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### **BOIRON**

# Statutory Auditors' Report on the consolidated financial statements

Year ended December 31, 2020

This is a translation into English of the statutory auditors' report on the consolidated financial statements of the Company issued in French and it is provided solely for the convenience of English speaking users.

This statutory auditors' report includes information required by European regulation and French law, such as information about the appointment of the statutory auditors or verification of the information concerning the Group presented in the management report.

This report should be read in conjunction with, and construed in accordance with, French law and professional auditing standards applicable in France.

#### **BOIRON**

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#### Statutory Auditors' Report on the consolidated financial statements

Year ended December 31, 2020

To the Boiron Annual General Meeting,

#### Opinion

In compliance with the engagement entrusted to us by your annual general meeting, we have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Boiron for the year ended December 31, 2020.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities and of the financial position of the Group as of December 31, 2020 and of the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union.

The audit opinion expressed above is consistent with our report to the Audit Committee.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

#### Audit Framework

We conducted our audit in accordance with professional standards applicable in France. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Statutory Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements" section of our report.

#### Independence

We conducted our audit engagement in compliance with independence requirement of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce) and the French Code of Ethics (code de déontologie) for statutory auditors for the period from January 1, 2020 to the date of our report, and specifically we did not provide any prohibited non-audit services referred to in Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) N° 537/2014.

#### Justification of Assessments - Key Audit Matters

Due to the global crisis related to the Covid-19 pandemic, the financial statements of this period have been prepared and audited under specific conditions. Indeed, this crisis and the exceptional measures taken in the context of the state of sanitary emergency have had numerous consequences for companies, particularly on their operations and their financing, and have led to greater uncertainties on their future prospects. Those measures, such as travel restrictions and remote working, have also had an impact on the companies' internal organisation and the performance of the audits.

It is in this complex and evolving context that, in accordance with the requirements of Articles L.823-9 and R.823-7 of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce) relating to the justification of our assessments, we inform you of the key audit matters relating to risks of material misstatement that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period, as well as how we addressed those risks.

These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on specific items of the consolidated financial statements.

#### Retirement termination benefit and retirement preparation agreement commitments

(Paragraph 2.9 and 19 to the consolidated financial statements)

#### Risk identified

Boiron Group employees receive post-employment benefits in France, including retirement termination benefits pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement and benefits granted pursuant to an internal retirement preparation agreement.

These commitments are calculated each year by an independent actuary. A non-current provision is recognized in balance sheet liabilities in the amount of K€ 78 705 as of December 31, 2020. The commitment valuation method is disclosed in paragraph 2.9.1.2 to the consolidated financial statements and the actuarial assumptions adopted are presented in paragraph 19.2.1.

We considered the measurement of post-employment benefit commitments to be a key audit matter for the following reasons:

- The determination of actuarial assumptions involves Group Management judgment. The main assumptions concern discount rates, the forecast increase in salaries, employee turnover and the mortality table applied.
- The provision amount is sensitive to the calculation assumptions and methods used. A change in these assumptions compared to observations could have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

#### Our response

As part of our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our work consisted in:

- Familiarizing ourselves with the retirement preparation agreement;
- Examining the compliance of the post-employment benefit commitment calculation method applied by the Group with IAS 19 and recognized actuarial techniques;
- Reconciling, through sample testing, individual employee data used in the commitment calculation with data taken from the payroll software and recent pays lips;

- Performing a critical review of the method of implementing this calculation methodology for Boiron SA commitments. This critical review was performed by our specialists and notable involved:
  - A critical review of demographic and financial assumptions used to calculate commitments (discount rate, rate of salary increases, employee turnover, mortality table, etc.) with respect to regulations and comparison of these assumptions with observations (benchmarks, statistics, etc.).
  - Recalculating retirement termination benefit and pension preparation agreement commitments.
- Comparing asset amounts of outsourced funds deducted from commitments with amounts confirmed by the insurance company;
- Controlling the correct recognition of the change in commitments in the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2020, and in particular the correct impacts of the reorganization plan announced in France in March 2020 on the amount of commitments and assets of outsourced funds;
- Verifying the appropriateness of the disclosures provided in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

#### Specific Verifications

We have also performed, in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, the specific verifications required by laws and regulations of the Group's information given in the management report of the Board of Directors.

