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1. Implementation and reporting on Corporate Governance

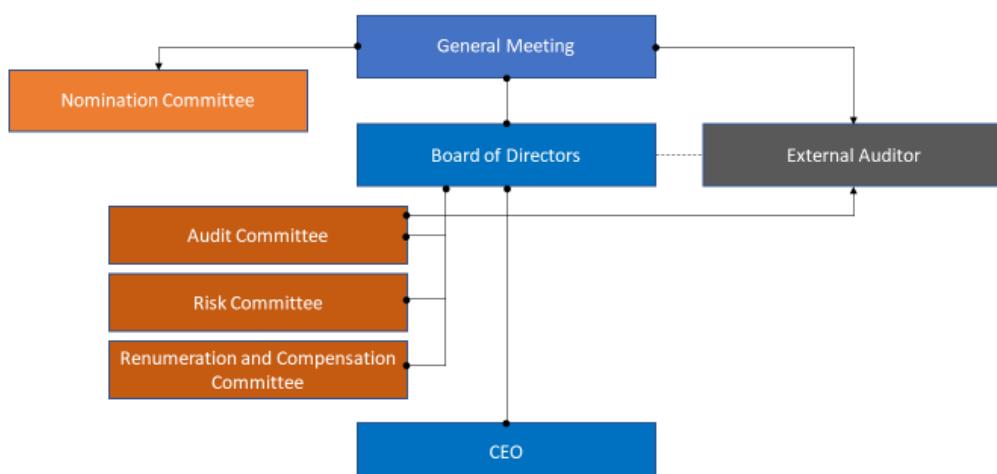
The Board of Directors of OKEA ASA ("OKEA" or "the **Company**") has prepared this corporate governance policy document (the "**Policy**").

This Policy addresses the framework of guidelines and principles regulating the interaction between the Company's shareholders, the Board of Directors (the "**Board**"), the Chief Executive Officer (the "**CEO**") and the Company's senior management team.

The Policy is based on the Norwegian Code of Practice for Corporate Governance issued by the Norwegian Corporate Governance Board, which is available at the Norwegian Corporate Governance Committee's web site www.nues.no. The principal purpose of the Corporate Governance Code is to ensure (i) that listed companies implement corporate governance that clarifies the respective roles of shareholders, the Board of Directors and senior management more comprehensively than what is required by legislation, and (ii) effective management and control over activities with the aim of securing the greatest possible value creation over time in the best interest of companies, shareholders, employees and other parties concerned.

The Company is subject to reporting requirements for corporate governance under the Accounting Act section 3-3b as well as Oslo Børs' "Continuing obligations of stock exchange listed companies" section 7 (as of October 2020). The Board will include a report on the Company's corporate governance in each annual report, including an explanation of any deviations from the Corporate Governance Code. The corporate governance framework of the Company is subject to annual reviews and discussions by the Board.

OKEA will conduct its business with a good management and control model, with clear division of responsibility and roles between owners, represented by the shareholders in the General Meeting and the Nomination Committee, the Board including Board Committees and the Company's management.





2. Business

The Company's business as set out in the Articles of Association is petroleum activities on the Norwegian Continental Shelf ("NCS"), including development and production of oil and gas, and all other business activities as are associated with the above objectives, and share subscription or participation by other means in such operations alone or in cooperation with others.

3. Company vision, objectives and strategy

OKEA shall as a formally qualified operator on the NCS ensure safe and cost-effective management in all phases of E&P including exploration, drilling, development and operations.

OKEA shall identify discoveries that, despite lack of development plans, contain profitable resources. OKEA has a nimble and lower-cost strategy focused on growing its production through acquiring participating interests in deposits/discoveries;

- as an operator of discoveries without a firm "plan for development and operation" (PDO), where OKEA shall contribute and facilitate safe and cost-effective field development solutions;
- as a partner in discoveries with a PDO, where OKEA shall contribute to safe and cost-effective field development and operations through actively challenging the operator and partners;
- through coordinating several discoveries to share a development project; and
- through licence rounds, with a PDO as target in the work obligations

OKEA's vision is for the Company to be the most successful company to identify reserves and profitable development strategies for stranded fields and discoveries on the NCS. Further, OKEA shall be the leading company and preferred operator when it comes to safe and cost-effective operations of smaller fields (sub 100 MBOE), and to extend production from mature fields (i.e. late life field production) on the NCS.

