

# **Corporate Governance Statement 2015**

This Corporate Governance Statement has been drawn up on the basis of Chapter 7 Section 7 of the Securities Markets Act and of the recommendation 54 specified in the Finnish Corporate Governance Code 2010 available in the Securities Market Association website at <a href="www.cgfinland.fi">www.cgfinland.fi</a>. The Corporate Governance Statement will be issued separately from the Board of Directors' Report, and the provided data is based on situation dated on December 31, 2015.

#### **Corporate Governance**

Teleste Corporation aims at organizing its management in a consistent and functional manner. The governance is based on the Finnish Companies Act and Teleste Corporation's Articles of Association. Teleste shares are listed on the Nasdaq Helsinki Oy (hereafter Stock Exchange). The company abides by the Securities Markets Act, rules and regulations for the listed companies issued by the Stock Exchange, including the Finnish Corporate Governance Code, and rules and regulations issued by the Financial Supervisory Authority. Since March 1, 2000, Teleste complies with the insider guidelines of the Stock Exchange in their valid form at any given time. These insider guidelines are complemented by Teleste's internal guidelines. The company has confirmed the set of applied values.

#### **General Meeting**

The General Meeting of Teleste Corporation is the highest decision-making body of the company. It is held at least once a year by the end of June as specified in the Articles of Association. The Annual General Meeting (hereafter AGM) is held in Helsinki in the customary manner.

The General Meeting decides matters specified for it to decide in the Finnish Companies Act. Issues decided by the AGM include approval of the financial statements, allocation of profit shown in the balance sheet, discharge from liability of the Board of Directors and the CEO, and the election of the members of the Board of Directors and the auditor. Responsibilities of the General Meeting also include e.g. making amendments to the Articles of Association, decision-making concerning share issues, granting of entitlements to options and other special rights, procurement and redeeming of company's own shares and reduction of share capital. Teleste Corporation's General Meeting shall be convened by the Board of Directors.

#### **Board of Directors**

#### Rules of Procedure

It is the function of Teleste Corporation's Board of Directors to manage the company in accordance with the law, statutory regulations, Articles of Association and decisions taken by the General Meeting. The operating procedures and main duties of the Board of Directors have been specified in the Board's Rules of Procedure. The Board shall resolve any matters of great importance in terms of scope and magnitude to the Group's operation. The Board oversees and assesses the operation of the CEO and the Management Group. The Board decides on the criteria of the company's compensation system and makes decisions on any other far-reaching issues related to personnel.

In line with the view adopted by the Board of Teleste Corporation, the proceedings of the Board will be carried out in an optimum way without formation of separate committees but by involving the

entire Board in the so-called committee proceedings. The Board is also carrying out the duties of the Audit Committee.

The Board shall conduct an annual evaluation of its performance and working methods. The Board has laid down rules of procedure according to which the essential duties of the Board include the following:

- Provision for the company business strategy and its revision at regular intervals,
- Approval of annual budgets and supervision of their implementation,
- Decisions concerning major investments and divestments,
- Handling and approval of annual financial statements and interim reports,
- Appointment of the CEO and discharging him from his duties and specification of his responsibilities and conditions of work,
- Decisions concerning incentive and bonus systems involving management as well as personnel and presentation of any related proposals to the AGM as required,
- Annual revision of any essential risks related to the company operation and management thereof,
- Laying down the company values and policies.

## Election and Term of Office of the Board of Directors

According to the Articles of Association, the Board consisting of a minimum of three and a maximum of eight members will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Members shall hold office until the end of the next AGM. The Board shall elect Chairman of the Board from amongst its members.

In its meeting held on April 9, 2015, the AGM elected the six persons specified below to the Board of Directors of Teleste Corporation. Marjo Miettinen was elected Chairman by the members of the Board.

