# **Corporate Governance Report**

Rederi AB Transatlantic is a Swedish public limited company listed on Nasdaq OMX Stockholm, under the Small Cap segment. Rederi AB Transatlantic is governed through the Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Board of Directors and the CEO in accordance with the Swedish Companies Act, the Articles of Association and the Swedish Corporate Governance Code. The company is majority-owned by Kistefos AS (via Viking Invest AS), which accounted for 70.4% of the share capital and 63.3% of the voting rights at December 31, 2014.

# Corporate governance at Rederi AB Transatlantic

This Corporate Governance Report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Swedish Corporate Governance Code (the "Code") and Chapter 6, sections 6-9 of the Swedish Annual Accounts Act and Chapter 9, Section 31 of the Swedish Companies Act, and pertains to the 2014 fiscal year. The auditor has expressed an opinion as to whether the preparation of the Corporate Governance Report and disclosures in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6, second paragraph 2–6 of the Annual Accounts Act (for example, the principal features of the company's system for internal control and risk management in conjunction with financial reporting) correspond with the other sections of the Annual Report. Rederi AB Transatlantic's Articles of Association and other additional information on corporate governance at Rederi AB Transatlantic are available at www.rabt.se.

The company's governance, management and control are based on external laws and regulations, as well as internal regulations, policies and instructions. Rederi AB Transatlantic's Board of Directors and management strive for the company to comply with the demands placed on the company by the stock market, shareholders and other stakeholders. By being transparent and accessible, Rederi AB Transatlantic strives to provide shareholders' and other stakeholders with insight into decision channels, delegation of responsibility, authorities and control systems. In addition, the Articles of Association constitute a central control document. The Articles of Association stipulate where the Board has its registered head office, its operational focus, its authorized signatories, as well as information on the number of shares and share capital. The highest governing body in Rederi AB Transatlantic is the General Meeting of Shareholders, where the company's shareholders exercise their influence. The Board of Directors manages, on behalf of the shareholders, the company's interests and transactions. Rederi AB Transatlantic's Board of Directors is led by the Chairman of the Board, Christen Sveaas. The Board appoints the CEO.

Distribution of responsibility between the Board of Directors and the CEO is regulated in the Board's formal work plan and the instructions for the CEO, both of which are established annually. Administration by the Board of Directors and the CEO, as well as the company's financial reporting is reviewed by an external auditor, appointed by the Annual General Meeting.

### **Application of the Code**

The Board of Directors and management believe that the company complies with and applies all regulations included in the Code, with the exception of the composition of the Nomination Committee. The Code stipulates that the Chairman of the Board may not be the Chairman of the Nomination Committee. The Chairman of the Nomination Committee of Rederi AB Transatlantic is Christen Sveaas, who is also Chairman of the Board.

### Shareholders

Rederi AB Transatlantic's Series B shares have been listed on Nasdaq OMX Stockholm under the Small Cap segment since 1991. The share capital amounts to SEK 177,444,318, distributed among 177,444,318 shares with a quotient value of SEK 1. There are a total of 11,634,946 Series A shares and 165,809,372 Series B shares. Series A shares carry ten votes each and Series B shares carry one vote each. The number of shareholders at December 31, 2014 was 3,501 (5,349). Both types of shares entitle right to dividend.

For further information on the share and shareholders, see pages 60–61.

### **General Meeting of Shareholders**

Rederi AB Transatlantic's highest decisionmaking body is the General Meeting of Shareholders. The company's Annual General Meeting (AGM) is to be held within six months of the close of the fiscal year. Notice of the AGM is to be issued not earlier than six weeks and not later than four weeks prior to the meeting. All shareholders included in the shareholders' register and



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who have registered for participation in time are entitled to participate and vote at the meeting. Those shareholders who cannot attend in person may be represented by proxy.

The AGM was held on April 23, 2014 at the Lindholmen Science Park in Gothenburg. The meeting was attended by 53 shareholders, representing 85.2% of the votes.

