Financial statements and joint management report MLP AG 2014



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Joint management report

Pursuant to § 315 (3) and in connection with § 298 (3) of the German Commercial Code (HGT), the report of MLP AG on the situation of the company and Group are published as a joint management report in the MLP Annual Report 2014.

The financial statements and joint management report of MLP AG on the situation of the company and Group for the financial year 2014 are submitted to the operator of the electronic version of the Federal Gazette (Bundesanzeiger) where they are then published.

The financial statements of MLP AG, as well as the Annual Report of the MLP Group for the financial year 2014 are also available for viewing on the Internet at http://www.mlp-ag.com/investor-relations/financial-publication/reports.

Report by the Supervisory Board

In the financial year 2014, the Supervisory Board reviewed the development of the company in depth and performed its supervisory duties to the full. It regularly advised and monitored the Executive Board in running the business of the company.

During the course of the last financial year, the Supervisory Board paid particular attention to the economic development, financial situation, prospects and further strategy of the company, and supported the Executive Board in this regard. Its work in the financial year 2014 focused in particular on supporting the Executive Board in the strategic development of the company, implementing further measures to increase efficiency and improving the company's opportunity and risk position.

The Supervisory and Executive Boards met regularly in the reporting year for discussions and joint consultations regarding business development, strategy and key events within the company. The Supervisory Board was directly involved in all decisions of fundamental importance to the company. The Executive Board regularly provided the Supervisory Board with written and oral reports in a timely and comprehensive manner on all relevant issues related to corporate planning, strategic development, the business situation and the position and overall development of the Group as a whole, including the risk situation, risk management, risk-bearing ability and compliance. The Supervisory Board was able to confirm the correctness of the corporate governance by the Executive Board. In 2014, the Executive Board reported and advised the Supervisory Board also on the content and anticipated effects of legislative/regulatory measures to be introduced at German or EU level. These included the CRR and CRD-IV Implementation Act, the Act on Ring-Fencing and Recovery and Resolution Planning for Credit Institutions and Financial Groups, as well as the act to secure stable and fair services for life insurance (Life Insurance Reform Act, LVRG).

The Supervisory Board held five regular meetings and one extraordinary meeting in the financial year 2014, which were attended by all members of the Supervisory Board in person with the exception of one meeting. The Supervisory Board was also informed by the Executive Board of particularly important or urgent projects outside of the regular meetings. Where necessary, Supervisory Board resolutions were also passed as circular resolutions.

In addition to this, three meetings of the Personnel Committee and one meeting of the Audit Committee were held. Generally, all committee members took part in these meetings.

Furthermore, the Chairman of the Supervisory Board met with the Chairman of the Executive Board on a regular basis to discuss specific issues. The Chairman of the Supervisory Board regularly informed the other members about the content of these meetings with the Executive Board.

Supervisory Board meetings and important resolutions

An extraordinary meeting of the Supervisory Board was convened on March 4, 2014 to explore and plan a potential change to the composition of the Executive Board at MLP AG and MLP

Finanzdienstleistungen AG. This subsequently led to a resolution being passed using the circular resolution procedure concerning the amicable departure of Mr. Muhyddin Suleiman as Chief Sales Officer and the appointment of Chairman of the Board, Dr. Uwe Schroeder-Wildberg, also as Chief Sales Officer.

Following preparations in the meeting of the Audit Committee, the Supervisory Board meeting on March 20, 2014 focused on the audit and approval of the financial statements and the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2013. The auditors participated in the meeting and gave detailed reports on the course and outcome of their audit of the financial statements and the consolidated financial statements. Following in-depth discussion, the Supervisory Board approved both the financial statements and the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2013. In addition to this, the Supervisory Board reviewed the variable remuneration components of the Executive Board for the financial year 2013 and approved these. The proposed resolutions for the company's Regular Annual General Meeting were another item on the agenda.

The regular Supervisory Board meeting on May 13, 2014 focused primarily on discussing the results and business development from the first quarter of 2014.

The results of the second quarter, the business development in the first half of the year, reporting on the internal audit and risk controlling (including report on the notion of materiality, risk strategy and risk-bearing capacity concept) were all on the agenda of the regular Supervisory Board meeting on August 12, 2014. In the August meeting, motions passed included the extension of the employment contract of Mr. Manfred Bauer and his reappointment as member of the Executive Board for a further five years – i.e. until April 30, 2020.

The November meeting focused on the business results of the third quarter and the first nine months of the current financial year. As required by the German Stock Corporation Act and the German Corporate Governance Code (GCGC), the Supervisory Board also reviewed the appropriateness of Executive Board remuneration.

At the meeting on December 16, 2014, discussions focused on the resolution regarding the Declaration of Compliance as per § 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG), alongside adherence of the MLP Group to the regulations of the GCGC. Extensive reporting was provided on the corporate governance process and the current Declaration of Compliance. Furthermore, the Supervisory Board addressed in detail and approved the strategy and budget of both the Group and the company for the financial year 2015.

Supervisory Board committees

The Supervisory Board was regularly informed of the work carried out by its committees in 2014.

The Personnel Committee convened three times in the reporting period, focusing in particular on exploring and planning a potential change to the composition of the Executive Board at MLP AG and MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG, which culminated in the amicable departure of Mr.

Suleiman and the appointment of Dr. Schroeder-Wildberg as Chief Sales Officer in addition to his other duties. The meetings also addressed preparations for the reappointment of Mr. Bauer beyond 2015.

The Audit Committee held one regular meeting in the financial year 2014. Representatives of the audit firm also took part in the meeting, providing the committee with detailed reports. In the presence of the auditors, the Chairman of the Executive Board and the Chief Financial Officer, the Audit Committee discussed the financial statements of MLP AG and the MLP Group as well as the proposed appropriation of earnings. Furthermore, the relationship to the auditor, proposals for selecting the auditor, auditor fees, audit assignment and monitoring of the auditor's independence were the subject of extensive discussions. The Audit Committee received regular reports on the work of the Internal Audit and of the Compliance and Risk Management department and was informed on legal and regulatory risks and risks to reputation.

The Nomination Committee did not hold any regular meetings in the financial year 2014, as the election nominations for the shareholder representatives to be newly elected to the Supervisory Board had already been drawn up for the 2013 Annual General Meeting in the plenary meeting of the Supervisory Board in December 2012.

Corporate governance

The Supervisory Board regularly deals with the application of the corporate governance principles.

Last year, the Supervisory Board dedicated its meeting on December 16, 2014 in particular to in-depth discussions on the amendments to the GCGC in the version of June 24, 2014.

In the meeting held on December 16, 2014, the Supervisory Board reviewed the efficiency of its actions based on an evaluation form made available to the members of the Supervisory Board in good time prior to the meeting. The Supervisory Board also discussed procedures in the Supervisory Board, the information flow between the Committees and the Supervisory Board, and the timeliness and sufficient content of reporting by the Executive Board to the Supervisory Board on this occasion. Measures aimed at increasing efficiency were analysed.

At the same meeting, MLP AG's Supervisory Board also assured itself that the company had met the recommendations of the GCGC in line with its Declaration of Compliance pursuant to § 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) in the last financial year and will in future continue to comply strictly with the recommendations of the Government Commission on the German Corporate Governance Code (version dated June 24, 2014). In December, the Supervisory Board and Executive Board issued a Declaration of Compliance pursuant to § 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) for the financial year 2014 and made it permanently available to the shareholders via its website.

In accordance with the German Corporate Governance Code government commission, we understand conflicts of interest to mean any special professional or private interests of any member of the Supervisory Board that could potentially pose a threat to or contradict the

interests of the company. Conflicts of interest in this sense do not include plurality or the existence of various streams of interests when these express diversity in terms of the Supervisory Board composition desired by the legislator or the German Corporate Governance Code government commission. Aside from one single case, there were no conflicts of interest in this sense in the last financial year. In connection with the Supervisory Board resolution regarding clarification of direct pension commitments, passed during the meeting on November 11, 2014, one member of the Supervisory Board was exposed to a potential conflict of interest as he is a recipient of such pension payments from his previous employment as a member of the Executive Board. The member of the Supervisory Board in question therefore did not vote on this specific resolution. A summary of corporate governance at MLP, including the Declaration of Compliance from December 16, 2014, can be found in the Executive and Supervisory Board's corporate governance report. All relevant information is also available on our homepage at www.mlp-ag.de.

