Part 1 Number 3 and Part 2 Subpart D (in connection with Subpart C) of the Clearing Conditions, the Clearing Member hereby pledges to Eurex Clearing AG all securities which are at present or are in the future deposited in any such German CmaX CASS Omnibus Pledged Securities Account(s).

[...]

### 2.2.11 Common provisions for each of the pledges granted pursuant to Clauses 2.2.1 to 2.2.10, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.2.5, 2.2.7 and 2.2.9

The Clearing Member and Eurex Clearing AG agree that each pledge granted by the Clearing Member to Eurex Clearing AG in accordance with Clause 2.2.1 to,-2.2.2,10 2.2.4, 2.2.5, 2.2.7 and 2.2.9 shall include a right of Eurex Clearing AG to appropriate (and to make use of) one or more of the securities which, at the time of the exercise of such appropriation right, are credited to the relevant German Pledged Securities Account, German CmaX Pledged Securities Account, German CmaX Omnibus Pledged Securities Account, German CMAX Omnibus Pledged Securities Account, German CMAX Omnibus Pledged Securities Account, German ISA Pledged Securities Account, German ISA Pledged Securities Account, German ISA Pledged Securities Account, German CmaX ISA Pledged Securities Account, German CmaX ISA Pledged Securities Account, German CmaX ISA Pledged Securities Account (the "Relevant Pledged Securities"). Such right of Eurex Clearing AG to appropriate (and to make use of) the Relevant Pledged Securities shall be conditional

- with respect to German Pledged Securities Accounts, German CmaX Pledged Securities Accounts or CBF GC Pooling Re-use Pledged Securities Accounts, upon the occurrence of a Termination Event or an Insolvency Termination Event and a Clearing Member Termination Date with respect to the Proprietary Standard Agreement of the Clearing Member;
- (ii) with respect to German Omnibus Pledged Securities Accounts, German CASS Omnibus Pledged Securities Account, or German CmaX Omnibus Pledged Securities Accounts or German CmaX CASS Omnibus Pledged Securities Accounts, upon the occurrence of a Termination Event or an Insolvency Termination Event and a Termination with respect to the relevant Omnibus Standard Agreement of the Clearing Member; and
- (iii) with respect to German ISA Pledged Securities Accounts, <u>German ISA CASS</u> <u>Pledged Securities Accounts</u>, <del>or</del>-German CmaX ISA Pledged Securities Accounts <u>or German CmaX ISA CASS Pledged Securities Accounts</u>, upon the occurrence of a Termination Event or an Insolvency Termination Event and a Termination with respect to the relevant ISA Standard Agreement of the Clearing Member.

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### 2.4 Pledges of Securities in Swiss Accounts

2.4.1 Elementary Clearing Model Provisions – Own Transactions and Omnibus Transactions

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### 2.4.2 Elementary Clearing Model Provisions – Omnibus Transactions

If one or more Swiss Omnibus Pledged Securities Accounts have been established pursuant to Clause 2.1.3, in order to provide Omnibus Margin if the Asset Based Allocation is the Applicable Allocation Method, in accordance with Chapter I Part 1 Number 3 and Part 2 Subpart A Number 4 of the Clearing Conditions, the Clearing Member hereby pledges to Eurex Clearing AG all securities which are at present or are in the future deposited in any such Swiss Omnibus Pledged Securities Account(s).

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### 2.4.7 Contributions to the Default Fund/Swiss Clearing Agent <u>Default Fund</u> Pledged Securities Account(s)

If one or more Swiss Clearing Agent <u>Default Fund</u> Pledged Securities Account(s) have been established pursuant to Clause 2.1.3, the Clearing Member, acting as Clearing Agent, pledges to Eurex Clearing AG Swiss intermediated securities which are at present or are in the future deposited in the Swiss Clearing Agent <u>Default Fund</u> Pledged Securities Account(s).

The Clearing Member in its capacity as Clearing Agent further undertakes to enter into a control agreement between the Clearing Member, SIX SIS AG and Eurex Clearing AG in respect of all securities which are at present or are in the future deposited in the Swiss Clearing Agent <u>Default Fund</u> Pledged Securities Account(s).

# 2.4.8 Common provisions for each of the pledges granted pursuant to Clauses 2.4.1 to 2.4.7

Upon the relevant pledge granted pursuant to Clauses 2.4.1 to 2.4.7 becoming enforceable, Eurex Clearing AG may sell the pledged securities (that are the subject of the relevant pledge) without prior notice in a private sale or may appropriate such securities in whole or in part. The appropriation right expires upon it being exercised by Eurex Clearing AG or upon the sale of the pledged securities.

If the Clearing Member, SIX SIS AG and Eurex Clearing AG have already entered into a control agreement in respect of the relevant Swiss Pledged Securities Account(s), the Swiss Omnibus Pledged Securities Account(s), the Swiss CASS Omnibus Pledged Securities Account(s), the Swiss ISA Pledged Securities Account(s), the Swiss ISA CASS Pledged Securities Account(s), the Swiss Default Fund Pledged Securities Account or the Swiss Clearing Agent <u>Default Fund</u> Pledged Securities Account(s), the Clearing Member and Eurex Clearing AG agree that such control agreement shall also serve as the control agreement for the perfection of the pledge granted under this Agreement in respect of all securities which are at present or are in the future deposited in such Swiss Pledged



Securities Account(s), Swiss Omnibus Pledged Securities Account(s), Swiss CASS Omnibus Pledged Securities Account(s), Swiss ISA Pledged Securities Account(s), Swiss ISA CASS Pledged Securities Account(s), Swiss Default Fund Pledged Securities Account or Swiss Clearing Agent <u>Default Fund</u> Pledged Securities Account(s).

### 2.5 Pledges of Securities in Belgian Securities Accounts

### 2.5.1 Elementary Clearing Model Provisions – Own Transactions

If one or more Belgian Pledged Securities Accounts have been established pursuant toClause 2.1.4, in order to provide Proprietary Margin in accordance with Chapter I Part 1Number 3 and Part 2 Subpart A Number 4 of the Clearing Conditions, the ClearingMember hereby pledges to Eurex Clearing AG pursuant to, and in accordance with,Schedule 4 of this Agreement all securities which are at present or are in the futuredeposited in any such Belgian Pledged Securities Account(s).

## 2.5.2 Elementary Clearing Model Provisions – Omnibus Transactions

If one or more Belgian Omnibus Pledged Securities Accounts have been established pursuant to Clause 2.1.4, in order to provide Omnibus Margin in accordance with Chapter I Part 1 Number 3 and Part 2 Subpart A Number 4 of the Clearing Conditions, the Clearing Member hereby pledges to Eurex Clearing AG pursuant to, and in accordance with, Schedule 4 of this Agreement all securities which are at present or are in the future deposited in the Belgian Omnibus Pledged Securities Account(s).

### 2.5.3 Elementary Clearing Model Provisions – CASS Transactions

If one or more Belgian CASS Omnibus Pledged Securities Accounts have been established pursuant to Clause 2.1.4, in order to provide Omnibus Margin for CASS Transactions in accordance with Chapter I Part 1 Number 3 and Part 2 Subpart D (in connection with Subpart C) of the Clearing Conditions, the Clearing Member hereby pledges to Eurex Clearing AG pursuant to, and in accordance with, Schedule 4 of this Agreement all securities which are at present or are in the future deposited in the Belgian CASS Omnibus Pledged Securities Account(s).