At the meeting, the entire Board of Directors, Group management and the company's auditors were present. The AGM was attended by the heads of the respective business area, Heléne Mellquist (TransAtlantic) and Christian Berg (Viking Supply Ships), who gave an account of developments in their respective business areas. The resolutions passed by the AGM included following:

- that no dividend will be paid for the 2013 fiscal year
- that fees for the Board of Directors will total SEK 800,000, distributed among Board members elected by the meeting, including the Chairman, with the exception of Tom Ruud, who will not receive a fee
- guidelines governing remuneration of senior executives
- procedures for the appointment and work of the Nomination Committee
- approval of the company's sales of the subsidiaries, Daugava Shipping SIA and TransAtlantic Spolka z.o.o.

• Approval of the Board of Directors' resolution on a new share issue with preferential rights for existing shareholders, entailing a maximum increase in the company's share capital of SEK 29,574,052 to SEK 177,444,318 through the issue of no more than 1,939,157 new Series A shares and no more than 27,634,895 new Series B shares.

At the AGM, Christen Sveaas, Folke Patriksson, Håkan Larsson and Magnus Sonnorp were re-elected, and Tom Ruud was elected as a new Board member to replace Henning Jensen, who had declined re-election.

In addition to these Board members elected by the AGM, Christer Lindgren will remain as the labor-union representative. Christen Sveaas remained as Chairman of the Board and Folke Patriksson as the Deputy Chairman.

During the meeting, shareholders were provided the opportunity to submit questions to the CEO and Board of Directors. Resolutions at the meeting are usually passed with a simple majority, but certain motions require a higher proportion of the votes represented at a General Meeting. It was not possible to follow or participate in the meeting from another location using communication technology and no change has been planned in this regard for forthcoming meetings.

#### **Nomination Committee**

The AGM resolved to establish a Nomination Committee comprising three members representing the three largest shareholders in terms of voting rights on September 30, 2014. At the AGM in April 2014, the Nomination Committee's Chairman, Christen Sveaas, reported on the work of the Nomination Committee. In its work, the Nomination Committee took into account the demands that can be placed on the Board of Directors resulting from the company operations and development phase, as well as competency, experience and background of the Board members. Independence issues were also highlighted, as well as issues pertaining to gender.

The task of the Nomination Committee is to prepare proposals concerning Board membership and the Chairman of the Board, as well as remuneration of Board members and proposals for rules for the Nomination Committee ahead of the 2015 AGM. The composition of the Nomination Committee was announced on Rederi AB Transatlantic's website and through a press release published on October 8, 2014. The Nomination Committee comprises Christen Sveaas, Chairman of the Board (representing Kistefos AS/Viking Invest AS), Christian Holme representing Kistefos AS/Viking Invest AS, Lena Patriksson Keller representing Enneff Rederi AB/Enneff Fastigheter AB, as well as Fabian Hielte,

Board	of Directors	
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Composition of the Board of Directors and number of meetings during the mandate period	Elected	Board meetings	Independent of major shareholders
Christen Sveaas, Chairman	2010	10/13	No
Folke Patriksson, Deputy Chairman	1972	13/13	No
Henning Jensen (until April 23, 2014)	2011	3/6	No
Tom Ruud (as of April 23, 2014)	2014	7/7	No
Håkan Larsson	1993	12/13	Yes
Magnus Sonnorp	2010	13/13	Yes
Christer Lindgren, employee representative	2001	13/13	Yes

who represents Ernström Finans AB. The company's third largest shareholder on September 30, 2014, Jenny Lindén Urnes, had declined to appoint a representative to the Nomination Committee. The members of the Nomination Committee represent approximately 80% of the voting rights (at December 31, 2014) of all shares in the company.

The Code stipulates that the Chairman of the Board of Directors may not act as the Chairman of the Nomination Committee. However, the Nomination Committee for the company comprises the Chairman of the Board; who also represents the company's largest shareholder, Viking Invest AS, who has been appointed the Chairman of the Nomination Committee. This has been deemed to be appropriate.

The Nomination Committee's proposals, its reasoned statement about the proposed Board, as well as supplementary information on the proposed Board members, was announced in conjunction with the Notice convening the AGM and is presented jointly with a report on the Nomination Committee's work at the 2015 AGM.

### **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors is to consist of not less than five and not more than ten members, and not more than five deputies according to the Articles of Association. The Board members are elected annually at the AGM, with a period in office from the AGM until the next AGM. The AGM decides the exact number of Board members.