Audit of the annual financial statements and consolidated financial statements for 2014

The financial statements and the joint management report of MLP AG as of December 31, 2014 have been compiled by the Executive Board pursuant to the German Commercial Code (HGB). The consolidated financial statements and the joint management report as of December 31, 2014 were drafted as per § 315a of the German Commercial Code (HGB) in line with international financial reporting standards (IFRS) as applied in the EU. As of December 31, 2014, KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Berlin audited the financial statements and the joint management report of MLP AG in accordance with the principles of commercial law, as well as the Group financial statements and the joint management report in accordance with the principles of IFRS, issuing an unqualified auditor's opinion in each case. The auditor performed the audit in compliance with the basic principles of sound auditing practices determined by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer (IDW – German Institute of Auditors).

The financial statements, together with the joint management report, the auditor's reports and the Executive Board's proposal for use of the unappropriated profit were made available to all Supervisory Board members in good time.

The Audit Committee of the Supervisory Board reviewed these documents in detail and reported to the Supervisory Board on its audit. The auditor also reported on the key results of the audit and on the fact that there are no significant weaknesses in either the internal monitoring system or the risk management system. The Audit Committee also reviewed the risk management system, the accounting processes and the effectiveness of the internal monitoring, risk management and auditing systems, as well as the relationship to the auditor, the proposals for selection of the auditor, the auditor's remuneration, the audit assignment and monitoring of the auditor's independence, as well as the additional services performed by the auditor. The Supervisory Board also checked and discussed the documentation and reports in detail. In the presence of KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Berlin, which reported on the key findings of its audit, the audit reports were reviewed in detail in the Supervisory Board meeting held on March 18, 2015. At this meeting, the Executive Board explained the financial statements of MLP AG and of the Group, the risk management system, the accounting processes

and the effectiveness of the internal monitoring, risk management system, audit system and of the compliance, as well as giving detailed reports on the scope, focuses and costs of the audit.

The Supervisory Board concurred with the outcome of the auditor's audit and, on the basis of the final outcome of the Audit Committee's audit and its own audit, found no grounds for raising an objection. Accordingly, at its meeting on March 18, 2015, the Supervisory Board approved the annual financial statements and the joint management report MLP AG, as well as the consolidated financial statements and the joint management report in accordance with IFRS prepared by the Executive Board. The annual financial statements are therefore adopted.

After performing its own reviews, the Supervisory Board agreed with the Executive Board's proposal to pay out a dividend of € 0.17 per share for the financial year 2014. The equity and liquidity situation, future regulatory requirements and the company's budget, as well as the shareholders' interest in an appropriate dividend were included and weighed up against one another in its considerations.

The Supervisory Board would like to thank the Executive Board, the Management of the respective Group companies, as well as all employees and consultants of the MLP Group for their exemplary personal commitment and achievements in the financial year 2014.

Wiesloch, March 2015

The Supervisory Board

Dr. Peter Lütke-Bornefeld

Chairman

Corporate Governance

In December 2014, the Executive and Supervisory Boards issued the above Declaration of Compliance pursuant to § 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act ("Aktiengesetz") and made it permanently available to shareholders via the company's website. You can also view the text of the Declaration of Compliance of December 16, 2014 at www.mlp-ag.com.

Profit & loss account for 2014

All figures in €'000

		Notes	2014	2013
1.	Other operating income	[1]	15,775	12,611
2.	Personnel expenses	[2]		
	a) Salaries and wages		-5,122	-4,602
	b) Social security contributions and expenses for old-age			
	provisions and benefits of which for pensions: € 1,001 thsd (previous year: € 1,029 thsd)		-1,102	-1,129
3.	Amortisation of intangible assets and tangible fixed assets	[3]	-3,891	-4,304
4.	Other operating expenses	[4]	-11,194	-8,876
5.	Earnings before interest and tax		-5,534	-6,299
6.	Income from profit and loss transfer agreements	[5]	32,693	31,292
7.	Other interest and similar income	[5]		
	of which from affiliated companies: € 9 thsd		429	580
8.	(previous year: € 70 thsd) Interest and similar expenses	[5]	429	300
	of which to affiliated companies: € 22 thsd	[5]		
	(previous year: € 13 thsd)		-1,004	-963
9.	Finance cost		32,117	30,909
10.	Earnings before tax		26,584	24,609
11.	Extraordinary expenses	[6]	-231	-231
12.	Extraordinary result		-231	-231
13.	Income tax expenses	[7]	-9,100	-5,244
14.	Other taxes		-139	-139
15.	Net profit		17,114	18,995
16.	Profit brought forward			
	a) Unappropriated profit in the previous year		19,166	48,691
-	b) Dividend payout		-17,260	-34,521
17.	Additions to other retained earnings		-1,900	-14,000
18.	Withdrawals from other retained earnings		1,220	-
19.	Unappropriated profit	[18]	18,339	19,166

Balance sheet as of December 31, 2014

Assets

All figures in €'000

		Notes	2014	2013
A.	FIXED ASSETS			
I.	Fixed assets	[8]		
1.	Land, leasehold rights and buildings including buildings	[0]	42.142	45 271
	on third-party land		42,143	45,371
2.	Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment		3,034	3,754
3.	Payments on account and assets under construction		346	=
			45,523	49,125
II.	Financial assets	[9]		
	Shares in affiliated companies	'	229,437	229,437
			229,437	229,437
			274,960	278,562
В.	CURRENT ASSETS			
I.	Receivables and other assets			
1.	Receivables from affiliated companies	[10]	34,009	32,840
2.	Other assets	[11]	19,009	21,722
			53,018	54,562
II.	Cash on hand and on deposit with the Deutsche Bundesbank, bank deposits and cheques	[12]	76,969	71,478
			129,987	126,039
C.	PREPAID EXPENSES		146	135
D.	EXCESS OF PLAN ASSETS OVER PENSION LIABILITIES	[13]	2,105	891
			407,198	405,628

Liabilities and shareholders' equity

All figures in €'000

		Notes	2014	2013
A.	Shareholders' equity			
I.	Share capital	[14]		
	Ordinary shares		107,878	107,878
II.	Capital reserves	[16]	134,525	134,525
III.	Retained earnings	[17]		
1.	Statutory reserve		3,097	3,097
2.	Other retained earnings		120,504	119,824
			123,601	122,921
IV.	Unappropriated profit	[18]	18,339	19,166
			384,343	384,490
В.	PROVISIONS	[19]		
1.	Provisions for pensions and similar obligations		9,185	8,950
2.	Tax reserves		4,000	3,390
3.	Other provisions		6,088	4,946
			19,274	17,286
C.	LIABILITIES	[20]		
1.	Trade accounts payable		462	550
2.	Liabilities due to affiliated companies		2,066	2,052
3.	Other liabilities of which € 953 thsd from taxes (previous year: € 446 thsd)		1,052	1,246
			3,580	3,848
D.	PREPAID EXPENSES		-	4
			407,198	405,628

Notes to the financial statements of 2014

General information

General information on the company

The registered office of MLP AG is located at Alte Heerstraße 40, 69168 Wiesloch. It is entered in the Mannheim Commercial Register under the number HRB 332697. The company's primary role is to manage the Corporate Group, which is active in the areas of consulting and brokerage of all kinds of financial and similar services. The financial year is the calendar year.

Accounting policies, estimates and assumptions

In preparing the annual financial statements, it is necessary to make estimates and assumptions which may affect the carrying amounts of the assets, liabilities and financial liabilities as of the balance sheet date as well as income and expenses for the year under review.

The present financial statements have been prepared in line with §§ 242 et seq., 264 et seq. of the German Commercial Code (HGB) and the applicable regulations of the German Stock Corporation Act. The company is a large stock corporation pursuant to § 267 (3) Sentence 2 of the German Commercial Code (HGB).

The accounting policies used in the financial statements as of December 31, 2014 remained unchanged from the previous year.

The balance sheet is prepared in accordance with the system of classification set forth in § 266 of the German Commercial Code (HGB).

The profit & loss account is prepared in accordance with the nature of expense method outlined under § 275 (2) of the German Commercial Code (HGB), supplemented by § 277 (3) of the German Commercial Code (HGB) for income from profit and loss transfer agreements.

