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### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE RFPORT

Höegh LNG Holdings Ltd. ("Höegh LNG Holdings" or "company") is an exempted company limited by shares, domiciled and incorporated under the laws of Bermuda.

On 8 March 2021, the company announced a recommended offer by Leif Höegh & Co (LHC) and funds managed by Morgan Stanley Infrastructure Partners (MSIP) through a 50/50 joint venture, Larus Holding Limited (JVCo), to acquire the remaining issued and outstanding shares of Höegh LNG Holdings not owned by LHC or its affiliates, representing approximately 50.4% of the shares outstanding, by way of amalgamation between Larus Limited, a subsidiary of JVCo, and Höegh LNG Holdings. The amalgamation was completed on 4 May 2021, after which the company became wholly owned by LHC and MSIP through their 50/50 joint venture, Larus Holding Limited, and the company's shares were delisted from Oslo Børs on 27 May 2021.

The company is subject to Bermudian law regarding corporate governance. As the company has issued two bonds which are listed on Oslo Børs (tickers: HLNG03 and HLNG04), the company is required to provide a report on its corporate governance as further set out in section 6.3.6 of the Oslo Børs rulebook II - issuer rules (the "issuer rules").

When it was a listed company, Höegh LNG (the company and its subsidiaries) adopted and implemented a corporate governance system which mainly complied with the Norwegian code of practice for corporate governance (the "Norwegian corporate governance code"). As good corporate governance enhances business performance by reducing risk and improving accountability and is essential for maintaining the trust of Höegh LNG's stakeholders and the company's strong

standing in the financial market, the company retained its corporate governance system following the de-listing. The board has chosen to continue issuing a corporate governance report based on the Norwegian corporate governance code. The deviations from the Norwegian corporate governance code are predominantly attributable to the fact that the company is a privately held company and incorporated in Bermuda and the deviations are further described in this report.

The Norwegian corporate governance code is published at www.nues.no and the issuer rules are published on the Oslo Børs website at www. euronext.com.

#### Implementation and reporting on corporate governance

The foundation of corporate governance in Höegh LNG is set out in the company's bye-laws, in addition to a governing principles policy and Höegh LNG's code of conduct.

The governing principles policy is based on the Norwegian corporate governance code and is approved by the board. It identifies the key governing bodies in Höegh LNG, describes the roles and responsibilities of the governing bodies and functions of the group, and specifies requirements for the



business with regard to important governing processes, documents and systems. The board has also adopted governing procedures to implement the principles set out in the governing principles policy. These procedures include separate charters for the board of directors, the coordination committee and the capital structure committee, as well as instructions for both the President and CEO and the group's chief compliance officer.

Höegh LNG and the group's employees are required to adhere to and comply with laws and regulations, including on international trade and economic sanctions, and Höegh LNG's standards for ethics, health, safety, the environment and quality as further set out in Höegh LNG's code of conduct, the insider trading policy and the procedure for governmental investigation adopted by the board. In addition, the board has adopted a supplier code of conduct which all suppliers are required to adhere to.

Through compliance with the above, the board and management contributes to achieving the following objectives:

Trust: Good corporate governance establishes a basis for trust in the board and the management by the shareholders and other stakeholders.

Transparency: Communication with the company's stakeholders will be based on transparency concerning both Höegh LNG's business, which is important for assessing the company's development, and its financial position.

Independence: The relationship between the board, the management and the shareholders will be on an independent basis to ensure that decisions are made on a qualified and neutral basis.

Equality: Höegh LNG aims to give all its shareholders equal treatment and rights. Control and management: Good control and governance mechanisms will contribute to predictability and risk reduction.

Deviations from the code: None.

#### Business

In January 2021, the company's vision and mission statements were revised to match its strategy of contributing actively to the transition to a carbon-free energy future, while embracing the role of LNG in this ongoing energy transition process. Its mission is to supply innovative and reliable floating infrastructure solutions, thereby creating value for customers, shareholders, employees and the local communities in which it operates, and to reduce the impact on the environment from the group's own business and that of its clients.

