Information and Notes relating to Takeover Law

Explanatory report in accordance with § 176 (1) (1) of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) and reporting on § 289 a and § 315 a of the German Commercial Code (HGB) in accordance with the German Takeover Directive Implementation Act

This information is part of the Combined Management Report.

1. Composition of the share capital

As of the balance sheet date on December 31, 2019, the subscribed capital totaled 148,819 thousand euros (prior year: 148,819 thousand euros). It is divided into 57,238,115 no-par registered value shares (prior year 57,238,115). Each share is therefore worth 2.60 euros of the nominal capital.

The same rights and obligations apply to all the shares of the company. Each share represents one vote in the Annual General Meeting and is the determining factor for the shareholders' proportion of company profits (§ 58 (4), § 60 of the German Stock Corporation Act). The shareholders' rights also include the subscription right to shares in the event of increases in capital (§ 186 of the German Stock Corporation Act). In addition, the shareholders are entitled to administrative rights, e.g. the right to participate in the Annual General Meeting and the authority to put forward questions and motions and to exercise their right to vote. The shareholders' additional rights and duties are defined in the German Stock Corporation Act, in particular in § 12, § 53a ff., § 118 ff., and § 186. Under § 4 (3) of the Articles of Association, any claim by a shareholder to the securitization of their shares is excluded.

2. Restrictions relating to voting rights or the transfer of shares

In accordance with § 136 (1) of the German Stock Corporation Act, legal restrictions affecting voting rights exist with respect to votes for approval of the actions regarding shares which are held directly or indirectly by members of the Executive and/or Supervisory Boards. Violations of reporting obligations as specified in § 33 (1) or (2) and § 38 (1) or § 39 (1) of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) may nullify voting rights, at least temporarily, in accordance with § 44 of this Act.

Pursuant to § 67 (2) of the German Stock Corporation Act, only shareholders recorded in the share register are deemed to be shareholders in relation to JENOPTIK AG. To be recorded in the share register, shareholders must provide JENOPTIK AG with the information required by law (name or company name, address, registered office if applicable, date of birth and number of shares they hold), email addresses and their respective changes to be provided in accordance with the Articles of Association to facilitate communication. Also to be disclosed in accordance with the Articles of Association is the extent to which the shares belong to the person who is recorded as the holder in the share register. Shareholders who do not comply with these disclosure obligations may not exercise their voting rights pursuant to § 67 (2) (2) and (3) of the German Stock Corporation Act.

3. Direct or indirect participations in the capital exceeding 10 percent of the voting rights

Information on direct or indirect investments in capital which exceed ten percent of the voting rights can be found in the Group Notes under item 8.6.16, “Equity”, from page 179.

4. Holders of shares with special rights conferring controlling powers

There are no shares in JENOPTIK AG that entail special rights.

5. Form of controlling voting rights if employees own shares and do not directly exercise their control rights

There are no employee shareholdings and therefore no resultant control of voting rights.
6. Statutory regulations and provisions of the Articles of Association relating to the appointment and dismissal of Executive Board members and changes to the Articles of Association

The appointment and dismissal of Executive Board members is carried out exclusively in accordance with the statutory regulations of § 84 and § 85 of the Stock Corporation Act and § 31 of the Codetermination Act (MitbestG). In accordance with this, the Articles of Association stipulate in § 6 (2) that the appointment of members to the Executive Board, the revocation of their appointment and the conclusion, modification and termination of contracts for services with members of the Executive Board shall be carried out by the Supervisory Board. In accordance with § 31 (2) of the Codetermination Act, a majority of at least two thirds of the members of the Supervisory Board is required for the appointment of Executive Board members. Revocation of appointment as a member of the Executive Board is only possible for serious due cause (§ 84 (3) of the Stock Corporation Act).

§ 6 (1) (1) of the Articles of Association stipulates that the Executive Board of JENOPTIK AG must comprise at least two members. In the absence of a required Executive Board member, in urgent cases the court must appoint the member on the application of a party involved (§ 85 (1) (1) of the Stock Corporation Act). The Supervisory Board can appoint a Chairman of or Spokesperson for the Executive Board (§ 84 (2) of the Stock Corporation Act, § 6 (2) (2) of the Articles of Association).