Pursuant to § 256a of the German Commercial Code (HGB), assets and liabilities held in foreign currency are converted at the average spot exchange rate on the balance sheet date.

A corporation and trade-tax entity is in place between MLP AG (dominant enterprise) on the one hand and MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG, Wiesloch, TPC GmbH, Hamburg, ZSH GmbH Finanzdienstleistungen, Heidelberg, FERI AG, Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe, FERI Trust GmbH, Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe, FERI EuroRating Services AG, Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe, FERI Institutional & Family Office GmbH, Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe and FEREAL AG, Bad Homburg v. d. Höhe on the other. Tax expenses, insofar as they fall upon the consolidated tax group in the time period, are therefore only determined and disclosed at the level of the dominant enterprise. Taxes that fall in time periods prior to the existence of the consolidated tax group are disclosed at the level of the respective company. No tax allocations are made.

The values entered in the tables are generally given in thousands of euros (€'000). Any deviation from this style is noted directly in the relevant tables. Both single and cumulative figures are values with the smallest rounding difference. As a result, differences to reported total amounts may arise when adding up the individual values.

Disclosure of the accounting policies for individual balance sheet items

In preparing the financial statements, the following accounting policies were essentially applied:

Tangible fixed assets are stated at historical cost less amortisation charges or at low fair value.

In addition to incidental acquisition costs, acquisition costs include the portion of sales tax incurred on additions and invoiced but not eligible for input tax deduction.

In line with the anticipated or average useful lives, assets are written down on a straight-line basis.

Write-downs of additions to fixed assets are performed on a pro rata temporis basis.

Low-value assets up to an individual net value of € 150 are recognised as expenses to the full amount in the year they were acquired. For reasons of simplification, the collective item method is also applied in the trade balance sheet for assets with an individual net value of between € 150 and € 1,000. The collective item is recorded at a flat-rate of 20% p. a. in the year of initial recognition, amortised over the four subsequent years and then ultimately recognised as a disposal following complete amortisation.

Advance payments for tangible fixed assets and intangible assets are recognised in the balance sheet at the level of the advance payments. Borrowing costs are not capitalised. The writedown of these assets starts with their completion or when they are ready for operational use.

Shares in affiliated companies are valued at their cost of acquisition or, in the case of an anticipated permanent impairment, the lower fair value.

Receivables and other assets are stated at face value or at the present value. Risk-carrying items are impaired where required.

The cash on hand and bank deposits are stated at face value.

Pursuant to § 246 (2) Sentence 2 of the German Commercial Code (HGB), the excess of plan assets over pension liabilities results from the netting of pension obligations with assets that serve exclusively to fulfil pension obligations and that are exempt from attachment by all other creditors. Assets of this nature represent plan assets in the sense of § 246 (2) Sentence 2 of the German Commercial Code (HGB). The assets represent reinsurance receivables for pension obligations. Pursuant to § 253 (1) Sentence 4 of the German Commercial Code (HGB), plan assets are measured at fair value. The fair value of a reinsurance receivable is made up of the actuarial reserves of the insurance contract plus any surplus arising from premium refunds (so-called irrevocably allocated surplus-sharing). The income from the change in fund assets reported by the insurance company is recognised in the income statement. Premium payments for the

reinsurance policy, as well as benefit payments from the reinsurance policy are treated as transactions with no effect on the operating result (asset swap).

Since the Accounting Law Reform Act (BilMoG) has been in effect, provisions for pensions and similar obligations pursuant to § 253 (1) Sentence 2 of the German Commercial Code (HGB) are calculated on the basis of the settlement value required using prudent business judgement. Utilising the option pursuant to § 67 (1) Sentence 1 of the Introductory Law to the German Commercial Code (EGHGB), the allocated value resulting from this change in provision accounting principles is distributed evenly over the maximum period of 15 years and is recognised as extraordinary expenses in accordance with § 67 (7) of the Introductory Law to the German Commercial Code (EGHGB).

The necessary settlement value for pension obligations is calculated based on biometric probabilities (Heubeck 2005 G mortality charts). Anticipated future rises in pension payments are taken into account for the measurement of the provision. Due to the structure of the benefit obligations, pay rises have not been taken into account for the measurement. For former employees with vested pension rights or, upon commencement of pension payments, the present value of future pension benefits is applied. With active members of the pension scheme, the entry age normal method is used. This is a projected unit credit method. The going-concern value results from the difference between the present value of future pension benefits at the end of the financial year and the present value of the constant annual premiums for the respective pension recipients prior to termination of the employment relationship. Applying § 253 (2) Sentence 2 of the German Commercial Code (HGB), the average market interest rate over the last seven financial years, as published by the German Bundesbank, for an assumed term remaining to maturity of 15 years is used as the assumed interest rate.

Reinsurance policies have been concluded to cover a portion of the defined benefit plans. These reinsurance policies represent plan assets in the sense of § 246 (2) Sentence 2 of the German Commercial Code (HGB) and are netted against the corresponding pension provisions. Insofar as the respective plan assets exceed the pension provision in question, the surplus of assets is disclosed under the balance sheet item "Excess of plan assets over pension liabilities". Expenses and income from the interest expenses/discounting of pension obligations to be disclosed in the finance cost and from the plan assets to be offset pursuant to § 246 (2) Sentence 2 of the German Commercial Code (HGB) are recorded in the income statement accordingly.

Tax reserves and other provisions take into account all uncertain liabilities and impending losses from pending transactions. The provisions are carried at the amount that is deemed appropriate according to prudent business judgement. Depending on their time remaining to maturity other provisions are discounted using the average market interest rate over the last seven financial years, as published by the German Bundesbank.

Deferred taxes are determined using the balance sheet liability method (temporary concept). This requires examination of the differences in book values between the commercial carrying amounts of assets, liabilities and accrued and deferred items and their tax carrying amounts to determine temporary and quasi-permanent differences.

The combined taxation rate of 29.19% (previous year: 28.98%) was applied for the measurement of deferred taxes. Deferred tax liabilities from the excess of plan assets over pension liabilities and from pension provisions are more than compensated by deferred tax assets on reinsured assets. Further deferred tax assets result from the different levels of amortisation of land, leasehold rights and buildings, as well as differences in the way provisions are measured. Exercising the option as provided by § 274 (1) Sentence 2 of the German Commercial Code (HGB), the surplus in deferred tax assets arising after netting is not recognised in the balance sheet.

Notes to the profit & loss account

[1] Other operating income

All figures in €'000

	2014	2013
Rent and incidentals	9,423	9,092
Income from the reversal of provisions	2,145	298
Gains from the disposal of assets	2,070	1
Group allocations	784	797
Credits from legal proceedings	678	-
Settlement payments	-	1,465
Other	675	960
	15,775	12,611

Rent and incidentals essentially comprise income from the rental of the administration building to MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG in Wiesloch. The gains from the disposal of fixed assets include the sale of works of art. Group allocations comprise costs passed on to MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG, Wiesloch.

[2] Personnel expenses

All figures in €'000

	2014	2013
Salaries and wages	5,122	4,602
Social security contributions	101	100
Expenses for old-age provision	1,001	1,029
	6,224	5,731

The item of salaries and wages includes the fixed and variable portion of employee remuneration. Determined pursuant to § 267 (5) of the German Commercial Code (HGT), the average number of full-time employees for the financial year 2014 was 7 employees (previous year: 9 employees). In the previous year the figure included 2 members of management staff.

[3] Depreciation/amortisation

All figures in €'000

	2014	2013
Fixed assets	3,891	4,304

The development of fixed assets is disclosed in Note 8.

[4] Other operating expenses

All figures in €'000

	2014	2013
Consultancy	1,676	761
Administration operations	1,592	1,612
Group allocations	1,242	1,342
Write-downs of other receivables	1,228	-
Maintenance	1,132	849
Third party services	786	795
Supervisory Board remuneration	614	615
Insurance	582	572
Premiums and fees	484	367
IT operations	433	436
Other personnel costs	401	412
Other	1,023	1,115
	11,194	8,876

Consulting expenses include general consulting costs, as well as legal and tax advising costs. The item "Administration operations" comprises expenses for operating the administration buildings, as well as telephone and office costs. Group allocations comprise costs for services performed by MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG, Wiesloch within the scope of outsourcing operating functions.