At the AGM on April 23, 2014, Christen Sveaas, Folke Patriksson, Tom Ruud, Håkan Larsson and Magnus Sonnorp were elected to the Board. Christen Sveaas was elected Chairman of the Board. Folke Patriksson was elected as Deputy Chairman. In addition to the AGM-elected Board members, Christer Lindgren remains as the labor union representative. The number of AGMelected Board members who are considered independent in relation to the company, according to requirements of the Code, is estimated to be two and those dependent in relation to major shareholders is three.

No other remuneration was made apart from that resolved on by the AGM. Fees to

the Board of Directors are approved by the AGM following a proposal from the Nomination Committee. For more information on fees, see Note 7 on page 40.

### **Board of Directors' work**

The Board of Directors is elected by the shareholders at the AGM. The Board of Directors' responsibilities and tasks are determined by a formal work plan, in addition to laws and regulations. The work plan is reviewed by the Board on an annual basis, and established through a decision by the Board. The Board's tasks include determining the company's goals, strategies, business plans and budgets, as well as approving major investments and loans raised by Rederi AB Transatlantic. Furthermore, it is the Board's task to evaluate the operating management, and to ensure that there are systems in place to monitor and control the established goals. It is also the Board's task to appoint the CEO, and where applicable, a Deputy CEO. The Finance Policy, Attestation Policy and the Communication Policy, which are established annually, represent important control instruments for the Board. The Board also ensures the quality of the financial reporting through detailed reviews of interim reports, annual reports and year-end reports at Board meetings. The Board addresses different issues in their entirety and, considering the Group's size and complexity, has not regarded sub-committees necessary to prepare certain issues. This means that the Board as a whole constitutes the Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee.

The Board usually meets on seven occasions per year and additional meetings are held as necessary. Scheduled meetings are held in connection with quarterly reports and additional meetings are held to address strategic issues and decide on budgets for future fiscal years. Based on this, the Board held 13 meetings during the mandate period, of which seven were scheduled meetings, five were unscheduled meetings and one was the statutory meeting. The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Rederi AB Transatlantic serves as secretary at the Board meetings. The Board of Directors also receives monthly reports pertaining to the company's financial position. At scheduled Board meetings, reports are also submitted pertaining to the current work in each business area with detailed analyses and action proposals.

### Chairman's responsibility

The Chairman of the Board is elected by the AGM. The role of the Chairman of the Board is to organize and lead the Board's work in accordance with applicable rules for listed companies, the Code and the Articles of Association.

The Chairman is also tasked with supporting the President. The Chairman and the President ensure the preparation of proposals for the agenda for Board meetings.

The Chairman conducts a dialog with the CEO and is responsible for ensuring that other Board members receive the information and documentation needed to make decisions. The Chairman of the Board is also responsible for ensuring the annual review of the Board's work.

The Chairman of the Board is Christen Sveaas and the Deputy Chairman is Folke Patriksson.

Christen Sveaas owns Kistefos AS which, indirectly via Viking Invest AS, is the majority owner of Rederi AB Transatlantic, with 70.4% of the share capital and 63.3% of the voting rights at December 31, 2014. In addition to his Chairmanship of Rederi AB Transatlantic, Christen Sveaas is the Chairman of the Board of Kistefos Holding AS and a number of other companies.

### President

The President (and CEO), Tom Ruud, succeeded Henning E. Jensen as President and CEO of Rederi AB Transatlantic on December 20 2013. The CEO is responsible for the continuous management of the operations based on the terms of reference issued by the Board of Directors. The CEO's responsibilities include decisions regarding current investments and divestments, HR, financial and accounting issues, continuous contact with the company's stakeholders, as well as ensuring that the Board receives the information required to make well-substantiated decisions. The CEO reports to the Board of Directors and is also included as one of its members.

The CEO directs the work of Group management and reaches decisions in consultation with the other members of management.

Just like his predecessor, Henning E. Jensen, Tom Ruud is not employed by Rederi AB Transatlantic but works as a consultant through Kistefos AS. For more information, see Note 7 on page 41.