Marjo Miettinen, Chairman, b. 1957, M.Sc. (Ed.), EM Group Oy, Board Professional, Board Member since 2009

Pertti Ervi, Member of the Board, b. 1957, B.Sc. (Eng.), Independent Consultant, Board Member since 2009

Jannica Fagerholm, Member of the Board, b. 1961, M.Sc. (Econ.), Signe and Ane Gyllenberg Foundation, Managing Director, Board Member since 2013

Esa Harju, Member of the Board, b. 1967, M.Sc. (Eng.), Independent Consultant, Board Member since 2012

Kai Telanne, Member of the Board, b. 1964, M.Sc. (Econ.), Alma Media Corporation, CEO, Board Member since 2008

Petteri Walldén, Member of the Board, b. 1948, M.Sc. (Eng.), Board Member since 2009

The Members of the Board are not employed by the company, and are in line with the issued Finnish recommendations independent of the company and any significant shareholders of it with the exception of Chairman Marjo Miettinen, who is a Board Member of EM Group Oy, a significant shareholder.

In 2015, the Board of Directors of Teleste Corporation had 9 meetings. The attendance of the Directors at the Board meetings was 94 %. In addition to the Members of the Board the meetings were attended by the CEO, the Deputy CEO and the CFO and also persons invited separately as required.

#### Remuneration for the Members of the Board

The remuneration for the Members of the Board of Directors is decided on by the Annual General Meeting. On April 9, 2015, the AGM decided that the Chairman of the Board be paid until the next AGM EUR 40 000 per year and each Member EUR 28 000 per year. Remuneration for the Members of the Board will be paid so that 40% of the specified annual amount will be used to purchase

Teleste's shares or alternatively the shares may be conveyed by using the own shares held by the company, and the rest will be paid in cash.

Salaries, remuneration and other benefits paid in 2015 to the Board of Directors were as follows: Marjo Miettinen, EUR 40 000 including 2 360 Teleste shares
Pertti Ervi, EUR 28 000 including 1 652 Teleste shares
Jannica Fagerholm, EUR 28 000 including 1 652 Teleste shares
Esa Harju, EUR 28 000 including 1 652 Teleste shares
Kai Telanne, EUR 28 000 including 1 652 Teleste shares
Petteri Walldén, EUR 28 000 including 1 652 Teleste shares

#### President and CEO

The company's CEO is in charge of the Group's business operations and corporate governance in line with the law, Teleste Corporation's Articles of Association as well as instructions and regulations issued by the Board.

Detailed terms of employment of the CEO are specified in a separate contract which has been approved by the Board. CEO is not a member of Teleste's Board of Directors. The current President and CEO of Teleste Corporation, Jukka Rinnevaara, b. 1961, M.Sc. (Econ.), assumed his present responsibilities on November 1, 2002. The CEO is assisted by the Management Group.

The company's Board of Directors decides on the salary, remuneration and other benefits received by the CEO. Salary, remuneration and other fringe benefits paid in 2015 to the CEO of Teleste Corporation totaled EUR 472 721. In addition, there was an additional pension payment of EUR 62 728 in the financial year.

When Teleste Corporation acquired all the shares in Teleste Management II Oy, the CEO received as a shareholder of Teleste Management II Oy, in return, shares in Teleste Corporation and cash. The net value of the compensation was EUR 760 421.

The contractual age of retirement of CEO Jukka Rinnevaara is 60. Charges resulting from additional voluntary pension scheme are included in the post-employment benefits. Pension liability of EUR 70 000 related to this additional pension plan is included in Teleste Corporation's balance sheet.

As to the contract of CEO Rinnevaara, his term of notice has been specified as six (6) months in case the CEO decides to withdraw, and eighteen (18) months should the contract be terminated by the company. Upon termination of contract of the CEO by the company, the CEO will be paid a compensation corresponding to eighteen (18) months without benefits.