[5] Finance cost

As per the profit and loss transfer agreement concluded in 2011 between MLP AG and FERI AG, profit of € 7,318 thsd (previous year: € 4,335 thsd) is to be transferred by FERI AG. As per the profit and loss transfer agreement in place between MLP AG and MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG, profit of € 25,375 thsd (previous year: € 26,957 thsd) is to be transferred by MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG.

Other interest and similar income essentially concern fixed-term deposits of € 289 thsd (previous year: € 163 thsd) and interest income from tax refunds totalling € 126 thsd (previous year: € 144 thsd). The amounts included from affiliated companies essentially come from the return on clearing accounts.

Interest and similar expenses essentially comprise € 749 thsd (previous year: € 780 thsd) in interest charges from provisions for pension obligations.

[6] Extraordinary expenses

Extraordinary expenses of € 231 thsd from the revaluation of pension obligations result from the application of Article 66 and Article 67 (1) to (5) of the Introductory Law to the German Commercial Code (EGHGB - transitional provisions to the Accounting Law Reform Act (BilMoG)) (previous year: € 231 thsd).

[7] Income tax expenses

For the current financial year, € 4,283 thsd are attributable to corporation tax expenses (previous year: € 2,410 thsd) and € 4,061 thsd are attributable to trade tax expenses (previous year: € 2,400 thsd). The change in tax rate is a result of findings of the current field tax audit and factors within the scope of the fiscal unity.

Notes to the balance sheet

[8] Intangible assets and fixed assets

Procurement and manufacturing costs

All figures in €'000	Jan. 1, 2014	Additions	Disposals	Dec. 31, 2014
Intangible assets				
Purchased concessions, industrial property rights and similar rights and assets, incl. licences on such rights and assets	27	-	-	27
	27	-	-	27
I. Fixed assets				
Land, leasehold rights and buildings including buildings on third-party land	89,795	5	-	89,800
2. Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment	20,616	364	438	20,542
3. Payments on account and assets under construction	-	346	_	346
	110,411	715	438	110,688
	110.420	715	438	110,715
Accumulated depreciation/amortisation	110,438	713	430	110,71
Accumulated depreciation/amortisation All figures in €'000	Jan. 1, 2014	Additions	Disposals	
All figures in €'000	·			
·	·			Dec. 31, 2014
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All figures in €'000 I. Intangible assets Purchased concessions, industrial property rights and similar rights and assets, incl. licences on such rights and assets II. Fixed assets	Jan. 1, 2014	Additions -	Disposals	Dec. 31, 2014 27
All figures in €'000 I. Intangible assets Purchased concessions, industrial property rights and similar rights and assets, incl. licences on such rights and assets II. Fixed assets 1. Land, leasehold rights and buildings including buildings on third-party land	Jan. 1, 2014 27 27	Additions - -	Disposals	Dec. 31, 2014 27 27 47,65
All figures in €'000 I. Intangible assets Purchased concessions, industrial property rights and similar rights and assets, incl. licences on such rights and assets II. Fixed assets 1. Land, leasehold rights and buildings including buildings on	Jan. 1, 2014 27 27 44,424	Additions 3,232	Disposals -	Dec. 31, 2014
All figures in €'000 I. Intangible assets Purchased concessions, industrial property rights and similar rights and assets, incl. licences on such rights and assets II. Fixed assets 1. Land, leasehold rights and buildings including buildings on third-party land 2. Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment	27 27 27 44,424 16,861	Additions 3,232	Disposals 12	27 27 47,657

Carrying amounts

All figures in €'000

	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
I. Intangible assets		
Purchased concessions, industrial property rights and similar rights and assets, incl. licences on such rights and assets	-	-
I. Fixed assets	-	
L. Land, leasehold rights and buildings including buildings on third- party land	42,143	45,371
2. Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment	3,034	3,754
3. Payments on account and assets under construction	346	
	45,523	49,125
	45,523	49,125

Assets are written down on a straight-line basis over the following time periods:

Useful life of fixed assets	2014	2013
Land, leasehold rights and buildings including buildings on third-party land		
Administration buildings	25-33 years	25-33 years
Land improvements	15-25 years	15-25 years
Other fixtures, fittings and office equipment		
Furniture and fittings	10-25 years	10-25 years
IT hardware, IT cabling	5-13 years	3-13 years
Office equipment, office machines	8, 10–13 years	8, 10–13 years

[9] Financial assets

Procurement and manufacturing costs

All figures in €'000				
	Jan. 1, 2014	Additions	Disposals	Dec. 31, 2014
III. Financial assets				
Shares in affiliated companies	230,420	-	-	230,420
Accumulated depreciation/amortisation				
All figures in €'000				
	Jan. 1, 2014	Additions	Disposals	Dec. 31, 2014
III. Financial assets				
Shares in affiliated companies	984	-	-	984
Carrying amounts				
All figures in €'000				
		Dec. 31, 2014		Dec. 31, 2013
III. Financial assets				
Shares in affiliated companies		229,437		229,437

Please refer to Note 32 for details on shares in affiliated companies.

[10] Receivables from affiliated companies

This item is largely made up of receivables from MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG and FERI AG in connection with the profit and loss transfer agreements in place between these companies and MLP AG. Further details can be found in Note 5.

[11] Other assets

Other assets of € 1,256 thsd have more than one year to maturity (previous year: € 1,858 thsd). The item is made up of income tax receivables/refund claims from advance tax payments for the current financial year and for years not yet assessed of € 18,704 thsd (previous year: € 20,497 thsd). These include the corporation tax credit of € 1,888 thsd (previous year: € 2,486 thsd), which had to be capitalised in 2006 at a present value of € 5,020 thsd due to legal requirements. The change is attributable to the repayment of the credit balance, which is spread evenly over 10 years and was started in 2008. The remaining balance is discounted annually using a no-risk interest rate suitable to the deadline.

[12] Cash on hand and on deposit with the Deutsche Bundesbank, bank deposits and cheques

All figures in €'000

	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
Cash on hand, current account credit balance	13,969	16,478
Fixed-term deposits	63,000	55,000
	76,969	71,478

The current account credit balance and fixed-term deposits are held at domestic (German) credit institutions.

[13] Excess of plan assets over pension liabilities

The netting of pension provisions with pledged plan assets per eligible recipient led to an excess of plan assets over pension liabilities of € 2,105 thsd (previous year: € 891 thsd).

Notes on offsetting transactions pursuant to § 246 (2) Sentence 2 of the German Commercial Code (HGB):

All figures in €'000	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
Settlement amount of offset liabilities	6,538	6,447
Acquisition costs, historical costs of assets	8,643	7,338
Fair value of assets	8,643	7,338
Offset expenses	348	323
Offset income	121	55

The offset expenses contain expenses from the accrued interest on pension obligations. The offset income contains income from the change in plan assets of reinsurance policies.

[14] Share capital

The share capital of MLP AG is made up of 107,877,738 (previous year: 107,877,738) ordinary shares of MLP AG.

Authorised capital

A resolution passed by the Annual General Meeting on June 5, 2014 authorised the Executive Board, with the consent of the Supervisory Board, to increase the company's share capital by issuing new ordinary bearer shares on one or more occasions by up to € 22,000,000 in exchange for cash or non-cash contributions up to June 5, 2019. This resolution replaces the resolution approved at the Annual General Meeting on May 20, 2010.

[15] Treasury stock

The Annual General Meeting on June 6, 2013 authorised the Executive Board to buy back own shares on one or more occasions with a pro rata amount of capital stock represented by such

shares of up to $\{0.787,773 \text{ until June 5, 2018. So far no use has yet been made of this authorisation.}$

[16] Capital reserves

Capital reserves are set up in compliance with § 272 (2) of the German Commercial Code (HGB) in consideration of § 150 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG), and remained unchanged at € 134,525 thsd as of December 31, 2014.

[17] Retained earnings

Other retained earnings

Other retained earnings have changed as follows:

All figures in €'000

	2014	2013
As of January 1	119,824	105,824
Transfer from net profit	1,900	14,000
Withdrawal for dividend payout	-1,220	-
As of December 31	120,504	119,824

In line with the resolution from the Annual General Meeting on June 5, 2014, € 1,900 thsd was assigned to other retained earnings.