### 2.5.4 ISA Provisions – ISA Transactions

If one or more Belgian ISA Pledged Securities Accounts have been established pursuant to Clause 2.1.4, in order to provide Margin for ISA Transactions in accordance with Chapter I Part 1 Number 3 and Part 4 Number 6 of the Clearing Conditions, the Clearing Member hereby pledges to Eurex Clearing AG pursuant to, and in accordance with, Schedule 4 of this Agreement all securities which are at present or are in the future deposited in any such Belgian ISA Pledged Securities Account(s).

### 2.5.5 ISA Provisions – ISA CASS Transactions

If one or more Belgian ISA CASS Pledged Securities Accounts have been established pursuant to Clause 2.1.4, in order to provide Margin for ISA CASS Transactions in accordance with Chapter I Part 1 Number 3 and Part 4 Number 6 and Number 14 of the



<u>Clearing Conditions, the Clearing Member hereby pledges to Eurex Clearing AG pursuant</u> to, and in accordance with, Schedule 4 of this Agreement all securities which are at present or are in the future deposited in the Belgian ISA CASS Pledged Securities <u>Account(s).</u>

# 2.5.6 Contributions to the Default Fund/Belgian Default Fund Pledged Securities Account

If one or more Belgian Default Fund Pledged Securities Accounts have been established pursuant to Clause 2.1.4, in order to make Contributions to the Default Fund in accordance with the General Clearing Provisions, the Clearing Member hereby pledges to Eurex Clearing AG pursuant to, and in accordance with, Schedule 4 of this Agreement all securities which are at present or are in the future deposited in the Belgian Default Fund Pledged Securities Account(s).

### 2.5.7 Contributions to the Default Fund/ Belgian Clearing Agent Default Fund Pledged Securities Account

If one or more Belgian Clearing Agent Default Fund Pledged Securities Accounts have been established pursuant to Clause 2.1.4, in order to make Contributions to the Default Fund in accordance with the General Clearing Provisions, the Clearing Member, in the capacity as Clearing Agent, hereby pledges to Eurex Clearing AG pursuant to, and in accordance with, Schedule 4 of this Agreement all securities which are at present or are in the future deposited in the Belgian Clearing Agent Default Fund Pledged Securities Account(s).

## 2.5.8 Common provisions for each of the pledges granted pursuant to Clauses 2.5.1 to 2.5.7

<u>The Clearing Member (including, where applicable, in the capacity as Clearing Agent)</u> <u>confirms that Euroclear has agreed</u>

- (i) to the granting of all pledges pursuant to Clauses 2.5.1 to 2.5.7; and
- (ii)to act as pledgeholder (tiers détenteur du gage or tiers convenu / derdepandhouder) with respect to all securities accounts referred to in Clause 2.1.4and to hold the pledged assets from time to time standing to the credit of any ofsuch securities accounts for the account of Eurex Clearing AG as pledgee.
- 2.65 Security Purpose (Sicherungszweck) of the Pledges
- 2.5<u>6</u>.1 [...]
- 2.5<u>6</u>.2 [...]
- 2.<u>56</u>.3 [...]
- 2.5<u>6</u>.4 [...]
- 2.5<u>6</u>.5 [...]



- 2.5<u>6</u>.6 [...]
- 2.5<u>6</u>.7 [...]
- 2.5<u>6</u>.8 [...]
- 2.6.9 The pledges of Securities pursuant to Clause 2.5 shall secure the relevant claims of Eurex Clearing AG identified in Schedule 4.

### 2.76 References

The Parties further agree that:

- 2.67.1 references in the Clearing Conditions to Margin, Proprietary Margin and Omnibus Margin (other than in connection with CASS Transactions), respectively, that relate to Eligible Margin Assets in the form of Securities for purposes of the Elementary Clearing Model Provisions shall include references to Securities that are subject to those pledges granted pursuant to or in accordance with Clauses 2.2 to 2.54 above that refer to Margin, Proprietary Margin and Omnibus Margin (other than Omnibus Margin for CASS Transactions), respectively, to be granted in accordance with Chapter I Part 1 Number 3 and Part 2 Subpart A Number 4 of the Clearing Conditions;
- 2.76.2 references in the Clearing Conditions to Omnibus Margin in connection with CASS Transactions that relate to Eligible Margin Assets in the form of Securities shall include references to Securities that are subject to those pledges granted pursuant to or in accordance with Clauses 2.2 to 2.45 above that refer to Omnibus Margin for CASS Transactions to be granted in accordance with Chapter I Part 1 Number 3 and Part 2 Subpart D (in connection with Subpart C) of the Clearing Conditions;
- 2.76.3 references in the Clearing Conditions to Margin (other than in connection with ISA CASS Transactions) that relate to Eligible Margin Assets in the form of Securities for purposes of the ISA Provisions shall include references to Securities that are subject to those pledges granted pursuant to or in accordance with Clauses 2.2 to 2.54 above that refer to Margin to be granted in accordance with Chapter I Part 1 Number 3 and Part 4 Number 6 of the Clearing Conditions; and
- 2.76.4 references in the Clearing Conditions to Margin in connection with ISA CASS Transactions that relate to Eligible Margin Assets in the form of Securities for purposes of the ISA Provisions shall include references to Securities that are subject to those pledges granted pursuant to or in accordance with Clauses 2.2 to 2.45 above that refer to Margin for ISA CASS Transactions to be granted in accordance with Chapter I Part 1 Number 3 and Part 4 Numbers 6 and 14 of the Clearing Conditions.

### 2.87 Registration

To the extent required by applicable law for the valid creation and/or enforceability of a security interest and without prejudice to any undertakings set out in this Agreement relating to the perfection of pledges, the Clearing Member will arrange for the due filing and registration of any security interest granted pursuant to or in accordance with Clauses 2.2 to 2.54 (where relevant, in connection with Schedule 1 [and/or Schedule 2]



<u>or Schedule 4</u> hereto and, in the case of any Swiss pledge, the related control agreement) with any relevant competent authority or any relevant competent register, and will evidence the due filing and registration of such security interest to Eurex Clearing AG.

### 3 Limitation on Realisation of the Pledged Securities

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## 3.3 Pledged Securities deposited in Swiss Securities Accounts

If one or more Swiss Omnibus Pledged Securities Accounts, Swiss CASS Omnibus Pledged Security Accounts, Swiss ISA Pledged Securities Accounts, Swiss ISA CASS Pledged Security Accounts or Swiss Clearing Agent Default Fund Pledged Securities Accounts have been established pursuant to Clause 2.1.3 and, in the systems of Eurex Clearing AG, any pledged securities deposited in any such account are allocated to a particular Omnibus Standard Agreement or ISA Standard Agreement or are identified as Contributions to the Default Fund with respect to a particular ISA Direct Clearing Member, as applicable, Eurex Clearing AG shall, upon any of the pledges pursuant to Clauses 2.4.1 to 2.4.5 or Clause 2.4.7 becoming enforceable, only enforce the pledge with respect to such pledged securities, and only apply any proceeds from the enforcement of the pledge over such pledged securities, to satisfy those Secured Omnibus Claims (other than Secured CASS Omnibus Claims) that relate to such particular Omnibus Standard Agreement, those Secured CASS Omnibus Claims that relate to such particular Omnibus Standard Agreement for CASS Transactions, those Secured ISA Claims (other than Secured ISA CASS Claims) that relate to such particular ISA Standard Agreement, those Secured ISA CASS Claims that relate to such particular ISA Standard Agreement for ISA CASS Transactions or those Default Fund Secured Claims that relate to such ISA Direct Clearing Member, respectively.