#### **Management Group**

The Teleste Corporation Management Group is chaired by the CEO who reports to the Board of Directors. On December 31, 2015, the Group's Management Group consisted of seven members including the CEO, to whom the Management Group members report. Members of the Management Group are directors of Teleste's business areas and the Group Management. Subsidiaries are operating as parts of the business areas.

The Management Group handles the main issues that concern managing the company, such as issues related to strategy, budget, interim reports and acquisitions, and prepares investments for approval by the Board of Directors. The Management Group meets, as a rule, once a month and at other times, when necessary.

Decisions concerning incentive and remuneration systems for the management are made by the Board of Directors based on proposal made by the CEO.

Salary for all members of the Management Group consists of a fixed basic salary and a results-based bonus. The amount of results-based bonus is determined by the company performance, the business area in question and other key operative objectives.

The Management Group including the CEO has a group pension plan in which the members' retirement age is 60 years. The planned amount of pension is 60% of the regular annual earnings paid in the four years preceding the occurrence of retirement. In this calculation, pensions to be paid in line with the Employees' Pensions Act (TyEL) will be taken into account.

#### **Incentive Schemes and Ownership by the Management**

#### Share Ownership and Options of the Management Group

On December 31, 2015, Teleste Corporation's CEO owned 95 415 Teleste Corporation's shares. Other members of the Management Group owned 24 748 Teleste Corporation's shares.

On December 31, 2015, Teleste did not have any running stock option programs and the CEO and the members of Teleste Corporation's Management Group did not hold any Teleste options.

For holdings held by the CEO and the Management Group, see Notes section: Related party transactions.

#### Teleste Management II Oy

On 5 December, 2011, Teleste Corporation's Board of Directors decided on two new share-based incentive schemes for the members of the Management Group and for the key personnel. For such shareholding, some members of the Management Group established a company by the name of Teleste Management II Oy, the entire share capital of which they or their controlled entities owned.

Teleste Management II Oy was in possession of 542 000 Teleste Corporation's shares. CEO's holding in the Teleste Management II Oy shares standed at 31.25% while the ownership by other members equalled 68.75%.

The shareholders of Teleste Management II Oy and Teleste Corporation agreed on May 12, 2015, that Teleste Corporation will acquire all the shares in Teleste Management II Oy. The shareholders of Teleste Management II Oy received, in return, shares in Teleste Corporation and cash. The Board of Directors of Teleste Corporation decided on May 12, 2015, on a directed share issue and transferred on May 15, 2015, in derogation from the shareholders' pre-emptive subscription rights, 195 133 Teleste Corporation shares held by the company to the shareholders of Teleste Management II Oy against share consideration.

## Auditing, Revisions, and Audit Expenses

The term of office of Teleste Corporation auditor expires at the closing of the first Annual General Meeting following the election. On April 9, 2015, Teleste AGM selected Authorized Public Accountants KPMG Oy Ab for the company auditor. The company's Chief Auditor is Esa Kailiala, KHT auditor (authorised public accountant).

In addition to their statutory duties the auditors report to the Teleste Corporation Board of Directors and attend the Board meeting at least once a year.

In 2015, Teleste Group's auditing expenses totaled EUR 175 000 in which the share of KPMG was EUR 152 000. Moreover, units of KPMG have supplied Teleste Group companies with other consultation worth total EUR 91 000 and other than KPMG auditors for EUR 69 000.

#### **Insiders**

Since March 1, 2000, Teleste complies with the insider guidelines issued by the Board of Directors of Nasdaq Helsinki Oy in their valid form at any given time. These insider guidelines are complemented by Teleste's internal guidelines.

Membership in Teleste's permanent public insider circle is based on position. Thus, the group consists of Members of the Board of Directors, CEO and the auditors. Furthermore, the extended permanent public insider register includes members of the Management Group and the CEO's assistant. Teleste has also permanent company-specific insiders.

Moreover, insider rules and regulations include provisions concerning temporary commercial activities. Project-specific insider register includes personnel who, based on their position, have access to company's project-specific information, which upon publication may affect the value formation of the company's share. The CEO will assess, on a case-by-case basis, whether an issue or arrangement under preparation will be defined as a project.