[18] Unappropriated profit

Unappropriated profit displayed the following development:

All figures in €'000

	2014	2013
Unappropriated profit as of January 1	19,166	48,691
Dividend payout	-17,260	-34,521
Withdrawal from retained earnings	1,220	-
Transfer to retained earnings	-1,900	-14,000
Net profit	17,114	18,995
Unappropriated profit as of December 31	18,339	19,166

Profit distribution restriction

The acquisition costs of the offset assets in the sense of § 246 (2) Sentence 2 of the German Commercial Code (HGB) correspond to the fair value. The assets represent pledged reinsurance policies. Internally generated intangible assets and deferred tax assets are not capitalised, so there are no potential profits restricted for distribution.

[19] Provisions

The provisions for pensions and similar obligations are € 9,185 thsd (previous year: € 8,950 thsd). The measurement of pension provisions was based on the following parameters:

	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
Assumed interest rate	4.53%	4.89%
Anticipated pay rises	0.00%	1.80%
Anticipated rises in pension	1.50% or 2.50%	1.80%

Subject to the structure of the benefit obligations, the anticipated rises in pensions were derived from the development of the consumer price index and the collective bargaining agreements in the private insurance sector.

Existing plan assets in the form of reinsurance policies are offset against the affected pension obligations pursuant to § 246 (2) Sentence 2 of the German Commercial Code (HGB).

The pension provisions not disclosed due to exercising the option pursuant to § 67 (1) Sentence 1 of the Introductory Law to the German Commercial Code (EGHGB) are € 2,311 thsd as of December 31, 2014 (previous year: € 2,542 thsd).

In the last financial year, the company recognised tax provisions totalling \in 4,000 thsd (previous year: \in 3,390 thsd), of which \in 2,230 thsd (previous year: \in 1,920 thsd) is attributable to corporation tax and \in 1,770 thsd (previous year: \in 1,470 thsd) to trade tax.

Other provisions essentially comprise provisions concerning human resources of \in 4,927 thsd (previous year: \in 3,513 thsd), amongst other things for variable remuneration, redundancy payments and holiday entitlements, as well as provisions for outstanding invoices of \in 636 thsd (previous year: \in 557 thsd).

[20] Liabilities

Composition of liabilities as of December 31, 2014

All figures in €'000

		With a re	maining te	erm of	Of which are		
Liability type	Total amount	up to 1 year	1 to 5 years	more than 5 years	collateralised liabilities	Type of collateral	
Trade accounts payable	462	462	-	1	0	-	
Liabilities due to affiliated companies	2,066	2,066	-	1	0	-	
Other liabilities	1,052	1,052	-	-	0	-	
	3,580	3,580	-	-	0	-	

Composition of liabilities as of December 31, 2013

All figures in €'000

		With a remaining term of		With a remaining term of Of which are		
Liability type	Total amount	up to 1 year	1 to 5 years	more than 5 years	collateralised liabilities	Type of collateral
Trade accounts payable	550	550	1	1	0	1
Liabilities due to affiliated companies	2,052	2,052	-	-	0	-
Other liabilities	1,246	1,246	-	-	0	-
	3,848	3,848	_	_	0	_

Customary retentions of title are in place for trade accounts payable. Receivables from and liabilities due to affiliated companies are summed for each company and stated in a single figure as receivables or liabilities. The liabilities are essentially held against MLP Consult GmbH in Wiesloch.

The item "Other liabilities" essentially comprises liabilities from bonus payments for members of the Executive Board and VAT liabilities.

Miscellaneous information

[21] Corporate agreements

On April 18, 2007 and in accordance with § 291 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) a profit and loss transfer agreement was concluded between MLP AG and MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG. The consent of the Annual General Meetings of MLP AG and MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG was given on May 31, 2007 and May 2, 2007. The entry in the commercial register relevant for MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG took place on June 13, 2007.

On April 19, 2011 a profit and loss transfer agreement in line with § 291 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) was concluded between MLP AG and FERI AG. The consent of the Annual General Meetings of MLP AG and FERI AG was granted on June 10, 2011 and on June 8, 2011 respectively. The entry in the commercial register responsible for FERI AG took place on July 18, 2011.

On April 16, 2012 a control agreement in line with § 293 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) was concluded between MLP AG and FERI AG. The consent of the Annual General Meetings of MLP AG and FERI AG was granted on June 26, 2012 and on May 16, 2012 respectively. The entry in the commercial register responsible for FERI AG took place on July 30, 2012.

[22] Outsourcing of operational functions

Due to cost considerations, MLP AG outsourced certain operational functions to MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG. This outsourcing affects services in the fields of risk management, IT, controlling, financial accounting, accounting, legal affairs, taxes, human resources, purchasing and building administration. The other risks that can occur when employing a workforce, such as human error or personnel bottlenecks, are taken into account.

[23] Off-balance-sheet transactions

MLP AG has signed operating leasing agreements for vehicles. The average term of these lease agreements is four years. The following obligations result from these agreements:

All figures in €'000

	Dec. 31, 2014			
	2015	2016	> 2016	Total
Vehicle leasing	52	43	55	149

	Dec. 31, 2013			
	2014 2015 > 2015 Total			
Vehicle leasing	61	34	49	143

[24] Other financial liabilities not recognised in the balance sheet

Other financial commitments were as follows:

All figures in €'000

	Dec. 31, 2014				
	2015	2016	> 2016	Total	
Purchase commitment	441	-	-	441	
Other rents	1	1	0	2	
	442	1	0	443	

	Dec. 31, 2013				
	2014	2015	> 2015	Total	
Purchase commitment	314	П	ı	314	
Other rents	1	I	ı	1	
	316	ı	1	316	

[25] Guarantees and other commitments

As was the case in the previous year, as of the balance sheet date, MLP AG and MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG remained jointly and severally liable for the € 20,000 thsd line of credit granted to both companies by several financial institutions. As of December 31, 2014, this line of credit had not yet been drawn on.

Within the scope of § 2a of the German Banking Act (KWG) in conjunction with Art. 7 of the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR), MLP AG has issued a binding letter of comfort to MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG, to the effect that it will promptly provide MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG with equity within the scope of Art. 25 et seq. of the Capital Requirements Regulation (CRR) up to the level required for MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG at an individual institute level. Based on the current capital adequacy and the current risk situation at MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG, MLP does not expect this financial guarantee to be exercised.

MLP AG has submitted a declaration of indemnification in accordance with §5 (10) of the statute of the depositor's guarantee fund of the Association of German Banks e.V. (BdB) for MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG. MLP AG does not currently anticipate any utilisation.

MLP AG is jointly and severally liable for the obligations arising from the purchase contract agreed between MLP Private Finance Limited and Towry Law. Under the current conditions, the maximum risk amounts to GBP 1 million. MLP AG does not currently anticipate any utilisation as a result of this.

On the balance sheet date, actions are pending for potentially considerable damages due to incorrect disclosures in the capital market information published by the company. This predominantly concerns the years 2000 to 2002. However, MLP firmly believes that the actions will not be successful.

MLP AG is not liable in any situation other than those outlined above.