### 3.4 Pledged Securities deposited in Belgian Securities Accounts

If one or more Belgian Omnibus Pledged Securities Accounts, Belgian CASS Omnibus Pledged Security Accounts, Belgian ISA Pledged Securities Accounts or Belgian ISA CASS Pledged Security Accounts have been established pursuant to Clause 2.1.4 and, in the systems of Eurex Clearing AG, any pledged securities deposited in any such account are allocated to a particular Omnibus Standard Agreement or ISA Standard Agreement, as applicable, Eurex Clearing AG shall, upon any of the pledges pursuant to Clauses 2.5.1 to 2.5.5 becoming enforceable, only enforce the pledge with respect to such pledged securities, and only apply any proceeds from the enforcement of the pledge over such pledged securities, to satisfy those Secured Omnibus Claims (other than Secured CASS Omnibus Claims) that relate to such particular Omnibus Standard Agreement, those Secured CASS Omnibus Claims that relate to such particular Omnibus Standard Agreement for CASS Transactions, those Secured ISA Claims (other than Secured ISA CASS Claims) that relate to such particular ISA Standard Agreement or those Secured ISA CASS Claims that relate to such particular ISA Standard Agreement or those Secured ISA CASS Claims that relate to such particular ISA Standard Agreement or

If one or more Belgian Clearing Agent Default Fund Pledged Securities Accounts have been established pursuant to Clause 2.1.4 and, in the systems of Eurex Clearing AG, any



pledged securities deposited in any such account are identified as Contributions to the Default Fund in the capacity of a Clearing Agent with respect to a particular ISA Direct Clearing Member, Eurex Clearing AG shall, upon any of the pledges pursuant to Clause 2.5.7 becoming enforceable, only enforce the pledge with respect to such pledged securities, and only apply any proceeds from the enforcement of the pledge over such pledged securities, in accordance with Chapter I Part 1 Number 6.2 of the Clearing Conditions.

## 4 Representations

### [4.1 Representations of the Clearing Member]<sup>1</sup>

[...]

 (i) at the time when the relevant securities are credited to the relevant securities account or sub-account to which any of the pledges set out or referred to in Clauses 2.2 to 2.4<u>5</u> relate,

[...]

# 5 Amendments; Execution of this Agreement

- [...]
- 5.2 If the Parties execute this Agreement and have already signed any previous version of this Agreement (each an "**Original Agreement**")*[Pls. ensure formatting in bold font.]*, the Parties agree that, by signing this Agreement, new pledges shall be granted over all securities which are at present or are in the future deposited in the relevant securities accounts specified in Clauses 2.1.1 to 2.1.43 irrespective of whether pledges over such securities have already been granted in any Original Agreement or any other agreement.
- 5.3 The validity of the pledges granted pursuant to or in accordance with Clauses 2.2 to 2.54 shall be independent from the validity and enforceability of any pledges already granted over all securities which are at present or are in the future deposited in any securities accounts specified in Clauses 2.1.1 to 2.1.43 pursuant to, or in accordance with, an Original Agreement or any other agreement.
- 5.4 The signing of this Agreement shall not constitute a release of the pledges already granted over all securities which are at present or are in the future deposited in any securities accounts specified in Clauses 2.1.1 to 2.1.43 pursuant to, or in accordance with, an Original Agreement or any other agreement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Heading to be included if a Third-Party CM Account Holder is a party to the Agreement.





### 6 Release of Pledges

- 6.1 Eurex Clearing AG will only release the pledges granted pursuant to Clauses 2.2 to 2.54 upon (i) a termination in respect of the Clearing Member pursuant to Chapter I Part 1 Number 13 of the Clearing Conditions or the completion of the default management process in respect of such Clearing Member, as the case may be, and (ii) the full and final discharge of all claims secured by such pledges.
- 6.2 Eurex Clearing AG shall notify the Clearing Member of a release of any of the pledges granted pursuant to Clauses 2.2 to 2.54. If a release of any of such pledges occurs as a matter of law, such notification shall only constitute a confirmation of the release as a matter of record.
- 6.3 Following the release of the pledges granted pursuant to Clauses 2.2 to 2.54, the Securities which are credited to the relevant <u>s</u>Securities <u>a</u>Account of <u>or relating to the</u> Clearing Member will remain credited to such <u>s</u>Securities <u>a</u>Account and the Clearing Member shall be free to instruct CBF, CBL, <u>or</u>SIX SIS AG <u>or Euroclear</u>, respectively, to book such Securities from such <u>s</u>Securities <u>a</u>Account to any other securities account.

## 7 Governing Law; Jurisdiction, Place of Performance; Severability Clause

### 7.1 Governing Law

- 7.1.1 This Agreement (except for Clauses 2.3 to, 2.45, 3.2 to, 3.34, 6 and Schedule 1 [and Schedule 2]) and Schedule 4 is governed by the substantive laws (Sachrecht), excluding German private international law, of the Federal Republic of Germany. Clauses 2.3, 3.2 and Schedule 1 [and Schedule 2] are governed by the substantive laws, excluding Luxembourg private international law, of Luxembourg. Clauses 2.4 and 3.3 are governed by the substantive laws, excluding Swiss private international law, of Switzerland. Clauses 2.5, 3.4 and Schedule 4 are governed by the substantive laws, excluding Belgian private international law, of Belgium. Clause 6 shall be governed by the laws of the jurisdiction governing the pledge to which the relevant release relates.
- 7.1.2 Any non-contractual rights and obligations arising out of or in connection with this Agreement (except for Clauses 2.3, to 2.54, 3.2 to, 3.34 and Schedule 1 [and Schedule 2]) and Schedule 4 shall also be governed by the substantive laws (*Sachrecht*), excluding German private international law, of the Federal Republic of Germany. Any non-contractual rights and obligations arising out of or in connection with Clauses 2.3, 3.2 and Schedule 1 [and Schedule 2] shall be governed by the substantive laws, excluding Luxembourg private international law, of Luxembourg. Any non-contractual rights and obligations arising out of or in connection with Clauses 2.4 and 3.3 shall be governed by the substantive laws, excluding Swiss private international law, of Switzerland. Any non-contractual rights and obligations arising out of or in connection with Clauses 2.5, 3.4 and Schedule 4 are governed by the substantive laws, excluding Belgian private international law, of Belgium.





### 7.2 Jurisdiction

The courts in Frankfurt am Main, Federal Republic of Germany shall have exclusive jurisdiction (*ausschließlicher Gerichtsstand*) over any action or other legal proceedings arising out of or in connection with this Agreement (except for Clauses  $2.3 \text{ to}_{7}$ , 2.54,  $3.2 \text{ to}_{7}$ , 3.43 and Schedule 1 [and Schedule 2] and Schedule 4).

The courts of the City of Luxembourg (Grand Duchy of Luxembourg) shall have exclusive jurisdiction (*ausschließlicher Gerichtsstand*) over any action or other legal proceedings arising out of or in connection with Clauses 2.3, 3.2 and Schedule 1 [and Schedule 2] of this Agreement. The courts of Zurich, Switzerland shall have exclusive jurisdiction (*ausschließlicher Gerichtsstand*) over any action or other legal proceedings arising out of or in connection with Clauses 2.4 and 3.3 of this Agreement. <u>The courts of Brussels</u>, Belgium, shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any action or other legal proceedings arising out of or in connection with Clauses 2.5 and 3.4 and Schedule 4 of this Agreement.

[...]