The group's strategy is to drive and embrace technological and commercial innovation, contributing actively to the transition to a carbonfree energy future, while embracing the role of LNG in this ongoing energy transition process. To reflect the group's strategic objective to include the development of non-carbon energy solutions, Höegh LNG established Clean Energy as a new business area in 2021. Höegh LNG always seeks excellence in its operations in order to maximise value for the group and its clients, while at the same time ensuring the welfare of its employees and minimising its impact on the environment.

The board evaluates the objectives, strategies and risk profiles continuously and at least annually.

The company has guidelines for how it integrates considerations related to its stakeholders into its value creation. Since 2014, Höegh LNG has issued a separate sustainability report in accordance with Oslo Børs' Guidance on the Reporting of Corporate Responsibility and the "core" level of the Global

Reporting Initiative (GRI) standard. Höegh LNG is increasing its sustainability awareness and efforts and changed its sustainability reporting framework to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with effect from 2021. Reference is made to the sustainability report for further details.

The Memorandum of Association and the company's bye-laws are available on the company's website (www.hoeghlng.com - corporate governance - governance documents - other governance documents).

#### Deviations from the code:

• In line with common practice for Bermudianregistered companies, the company's objectives and powers, as set out in its Memorandum of Association, are broad and therefore wider and more extensive than recommended in the Norwegian corporate governance code.

#### Equity and dividends

#### Capital structure

The issued share capital in the company on 31 December 2021 was USD 12 000 consisting of 1 200 000 fully paid common shares, each with a par value of USD 0.01.

Book equity on 31 December 2021 totalled USD 651 million. Net of mark-to-market of hedging reserves, the adjusted book equity on 31 December 2021 was USD 744 million.

The board regards the current level of equity and financing as adequate in view of Höegh LNG's objectives, strategy and risk profile. However, as noted in the prospects section of the directors' report, it is not currently possible to forecast and assess the potential effects of the Covid-19 virus outbreak on the company accurately. The capital structure will probably be subject in the future to the issuance of further debt relating to scheduled refinancing and new debt, net profits and dividend payments, potential issuance of new equity capital and other factors

#### Dividend policy

The company is under restrictions of its loan agreements, which currently does not allow the company to pay dividends. The dividend policy will be decided by the board of directors when these restrictions are relaxed or cease to be in force.

#### Deviations from the code:

 Pursuant to Bermudian law and common practice for Bermudian-registered companies, it is not necessary to obtain the general meeting's approval for payment of dividends (bye-law 15).

#### Equity issuance

The authorised share capital of the company is USD 12 000.

#### Deviations from the code:

The following applies pursuant to Bermudian law and common practice for Bermudian-registered companies.

- The board has wide powers to issue any authorised but unissued shares in the company on such terms and conditions as it may decide, and may, subject to any resolution of the shareholders in a general meeting and to the rights of any issued shares, attach such rights and restrictions as the board may determine.
- The board may, without approval from the shareholders in a general meeting, acquire the company's own shares to be cancelled or held as treasury shares. These bye-law provisions (bye-law 3) are neither limited to specific purposes nor to a specified period as recommended in the Norwegian corporate governance code.

#### Equal treatment of shareholders

Equal treatment of all shareholders is a core governance principle in Höegh LNG.

The company has only one class of shares and, on a poll, each share confers one vote at the general meeting.

Deviations from the code: None.

#### Shares and negotiability

The common shares of the company are freely transferable, and the company's constitutional documents impose no transfer restrictions on the company's common shares.

Deviations from the code: None

#### General meetings

Being a Bermudian entity, the general meeting of the company is held annually in Bermuda.