[26] Executive bodies of MLP AG

Executive Board	Mandates in other statutory Supervisory Boards of companies based in Germany	Memberships in comparable domestic and foreign control bodies of commercial enterprises
Dr. Uwe Schroeder-Wildberg, Heidelberg	FERI AG, Bad Homburg v.d.H. (Chairman)	-
Chairman Responsible for Strategy, Communication, Policy/Investor Relations, Marketing, Market and Innovations, Sales		
Reinhard Loose, Berlin responsible for Controlling, IT and Purchasing, Group Accounting, Risk Management, Internal Audit, Legal, Human Resources	-	-
Manfred Bauer, Leimen responsible for Product Management	-	MLP Hyp GmbH, Wiesloch (Supervisory Board)
Muhyddin Suleiman, Walldorf responsible for Sales (until March 31, 2014)	-	-

Supervisory Board	Mandates in other statutory	Memberships in comparable		
	Supervisory Boards of companies	domestic and foreign control		
	based in Germany	bodies of commercial		
		enterprises		
Dr. Peter Lütke-Bornefeld, Everswinkel Chairman formerly chairman of the Executive Board at General Reinsurance AG, Cologne	 VPV Lebensversicherungs- AG, Stuttgart VHV Vereinigte Hannoversche Versicherung a. G., Hannover (Chairman) VHV Holding AG, Hannover (Chairman) VHV Lebensversicherung AG, Hannover Hannoversche Direktversicherung AG, Hannover Hannoversche Lebensversicherung AG, Hannover MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG, Wiesloch (Chairman) 	-		
Dr. h. c. Manfred Lautenschläger, Gaiberg Vice Chairman formerly chairman of the Executive Board MLP AG, Wiesloch	-	University Hospital Heidelberg, Heidelberg (Supervisory Board)		
Dr. Claus-Michael Dill, Berlin formerly chairman of the Executive Board AXA Konzern AG, Cologne	General Reinsurance AG, Cologne (Chairman) HUK-COBURG Holding AG, Coburg HUK-COBURG VVaG, Coburg HUK-COBURG Allgemeine Versicherung AG, Coburg Catlin SE, Cologne	Polygon AB, Stockholm, Sweden (Non-executive Member of the Board) (until October 30, 2014) Catlin Re AG, Zurich, Switzerland (Member of the Governing Board) Catlin Group plc, Hamilton/Bermuda (Independent Director) (since May 13, 2014)		
Johannes Maret, Burgbrohl Investment Committee Member The Triton Fund, Jersey, GB	-	Gebrüder Rhodius KG, Burgbrohl (Chairman of the Advisory Board) The Triton Fund, Jersey, GB (Investment Committee Member) Befesa Holding S.à.r.l., Luxembourg (Member of the Advisory Board) Battenfeld Cincinnati Holding GmbH, Bad Oeynhausen (Chairman of the Advisory Board)		
Burkhard Schlingermann, Dusseldorf Employees' representative employee of MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG, Wiesloch member of the works council of	MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG, Wiesloch (employees' representative)	-		

MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG, Wiesloch		
Alexander Beer, Karlsruhe	-	-
Employees' representative		
employee of MLP Finanzdienstleistungen		
AG, Wiesloch		

[27] Emoluments paid to members of the Supervisory Board and Executive Board

For the detailed structure of the remuneration system and the remuneration of the Executive Board and Supervisory Board, please refer to the remuneration report. The remuneration report is part of the joint management report.

Executive Board

The total remuneration for members of the Executive Board was € 2,053 thsd (previous year: € 3,466 thsd). € 1,342 thsd (previous year: € 1,725 thsd) thereof represents the fixed portion of remuneration and € 711 thsd is the variable portion of remuneration (previous year: € 1,741 thsd). In the financial year, expenses of € 290 thsd (previous year: € 290 thsd) were accrued for occupational pension provision.

Retired members of the Executive Board received redundancy payments of € 1,440 thsd (previous year: € 0 thsd). As of December 31, 2014, pension provisions for former members of the Executive Board of € 9,185 thsd (previous year: € 8,950 thsd) and an excess of plan assets over pension liabilities of € 1,618 thsd (previous year: € 667 thsd) were in place. The provision for former members of the Executive Board, which is not yet recognised due to exercising the option pursuant to Article 67 (1) Sentence 1 of the Introductory Law to the German Commercial Code (EGHGB), is € 2,077 thsd (previous year: € 2,200 thsd).

Supervisory Board

The members of the Supervisory Board received non-performance-related remuneration of € 500 thsd for their activities in 2014 (previous year: € 500 thsd). In addition, € 22 thsd (previous year: € 23 thsd) was paid as compensation for expenses and training measures.

[28] Shareholders on the balance sheet date

All figures in €'000

	Ordinary	shares	Percentage of share capital		
	2014	2013	2014	2013	
	Number of shares	Number of shares	%	%	
Dr. h. c. Manfred Lautenschläger	25,383,373	25,383,373	23.53	23.53	
Other members of the Supervisory Board	225,050	200,000	0.21	0.19	
Executive Board	16,254	16,254	0.02	0.02	
Other shareholders	82,253,061	82,278,111	76.25	76.27	
Total	107,877,738	107,877,738	100.00	100.00	

[29] Auditor's fees

Expenses for fees in connection with the services of companies commissioned to perform the annual audit can be found in the corresponding disclosures in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

[30] Declaration of compliance with the German Corporate Governance Code

The Executive and Supervisory Boards issued a Declaration of Compliance with the German Corporate Governance Code pursuant to § 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) and made it permanently available to the shareholders via its website, www.mlp-ag.com.

[31] Disclosures pursuant to §§ 21 (1), 22 German Securities Trading Act (WpHG)

Mr. Manfred Lautenschläger, Germany, informed us in line with § 21 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that his share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany fell below the threshold of 25% on August 22, 2008, and amounted to 23.38% on that day (25,205,534 voting rights). This share comprises 20.98% of the voting rights (22,618,932 voting rights) of Angelika Lautenschläger Beteiligungen Verwaltungs GmbH attributable to him in line with § 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 1 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

Angelika Lautenschläger Beteiligungen Verwaltungs GmbH, Gaiberg, Germany, informed us in line with § 21 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that her share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the thresholds of 15% and 20% on April 21, 2008 and amounted to 23.08% (22,618,932 voting rights) on that day.

M.L. Stiftung gGmbH, Gaiberg, Germany, informed us in line with § 21 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the threshold of 3% on December 5, 2007 and amounted to 4.14% (4,500,000 voting rights) on that day. This share comprises 4.14% (4,500,000 voting rights) of Manfred Lautenschläger Stiftung gGmbH attributable to it in line with § 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 1 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

Frau Angelika Lautenschläger, Germany, informed us in line with § 21 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that her share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the threshold of 3% and 5 % on December 7, 2007 and amounted to 5.97% (6,500,000 voting rights) on that day. This share comprises 4.14% (4,500,000 voting rights) of M.L. Stiftung gGmbH attributable to her in line with §§ 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 1, and 22 (1) Sentence 2 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG). 4.14% (4,500,000 voting rights) of the shares held by Manfred Lautenschläger Stiftung gGmbH are attributable to M.L. Stiftung gGmbH in line with § 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 1 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

Barmenia Krankenversicherung a. G., Wuppertal, Germany informed us in line with § 21 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that on December 21, 2009 its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% and amounted on that date to 6.67% (corresponding to 7,197,664 voting rights). 0.27% of the shares (corresponding to 290,000 voting rights) are attributable to Barmenia Krankenversicherung a. G. in line with § 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 1 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

Berenberg Bank, Joh. Berenberg Gossler & Co. KG, Hamburg, Germany informed us in line with § 21 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany fell below the threshold of 5% on November 18, 2009 and now amounts to 4.84% (corresponding to 5,223,957 voting rights).

Allianz SE, Munich, Germany, informed us in line with § 21 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany, exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on August 22, 2008 and amounted to 6.27% (corresponding to 6,761,893 voting rights) on that day. The voting rights were attributable to it in line with § 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 1 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

The voting rights attributable to it were held by the following companies it controls, whose respective share of the voting rights in MLP AG amounted to 3 % or more: Allianz Deutschland AG, Jota Vermögensverwaltungsgesellschaft mbH, Allianz Lebensversicherung AG.

At the same time, Allianz SE informed us of the following in line with §§ 21 (1) in connection with § 24 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG): The share of the voting rights held by Allianz Deutschland AG, Munich, Germany, in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany, exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on August 22, 2008 and amounted to 6.27% (corresponding to 6,761,893 voting rights). These voting rights are attributable to Allianz Deutschland AG in line with § 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 1 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

The voting rights attributable to Allianz Deutschland AG were held by the following companies it controls, whose respective share of the voting rights in MLP AG amounted to 3% or more: Jota Vermögensverwaltungsgesellschaft mbH, Allianz Lebensversicherung AG.

The share of the voting rights held by Jota Vermögensverwaltungsgesellschaft mbH, Munich, Germany, in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany, exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on August 22, 2008 and amounted to 6.27% (corresponding to 6,761,893 voting rights). These voting rights

are attributable to Jota Vermögensverwaltungsgesellschaft mbH in line with § 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 1 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

The voting rights attributable to Jota Vermögensverwaltungsgesellschaft mbH were held by the following company it controls, whose respective share of the voting rights in MLP AG amounted to 3% or more: Allianz Lebensversicherung AG.