In order to achieve its visions and objectives OKEA shall pursue coordination of discoveries and business incentives, to enable the Company to realise value through a high degree of standardisation, optimal production sequences and good field development solutions. To achieve this, OKEA will utilise the competence in the offshore service industry and introduce new business models with the service industry in order to better harmonise incentives and empower suppliers to innovate development solutions and operations systems that can lower the economic threshold for small field developments.

OKEA shall maintain a small and competent organisation with direct management engagement and involvement in all projects and use risk-cost-benefit evaluations in all phases of the Company's business activities. The Company has risk systems which continuously identify and assess the current risks of the Company.

Through an annual strategy process, the Board evaluates the Company's financial status and goals and defines the main strategies.

3.1 Ethical guidelines

The Company will maintain high ethical standards in the conduct of its business, relations with its shareholders, customers, suppliers and employees, and work against all forms of corruption. The Company has established a Code of Conduct, stating its policies for the general required ethical conduct of everyone acting for or on behalf of the Company.

3.2 Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability

The Company's objective is to have a Corporate Social Responsibility policy that enables the Company to efficiently manage the challenges and requirements society imposes on its activities. The Company aims to earn and maintain the support of society through responsible and sustainable operations and constant focus on safety, risk management and compliance with the applicable regulatory framework.

As a part of its Corporate Social Responsibility work, the Company shall:

- Operate its business with integrity and respect laws, different cultures and human dignity and human rights.
- Show consideration for the local community and emphasize community value of the Company's activities.
- Contribute to learning and distribution of knowledge.
- Establish long-term working relationships and utilise the supplier industry's expertise for the further development of the industry.

4. Equity and dividends

The Board aims to maintain a satisfactory equity ratio in the Company in support of the Company's goals, strategy and risk profile, thereby ensuring that there is an appropriate balance between equity and other sources of financing. The Board shall continuously assess the Company's capital requirements in light of the Company's strategy and risk profile.

OKEA is growing its business and any surplus cash is anticipated to be used to fund ongoing and future projects.

When deciding whether to propose a dividend, and in determining the dividend amount, the Board of Directors will take into account:

- Restrictions in any outstanding debt preventing payment of dividend or other payments to its shareholders.
- Legal restrictions, as set out in the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act
- The Company's capital requirements, including capital expenditure requirements, and its legal obligations under all its contracts.
- The Company's financial condition, general business conditions and any contractual restrictions or arrangements.
- Except for certain specific and limited circumstances set out in the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act, the amount of dividends paid will not exceed the amount recommended by the Board of Directors.

Dividend payment is proposed to and resolved by the Company's General Meeting.

The Board's authorisations to increase the share capital and to buy back the Company's own shares shall normally not be granted for periods longer than until the next Annual General Meeting of the Company.

5. Share classes

There is only one class of shares in the Company and all shares carry equal rights. The Company shall strive for equal treatment of its shareholders.

6. Equal Treatment of shareholders and transactions with close associates

Any purchase or sale by the Company of its own shares will either be carried out through the Oslo Stock Exchange or at market prices, normally equivalent to prices quoted on the Oslo Stock Exchange.

Any transactions, agreements or arrangements between the Company and its shareholders, members of the Board, members of the senior management team or close associates of any such parties shall only be entered into as part of the ordinary course of business and on arm's length market terms. All such transactions shall comply with the procedures set out in the Norwegian Public Limited Liability Companies Act.

The Board shall arrange for a valuation to be obtained from an independent third party unless the transaction, agreement or arrangement in question must be considered to be immaterial. This will not



apply if the transaction requires the approval of the general meeting pursuant to the requirements of the Norwegian Public Limited Liability Companies Act. The Company's financial statements shall provide further information about transactions with related parties.