The shareholders of the company are responsible for making certain key decisions concerning the company's business. At the annual general meeting (AGM), these include the appointment of the auditor, the election of the board of directors and the determination of the remuneration of directors. Alternate directors are appointed by the individual directors and are not elected by the general meeting. The financial statements are presented to the AGM for information, but under Bermudian law, the shareholders' approval of these is not required.

Bye-laws 19 to 35 set out extensive rules regarding the conduct of general meetings, including in relation to the notice of general meetings, proceedings, voting, proxies and corporate representatives.

Deviations from the code:

• The general meeting procedures are aligned to the fact that the company is privately held with one shareholder.

• Pursuant to bye-law 27, the chairman or the President and CEO shall act as chairman of a general meeting. In their absence, a chairman shall be appointed or elected by those present at the meeting and entitled to vote.

#### Nomination committee

As a private company, the company does not have a nomination committee.

Deviations from the code: As a private company, the company does not have a nomination committee.

#### Board of directors: composition and independence

The board and its chairman are elected or appointed in the first place at the statutory meeting of the company and thereafter, except in the case of a casual vacancy, at the annual general meeting or at any special general meeting called for that purpose.1 The bye-laws provide for the board to consist of not less than one director.

The composition of the board of directors represent diversity in background, expertise and gender (29% female directors).

The board has established two committees: A coordination committee and a capital structure committee.

Currently, the board consist of the following seven directors:

 Morten W. Høegh (born 1973) has served as chairman of Höegh LNG since 2006 and is a member of the company's coordination committee. He also serves as chairman of Leif Höegh (U.K.) Limited. Since 2003 he has been a director of Höegh Autoliners Holdings AS (and its predecessors Leif Höegh & Co. ASA, Leif Höegh & Co. Ltd. and Höegh Autoliners Ltd.). Morten W. Høegh is a director of Höegh Eiendom Holdings AS. He is a director and Chairman of Gard P&I (Bermuda) Ltd. and chairman of its

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The company does not have a corporate assembly.

risk and election and governance committees and a director and chairman of certain of its subsidiaries. He also serves as the Chairman of the western Europe committee of DNV GL. From 1998 to 2000, Morten W. Høegh worked as an investment banker with Morgan Stanley. He holds an MBA from Harvard Business School with High Distinction (Baker Scholar) and an MSc in Ocean Systems Management and a BSc in Ocean Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

- · Johan Pfeiffer has served as deputy chairman of Höegh LNG since May 2021 and is a member of the company's coordination committee. Johan Pfeiffer is a Managing Director and Operating Partner with Morgan Stanley Infrastructure Partners (MSIP). He serves on the board of several companies in the MSIP portfolio. Prior to Morgan Stanley, Johan Pfeiffer was the President for Europe, Latin America and Africa for Johnson Controls and previously Tyco. Prior to Johnson Controls, Johan Pfeiffer was a Vice President for FMC Technologies in Houston and General Manager and Managing Director in Kongsberg, Norway. Johan Pfeiffer was previously the Vice Chairman of the US Petroleum Equipment and Services Association. He holds an MBA from the Wharton School, an MA in International Studies from the University of Pennsylvania, and an MSC in Material Sciences Engineering from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technologies (EPFL).
- Leif O. Høegh (born 1963) has served as director of Höegh LNG since 2006. He is also the chairman of Höegh Autoliners Holdings AS and Höegh Eiendom Holdings AS. Leif O. Høegh worked for McKinsey & Company and the Royal Bank of Canada Group. He holds an MA in Economics from the University of Cambridge and an MBA from Harvard Business School.
- · Alberto Donzelli has served as a director of Höegh LNG since May 2021 and is a member of the