The share of the voting rights held by Allianz Lebensversicherung AG, Stuttgart, Germany, in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany, exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on August 22, 2008 and amounted to 6.27% (corresponding to 6,761,893 voting rights).

HDI Pensionskasse AG, Cologne, Germany informed us in line with § 21 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on October 24, 2014 and now amounts to 9.48% (corresponding to 10,231,552 voting rights). Of this, 8.98% (9,692,552 voting rights) are attributable to it in line with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG). 3% or more of the voting rights are attributable to HDI Lebensversicherung AG in accordance with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

Aspecta Lebensversicherung AG, Cologne, Germany informed us in line with §§ 21 (1), 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on May 14, 2009 and now amounts to 9.89% (corresponding to 10,671,969 voting rights). Of this, 8.40% (corresponding to 9,054,969 voting rights) are attributable to it in line with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG). Aspecta Lebensversicherung AG holds 1.50% (corresponding to 1,617,000 voting rights) directly.

CiV Lebensversicherung AG, Hilden, Germany informed us in line with §§ 21 (1), 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on May 14, 2009 and now amounts to 9.89% (corresponding to 10,671,969 voting rights). Of this, 9.65% (corresponding to 10,408,201 voting rights) are attributable to it in line with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG). CiV Lebensversicherung AG holds 0.24% (corresponding to 263,768 voting rights) directly.

neue leben Lebensversicherung AG, Hamburg, Germany informed us in line with §§ 21 (1), 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on May 14, 2009 and now amounts to 9.89% (corresponding to 10,671,969 voting rights). Of this, 9.16% (corresponding to 9,878,255 voting rights) are attributable to it in line with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG). neue leben Lebensversicherung AG holds 0.74% (corresponding to 793,714 voting rights) directly.

neue leben Holding AG, Hamburg, Germany informed us in line with §§ 21 (1), 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 1 and (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on May 14, 2009 and

amounts to 9.89% (corresponding to 10,671,969 voting rights). Of this, 9.16% (corresponding to 9,878,255 voting rights) are attributable to it in line with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) and a further 0.74% (corresponding to 793,714 voting rights) are attributable to it in line with § 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 1 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

Proactiv Holding AG, Hilden, Germany informed us in line with §§ 21 (1), 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 1 and (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on May 14, 2009 and amounts to 9.89% (corresponding to 10,671,969 voting rights). Of this, 8.67% (corresponding to 9,350,719 voting rights) are attributable to it in line with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) and a further 1.22% (corresponding to 1,321,250 voting rights) are attributable to it in line with § 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 1 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

HDI-Gerling Industrie Versicherung AG, Hanover, Germany informed us in line with §§ 21 (1), 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on May 14, 2009 and now amounts to 9.89% (corresponding to 10,671,969 voting rights). Of this, 9.49% (corresponding to 10,231,552 voting rights) are attributable to it in line with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG). HDI-Gerling Industrie Versicherung AG holds 0.41% (corresponding to 440,417 voting rights) directly.

HDI-Gerling Firmen und Privat Versicherung AG, Hanover, Germany informed us in line with §§ 21 (1), 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on May 14, 2009 and now amounts to 9.89% (corresponding to 10,671,969 voting rights). Of this, 9.49% (corresponding to 10,231,552 voting rights) are attributable to it in line with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG). HDI-Gerling Firmen und Privat Versicherung AG holds 0.41% (corresponding to 440,417 voting rights) directly.

HDI Direkt Versicherung AG, Hanover, Germany informed us in line with §§ 21 (1), 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on May 14, 2009 and now amounts to 9.89% (corresponding to 10,671,969 voting rights). Of this, 9.49% (corresponding to 10,231,553 voting rights) are attributable to it in line with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG). HDI Direkt Versicherung AG holds 0.41% (corresponding to 440,416 voting rights) directly.

Talanx Beteiligungs-GmbH & Co. KG, Hanover, Germany informed us in line with §§ 21 (1), 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 2 and (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on May 14, 2009 and now amounts to 9.89% (corresponding to 10,671,969 voting rights). Of this, 8.67% (corresponding to 9,350,719 voting rights) is attributable to it in line with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) and a further 1.22% (corresponding to 1,321,250 voting rights) are attributable to it in line with § 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 2 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

Hannover Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH, Hanover, Germany informed us in line with §§ 21 (1), 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 2 in connection with Sentence 2 and (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on May 14, 2009 and now amounts to 9.89% (corresponding to 10,671,969 voting rights). Of this, 8.67% (corresponding to 9,350,719 voting rights) are attributable to it in line with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) and a further 1.22% (corresponding to 1,321,250 voting rights) are attributable to it in line with § 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 2 in connection with Sentence 2 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

Gerling Beteiligungs-Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung, Cologne, Germany informed us in line with § 21 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on October 22, 2010 and now amounts to 9.89% (corresponding to 10,671,969 voting rights). Of this sum, 2.45% (corresponding to 2,642,500 voting rights) is attributable to the company in line with § 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 1 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) via Talanx Beteiligungs-GmbH & Co. KG and 7.44% (corresponding to 8,029,469 voting rights) is attributable to the company in line with § 22 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

Talanx Deutschland Bancassurance GmbH, Hilden, Germany informed us in line with § 21 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on August 25, 2011 and now amounts to 9.89 % (corresponding to 10,671,969 voting rights). Of this sum, 1.22% (corresponding to 1,321,250 voting rights) is allocated to the company in line with § 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 1 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) and 8.67% (corresponding to 9,350,719 voting rights) is allocated to the company in line with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG), of which 3% or more of the shares are attributable via HDI-Gerling Lebensversicherung AG in the sense of allocating additional voting rights in line with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

PB Lebensversicherung Aktiengesellschaft, Hilden, Germany informed us in line with § 21 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on October 4, 2011 and now amounts to 9.89% (corresponding to 10,671,969 voting rights). Of this, 9.65% (10,408,201 voting rights) are attributable to it in line with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG). 3% or more of the voting rights are attributable to HDI-Gerling Lebensversicherung AG in accordance with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

Talanx Aktiengesellschaft informed us in line with §§ 21, 24 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that the share of the voting rights of HDI-Gerling Friedrich Wilhelm Rückversicherung Aktiengesellschaft, Cologne, Germany, in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany, exceeded the thresholds of 3% and 5% on December 31, 2012 and now amounts to 9.89% (corresponding to 10,671,969 voting rights). Of this 9.40% (10,144,433 voting rights) are attributable to it in line with § 22 (2) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) and 0.49% (527,536 voting rights) in line with § 22 (1) No. 1 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

Harris Associates LP, Chicago, USA informed us in line with § 21 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany fell below the threshold of 10% on March 20, 2013 and amounted to 9.82% (corresponding to 10,593,263 voting rights) on that day. The voting rights were attributable to Harris Associates LP in line with § 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 1 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG). It is allocated voting rights from the following shareholders, each of whose share of the voting rights in MLP AG is 3% or more: Harris Associates Investment Trust.

Harris Associates Investment Trust, Chicago, USA informed us in line with § 21 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the threshold of 3% on October 14, 2010 and amounted to 3.05% (corresponding to 3,286,623 voting rights) on that day.

FMR LLC, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, informed us in line with § 21 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the threshold of 5% on November 27, 2013, and amounted to 7.10 % (7,654,779 voting rights) on that day. The voting rights are attributable to FMR LLC in line with § 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with Sentence 2 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

Fidelity Management & Research Company, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, informed us in line with § 21 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany fell below the threshold of 5% on January 2, 2014 and amounted to 4.99% (5,390,460 voting rights) on that day. The voting rights are attributable to Fidelity Management & Research Company in line with § 22 (1) Sentence 1 No. 6 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG).

Franklin Templeton Investment Funds, Luxembourg, Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, informed us in line with § 21 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) that its share of the voting rights in MLP AG, Wiesloch, Germany exceeded the threshold of 3% on November 19, 2014 and amounted to 2.9942% (3,230,092 voting rights) on that day.