It is recommendable for an insider to time any intended trading involving company shares and derivatives in such a manner that optimum information affecting the value of the shares is available in the market at the time. The permanent members of Teleste's insider register are obliged by the so-called Silent Period during which trading on company shares is banned completely for 30 days preceding publication of interim reports and the financial statements.

The company insider administration is included in the SIRE system of Euroclear Finland Oy.

#### **Internal Supervision, Risk Management and Internal Auditing**

#### **Internal Supervision**

Teleste's internal supervision is designed to support the implementation of the strategy and to ensure the achievement of the specified goals, compliance with the regulations as well as reliability and correctness of the conducted financial reporting. Internal supervision is based on Teleste's values and corporate culture as well as on mutually supporting structures and processes within the Group and operational levels. Management of the Group and the business units monitor the internal supervision as part of their normal managerial duties while the Board evaluates and ensures its correctness and efficiency. Supported by Teleste's centralised controller function, management of the relevant business area in both business areas answers for the compliance with the internal supervision principles on every level of the areas in question.

#### Risk Management

Group risk policy with the relevant principles and objectives are subject to approval by the Teleste Board of Directors. Risk management is based on the specified strategic and business objectives of the Teleste Group. Risk management aims to ensure achievement of operational goals so that essential risks affecting the business operation and posing a threat to its objectives are identified and these will be monitored and evaluated at all times. The risk management methods are specified and the implementation of risk prevention is attempted through the same. Moreover, any risks that for economic or other reasons are reasonable to insure, are aimed to be covered by insurance. In risk management, the regular evaluation of most significant risks and exercising control thereof in a cost-effective manner are emphasized. Risk management supports the business activity and generates added value, assisting decision-making and goal-setting for the management in charge of business. A part of the risk management system is monthly reporting by which the development of the orders

received, turnover, order backlog, deliveries, trade receivables and cash flow is monitored and, through the same, the profit development of the entire Teleste Group.

Teleste's risk management system covers, for instance, the following classes of risk:

- strategic risks
- operational risks
- economic risks
- interest groups risks
- personnel risks
- property and business interruption risks

#### **Internal Auditing**

Internal auditing unit is in charge of the internal auditing of Teleste Corporation and its subsidiaries. The results are reported to the appointed Member of the Board. In addition, the summary of the internal audit report is presented twice a year to the Board of Directors of Teleste Corporation. The internal auditing evaluates the efficiency of the processes regarding risk management, supervision, management and selected functions, and makes suggestions for their developmental measures. The internal auditing is made in cooperation with the company's controllers and other relevant bodies as needed. Furthermore, the internal auditing carries out any special assignments issued by the Management. The internal auditing covers all levels of the organisation. External auditor participates in the selection of the priorities for the internal auditing and assessment of results.

# Key features of the Internal Auditing and Risk Management Systems Related to the Financial Reporting Process

Internal supervision and risk management involved in the financial reporting process are based on the general principles of internal supervision and risk management described above. CFO answers for the systems involved in the internal supervision and risk management related to the financial reporting process.

Internal supervision related to the financial reporting process has been created by describing the reporting process, surveying its relevant risks and by defining the control points on the basis of the conducted risk assessment. Results from the risk and control assessment have been reported to the Board. The entire reporting process from the accounting by the subsidiaries to monthly, quarterly and annual reporting is covered by these controls. There are inbuilt controls in the reporting systems, or they can involve, for instance, matching, inspections conducted by the Management or specified procedures or policies. CFO is responsible for each control to have a separately defined person in charge who answers for the implementation and efficiency of the control in question. Standards for the financial reporting are specified in the Group Accounting Manual. Financial reports due for publishing will be processed by the Management Group and the Board prior to their publication. Correctness of the external annual financial reporting is verified by the external auditor.