

## TRANSLATION FROM THE SWEDISH ORIGINAL

### **Auditor's report in accordance with Chapter 8, Section 54 of the Swedish Companies Act (2005:551) on whether the guidelines adopted by the General Meeting regarding remuneration to Group Executive Management have been complied with**

To the General Meeting of Essity AB (publ), corporate identity 556325-5511

We have examined whether the Board of Directors and the Managing Director of Essity AB (publ), have, for the year 2017, complied with the guidelines on remuneration to Group Executive Management, adopted at the General Meeting on 5 April 2017. For the period 2017-01-01–2017-04-05 (the period from the opening of the financial year to the General Meeting) the examination carried out has been based on the guidelines of Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA (publ) , as adopted at the General Meeting on 14 April 2016.

#### ***Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director***

The Board of Directors and the Managing Director are responsible for compliance with the guidelines and for the internal control the Board of Directors and the Managing Director determine is necessary to ensure compliance with the guidelines.

#### ***Auditor's responsibility***

Our responsibility is to issue a report, based on our examination, to the General Meeting regarding whether the guidelines have been complied with. The examination has been performed in accordance with FAR's recommendation RevR 8 *Granskning av ersättningar till ledande befattningshavare i aktiemarknadsbolag* (Examination of Remuneration to Group Executive Management in Listed Companies). Those standards require us to comply with the ethical requirements, and also to plan and perform the examination in such a manner that we may obtain reasonable assurance about whether the guidelines on remuneration have been complied with. The firm applies International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

We are independent of Essity AB in accordance with professional ethics for accountants in Sweden and have otherwise fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

The examination has covered the company's organization and documentation of issues concerning remuneration for Group Executive Management, new decisions concerning remuneration, as well as a selection of the financial year's payments to Group Executive Management. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risk that the guidelines have not, in all material respects, been complied with. In making this risk assessment, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the company's compliance with the guidelines in order to design procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.

We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

#### ***Conclusion***

In our opinion the Board of Directors and the Managing Director of Essity AB (publ) have, during the period 2017-04-05–2017-12-31 (the period of the financial year governed by Essity guidelines), complied with the guidelines on remuneration to Group Executive Management, which were adopted by the General Meeting on 5 April 2017

In our opinion the Board of Directors and the Managing Director of Essity AB (publ) have, during the period 2017-01-01–2017-04-04 (the period of the financial year governed by SCA guidelines), complied with the guidelines on remuneration to Group Executive Management, which were adopted by the General Meeting on 14 April 2016.

Stockholm, 21 February 2018

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