[32] Investments in affiliated companies

The company's shareholdings are as follows as of December 31, 2014:

Direct holdings

Name, registered office	Carrying amount Jan. 1, 2014	Carrying amount Dec. 31, 2014	Share	Shareholders' equity as of Dec. 31, 2014	Net profit/loss 2014
	€'000	€'000	%	€'000	€'000
MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG, Wiesloch ¹⁾	109,005	109,005	100.00	109,548	25,375
MLP Consult GmbH, Wiesloch	2,350	2,350	100.00	2,309	-106
FERI AG, Bad Homburg ¹⁾	118,082	118,082	100.00	19,862	7,318
	229.437	229.437			

^{229,437 229,437}A profit and loss transfer agreement is in place. Presentation of the net result for the year before profit transfer.

Indirect holdings

Name	Registered office	Share	Shareholders' equity as of Dec. 31, 2014	Net profit/loss 2014
		%	€'000	€'000
MLPdialog GmbH				
(Wholly-owned subsidiary of MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG)	Wiesloch	100.00	299	124
TPC GmbH ¹⁾ (Wholly-owned subsidiary of MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG)	Hamburg	100.00	314	468
ZSH GmbH Finanzdienstleistungen (Wholly-owned subsidiary of MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG) MLP Hyp GmbH (49.8 % subsidiary of MLP Finanzdienstleistungen	Heidelberg	100.00	1,190	1,499
AG)	Wiesloch	49.80	4,734	1,734
FERI Trust GmbH ²⁾ (Wholly-owned subsidiary of FERI AG)	Bad Homburg v. d. H.	100.00	3,598	701
FERI Institutional & Family Office GmbH ²⁾ (Wholly-owned subsidiary of FERI AG)	Bad Homburg v. d. H.	100.00	51	544
FERI EuroRating Services AG ²⁾ (Wholly-owned subsidiary of FERI AG)	Bad Homburg v. d. H.	100.00	958	648
FEREAL AG ²⁾ (Wholly-owned subsidiary of FERI AG)	Bad Homburg v. d. H.	100.00	2,171	22
FERI Trust (Luxembourg) S.A. (Wholly-owned subsidiary of FERI AG)	Luxembourg	100.00	12,880	13,386
FERI Trust AG (Switzerland) 3) 6) (Wholly-owned subsidiary of FERI AG) FERI Corp. 4) 6)	St. Gallen	100.00	CHF -738 thsd	CHF -61 thsd
(Wholly-owned subsidiary of FERI EuroRating Service AG)	New York	100.00	USD 87 thsd	USD -24 thsd
CORESIS Management GmbH ³⁾ (25 % held by FERI AG)	Bad Homburg v. d. H.	25.00	185	1
FPE Private Equity Beteiligungs-Treuhand GmbH ³⁾ (Wholly-owned subsidiary of FEREAL AG)	Munich	100.00	203	147
FPE Private Equity Koordinations GmbH 3) (Wholly-owned subsidiary of FEREAL AG)	Munich	100.00	83	57
FPE Direct Coordination GmbH ³⁾ (Wholly-owned subsidiary of FEREAL AG)	Munich	100.00	68	42
FERI Private Equity GmbH & Co. KG ³⁾ (Wholly-owned subsidiary of FEREAL AG)	Munich	100.00	37	-5
FERI Private Equity Nr. 2 GmbH & Co. KG ³⁾ (Wholly-owned subsidiary of FEREAL AG)	Munich	100.00	6	-5
UST Immobilien GmbH 3) (32.5 % held by FERI AG)	Bad Homburg v. d. H.	32.50	367	67
Michel & Cortesi Asset Management AG (Wholly-owned subsidiary of FERI AG)	Zurich	100.00	CHF 1,247 thsd	CHF 196 thsd
Michel & Cortesi & Partners AG 3) (Wholly-owned subsidiary of FERI AG)	Zurich	100.00	CHF 171 thsd	CHF 53 thsd
AIF Komplementär GmbH ³⁾ (25 % held by FERI AG, 50 % held by UST Immobilien GmbH) AIF Register-Treuhand GmbH ⁵⁾	Munich	41.25	24	-1
(Wholly-owned subsidiary of FERI AG)	Munich	100.00	-	

¹⁾ A profit and loss transfer agreement is in place with MLP Finanzdienstleistungen AG. Figures prior to profit transfer.
2) There is a profit and loss transfer agreement with FERI AG. Figures prior to profit transfer.

³⁾ Shareholders' equity and net profit from the annual financial statements 2013.

⁴⁾ Shareholders' equity and net profit from the annual financial statements 2010.

⁵⁾ Founded in 2013, financial statements are not available yet.

⁶⁾ Currency conversion rates on the balance sheet date: € 1 = CHF 1.2023 / € 1 = USD 1.2155.

As of December 31, 2014, neither MLP AG nor the companies shown here possessed any other holdings requiring disclosure under the provisions of § 285 No. 11 of the German Commercial Code (HGB). The voting right granted under § 286 (3) Sentence 1 No. 1 of the German Commercial Code (HGB) was exercised.

[33] Proposal for the appropriation of MLP AG's unappropriated profit

Pursuant to § 170 (2) of the German Stock Corporation Act, the Executive Board proposes that the unappropriated profit of € 18,339,215.46 disclosed in the annual financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2014 be used as follows:

	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
	€	€
Dividend payout to shareholders	18,339,215.46	17,260,438.08
Transfer to retained earnings	-	1,900,000.00
Profit brought forward	-	5,331.48
Unappropriated profit	18,339,215.46	19,165,769.56

Wiesloch,	February	24,	2015
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MLP AG

Executive Board

Dr. Uwe Schroeder-Wildberg

Manfred Bauer

Reinhard Loose

Auditor's Report

We have audited the annual financial statements, comprising the balance sheet, the profit and loss account and the notes to the financial statements, together with the bookkeeping system and its joint management report of the Company and the Group prepared by the MLP AG, Wiesloch, for the business year from January 1, to December 31, 2014. The maintenance of the books and records and the preparation of the annual financial statements and joint management report in accordance with German commercial law are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the annual financial statements, together with the bookkeeping system, and the joint management report based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of the annual financial statements in accordance with § 317 HGB ["Handelsgesetzbuch": "German Commercial Code] and German generally accepted standard s for the audit of financial statements promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer [Institute of Public Auditors in Germany] (IDW). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit such that misstatements materially affecting the presentation of the net assets, financial position and results of operations in the annual financial statements in accordance with [German] principles of proper accounting and in the management report are detected with reasonable assurance. Knowledge of the business activities and the economic and legal environment of the Company and expectations as to possible misstatements are taken into account in the determination of audit procedures. The effectiveness of the accounting-related internal control system and the evidence supporting the disclosures in the books and records, the annual financial statements and the management report are examined primarily on a test basis within the framework of the audit. The audit includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the annual financial statements and management report. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audit has not led to any reservations.

In our opinion, based on the findings of our audit, the annual financial statements comply with the legal requirements and give a true and fair view of the net assets, financial position and results of operations of the Company and the Group in accordance with [German] principles of proper accounting. The joint management report is consistent with the annual financial statements and as a whole provides a suitable view of the Company's position and suitably presents the opportunities and risks of future development.

Frankfurt/ Main, February 26, 2015

KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft

Dr. Hübner Fust

Wirtschaftsprüfer Wirtschaftsprüfer (German Public

(German Public Auditor) Auditor)

Responsibility statement

"To the best of our knowledge and in accordance with the applicable reporting principles, the annual financial statements give a true and fair view of the net assets, financial position and results of operations of the company, and the joint management report gives a fair view of the performance of the business including business results and the overall position of the company, together with a description of the principal opportunities and risks associated with the expected development of the company."

Wiesloch, February 24, 2015	
MLP AG	
Executive Board	
Dr. Uwe Schroeder-Wildberg	Manfred Bauer
Reinhard Loose	

Financial calendar 2015

February 26, 2015

Publication of the results for the financial year 2014.

Annual press conference and analyst conference in Frankfurt.

March 26, 2015

Publication of the Annual Report for the financial year 2014.

Mai 12, 2015

Publication of the results for the first quarter 2015.

June 18, 2015

Annual General Meeting (AGM) of MLP AG in Mannheim.

MLP AG holds its AGM at the Rosengarten in Mannheim.

August 13, 2015

Publication of the results for the first half-year and the second quarter 2015.

November 12, 2015

Publication of the results for the first nine months and third quarter 2015.

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