## **Group Management**

The CEO has appointed a Group Management team that had five members during 2014. In addition to the CEO, the Group Management team included Tomas Bergendahl as CFO, Heléne Mellquist Head of the TransAtlantic business area, Christian W. Berg as Head of the Viking Supply Ships business area and Britta Stolt as HR Manager. Group Management is responsible for planning, controlling and following up daily operations. Group Management held regular meetings to monitor the business operations, follow-up on financial development and other operational, development and strategy issues. Group Management ensures that the right competency exists in the organization in relation to the company's strategies. Authorities and responsibilities for the CEO and Group Management are defined in the policies, job descriptions and attestation instructions.

For more detailed information about the CEO and Group Management, refer to page 21.

### Auditors

The auditors are elected by the AGM and at the Meeting in April 2014, the auditing firm of Ernst & Young AB was elected for a period in office until the 2015 AGM. Authorized Public Accountant Staffan Landén was elected Auditor-in-Charge. The auditors' task is to review the President's and Board's management of the company and the quality of the company's financial reports, as well as review the Annual Report. The company's auditors participate once per year at a Board meeting to submit a report on the year's accounting and their view of the company's internal control system. Information on remuneration of auditors is found in Note 8, page 41 of the Annual Report.

# Guidelines governing remuneration of senior executives

The 2014 AGM adopted the guidelines governing remuneration of senior executives, encompassing the CEO and Group Management, which comprised five members during its period in office, and which are based on the following general principles:

The principles for remuneration of senior executives from a short- and long-term perspective are designed to attract, motivate and create favorable conditions for retaining competent employees and managers. To achieve this, it is important to maintain fair and internally balanced conditions that are also competitive in market terms with respect to structure, scope and level. The employment terms and conditions for senior executives are to contain a well-balanced combination of fixed salary, pension benefits and other benefits, as well as special terms for remuneration in the event of termination of employment. Payment of variable remuneration is also possible. The total annual cash remuneration to senior executives is to be determined on the basis of competitiveness. The total level of remuneration is to be reviewed annually to ensure that it is in line with comparable positions in the relevant market. Remuneration is to be based on performance and positions. The company's remuneration system is to contain various forms of remuneration aimed at creating well-balanced compensation that verifies and supports the achievement of short and long-term goals. The fixed salary shall be set individually and be based on the individual's responsibility and role, as well as the individual's competence and experience in the relevant position. The CEO and other senior executives may receive variable remuneration should the Board resolve to this effect. Such variable remuneration is to be based on extraordinary performance in relation to defined and measurable goals, be capped in relation to basic salary and must always be justified specifically in a joint Board discussion. As mentioned above, the outcome of variable remuneration is to be based on measurable goals. The variable remuneration is to be based on (i) outcomes in relation to the company's financial key data, as well as earnings and cash flow and

(ii) fulfillment of established individual goals. Variable remuneration may not exceed a payment equivalent to 60% of the fixed salary for the respective senior executive.

Pension provisions for senior executives are to be market-aligned in relation to what is generally applicable to corresponding positions in the market and must be based on defined-contribution pension solutions. The retirement age for senior executives is 65. Pension provisions are to be based only on fixed salary. Defined-contribution pension payments must be implementable up to the equivalent of 25% of the fixed salary. Other benefits, such as company car, compensation for preventive healthcare and sickness insurance, are to comprise a small portion of the total compensation, correspond to market levels and contribute to the executive's possibilities of fulfilling his or her work assignment.

The period of notice for senior executives is six months when the executive resigns and, in the event of notice from the company, six to 12 months. The CEO is subject to period of notice of up to six months if notice is served by the company. Severance may be payable but is capped at 12 monthly salaries; see Note 7 on page 41.

### Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee

The Board in its entirety has decided to deal with auditing matters and one meeting was held with the Group's auditors during the year. Planned and completed audits were discussed at this meeting. The audit encompasses such issues as risk assessment, risk management, financial control, accounting issues, Group policies and administrative issues. Considerable emphasis is placed on follow-ups and implementing measures. The auditors also keep the Board informed of current developments in relevant areas.