- company's capital structure committee. Alberto Donzelli is a Managing Director and co-head of Europe for Morgan Stanley Infrastructure Partners (MSIP). Alberto Donzelli worked in the investment banking businesses of UBS and Credit Suisse, where he was part of the European Utilities Group advising on numerous M&A transactions in Europe. Alberto Donzelli holds a degree in Business Administration from Bocconi University.
- · Martine Vice Holter has served as a director of Höegh LNG since May 2021 and is a member of the company's capital structure committee. Martine Vice Holter has been the Chief Executive Officer of Hoegh Capital Partners (HCP) for over a decade. HCP is a family investment office co-located in London and Oslo which manages all of the investment interests of the Høegh family. Martine Vice Holter oversees a multiasset class investment portfolio which includes direct investments (both private and public) and financial assets (managed through in-house portfolio managers as well as allocations to third party fund managers). The group embraces an active ownership approach; she is shareholder representative and/or non-executive director on several direct investment boards in the portfolio. Sector focus includes: shipping and transportation, real estate, East Africa agriculture, and media. Corporate actions include: IPOs, M&A, fund-raisings, refinancings and restructurings. Born in Canada, Martine Vice Holter has lived and worked in the US, Asia and Europe and has experience working in Africa. Prior to HCP, she was Chief Operating Officer of Arts Alliance Advisors, a venture capital fund focused on early stage media and technology investments (from 2000-2005). Previously, she worked as a management consultant at McKinsey & Company based in London where she focused on strategy, finance and organisation-building. She began her career in investment banking (corporate finance and M&A) with Goldman Sachs in New York followed by Hong Kong. Martine received her

MBA from INSEAD (1994) and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) joint in Economics and Political Science from Queen's University, Canada.

- John Kwaak has served as a director of Höegh LNG since May 2021 and is a member of the company's coordination committee. John Kwaak served as Executive Director of Morgan Stanley Infrastructure Partners (MSIP) covering the energy and transportation sectors from late 2017 to February 2022. Before joining MSIP, he was a Senior Vice President at Fortress Investment Group in their private equity division. Prior to that, he was an investment banker at Evercore. He also served as First Lieutenant in the Republic of Korea Air Force. John Kwaak holds an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and an AB in Government from Harvard College.
- Tonesan Amissah has served as our director since June 2021. Tonesan Amissah is the Managing Director of Appleby Global Services Bermuda ("AGS"), where she oversees all aspects of client service and is a former partner of Appleby (Bermuda) Limited ("Appleby"), where she practiced within the corporate department as a member of the corporate finance and funds & investment services teams, having joined Appleby in 1989. She also serves as a director of Höegh LNG Partners LP and a number of other companies, the majority of which are clients of AGS. Tonesan Amissah holds a law degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science and qualified as a Barrister at Holborn Law Tutors in 1988. She is a member of the Bermuda Bar Association, the Institute of Directors and has been an accredited speaker for the Regulatory and Compliance Association since 2015.

The board does not include executive personnel and all directors are independent of Höegh LNG's executive personnel and material business connections. Only M. Tonesan Amissah is deemed to be independent of the company's main shareholders.

The company has one shareholder, Larus Holding Limited, which is a 50-50 joint venture between Leif Höegh & Co. Ltd. and Floating Infrastructure LP.

Leif Höegh & Co. Ltd. is indirectly controlled by Leif O. Høegh and family trusts under which Morten W. Høegh and his immediate family are the primary beneficiaries. As of 31 December 2021, Leif Höegh & Co. Ltd. held a total of 600 000 shares, representing 50% of the shares in the company and 441 037 common units in Höegh LNG Partners LP. Leif Höegh & Co. Ltd. is represented on the board by Morten W. Høegh, Leif O. Høegh and Martine Vice Holter.

Floating Infrastructure LP is owned by funds which is managed by Morgan Stanley Infrastructure Holdings Inc. and as of 31 December 2021, held a total of 600 000 shares, representing 50% of the shares, in the company. Floating Infrastructure LP is represented on the board by Johan Pfeiffer, Alberto Donzelli and John Kwaak.