Board Members and members of the senior management team shall immediately notify the Board if they have any material direct or indirect interest in any transaction entered into by the Company and shall abstain from voting in case the Company decides whether or not to enter into such transaction.

7. Shares and negotiability

The shares in the Company have equal rights and are freely transferable.

8. General Meetings

All shareholders have the right to participate in the General Meetings of the Company, which exercise the highest authority of the Company. The Company's goal is to ensure that as many shareholders as possible may exercise their rights by participating in General Meetings of the Company, and that the meetings are an efficient forum for shareholders and the Board to express their views.

The Annual General Meeting shall normally be held before 30 April every year, and no later than 30 June. The date of the meeting is made available in the financial calendar.

The notice for a General Meeting shall be sent to the shareholders no later than 21 days prior to the meeting. The notice and support information, as well as a proxy voting form, will normally be made available on the Company's website www.okea.no and a separate notice to the Oslo Stock Exchange no later than 21 days prior to the date of the general meeting. The notices for such meetings shall include documents providing the shareholders with sufficient detail in order for the shareholders to assess all the cases to be considered as well as all relevant information regarding procedures of attendance and voting. Directors of the Board and the CEO have the right to attend and speak at General Meetings. The Chairman of the Board and CEO shall attend General Meetings unless the General Meeting in each case decides otherwise. When absent for valid reasons, a deputy shall be appointed. The auditor has the right to be present at General Meetings and the Board shall arrange for the auditor to attend all General Meetings. The Chair of the Nomination committee should also attend the annual general meeting in order to present the committee's recommendations and answer any questions.

Notices for General Meeting shall provide information on the procedures shareholders must observe in order to participate in and vote at the General Meeting. The notice should also set out: (i) the procedure for representation at the meeting through a proxy, including a form to appoint a proxy, and (ii) the right for shareholders to propose resolutions in respect of matters to be dealt with by the General Meeting.

The cut-off for confirmation of attendance shall be set as short as practically possible and the Board will arrange matters so that shareholders who are unable to attend in person, will be able to vote by proxy. The form of proxy will be distributed with the notice.

The Board and the person chairing the General Meeting shall make appropriate arrangements for the General Meeting to vote separately on each candidate nominated for election to the Company's corporate bodies.

The Board of Directors may decide that shareholders shall be able to cast their votes in writing, including through the use of electronic communications, for a period prior to the general meeting. For such voting, a reassuring method must be used to authenticate the sender.

9. Nomination committee

The General Meeting has in 2020 elected a Nomination Committee and approved a set of guidelines for the Committee's work. The Nomination Committee and procedures around the organisation of the Nomination Committee is also laid down in the Company's articles of association. The articles of association states that the Committee shall consist of three members. The Nomination Committee's main purpose is to propose candidates for election to the Board and their respective remuneration.

The members of the Nomination Committee should be selected to take into account the interests of the Company's shareholders in general. The majority of the Nomination Committee should be independent of the Board of Directors and the Company's Senior Management. The Nomination Committee shall not include the Company's CEO or any other members of the Company's Senior Management.

The Nomination Committee should justify why it is proposing each candidate separately.

The Company shall provide information on the membership of the Committee and any deadlines for proposing candidates on its website, www.okea.no.

10. Corporate assembly and Board of directors: composition and independence

In accordance with the current Articles of Association, the Board of Directors of Company shall consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of eleven Director.

In appointing members to the Board, it is emphasised that the Board shall have the adequate competency to independently evaluate the cases presented by the senior management team as well as the Company's operation. It is also considered important that the Board can function well as a collegiate body. Board Members shall be elected for periods not exceeding two years at a time, with the possibility of re-election. Board Members shall be encouraged to own shares in the Company.

The Board shall comply with all applicable requirements as set out in the Norwegian Public Limited Liability Companies Act, the listing rules of Oslo Børs and the recommendations set out in the Norwegian Code of Practice for Corporate Governance.