# Schedule 4

# <u>Pledges relating to Securities in Belgian Securities Accounts (each in the form</u> <u>of a Single Pledgor Pledged Account)</u>

This Schedule 4 (the "Schedule 4") is made between:

- (1) the Clearing Member (as defined above in the Agreement), as pledgor (the "**Pledgor**"); and
- (2) Eurex Clearing Aktiengesellschaft, a stock company (*Aktiengesellschaft*) incorporated under the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany, registered in the commercial register of the local court (*Amtsgericht*) in Frankfurt am Main under HRB 44828 and having its registered office at Mergenthalerallee 61, 65760 Eschborn, Federal Republic of Germany, as pledgee (the "Pledgee").

**Background** 

- (A) The Pledgee and the Pledgor, as clearing member, have entered or will enter into the Clearing Agreement.
- (B) The Pledgor intends to grant pledges for the benefit of the Pledgee for purposes of providing (i) Margin in accordance with the Elementary Clearing Model Provisions (as defined in the Clearing Conditions), (ii) Margin in accordance with the ISA Provisions (as defined in the Clearing Conditions) and/or (iii) Contributions to the Default Fund (as defined in the Clearing Conditions).
- (C) The Pledgor and the Pledgee are participants in the Euroclear System (as defined below).
- (D) The Pledgor and the Pledgee have requested or will request Euroclear to open one or more "Pledged Securities Account(s)" (as defined below) in the Euroclear System in the name of Euroclear but for the account of the Pledgee, to be operated in accordance with the Euroclear Agreements (as defined below).
- (E) The Parties have entered into the Euroclear Agreements (as defined below) in connection with this Schedule 4 and the Pledged Securities Accounts (as defined below) on or about the date of this Schedule 4.

IT IS AGREED as follows:

### 1 Interpretation

1.1 Definitions

In this Schedule 4, unless a contrary indication appears, terms used but not defined shall have the meaning given to them (including by way of reference therein) in the text of the Agreement to which this Schedule 4 is attached and:

"Affiliate" means in relation to any person, any entity controlled, directly or indirectly, by the person, any entity that controls, directly or indirectly, the person or any entity directly or indirectly under common control with the person. For this purpose, "control" of any entity or person means ownership of a majority of the voting power of the entity or person.





"Agreement" means the agreement to which this Schedule 4 is attached

"Amendment Agreement" means the amendment agreement between the Pledgor, the Pledgee and Euroclear, in relation to the SPPA Agreement.

"Appropriate Market" means, in relation to securities of any description, the market which is the most appropriate market for securities of that description, as reasonably determined by the Pledgee.

"Appropriation Value" means, in relation to securities of any description (such securities, "Relevant Securities"):

- (a) if the Pledgee has received firm or indicative bid quotations in respect of such Relevant Securities from, at the option of the Pledgee, either:
  - (i) two or more market makers or regular dealers in the Appropriate Market in a commercially reasonable size (as determined by the Pledgee) but which in aggregate are for all such Relevant Securities; or
  - (ii) a market maker or regular dealer in the Appropriate Market for all such Relevant Securities,

the Appropriation Value of such Relevant Securities shall be the firm or indicative price guoted (or where more than one price is so quoted, the arithmetic mean of the prices so guoted for the purchase by the relevant market maker or dealer), provided that such price or prices quoted may be adjusted in a commercially reasonable manner by the Pledgee to reflect accrued but unpaid coupons not reflected in the price or prices quoted in respect of such Relevant Securities after deducting the Transaction Costs which would be incurred or reasonably anticipated in connection with such transaction; and

- (b) if, acting in good faith, the Pledgee has either:
  - (i) endeavoured but been unable to obtain quotations in accordance with paragraph (a) above; or
  - (ii) determined that it would not be commercially reasonable to obtain such quotations, or that it would not be commercially reasonable to use any quotations which it has obtained under paragraph (a) above (including, without limitation, owing to circumstances affecting the market in such Relevant Securities),

then, in either case, the Pledgee may determine the Appropriation Value of such Relevant Securities as the amount which, in the reasonable opinion of the Pledgee, represents their fair market value (after deducting all Transaction Costs which the Pledgee would have incurred had it sold such securities), having regard to such pricing sources and methods as the Pledgee considers appropriate, including, without limitation:

- A. available prices for securities with similar maturities, terms and credit characteristics as the Relevant Securities;
- **B.** information consisting of relevant market data in the relevant market supplied by one or more third parties including, without limitation, relevant rates, prices,





yields, yield curves, volatilities, spreads, correlations or other relevant market data in the relevant market; and

C. information of the types described in paragraph (A) or (B) above from internal sources (including any of the Pledgee's Affiliates) if that information is of the same type used by the Pledgee in the regular course of its business for the valuation of similar securities.

"Belgian Civil Code" means the Belgian *Burgerlijk Wetboek/Code civil* introduced by the law of 13 April 2019.

"Business Day" means a day when banks are open for business in Brussels (Belgium).

"Charge" means a mortgage, charge, pledge, lien (including voorrecht/privilège) or other security interest (including title transfer by way of security) securing any obligation of any person, a mandate to create the same or any other right arising by operation of law, agreement, or arrangement having a similar effect.

"Distributions" means all assets received in kind (i.e. excluding any cash) in respect of the Euroclear Collateral, whether by way of principal, premium, interest, dividend, return on capital or otherwise.

### "Enforcement Event" means

- (i) the non-delivery or non-payment of the Relevant Secured Liabilities on the due date of the relevant delivery or payment obligation; and
- (ii) irrespective of, including prior to the occurrence of, any of the events referred to in (i):
  - (a) with respect to Belgian Pledged Securities Accounts, the occurrence of a
     Termination Event or an Insolvency Termination Event and a Clearing Member
     Termination Date with respect to the Proprietary Standard Agreement of the
     Clearing Member;
  - (b) with respect to Belgian Omnibus Pledged Securities Accounts or Belgian CASS Omnibus Pledged Securities Accounts, the occurrence of a Termination Event or an Insolvency Termination Event and a Termination with respect to the relevant Omnibus Standard Agreement of the Clearing Member; and
  - (c) with respect to the Belgian ISA Pledged Securities Accounts or Belgian ISACASS Pledged Securities Accounts, the occurrence of a Termination Event or anInsolvency Termination Event and a Termination with respect to the relevant ISAStandard Agreement of the Clearing Member.

"Equivalent Collateral" means, in relation to any securities in respect of which the Pledgee has exercised a Right of (Re)Use (as defined in Clause 0), financial instruments or other property, of an identical type, nominal value, description and amount as those used securities. If such securities consist of financial instruments that are redeemed, partly paid, subject of a capitalisation issue, or which are converted, subdivided, consolidated, made the subject of a takeover, any rights of pre-emption, rights to receive securities or a certificate which may at a future date be exchanged for other financial instruments or are subject to an event similar to any of the foregoing events before such securities are returned to the Pledgor in accordance with



this Schedule 4 (each, a "**Corporate Action**"), then "Equivalent Collateral" shall be deemed to mean such other financial instrument or assets to which the Pledgee is entitled to following the occurrence of the relevant Corporate Action.

"Euroclear" means Euroclear Bank SA/NV, a credit institution incorporated under the laws of Belgium, with registered office at Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 1210 Brussels, and registered with the Crossroads Bank for Enterprises under number 0429.875.591 (Brussels), as operator of the Euroclear System, and which is recognised as a central securities depository for purposes of Royal Decree No 62.

"Euroclear Agreements" means (i) the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear, (ii) the Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System and (iii) the SPPA Agreement.

"Euroclear Collateral" means the Relevant Pledged Assets (including the Distributions and all right, title and interest of the Pledgor therein).

"Euroclear System" means the clearance and settlement system for internationally traded securities operated by Euroclear, including all services offered by Euroclear in respect of securities held or recorded in any account as set forth in the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear or in the Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System.