We have no matters to report as to their fair presentation and their consistency with the consolidated financial statements.

We attest that the consolidated non-financial statement required by Article L. 225-102-1 of the French Commercial Code (Code de commerce) is included in the Group's management report, it being specified that, in accordance with article L. 823-10 of this Code, we have verified neither the fair presentation nor the consistency with the consolidated financial statements of the information contained therein. This information should be reported on by an independent third party.

#### Other Legal and Regulatory Verifications or Information

Format of presentation of the financial statements included in the annual financial report

In accordance with Article 222-3, III of the AMF General Regulation, the Company's management informed us of its decision to postpone the presentation of the consolidated financial statements in compliance with the European single electronic format as defined in the European Delegated Regulation No 2019/815 of 17 December 2018 to years beginning on or after January 1st, 2021. Therefore, this report does not include a conclusion on the compliance with this format of the presentation of the consolidated financial statements intended to be included in the annual financial report mentioned in Article L. 451-1-2, I of the French Monetary and Financial Code (code monétaire et financier).

#### Appointment of the Statutory Auditors

We were appointed as statutory auditors of Boiron SA by the annual general meeting held on May 18, 2017 for Deloitte & Associés and on May 19, 2011 for Mazars.

As of December 31, 2020, Deloitte & Associés and Mazars were in the 4th year and 10th year of total uninterrupted engagement, respectively.

# Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless it is expected to liquidate the Company or to cease operations.

The Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring the financial reporting process and the effectiveness of internal control and risk management systems and, where applicable, its internal audit, regarding the accounting and financial reporting procedures.

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors.

# Statutory Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

#### Objectives and audit approach

Our role is to issue a report on the consolidated financial statements. Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As specified in Article L. 823-10-1 of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce), our statutory audit does not include assurance on the viability of the Company or the quality of management of the affairs of the Company.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, the statutory auditor exercises professional judgment throughout the audit and furthermore:

 Identifies and assesses the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designs and performs audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtains audit evidence considered to be sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for his opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;

- Obtains an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an
  opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control;
- Evaluates the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management in the consolidated financial statements:
- Assesses the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting
  and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to
  events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a
  going concern. This assessment is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of his
  audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue
  as a going concern. If the statutory auditor concludes that a material uncertainty exists, there
  is a requirement to draw attention in the audit report to the related disclosures in the
  consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are not provided or inadequate, to
  modify the opinion expressed therein;
- Evaluates the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements and assesses whether these statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtains sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities
  or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial
  statements. The statutory auditor is responsible for the direction, supervision and performance
  of the audit of the consolidated financial statements and for the opinion expressed on these
  consolidated financial statements.

#### Report to the Audit Committee

We submit a report to the Audit Committee which includes in particular a description of the scope of the audit and the audit program implemented, as well as the results of our audit. We also report, if any, significant deficiencies in internal control regarding the accounting and financial reporting procedures that we have identified.

Our report to the Audit Committee includes the risks of material misstatement that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and which are therefore the key audit matters that we are required to describe in this report.

We also provide the Audit Committee with the declaration provided for in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) N° 537/2014, confirming our independence within the meaning of the rules applicable in France such as they are set in particular by Articles L. 822-10 to L. 822-14 of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce) and in the French Code of Ethics (code de déontologie) for statutory auditors. Where appropriate, we discuss with the Audit Committee the risks that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and the related safeguards.

The Statutory Auditors

Mazars

Deloitte et Associés

Villeurbanne, April 8, 2021

Lyon, April 8, 2021

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