The Board also decided to address remuneration issues within the framework of Board duties. Remuneration of the President was addressed, as were the principles for remuneration of senior executives. Remuneration related to the Board of Directors' work is approved by the AGM.

# The Board's description of internal control and risk management in financial reporting

This description of internal control and risk management is submitted by the Board of Rederi AB Transatlantic and is prepared in accordance with the Swedish Corporate Governance Code. The Board of Directors of Rederi AB Transatlantic has overall responsibility for the internal control pertaining to the financial reporting. Good internal control is based on efficient Board work. The Board's formal work plan and instructions for the President are aimed at establishing a clear role and distribution of responsibilities to efficiently manage operational risks. Based on established procedures and also on the auditor's review of the internal control, company management reports regularly to the Board of Directors, should the observations have any impact on the financial statements. Group Management is responsible for the system of internal controls that is required to handle significant risks in operating activities. This is aimed at ensuring that the operation is conducted appropriately and efficiently, that the financial reporting is reliable and that rules, regulations and ordinances are complied with.

The company has prepared procedures for the assessment of risks in the financial reporting, as well as to attain a high reliability in the external reporting and that the reporting is prepared in accordance with laws and other requirements on listed companies.

### **Risk assessment and control activity**

Rederi AB Transatlantic's assessment of financial reporting aims to identify and evaluate the significant risks that influence the internal control with respect to the financial reporting in the Group's companies, business areas and business processes. Considerable emphasis has been placed in formulating the controls to prevent and recognize errors in these areas. The key control instruments for the financial reporting primarily comprise the company's Finance Policy. See also page 24, Risks and uncertainties.

# **Control environment**

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the internal control of financial reporting. The Board has established a formal work plan to clarify the Board's responsibilities and to regulate the distribution of work among Board members. Responsibility for maintaining an efficient control environment is based on an organization with distinct decision routes and clear instructions and with common values, where each employee has insight into his/her role in maintaining good internal control.

# Information and communication

Rederi AB Transatlantic's Board of Directors has established a Communication Policy, which states what is to be communicated, by whom and the manner in which the information is to be issued to ensure that the external information is correct and complete. In addition, there are instructions governing how financial information is to be communicated between management and other employees. Rederi AB Transatlantic's shareholders and other stakeholders can monitor the company's operations and its development on the website (www.rabt. se), where current information is published on a continuous basis. Events deemed as having a potential impact on the share price are published through press releases. Financial information is provided through quarterly reports and year-end reports, as well as through the company's annual report.

# Follow-up

The Board continuously evaluates the information submitted by company management and the auditors. The work includes ensuring that measures are implemented that address inadequacies and preparing proposals for measures arising from the external audit.

### Internal audit

The Board has not found any reason to establish an internal audit function considering the size of the Group and the centralization of the finance administration.

Significant guidelines that are important to financial reporting are continuously updated and communicated to the employees concerned.

### Fees and remuneration

Fees and remuneration to the CEO and Group management are described in more detail in Note 7 on page 41.

### **Key policies**

In addition to those listed above, the Board's responsibilities include ensuring that the Group's policies are kept updated and are observed. The Group has policies on such issues as investments, financing and foreign currency matters, anti-corruption, approval and authorization of and attestation instructions for financial undertaking, communication/Investor Relations, as well as ethics and a code of conduct. As part of the Group's responsibility, there are also health, safety, environmental and quality policies (HSEQ policy) for the company's operations at sea and on land. Gothenburg, March 17, 2015

Christen Sveaas Chairman Folke Patriksson Deputy Chairman Tom Ruud Board member and President

Håkan Larsson Board member Magnus Sonnorp Board member Christer Lindgren Employee representative

# Auditor's report on the Corporate Governance Report

To the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of Rederi AB Transatlantic (publ), corporate registration number 556161-0113

The Board of Directors is responsible for the Corporate Governance Report for the year 2014 on pages 14–19 and its preparation in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act.

We have read the Corporate Governance Report and based on that reading and our knowledge of the company and the Group, we believe that we have a sufficient basis for our opinions. This means that our statutory examination of the Corporate Governance Report is different and substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden.

In our opinion, the Corporate Governance Report has been prepared and its statutory content is consistent with the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts.

Gothenburg, March 17, 2015

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