"Financial Collateral Law" means the Belgian law of 15 December 2004 on financial collateral arrangements.

"Financial Supervision Law" means the Belgian law of 2 August 2002 on the supervision of the financial sector and the financial services.

"Income" means all interest and dividends received in kind in respect of the Relevant Pledged Assets standing from time to time to the credit of the Pledged Securities Accounts.

"Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System" means the "Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System" issued by Euroclear.

"Party" means a party to this Schedule 4.

"Pledged Securities Account" means each of the following securities accounts (each being a Securities Clearance Account (as defined in the Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear)) in the Euroclear System held in the name of Euroclear and for the account of the Pledgee opened pursuant to the SPPA Terms and Conditions and identified pursuant to Clause 2.1.4 of the Agreement: the Belgian Pledged Securities Account(s), the Belgian Omnibus Pledged Securities Account(s), the Belgian Omnibus Pledged Securities Account(s), the Belgian ISA Pledged Securities Account(s), the Belgian ISA Pledged Securities Account(s), the Belgian CASS Pledged Securities Account(s), the Belgian Clearing Agent Default Fund Pledged Securities Account(s).

"Relevant Collateral Document" means any of this Schedule 4, the Clearing Agreement, the Clearing Conditions, the SPPA Terms and Conditions, as well as any other document designated as Relevant Collateral Document by the Parties.

"Relevant Pledged Assets" means all securities which are at present or are in the future deposited in the relevant Pledged Securities Account(s) (including all right, title and interest of



the Pledgor relating to or arising from such securities, including, without limitation, any Distributions) for the purpose of securing the Relevant Secured Liabilities.

### "Relevant Secured Liabilities" means

- (i) with respect to the Pledge over Relevant Pledged Assets credited to one or more Belgian Pledged Securities Account(s), the Secured Claims pursuant to Chapter I Part 2 Subpart A Number 4.3.3 Paragraph (1) of the Clearing Conditions;
- (ii) with respect to the Pledge over Relevant Pledged Assets credited to one or more Belgian Omnibus Pledged Securities Account(s), the Secured Omnibus Claims (as defined in Chapter I Part 2 Subpart A Number 4.3.3 Paragraph (1) (ii) of the Clearing Conditions) (other than any Secured CASS Omnibus Claims);
- (iii) with respect to the Pledge over Relevant Pledged Assets credited to one or more <u>Belgian CASS Omnibus Pledged Securities Account(s), all Secured CASS Omnibus</u> <u>Claims (as defined in Chapter I Part 2 Subpart D Number 3.3 of the Clearing</u> <u>Conditions),</u>
- (iv) with respect to the Pledge over Relevant Pledged Assets credited to one or more Belgian ISA Pledged Securities Account(s), all Secured ISA Claims (as defined in Chapter I Part 4 Number 6.3.3.1 of the Clearing Conditions) (other than any Secured ISA CASS Claims); and
- (v) with respect to the Pledge over Relevant Pledged Assets credited to one or more Belgian ISA CASS Pledged Securities Account(s), all Secured ISA CASS Claims (as defined in Chapter I Part 4 Number 6.3.3.3 of the Clearing Conditions); and
- (vi) with respect to the Pledge over Relevant Pledged Assets credited to one or more Belgian Default Fund Pledged Securities Account(s) or Belgian Clearing Agent Default Fund Pledged Securities Account(s), all Default Fund Secured Claims (as defined in Chapter I Part 1 Number 6.2 of the Clearing Conditions).

"Royal Decree No 62" means the Belgian Royal Decree No 62 of 10 November 1967 concerning the custody and clearing of fungible financial instruments.

"Schedule 4" means this Schedule 4.

<u>"Security Interest</u>" means each first ranking pledge (*pand in eerste rang/gage de premier rang*) for the benefit of the Pledgee created by or pursuant to this Schedule 4.

**"SPPA Agreement**" means the agreement comprising the SPPA Terms and Conditions Acceptance Agreement and the SPPA Terms and Conditions as amended by the Amendment Agreement.

"SPPA Terms and Conditions" means the Single Pledgor Pledged Accounts Terms and Conditions, Pledgee version entered into by the Pledgor, the Pledgee and Euroclear in connection with this Schedule 4 through the SPPA Terms and Conditions Acceptance Agreement (as amended by way of an amendment agreement between such parties).



"SPPA Terms and Conditions Acceptance Agreement" means the agreement to the SPPA Terms and Conditions entered into by the Pledgor, the Pledgee and Euroclear in connection with this Schedule 4.

<u>"Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear</u>" means the "Terms and Conditions governing use of Euroclear - The clearance and settlement system for internationally traded securities" issued by Euroclear, as amended from time to time.

"Transaction Costs" means, in relation to any transaction, the reasonable costs, commissions (including internal commissions), fees and expenses (including any mark-up or mark-down or premium paid for guaranteed delivery) which would have been incurred or reasonably anticipated in connection with the sale of securities, calculated on the assumption that the aggregate thereof is the least that could reasonably be expected to be paid in order to carry out the transaction.

"Winding-up" means winding-up, amalgamation, reconstruction, administration, judicial reorganisation, insolvency, dissolution, liquidation, merger or consolidation or any analogous procedure or step in any jurisdiction.

1.2 Construction

Unless a contrary indication appears (and without limiting the generality of the foregoing):

- (i) the terms "**Party**", "**Pledgor**" and "**Pledgee**", include their respective successors ("*ad* <u>universum</u>") and, in the case of the Pledgee, the transferees or assignees (by way of novation or otherwise) of its rights and obligations under this Schedule 4;
- (ii) "assets" includes present and future properties, revenues and rights of every description;
- (iii) a "**person**" includes any individual, firm, company, corporation, government, state or agency of a state or any association, trust, joint venture, consortium or partnership (whether or not having separate legal personality);
- (iv) a "**regulation**" includes any regulation, rule, official directive, request or guideline (whether or not having the force of law) of any governmental, intergovernmental or supranational body, agency, department or of any regulatory, self-regulatory or other authority or organisation;
- (v) a provision of law is a reference to that provision as amended or re-enacted; and
- (vi) a time of day is a reference to Brussels time;
- (vii) Section, Clause and Schedule headings are for ease of reference only;

(viii) any reference to any Relevant Collateral Document or any other agreement or instrument is a reference to such Relevant Collateral Document, agreement or instrument as the same may be amended, novated, supplemented, restated or replaced by any other agreement or instrument and includes any increase in, extension of or change to any facility, the margin or any other amount made available or due under such Relevant Collateral Document, agreement or instrument (including, without limitation,





any new, additional or incremental facility or any substitution or refinancing of any of the facilities made available thereunder).

### 2 Security Interests

If one or more Belgian Pledged Securities Accounts, Belgian Omnibus Pledged Securities Accounts, Belgian CASS Omnibus Pledged Securities Accounts, Belgian ISA Pledged Securities Accounts, Belgian ISA CASS Pledged Securities Accounts, Belgian Default Fund Pledged Securities Account or Belgian Clearing Agent Default Fund Pledged Securities Accounts (hereafter each a "**Belgian Pledged Account**") have been established in relation to the Clearing Member (including, where applicable, in its capacity as Clearing Agent) in the name of Euroclear for the account of the Pledgee and identified pursuant to Clause 2.1.4 of the Agreement, the following special provisions apply:

### 2.1 Security Interests in favour of the Pledgee

As security for the discharge and payment of the Relevant Secured Liabilities, the Pledgor grants to the Pledgee a first ranking pledge (*pand in eerste rang/gage de premier rang*) over the Relevant Pledged Assets which are at present or will in the future be deposited in the relevant Belgian Pledged Account, in accordance with the Financial Collateral Law and Royal Decree No 62 or, as the case may be, (i) the law of 2 January 1991 on the market of public debt securities and monetary policy instruments, (ii) the law of 22 July 1991 on deposit and treasury certificates or (iii) Articles 7:22 and 7:35 to 7:44 of the Belgian Companies and Associations Code, the law of 14 December 2005 on the abolition of bearer shares and the Royal Decree of 12 January 2006 on companies' dematerialised shares.

