

## **PROPOSAL BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MAKE A DONATION TO AALTO UNIVERSITY**

Under Chapter 13 Section 8 of the Companies Act (624/2006) the General Meeting may make a decision on a donation for philanthropic or other corresponding purposes, if the amount of the donation can be deemed reasonable in view of the purpose, the state of the company and other circumstances. Under the Companies Act the Board of Directors may use funds for such purposes in so far as their amount is insignificant in view of the state of the company.

Considering the above mentioned provision of the Companies Act and the amount of the proposed donation to Aalto University, the Board of Directors considers that the decision regarding the donation is within the powers of the General Meeting and accordingly, the Board of Directors has decided to take the matter on to the agenda of the Annual General Meeting.

### **Aalto - an internationally unique concept**

Aalto University, established in 2010, is created in the merger of three renowned Finnish universities: The Helsinki School of Economics, Helsinki University of Technology and The University of Art and Design Helsinki. Aalto University an international university based on the competences representing the Finnish strengths.

The combination of three universities opens up new possibilities for strong multi-disciplinary education and research. The new university's ambitious goal is to be one of the leading institutions in the world in terms of research and education in its own specialised disciplines. The University activities are based on long-term basic research and artistic activities providing solid base for education and creative development and innovation. In all activities Aalto is committed to sustainability and targeting to internationally high quality.

Aalto University is interacting closely with the surrounding society. The university is monitoring future needs, focusing on practices that have already proven fruitful while continuously developing new ways of working and sharing expertise. Companies partnering with Aalto will have an opportunity to contribute to the establishment of a new working culture and unique application of research, development and innovation. Aalto University has a key role in educating future experts for the needs of businesses and society.

### **Benefits for Outokumpu**

Outokumpu is widely recognized as a world leader in technical support, research and development. The company has long traditions of tight co-operation with universities in different countries of operation. The planned co-operation with Aalto University provides Outokumpu with an opportunity to utilise high-quality competences and the multi-disciplinary approach in the Group's operations. Stainless steel as a material offers unlimited number of applications. Aalto University's two main research focus areas are materials research and design, complimenting Outokumpu's own R&D activities. The knowledge sharing, identification of commercially interesting innovations as well as development of new ways of learning and working are examples of the targeted results from the co-operation. Additionally, Outokumpu sees Aalto University as a very important channel for recruiting new professionals. Networking and co-operation related to different projects and theses are ways to familiarise students with Outokumpu operations and stainless steel industry. The target is to secure that Outokumpu has the best possible personnel also going forward.

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