



The Board's statement pursuant to Chapter 18, section 4 of the Swedish Companies Act

At the end of the year, the retained earnings of the Group were SEK 35,298 (20,655) million and the Parent Company's unrestricted equity was SEK 54,216 (53,947) million. The equity included unrealized profits resulting from financial instruments being reported at market value in the amount of SEK 223 (0) million.

As of December 31, 2021, net cash (2020 was net debt) amounted to SEK 2,346 (-10,278) million, resulting in the net debt/equity ratio decreasing with 22 percentage points, and amounted to -3% (19%). Since the Group's operations are dependent on the business cycle, the target is that the net debt/equity ratio will not normally exceed 35%. The Group reported a positive result after tax of SEK 14,673 (-490) million. The Group's policy is to distribute 30–50% of the profit after tax.

SSAB's Board has taken a policy decision to fundamentally transform the Nordic strip production and accelerate the company's green transition. This will involve major investments over the next 10 years. Despite the future investment needs and considering the solid financial position with a net cash/equity ratio and an expected continued good generation of cash flows, the Board proposes to the Annual General Meeting dividend to be paid by SEK 5.25 per share, corresponding to SEK 5,406 million and 37% of profit after tax.

The Board is of the opinion that the proposed distribution of profit to the shareholders is justifiable with respect to both the Parent Company and the Group, taking into consideration the demands placed by the nature, scope and risks associated with the operations regarding the size of equity and also taking into account the need to consolidate the balance sheet, financing, liquidity and financial position in general.

The Board of Directors' statement regarding the dividend proposal in the annual report has been reviewed by the auditor.

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