### 2.2 Ranking

<u>The Security Interests shall rank ahead of the right of preference of Euroclear as contemplated</u> in Article 31 of the Financial Supervision Law.

#### 2.3 Special accounts

The Parties have appointed Euroclear as third-party pledgeholder of the Relevant Pledged Assets, and Euroclear has accepted that appointment by executing the SPPA Terms and Conditions Acceptance Agreement.

The Parties shall treat the Pledged Securities Accounts as special accounts specifically opened for the purpose of holding Relevant Pledged Assets in accordance with Article 4, §1 of the Financial Collateral Law and Article 7 of Royal Decree No 62.

2.4 Right of use of Relevant Pledged Assets credited to a Belgian Default Fund Pledged Securities Account or a Belgian Clearing Agent Default Fund Pledged Securities Account

In accordance with Article 11 of the Financial Collateral Law, the Pledgee may, prior to the occurrence of an Enforcement Event (and without prejudice to any enforcement right, including any right to appropriate, arising upon the occurrence of an Enforcement Event) use Relevant Pledged Assets credited to any Belgian Default Fund Pledged Securities Account or any Belgian Clearing Agent Default Fund Pledged Securities Account and may instruct Euroclear accordingly.



Without limiting the rights of the parties pursuant to this Schedule 4, the Pledgor hereby expressly consents to the Pledgee, using Relevant Pledged Assets credited to any Belgian Default Fund Pledged Securities Account or any Belgian Clearing Agent Default Fund Pledged Securities Account for the duration of this Schedule 4 (and prior to the occurrence of an Enforcement Event), as long as a release of the Pledge is not granted by the Pledgee in accordance with Clause 0 (*Discharge of Security Interests*) (the "**Right of (Re)Use**").

The Pledgee may, in particular but without limitation, sell, transfer, assign, borrow or otherwise dispose of, or create, grant or permit to exist any security interest (including without limitation any charge, pledge or other rehypothecation) over, or otherwise invest, use, commingle or otherwise deal with, or otherwise use any Relevant Pledged Assets credited to any Belgian Default Fund Pledged Securities Account or any Belgian Clearing Agent Default Fund Pledged Securities Account in any way it may consider appropriate.

The Pledgee shall not be required to report to the Pledgor on the use made by it of Relevant Pledged Assets under its Right of (Re)Use. The Pledgee may exercise the Right of (Re)Use over all or part of the relevant Relevant Pledged Assets, without any further prior consent from the Pledgor.

Any financial transaction taxes, reporting or other legal obligations arising as a result of the Pledgee exercising its Right of (Re)Use, if applicable, shall be payable/borne by the Pledgee.

Upon the exercise of its Right of (Re)Use in respect of a Relevant Pledged Asset, the Pledgee shall be able to identify in its books which Relevant Pledged Asset is being (re-)used by it.

Without prejudice to any other provision of this Schedule 4, if the Pledgee has exercised its Right of (Re)Use, it shall at the latest on the date on which all Relevant Secured Liabilities are paid and discharged, transfer Equivalent Collateral to the relevant Pledged Securities Account. To the extent that the Pledgee is unable (including for the avoidance of doubt, as a result of any regulatory restrictions applicable to the Pledgee or otherwise), after using commercially reasonable efforts, to transfer any such Equivalent Collateral on such date, the Pledgee shall, in satisfaction in full of such transfer obligation, have an obligation to pay to the Pledger an amount in euro equal to the Value of such Equivalent Collateral calculated by the Pledgee on the date such transfer of Equivalent Collateral should have occurred.

The Pledgor hereby expressly accepts and acknowledges this Clause **0** (*Right of use of Relevant Pledged Assets credited to a Belgian Default Fund Pledged Securities Account or a Belgian Clearing Agent Default Fund Pledged Securities Account*) and hereby expressly confirms it has read and understood the risks deriving from such Right of (Re)Use granted by it to the Pledgee as set out in the Appendix (*Information Statement*) to this Schedule 4. To the extent required, the Pledgor confirms that it has sought external legal and financial advice to understand the risks described in the Appendix (*Information Statement*) to this Schedule 4.

### 2.5 Ownership of the Relevant Pledged Assets

The Pledgee confirms and acknowledges that the Pledgor (or, if the Pledgor is not the owner of the Relevant Pledged Assets, but has been authorised to grant the Security Interests, the relevant owner) shall at all times prior to enforcement of the Security Interests pursuant to Clause 0 (*Enforcement*) remain the legal owner of the Relevant Pledged Assets for all purposes, including for the purpose of the right of recovery (*droit de revindication/revindicatierecht*)





envisaged in Royal Decree No 62 (it being understood that any such rights shall be subject to the Security Interests and the rights of the Pledgee under this Schedule 4).

### 3 Perfection of the Security Interests

The Pledgor shall deliver to the relevant Pledged Securities Account(s), eligible securities in accordance with the provisions of the Clearing Conditions and as a result of such transfer, the Security Interests over the relevant Euroclear Collateral will be perfected.

### 4 Income

### 4.1 Before an Enforcement Event

Prior to the occurrence of an Enforcement Event, all Income from time to time collected on the Relevant Pledged Assets shall be transferred by Euroclear directly to the Pledgor.

Any transfer from the Pledged Securities Accounts under this Clause 0 shall, to the extent of such transfer, constitute an automatic release of the Security Interests in respect of the assets so transferred.

### 4.2 After an Enforcement Event

The Pledgor undertakes, at any time after an Enforcement Event has occurred and at any time as long as such event shall be continuing, that all Income shall be retained in the relevant Pledged Securities Accounts for the account of the Pledgee and shall remain subject to the Security Interests. If the Pledgor nevertheless receives any Income, the Pledgor shall be deemed to hold such Income as agent on behalf of the Pledgee and shall transfer such Income to the relevant Pledged Securities Account and thus such Income shall fall within the scope of the pledge referred to in Clause 2.1.

### 5 Status of the Pledgee

The Pledgee represents and warrants to the Pledgor that it is a participant in the Euroclear System.

### 6 Representations and Warranties

6.1 The Pledgor makes the representations and warranties set out in this Clause 0 to the Pledgee.

The Pledgor undertakes to the Pledgee that these representations and warranties shall at all times remain true and correct until full discharge of the Security Interests in accordance with Clause 0 (*Discharge of Security Interests*).

#### 6.2 Relevant Pledged Assets

The Relevant Pledged Assets are

(a) subject to the provisions of any law or regulation relevant to the Relevant Pledged Assets, freely and fully transferable and pledgeable and not subject to any pre-emptive rights or restrictions on transfer;





- (b) fully paid up and do not have any money or liabilities outstanding or payable in respect of it; and
- (c) subject to the fungibility regime organised by Royal Decree No 62 or other applicable Belgian legislation providing for a regime of fungibility, as the case may be.