The Company has agreed with its employees not to establish a general assembly, in accordance with the Norwegian Public Limited Liability Companies Act section 6-35 (2).

11. The work of the Board of Directors

11.1 Responsibility of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall issue instructions for its own work as well as for the CEO.

The Board shall prepare an annual plan for its work with special emphasis on goals, strategy and implementation. The Board's primary responsibility shall be (i) participating in the development and approval of the Company's strategy, (ii) performing necessary monitoring functions, and (iii) acting as an advisory body for the senior management team. Its duties are not static, and the focus will depend on the Company's ongoing needs. The Board is also responsible for ensuring that the operation of the Company is in compliance with the Company's values and ethical guidelines. The Chairman of the Board shall be responsible for ensuring that the Board's work is performed in an effective and correct manner.

The Board shall ensure that the Company has a good management with clear internal distribution of responsibilities and duties. A clear division of work has been established between the Board and the senior management team. The CEO is responsible for the senior management of the Company.

All members of the Board shall regularly receive information about the Company's operational and financial development. The Company's strategies shall regularly be subject to review and evaluation by the Board.

The Board shall prepare an annual evaluation of its work.

11.2 Audit Committee

The audit committee is a preparatory and advisory working committee for the Board of Directors. The Company has established an audit committee in accordance with the rules of the Norwegian Public Limited Liability Companies Act chapter 6 V, and the listing rules of the Oslo Stock Exchange.

The Board has established a charter for the Audit Committee, stating its tasks and duties.

11.3 Risk Committee

The Company has established a Risk Committee as a sub-committee to the Board. The Risk Committee

shall follow up the Company's risk management and internal control and regularly report to the Board. The Risk Committee shall further contribute to the Board's review of the Company's most important areas of exposure to risk and its internal control arrangements.

The Board has established a charter for the Risk Committee, stating its tasks and duties.

11.4 Renumération and Compensation Committee

The Company has established a Renumération and Compensation Committee as a sub-committee to the Board. The Remuneration and Compensation committee shall evaluate and propose the compensation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer, administer the Company's bonus incentive program and provide general compensation related advice to the Board and produce an annual report on the compensation of the senior management team, pursuant to applicable rules and regulations.

The Board has established a charter for the Remuneration and Compensation Committee, stating its tasks and duties.

12. Risk management and internal control

The Board shall ensure that the Company has sound internal control and systems for risk management that are appropriate in relation to the extent and nature of the Company's activities. The internal control and the systems shall also encompass the Company's corporate values and ethical guidelines. The objective of the risk management and internal control shall be to manage exposure to risks in order to ensure successful conduct of the Company's business and to support the quality of its financial reporting.

The Board shall carry out an annual review of the Company's most important areas of exposure to risk and its internal control arrangements. The Board's Risk Committee shall contribute to this review. The Company has established processes and procedures for follow up through the Company's management system and the work process "handling of non-conformities and improvements".

The Board shall provide an account in the annual report of the main features of the Company's internal control and risk management systems as they relate to the Company's financial reporting.

13. Board remuneration

The General Meeting shall annually determine the Board's and its sub-committees' remuneration. The Nomination Committee proposes the remuneration of the Board of Directors and its sub-committees at the Annual General Meeting. The proposition takes into account the Board's responsibility, expertise, time commitment and the complexity of the Company's activities.

Board Members, or their affiliated entities, may undertake assignments or perform tasks for or on behalf of the Company only if such assignments or tasks is defined in a separate agreement with the Company, outlining the scope of work to be performed and the agreed remuneration. All such agreements including proposed scope and renumeration are subject to Board Approval pursuant to procedures established by the Board.

The Company's financial statements shall provide information regarding the Board's and related 3rd parties remuneration.

14. Remuneration of Senior Management

The Board decides the salary and other compensation to the CEO after recommendation from the Remuneration and Compensation Committee. Any fringe benefits shall be in line with market practice and should not be substantial in relation to the CEO's basic salary. The Board shall annually carry out an assessment of the salary and other remuneration to the CEO.