In accordance with § 119 (1) (5), § 179 (1) (1) of the Stock Corporation Act, changes to the content of the Articles of Association are passed by the Annual General Meeting. However, changes relating purely to the wording of the Articles of Association may be passed by the Supervisory Board in accordance with § 179 (1) (2) of the Stock Corporation Act in conjunction with § 13 (3) of the Articles of Association. This also includes the corresponding change to the Articles of Association following the utilization of the Authorized Capital 2019 and of the Conditional Capital 2017. According to § 24 (1) of the Articles of Association, resolutions by the Annual General Meeting require a simple majority of the votes cast unless stipulated otherwise by law. In those cases in which the law requires a majority of the nominal capital represented for a resolution to be passed, a simple majority of the nominal capital represented is sufficient, unless specified otherwise by the law.

7. Authority of the Executive Board to Issue and Buy back Shares

In accordance with § 4 (5) of the Articles of Association, the Executive Board is authorized until June 11, 2024, with the consent of the Supervisory Board, to increase the nominal capital of the company by up to 44.0 million euros through one or multiple issues of new, no-par value shares against cash and/or contribution in kind (“Authorized Capital 2019”). With the consent of the Supervisory Board, the Executive Board is authorized to preclude subscription rights for shareholders in certain cases: a) fractional amounts; b) capital increases against contributions in kind in particular also within the framework of business combinations or the acquisition of companies, units of companies or investments in companies (including increasing existing investments) or other contributable assets in conjunction with such an intended acquisition as well as claims against the entity; c) capital increases against cash contributions, under the condition that the percentage of any new shares in the share capital does not in total exceed 10 percent of the share capital at the time the authorized shares are registered or in total 10 percent of the share capital at the time the new shares are issued, taking into consideration resolutions of the AGM or the use of other authorizations to exclude subscription rights in a direct or corresponding application of § 186 (3) (4) of the German Stock Corporation Act since the effective date of this authorization and the issuance price of the new shares is not significantly lower than the stock market price; d) issuances of new shares to employees of the entity and to associates in which the entity holds a majority interest.

All aforementioned authorizations to exclude subscription rights are limited to a total of 10 percent of the share capital available at the time this authorization became effective—or, if this value is lower, to 10 percent of the share capital at the time this authorization is exercised. This limit of 10 percent includes shares that (i) are sold for the purpose of servicing warrants and/or convertibles that were or could still be issued during the period of validity of authorized capital to the exclusion of subscription rights or (ii) are sold by the entity as treasury shares during the period of validity of authorized capital to the exclusion of subscription rights. Decisions on the details of the issuance of new shares, in particular their conditions and the content of rights of the new shares, are taken by the Executive Board, with the consent of the Supervisory Board. The Authorized Capital 2019 has not yet been utilized.
A shareholder resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting on June 7, 2017 empowered the Executive Board, with the consent of the Supervisory Board, to issue option and/or convertible bonds with a maximum total nominal value of 250 million euros. In order to grant shares to the holders/creditors of such option and/or convertible bonds, the company’s nominal capital is conditionally increased by up to 28.6 million euros through the issue of up to 11 million new no-par value shares (“Conditional Capital 2017”) in accordance with § 4 (6) of the Articles of Association. The conditional capital increase will be implemented only to the extent that:

- creditors or holders of option and/or conversion rights arising from option and/or convertible bonds issued by the entity, or by a domestic and/or foreign corporation in which the entity either directly or indirectly holds a majority interest, make use of their option or conversion rights by June 6, 2022 as resolved by the shareholders in their Annual General Meeting resolution dated June 7, 2017, and/or

- the creditors of the issued convertible bonds obliged to exercise their conversion rights issued by the company or a domestic or foreign company in which the company has a direct or indirect majority stake, on the basis of the resolution of the Annual General Meeting on June 7, 2017, fulfill their conversion rights and/or the shares are tendered by June 6, 2022

and neither treasury shares are used nor is payment made in cash. The new shares participate in profits from the start of the fiscal year for which, on the date of their issue, no resolution has yet been passed by the Annual General Meeting in respect of the appropriation of profits.

The Executive Board is authorized, with the consent of the Supervisory Board, to exclude the subscription rights of shareholders to the bonds under certain circumstances. Authorization to exclude subscription rights is, however, limited in the sense that the pro rata amount of nominal capital corresponding to those shares that must be issued after exercising conversion and/or option rights/obligations may not account for more than 20 percent of existing nominal capital existing at the time this authorization takes effect or—if the figure is lower—at the time use is made of the authorization. This 20 percent limit also applies to the sale of treasury shares that are excluded from subscription rights during the period of this authorization, and to shares excluded from subscription rights that are issued under authorized capital during the period of this authorization.