### 6.3 Ownership – no Charge or other encumbrances

The Pledgor will, at the time of their being credited to the Pledged Securities Account(s), be the absolute legal and beneficial owner of all securities it transfers to the Pledged Securities Account(s) under this Schedule 4 (or will otherwise be authorised to transfer such securities), free and clear of any claims, options, security interest, liens, other rights of third parties and other encumbrances or other interest or restriction other than the Security Interests created under this Schedule 4 and any lien routinely imposed on all securities in a clearing system in which any such securities may be held; and

### 7 Restrictions and Undertakings

The Pledgor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes until full discharge of the Security Interests in accordance with Clause 0 (*Discharge of Security Interests*), the following restrictions and undertakings:

### 7.1 Charge

The Pledgor shall not create or permit to subsist any Charge over any of the Euroclear Collateral or the Pledged Securities Accounts, except as expressly permitted by any Relevant Collateral Document.

### 7.2 Disposal

<u>The Pledgor shall not (nor shall it agree to) sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of</u> the Euroclear Collateral, except as expressly permitted by any Relevant Collateral Document.

#### 7.3 No adverse action

The Pledgor shall not do, cause, or permit to be done anything which may directly or indirectly adversely affect the effectiveness, ranking, validity or enforceability of the Security Interests or the rights of the Pledgee.

#### 7.4 Attachments

The Pledgor shall procure that no attachment is made on any of the Euroclear Collateral. The Pledgor shall inform the Pledgee without delay of any such attachment.

### 8 Enforcement

#### 8.1 Enforcement Rights

Subject to the contractual limitation on the realisation of the pledged securities pursuant to Clause 3.4 of the Agreement (if applicable), upon the occurrence of an Enforcement Event which is continuing and provided that any of the Relevant Secured Liabilities is then due and unpaid, the Pledgee may immediately at its sole discretion:





- (a) enforce the Security Interests over the Relevant Pledged Assets pursuant to Article 8, §1 of the Financial Collateral Law by realising the Relevant Pledged Assets by way of private sale, public auction or otherwise;
- (b) appropriate the Relevant Pledged Assets (or any of them) pursuant to and in accordance with Article 8, §2 of the Financial Collateral Law and set off the value thereof against the amount of the Relevant Secured Liabilities. The value of the Relevant Pledged Assets in the event of appropriation under this Clause 0(b) will be the Appropriation Value of such Relevant Pledged Assets as of, or as soon as reasonably practicable after, the date on which such Relevant Pledged Assets are appropriated; and
- (c) exercise all rights and remedies it possesses, and may act generally in relation to the relevant Euroclear Collateral in such manner as it shall reasonably determine; and provided that no such action should be inconsistent with what may be required by the SPPA Agreement.

If the Pledgee determines to appropriate, sell or otherwise dispose of the relevant Euroclear Collateral, it shall have the right to request Euroclear to deliver, assign and transfer such Euroclear Collateral to itself or, as the case may be, to the purchaser or assignee thereof, free from any claim or right of whatsoever kind, and the Pledgor further covenants and agrees to execute and deliver such documents and take such other action as the Pledgee deems necessary or advisable in order that any such exercise of rights and remedies may be made in compliance with law.

8.2 Notice of enforcement

Where the Pledgee delivers to Euroclear a notice of the occurrence of an Enforcement Event in respect of the Pledgor, it shall:

- (a) deliver such notice in, or substantially in, a form accepted by Euroclear;
- (b) deliver a copy of such notice to the Pledgor at the same time as it delivers such notice to Euroclear,

provided that failure by the Pledgee to comply with paragraph (b) above shall not affect the validity of any action taken by the Pledgee in connection with such Enforcement Event pursuant to this Schedule 4 or the relevant Euroclear Agreements or at law.

### 9 Order of Distributions

9.1 General

All amounts received or recovered by the Pledgee in the exercise of its rights under this Schedule 4 shall be applied in or towards the payment of the Relevant Secured Liabilities in accordance with the Relevant Collateral Documents.

9.2 Surplus proceeds

In the absence of Relevant Secured Liabilities then due and payable, any surplus proceeds shall be returned to the Pledgor (unless otherwise required pursuant to applicable law).

9.3 Waiver





To the extent applicable, the Pledgor expressly waives the benefit of Articles 5.208 to 5.210 of the Belgian Civil Code.

### 10 Saving Provisions

#### 10.1 Continuing Security Interests

- <u>10.1.1</u> Subject to Clause 0 (*Discharge of Security Interests*), the Security Interests are continuing security interests and will extend to the ultimate balance of the Relevant Secured Liabilities, regardless of any intermediate payment or discharge in whole or in part. They shall, in particular, not be discharged by reason of the circumstances that there is at any time no Relevant Secured Liability arising.
- 10.1.2 All rights of the Pledgee under this Schedule 4 will remain in full force and effect notwithstanding a novation (*schuldvernieuwing/novation*) of the Relevant Secured Liabilities.
- 10.2 Reinstatement

If any payment by the Pledgor or any discharge given by the Pledgee (whether in respect of any of the Relevant Secured Liabilities or any Security Interests for the Relevant Secured Liabilities or otherwise) is avoided or reduced as a result of insolvency or any similar event:

- (a) the liability of the Pledgor and the Security Interests shall continue as if the payment, discharge, avoidance or reduction had not occurred; and
- (b) the Pledgee shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be entitled to recover the value or amount of those Security Interests or payment from the Pledgor, as if the payment, discharge, avoidance or reduction had not occurred,

it being understood that the Pledgor shall promptly do whatever the Pledgee requires for such purpose, without prejudice to the Pledgor's other obligations under this Schedule 4.

#### 10.3 Waiver of defences

Neither the obligations of the Pledgor under this Schedule 4 nor the Security Interests will be affected by an act, omission, matter or thing which, but for this Clause, would reduce, release or prejudice any of its obligations under any Relevant Collateral Document or the Security Interests (without limitation and whether or not known to it or the Pledgee) including:

- (a) any time, waiver or consent granted to, or composition with, the Pledgor or any other person;
- (b) the release of the Pledgor or any other person under the terms of any composition or arrangement with any creditor of the Pledgor;
- (c) the taking, variation, compromise, exchange, renewal or release of, or refusal or neglect to perfect, take up or enforce any rights against, or Charge over assets of, the Pledgor or any other person or any non-presentation or non-observance of any formality or other requirement in respect of any instrument or any failure to realise the full value of any <u>Charge;</u>





- (d) any incapacity or lack of power, authority or legal personality of or dissolution or change in the members or status of the Pledgor or any other person;
- (e) any amendment (however fundamental) or replacement of any Relevant Collateral Document or any other document or Charge;
- (f) any unenforceability, illegality or invalidity of any obligation of any person under any Relevant Collateral Document or any other document or Charge; or
- (g) any insolvency or similar proceedings.
- 10.4 Immediate recourse

The Pledgor waives any right it may have of first requiring the Pledgee (or any trustee or agent on its behalf) to proceed against or enforce any other rights or Charge or claim payment from any person before claiming from the Pledgor or enforcing the Security Interests under this Schedule 4. This waiver applies irrespective of any law or any provision of any Relevant Collateral Document to the contrary.

10.5 Deferral of Pledgor's rights

Until all the Relevant Secured Liabilities have been irrevocably paid in full and unless the Pledgee otherwise directs, the Pledgor will not exercise any rights which it may have by reason of performance by it of its obligations under any Relevant Collateral Document:

- (a) to claim any contribution from any other guarantor of the Relevant Secured Liabilities;
- (b) to take the benefit (in whole or in part and whether by way of subrogation or otherwise) of any rights of the Pledgee or of any guarantee or other Security taken pursuant to, or in connection with, any Relevant Collateral Document by the Pledgee; and/or
- (c) to be indemnified by any other person.
- 10.6 Additional Security Interests

The Security Interests are in addition to and are not in any way prejudiced by any other guarantees or Charge now or subsequently held by the Pledgee.