The Company's financial statements shall provide further information about salary and other compensation to the CEO and the senior management team.

The Board shall (through the Remuneration Committee) issue guidelines for the remuneration of the senior management team. The guidelines shall lay down the main principles for the Company's



management remuneration policy. The salary level should not be of a size that could harm the Company's reputation, or above the norm in comparable companies. The salary level should, however, ensure that the Company can attract and retain senior employees with the desired expertise and experience.

The Remuneration Committee shall also set the overall limits for the annual salary adjustments for employees.

Performance-related remuneration should not be such as might encourage a short-term approach that could be damaging to the Company's long-term interests.

15. Information and Communication

The Board and the senior management team assign considerable importance to giving the shareholders timely, relevant and current information about the Company and its activity areas. Emphasis is placed on ensuring that the shareholders receive identical and simultaneous information. All information that is distributed to shareholders is made available simultaneously on the Company's web page. All information which the Company is required to disclose will be given in English.

Sensitive information shall be handled internally in a manner that minimises the risk of leaks. All contracts to which the Company becomes a party shall contain confidentiality clauses.

The Company has clear routines for who is allowed to speak on behalf of the Company on different subjects, and who is responsible for submitting information to the market and the investor community.

The Company publishes a financial calendar for the upcoming year in the fourth quarter. The calendar includes an overview of major events such as its Annual General Meeting, publication of quarterly reports, publication of revenue reports and any planned public presentations.

The Board shall ensure that the shareholders are given the opportunity to make known their points of view at and outside of the General Meeting.

The Board has established instructions for the Company's reporting of financial and other information.

16. Take-over situations

In a take-over process, the Board and the senior management team each have an individual responsibility to ensure that the Company's shareholders are treated equally and that there are no unnecessary interruptions to the Company's business activities. The Board has a particular responsibility in ensuring that the shareholders have sufficient information and time to assess the offer.

In the event of a take-over process, the Board shall ensure that:

- a) the Board will not seek to hinder or obstruct any takeover bid for the Company's operations or shares unless there are particular reasons for doing so;
- b) the Board shall not undertake any actions intended to give shareholders or others an unreasonable advantage at the expense of other shareholders or the Company;
- c) the Board shall not institute measures with the intention of protecting the personal interests of its members at the expense of the interests of the shareholders; and
- d) the Board must be aware of the particular duty it has for ensuring that the values and interests of the shareholders are protected.

In the event of a take-over bid, the Board will, in addition to complying with relevant legislation and regulations, seek to comply with the recommendations in the Norwegian Code of Practice for Corporate Governance. This includes obtaining a valuation from an independent expert. On this basis, the Board will make a recommendation as to whether or not the shareholders should accept the bid.

Any transaction that is in effect a disposal of the Company's activities should be decided by a general meeting.

17. Auditor

Each year the auditor shall present to the Board a plan for the implementation of the audit work and a written confirmation that the auditor satisfies established requirements as to independence and objectivity.

The auditor shall be present at Board meetings where the annual accounts are on the agenda. Whenever necessary, the Board shall meet with the auditor to review the auditor's view on the Company's accounting principles, risk areas, internal control routines, etc.

The auditor may not be used as a financial advisor unless the Board decides otherwise, and then only provided that such use of the auditor does not have the ability to affect or question the auditors' independence and objectiveness as auditor for the Company. Only the VP Accounting & Control and/or the CFO and/or the CEO shall have the authority to enter into agreements in respect of such counselling assignments.

At the Annual General Meeting the Board shall present a review of the auditor's compensation as paid for auditory work required by law and remuneration associated with other concrete assignments.

In connection with the auditor's presentation to the Board of the annual work plan, the Board should specifically consider if the auditor to a satisfactory degree also carries out a control function.

The Board shall arrange for the auditor to attend all General Meetings.

18. Financial Policy

The Company shall prepare a statement of its financial policy, providing details of the Company's handling of financial risks, hedging, funding policies, etc.