The Executive Board is authorized to set out the further details relating to the increase in conditional capital (e.g. terms of the bonds, interest rate, form of interest, specific term, denomination, issue price, option/conversion price, option/conversion period) in the bond terms and conditions.

Further details regarding the resolved authorization can be found in agenda item 8 in the invitation to the 2017 Annual General Meeting, accessible on our website at www.jenoptik.com in the category Investors/Annual General Meeting. The authorization to issue option and/or convertible bonds has not yet been utilized.

According to a resolution passed by the Annual General Meeting on June 5, 2018, the Executive Board is authorized up to June 4, 2023 to purchase treasury no-par value shares not exceeding a proportion of 10 percent of the nominal capital existing at the time the resolution is adopted or—if this amount is lower—at the time of exercising the resolution for purposes other than trading in its own shares. The purchased treasury shares together with treasury shares that the entity had already purchased and still holds (including the attributable shares in accordance with §§ 71a ff. of the German Stock Corporation Act) may not exceed 10 percent of the share capital of the entity. The authorization may be exercised in whole or in part, on a one-off or repeat basis and for one or more authorized purposes. The purchase and sales of treasury shares may be exercised by the company or, for specific authorized purposes, by dependent companies, by companies in which the company holds a majority interest, or by third parties for its or their account. At the decision of the Executive Board, acquisition is subject to compliance with the principle of equal treatment (§ 53a of the Stock Corporation Act), by purchase via the stock exchange or by
means of a public offering or a public invitation to the shareholders to submit an offer for sale. For the purpose of protecting shareholders against a dilution of their shares, the proposed resolution expressly provides for a restriction of the use of acquired treasury shares in such a way that the total of the acquired shares together with shares issued or sold by the company during the term of this authorization under another authorization to the exclusion of shareholders’ subscription rights or which enable or oblige the subscription of shares is limited to a total of 20 percent of the nominal capital at the time the authorization becomes effective or – if the following value is lower – at the time this authorization is exercised. Further details regarding the buyback of shares are described in agenda item 9 in the invitation to the 2018 Annual General Meeting, accessible on our website at www.jenoptik.com in the category Investors/Annual General Meeting. As of December 31, 2019, the company had no treasury shares.

8. Key agreements in the event of a change of control resulting from a takeover bid

Clauses in contracts concluded by JENOPTIK AG, which apply in the event of a change in control within the ownership structure of JENOPTIK AG following a change of control, exist for the financing agreements described below with a total utilized volume of approximately 104.4 million euros (prior year: 120.0 million euros).

The conditions for accepting a change in control are formulated differently in each of the loan agreements. For the debenture loan with a total utilized volume of 90.5 million euros, a change in control gives the lenders the right to special termination of the loan in the amount corresponding to their share of the total volume and to demand the immediate repayment of this sum plus the interest accumulated up to the repayment date.

A change of control applies if one or more persons acting in concert, with the exception of the existing main shareholders on the date the contract is concluded, acquire more than 50 percent of the outstanding nominal capital or more than 50 percent of the voting rights, directly or indirectly at any time.

Under the revolving syndicated loan signed in 2015, any change in the current shareholder base of JENOPTIK AG, under which at least 50 percent of the shares or voting rights are held by one or several persons acting in concert as described in § 2 (5) of the Securities Acquisition and Takeover Act (WpÜG), results in the possibility of refusing further disbursements and immediate termination of loan commitments in full or in part within up to 15 banking days following notification of the change of control and any disbursements executed becoming due, in full or in part, with an execution period of 16 banking days, including subsidiary credit lines and accrued interest. The syndicated loan has a total volume of 230 million euros, of which 13.9 million euros had been utilized by December 31, 2019 (prior year: 17.0 million euros).

9. Compensation agreements by the company with Executive Board members or employees in the event of a change of control

No right to give notice of termination in the event of a change of control, i.e. the acquisition of at least 30 percent of voting rights by a third party, has been agreed with the members of the Executive Board. In such cases, they also have no claim to any severance payment. If the premature termination of an Executive Board role is agreed with an Executive Board member due to a change of control, the amount of the agreed severance payment is limited to a maximum of three years’ annual compensation. Under no circumstances, however, may the severance payment be higher than the compensation due for the remaining term of the service contract.