Annual Shareholders’ Meeting of Evonik Industries AG, Essen
on Tuesday May 23, 2017 at 10 a.m. (Central European Summer
Time — CEST)
Venue: Grugahalle, Norbertstraße 2, 45131 Essen, Germany

Explanation on item 1 of the Agenda

Pursuant to Section 172 Sentence 1 of the German Stock
Corporation Act (Aktiengesetz), the Supervisory Board approved
on March 1, 2017 the annual financial statements and the
consolidated financial statements as prepared by the Executive
Board on February 17, 2017 and thus adopted the annual financial
statements. Therefore, the Annual Shareholders’ Meeting does not
need to formally adopt the annual financial statements or approve
the consolidated financial statements pursuant to Section 173
Paragraph 1 German Stock Corporation Act. The annual financial
statements, the consolidated financial statements, the combined
management report and the group management report for the
Evonik Group and Evonik Industries AG and the report of the
Supervisory Board shall be made accessible to the Annual
Shareholders’ Meeting, along with the explanatory report of the
Executive Board relating to the information provided pursuant to
Section 289 Paragraph 4, Section 315 Paragraph 4 of the German
Commercial Code (Handelsgesetzbuch); no resolution is required
within the meaning of the German Stock Corporation Act.