Owing to the Covid-19 restrictions, the board held one physical board meeting in 2021 and in addition one physical meeting with the manager, Höegh LNG AS, in 2021 with all directors present, as well as several briefing calls. The board held 24 interim meetings, with the Bermuda-resident director and/or alternate(s) present.

Bye-laws 36 and 40 regulates the appointment and removal of directors, respectively.

#### Deviations from the code:

- As a private company, only one director is independent of the company's main shareholders.
- The chairman of the board of directors is elected by the board of directors.
- As a private company, the members of the board of directors are not elected for a specific time period.
- As a private company, the members of the board of directors are not encouraged to own shares in the company.

#### The work of the board of directors

The board is responsible for overseeing the management of Höegh LNG, safeguarding the business and implementing sound corporate governance for the group to follow.

The board has authorised Höegh LNG AS to carry out the day-to-day management of Höegh LNG's assets under a management agreement comprising administrative, commercial and technical activities. The board has established and defined authorities through a delegation authority matrix.

The main responsibilities of the board as well as the framework for proceedings of its work are set out in a charter for the board of directors. In general, the board will approve the strategy, business plans, financial statements, investment decisions, debt financings and budgets for Höegh LNG.

The board has adopted procedures and standards which cover and impose an obligation on individuals who are members of the group executive team and hold other group roles to secure sound governance and control. The board will also ensure that Höegh LNG protects its reputation in relation to owners, employees, customers and the public.

The work of the board is scheduled in an annual plan with fixed information and decision points. If required, interim board meetings are arranged in accordance with the board charter.

Each director is responsible for continuously assessing whether a conflict exists or could potentially arise between the interests of the company and the interests of the director in question. Existence of a conflict extends to, but is not limited to, matters put before a director involving a personal interest, direct or indirect, financial or otherwise, in the matter concerned.

Circumstances referred to above will be discussed without undue delay with the chairman of the board. Where a director's employment relationship or other duties regularly give rise to a conflict of interest to

occur, and in other special circumstances, specific guidelines will be prepared for review by the board which prevent, as far as possible, such conflict of interests from arising.

The board conducts a self-evaluation of its own performance and expertise on an annual basis, which includes an evaluation of the composition of the board and the manner in which its members function, both individually and as a group, in relation to the objectives set out for the board's work.

#### The work of the board committees

Following the privatisation of the company, the board has decided that the entire board of directors shall act as the company's audit committee.

As all the directors are independent of the executive personnel, the company does not have a remuneration committee.

The tasks of the coordination committee and the capital structure committee are defined in committee charters, which are reviewed annually.

The work of these committees is preparatory in nature and intended to increase the efficiency of the board, and does not imply any delegation of the board's legal responsibilities. The committees report to the board.

Deviations from the code:

- · As a private company, the full board act as the company's audit committee.
- · As all of the directors of the board are independent of the executive personnel, the company does not have a remuneration committee.

#### Risk management and internal control

The board is responsible for overseeing that the company has sound internal control and systems for risk management which are appropriate in relation to the extent and nature of the group's activities.

#### Risk management

Höegh LNG uses risk management tools based on ISO 31000 Risk Management in relation to both new and existing business.

The board is responsible for overseeing that the accumulated risks which could influence the achievement of HLNG's strategic and key operational objectives are being consistently and effectively identified and managed.

The President and CEO assumes the overall responsibility for enterprise risk management and reports the enterprise risk status to the board on a regular basis. The group has a risk monitoring committee comprising the group executive team and the VP QA and Risk. Its objectives are to support business decisions by monitoring the accumulated strategic risk for HLNG, and to assess risk mitigation measures and the effect of changes and new commitments.

Höegh LNG has a QA and risk management function, which assists the company in achieving its objectives by taking a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluating and improving the effectiveness of enterprise risk and security management, control and governance processes. The function meets regularly with the full board.

