

# Statement of the Executive Board

(as defined by Section 5:25c, paragraph 2(c) of the Dutch Financial Supervision Act)

The members of the Executive Board hereby declare that, to the best of their knowledge,

1. the annual financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and result of the company and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole; and that
2. the annual report includes a fair review of the position on the balance sheet date and the developments during the financial year of the company and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole, and that the annual report describes the material risks which the company faces.

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