10.7 Transferability

In case of assignment or transfer by the Pledgee of its rights under the Clearing Agreement, the benefit of the Security Interest and of this Schedule 4 shall be automatically transferred to any transferee or assignee (whether by way of novation or otherwise), of (part or all of) the Relevant Secured Liabilities including for the purposes of Article 5.247 of the Belgian Civil Code (to the extent applicable), and the Pledgor shall sign or cause to be signed all such further documents and take all such further action as may be reasonably required from time to time to ensure that such benefit be transferred to the transferee or assignee. Such transferee shall henceforth be regarded as a beneficiary for all purposes of this Schedule 4.

The Pledgor may not assign, transfer, novate or dispose of any of, or any interest in, its rights and/or obligations under this Schedule 4 without the prior written consent of the Pledgee.





## 11 Discharge of Security Interests

# 11.1 Release

- 11.1.1Unless released pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, the Security Interests created<br/>and perfected in accordance with this Schedule 4 will continue and remain in effect until<br/>expressly released by the Pledgee. The Pledgee may, in its sole discretion grant a full<br/>or partial release of the Security Interests.
- <u>11.1.2</u> Subject to Clause 0 (*Retention of Security*), the Euroclear Collateral shall be automatically and immediately released from the Security Interest upon the occurrence of any of the following:
  - (a) upon full and final discharge of the Relevant Secured Liabilities at a time when there is no possibility of any further Relevant Secured Liabilities coming into existence; or
  - (b) the Pledgee is so instructed in accordance with any Relevant Collateral Document following a disposal of any Euroclear Collateral permitted thereunder or agreed pursuant thereto.

The Pledgee shall at the request and cost of the Pledgor release the Euroclear Collateral (or relevant part thereof) from the Pledge.

Further to any release in accordance with this Clause 0, the Pledgee shall procure that all relevant Euroclear Collateral required to be released from the Security Interests shall be transferred back to the Pledgor as soon as reasonably practicable.

#### 11.2 Retention of Security

If the Pledgee considers that any amount paid or credited to it under any Relevant Collateral Document is capable of being avoided, reduced or otherwise set aside on the Winding-up of the Pledgor that amount shall not be considered to have been paid for the purposes of determining whether all the Relevant Secured Liabilities have been irrevocably paid.

### 12 Expenses

The Pledgor shall, within three (3) Business Days of demand, pay to the Pledgee the amount of all costs, losses, liabilities and expenses (including legal fees, any fees charged by Euroclear and expenses) incurred by it (or any of its delegates) in relation to this Schedule 4 (including the administration, protection, realisation, enforcement or preservation of any rights under or in connection with this Schedule 4, or any consideration by the Pledgee as to whether to realise or enforce the same, and/or any amendment, waiver, consent or release of or pursuant to in this Schedule 4).

### 13 Rights, Waivers and Determinations

#### 13.1 Ambiguity

Where there is any ambiguity or conflict between the rights conferred by law and those conferred by or pursuant to this Schedule 4, the terms of this Schedule 4 shall prevail.





### 13.2 Exercise of rights

No failure to exercise, nor any delay in exercising, on the part of the Pledgee, any right or remedy under this Schedule 4 shall operate as a waiver, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right or remedy prevent any further or other exercise or the exercise of any other right or remedy. The rights and remedies provided in this Schedule 4 are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law.

### 13.3 Determinations

Any determination by or certificate of the Pledgee under this Schedule 4 is, in the absence of manifest error, conclusive evidence of the matters to which it relates.





This Schedule 4 has been duly executed on the date on which the Agreement has been entered into.

## Appendix

## **Information Statement**

### 1. Generalities

This Information Statement contains information on the general risks and consequences of the use by the Pledgee of the Relevant Pledged Assets, and in particular on the general risks and consequences that may be involved to the Pledgor in the event of a default of the Pledgee prior to the final redemption of all Relevant Secured Liabilities under this Schedule 4 (the "**Risks and Consequences**").

This Information Statement is not intended to be comprehensive but to inform and draw the Pledgor's attention on the existence of the Risks and Consequences. It is also intended to invite the Pledgor to seek appropriate professional advice to the extent it so requires.

When making available this Information Statement, the Pledgee shall not be deemed to give any advice to the Pledgor.

Words not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the main body of this Schedule 4.

### 2. Background

This Information Statement is being provided in the context of Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2015 on transparency of securities financing transactions and of reuse, as amended from time to time (the "**SFT Regulation**"), which requires certain counterparties to securities financing transactions to provide or to receive, as the case may be, appropriate information in relation to risks associated with (re)use rights of financial instruments received as collateral.

This Information Statement covers the Risks and Consequences expressly required to be covered by Article 15 of the SFT Regulation, and is not intended to cover any other risks. The Pledgor shall seek appropriate professional advice in case it is not satisfied with the content of this Information Statement (and/or any Additional Support or Replacement Support) and/or in case it has any doubts or queries on any other risks which are not expressly covered herein.

The Pledgor shall not hold the Pledgee liable for the content and comprehensiveness of the information contained in this Information Statement and the Pledgor shall seek appropriate professional advice to satisfy itself that it has understood and accepts the Risks and Consequences before it enters into Schedule 4.

### 3. Risks and Consequences of the (re)use of the Relevant Pledged Assets by the Pledgee

When granting the Right of (Re)Use (in accordance with Clause 0 of Schedule 4), the Pledgor should be aware that:

(i) depending on the transactions entered into by the Pledgee with third parties during the term of Schedule 4 or in case insolvency proceedings are opened in relation to the



Pledgee, the Pledgee may not be able to timely obtain Equivalent Collateral to deliver to the Pledgor at the time required and, as a result, the Pledgor may be unable to deal in, exercise rights in respect of, or take other actions in relation to the relevant portion of Relevant Pledged Assets;

- (ii) the reused financial instruments may not be held by the Pledgee and may not be held in accordance with client asset rules;
- (iii) for the duration of the Pledge, the Pledgor will not be authorised to exercise voting and similar rights and the Pledgee will have no obligation to inform the Pledgor that voting or similar rights can be exercised and how such rights are exercised, if exercised;
- (iv) in the event that the Pledgee is not able to readily obtain Equivalent Collateral to deliver to the Pledgor at the time required: the Pledgor may be unable to fulfil its settlement obligations under a hedging or other transaction the Pledgor has entered into in relation to those financial instruments; a counterparty, exchange or other person may exercise a right to buy-in the relevant financial instruments; and the Pledgor may be unable to exercise rights or take other action in relation to those financial instruments;
- (v) when the Pledgee exercises its Right of (Re)Use over Relevant Pledged Assets, the Pledgor's rights over the Relevant Pledged Assets are replaced by a contractual claim for delivery of proprietary rights on the Equivalent Collateral in accordance with Schedule 4 and the Financial Collateral Law, which may prove less protective in the event of the insolvency of the Pledgee;
- (vi) in the event of a crisis measure affecting the Pledgee (including any crisis prevention measure or crisis management measure or any similar measure applicable in the event of the failure of the Pledgee in accordance with the local applicable laws of the Pledgee), the Pledgor might, amongst other things, have its rights temporarily suspended, have one or several new counterparties, and in extreme circumstances, have its rights against the Pledgee affected in their value or converted into equity as a result of the application of a bail-in instrument by competent authorities.

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