The group has implemented an integrated governing management system (GMS) to govern its processes for planning, operating and controlling the services rendered. Health (including occupational health), safety and environmental management, as well as project and security risk management are all included in the GMS. The latter is certified to ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems and ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management Systems by an accredited certification body. The GMS complies with the requirements of OHSAS 18001:2008 Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems as well as meeting the International Safety Management (ISM) standard. In addition, the group's integrated fleet management company has a separate HSEQ function.

See also the "Risk and risk management" section in the directors' report included in this annual report and Note 13 "Financial risk management objectives and policies" for further information.

#### Internal control

The group has policies and procedures in place and an effective system for internal controls on financial reporting, which is based on COSO 2013 (Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission) and satisfies, where Höegh LNG Partners is concerned, the requirements of the US Sarbanes-Oxley Act 404. The internal control process is supervised by the chief of staff and the chief financial officer, and comprises an annual process which includes risk assessment, evaluating whether existing controls are designed and operating as intended, reviewing and testing implementation and operational effectiveness of the controls, reporting and continuous performance monitoring.

Höegh LNG is also subject to extensive external control by its auditors, external partners in joint ventures and charterers.

The group has ethical hotlines in place which allows employees, as well as external parties in the case of HMLP, to report any non-compliance issues (anonymously if desired). These reports are received by Höegh LNG's chief legal and compliance officer in the case of the company, and by the chairman of HMLP's audit committee in case of HMLP.

Deviations from the code: None.

#### Remuneration of the board of directors

The directors who resigned upon the effectiveness of the amalgamation in May 2021 received a total remuneration of USD 320 000 for 2021.

Save as set out in below paragraph, the current board of directors does not receive any remuneration.

Appleby Global Services (Bermuda) Ltd. is remunerated on the basis of invoices for its services, including the provision of M. Tonesan Amissah as a director and the services of alternate directors to the

The company has no pension or retirement benefits for directors.

Deviations from the code: None

#### Remuneration of executive personnel

The board approves the remuneration package for the President and CEO.

In addition, the board approves the main terms of the remuneration package offered to employees in Höegh LNG, including the parameters of any annual salary adjustments, pension schemes, and short- and long-term incentives schemes. The compensation and benefits package is determined on the basis of an evaluation of the qualifications and competencies of the individual employee and is designed to be competitive with comparable positions in the market and the achievement of Höegh LNG's corporate goals, operating performance and sustainability targets.

Further details on remuneration of the President and CEO, the CFO and the executive personnel for the current financial year are provided in Note 30 to the 2021 annual financial statements.

Deviations from the code:

• The board does not produce a separate statement on the remuneration of executive personnel, and consequently no such statement is submitted to the AGM for consideration, since the company is a Bermudian company and the section 6-16a of the Norwegian Public Company Act and section 7-31b of the Norwegian Accounting Act do not apply to the company.

#### Information and communications

Höegh LNG has a policy of openness on reporting information to stakeholders. Periodical reports include quarterly interim reports and the annual report. All reports are published through stock exchange releases and on the company's website. Important events are also reported through press and/or stock exchange releases.

The board's charter includes guidelines to ensure disclosure in accordance with the financial calendar adopted by the board.

Contact with the external stakeholders is handled by the President and CEO and the CFO.

Deviations from the code: None.

#### Takeovers

As a private company ultimately owned by two shareholders, the board has not established explicit guiding principles for dealing with takeover bids.

Deviation from the code: As a private company, the board has not established explicit guiding principles for dealing with takeover bids.

#### Auditor

The auditor is appointed by the general meeting and has the duty to audit the company's financial reporting. The company's auditor has been Ernst & Young since 2006. Lead partners have been changed in accordance with rotation requirements for publicly listed entities.

In order to safeguard the board's access to and control of the auditor's work, the auditor meets with the full board when quarterly and annual reports are reviewed. The auditor is also given access to the agenda of, documentation for and minutes from board meetings.

Deviations from the code: None.

