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If you are in any doubt about the course of action to take, please consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent professional financial adviser who, if you are taking advice in Ireland, is authorised or exempted under the Investment Intermediaries Act 1995 or the European Communities (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2007 (as amended), and, if you are taking advice in the United Kingdom, is authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 of the United Kingdom. If you have sold all your ordinary shares in Smurfit Kappa Group plc, please forward this document and the Form of Proxy to the agent through whom the sale was effected for transmission to the purchaser.

# Smurfit Kappa Group plc

Annual General Meeting Friday, 2 May 2014 at 10:00 am The Conrad Hotel, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.

## Smurfit Kappa Group plc

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1 April 2014

Dear Shareholder,

The Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of Smurfit Kappa Group p.l.c. (the "Company") will be held at The Conrad Hotel, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2 on 2 May 2014 at 10:00 a.m. I enclose the Notice of the AGM together with a Proxy Form and a copy of the Company's 2013 Annual Report.

This letter explains the business to be transacted at the AGM.

Resolution 1 relates to receiving and considering the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013.

**Resolution 2** relates to receiving and considering the Directors' Remuneration Report (excluding the Remuneration Policy referred to in Resolution 3) as set out on pages 48 to 60 of the Annual Report. There is no legal obligation on the Company to put such a resolution to shareholders, so it is an 'advisory' resolution and is not binding on the Company. The Board, being committed to good corporate governance practices, believes that such a resolution is best practice and is an acknowledgement of shareholders' right to have a 'say on pay'.

**Resolution 3** relates to receiving and considering the Remuneration Policy as set out on pages 49 to 51 of the Directors' Remuneration Report contained within the Annual Report. As the Company is an Irish-incorporated company, there is no legal obligation on the Company to put such a resolution to shareholders so it is an 'advisory' resolution and is not binding on the Company. However, as part of the Board's commitment to good corporate governance practices, it believes that such a resolution is best practice and forms part of the shareholders' right to have a 'say on pay'. The Remuneration Policy will provide the framework for decisions made on remuneration by the Compensation Committee from the date of the 2014 AGM. It is the intention of the Company that this Policy will apply until the 2017 Annual General Meeting, unless the Compensation Committee seeks shareholder approval for a revised policy at an earlier date.

**Resolution 4** relates to the approval and payment of a final dividend on the ordinary shares in issue in the capital of the Company in respect of the year ended 31 December 2013. The Board has recommended the payment of a final dividend of EUR 30.75c per share to the holders of Ordinary Shares on the register of members at close of business on 11 April 2014 and to be paid on 9 May 2014. This represents a 50% increase on last year's final dividend.

**Resolution 5** relates to the election of Mr. John Moloney who was appointed to the Board as an additional director since the last annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with Article 86 of the Company's Articles of Association. Article 86 provides that a director appointed since the last AGM is required to retire at the next AGM and may then be considered for election.

Having undergone a process of careful review and selection with the assistance of external advisors prior to his appointment, and based on Mr. Moloney's effective performance since his appointment, the Board considers that Mr. Moloney will continue to make a valuable contribution to the role. Mr. Moloney is committed to the role and will devote sufficient time to it, including attendance at Board and Committee meetings.

The biographical details of Mr. Moloney are set out in Appendix 1 to this letter.

**Resolution 6** relates to the re-election of directors. As recommended by the UK Corporate Governance Code, all of the directors (apart from Mr. Moloney who is proposed for election under Resolution 5), will retire from office and seek re-election at the AGM. A formal evaluation of the performance of each of these directors has been conducted and the Chairman is confident that each director being proposed for re-election continues to perform effectively and to make a valuable contribution to the role. The Chairman is satisfied that each director has demonstrated commitment to the role and ensures he/she devotes sufficient time to it, including attendance at Board and Committee meetings. The Chairman believes that the varied and extensive experience of each of the directors will continue to be invaluable to the Company. The biographical details of each of the directors seeking re-election are set out in Appendix 1 to this letter.

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**Directors:** L O'Mahony *Chairman*, G McGann *Chief Executive Officer*, APJ Smurfit *President & Chief Operations Officer*, IJ Curley *Chief Financial Officer*, GPF Beurskens *(Netherlands)*, SM Mencoff *(USA)*, N Restrepo *(Colombia)*, P Stecko *(USA)*, R Thorne *(UK)*, T Brodin *(Sweden)*, R Newell *(Mexico)*, I Finan, C Bories *(France)*, JJ Moloney.

Secretary: M O'Riordan.

Resolution 7 relates to the authority of the directors to determine the remuneration of the auditors.

**Resolution 8** is a renewal of the directors' authority to allot and issue shares in the Company up to an aggregate nominal value of €77,173, representing 33.33% of the total issued ordinary share capital of the Company (excluding treasury shares) on 25 March 2014 (the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this letter). No treasury shares are held by the Company. The directors have no current intention of exercising this authority. The authority will remain in place until 1 August 2015, unless previously renewed, revoked or varied.

**Resolution 9** relates to the disapplication of statutory pre-emption rights. This Resolution grants the directors the authority to allot shares for cash without being required first to offer such shares to existing shareholders pro-rata. The authority will remain in place until the earlier of the 2015 AGM or 1 August 2015, unless previously renewed, revoked or varied. The authority is limited to issuances up to an aggregate nominal value of €11,576 which represents 5% of the total issued ordinary share capital of the Company on 25 March 2014 (the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this letter).

**Resolution 10** seeks to renew the directors' authority to allow the Company, or any subsidiary thereof, to purchase any of the Company's shares and to set the price at which treasury shares may be re-issued. No more than 10% of the issued share capital of the Company may be acquired under this authority, being approximately 23,152,000 ordinary shares. The minimum price which may be paid for each share is the nominal value thereof and the maximum price will be the higher of: (i) the nominal value, (ii) the higher of the price of the last independent trade and the highest current bid as stipulated by Article 5 (1) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2273/2003, (iii) 105% of the average price of the shares of the same class in respect of each of the five dealing days prior to the date of purchase by the Company and (iv) 105% of the average price of the middle market prices for shares of the same class, as derived from the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List in respect of each of the five dealing days prior to the date of purchase by the Company.

The authority will remain in place until the earlier of the 2015 AGM or 1 August 2015, unless previously renewed, revoked or varied, and shall be exercised only if the directors consider it to be in the best interests of the Company and shareholders generally. The directors do not have any current intention of exercising the authority. The Company has made no decision as to whether any shares purchased under this authority will be cancelled or held in treasury.

As at 25 March 2014 (the latest practicable date prior to the publication of this letter): (i) the total number of convertible shares (which may be converted into ordinary shares in the Company) in issue in the Company and (ii) the maximum number of ordinary shares issuable, in certain circumstances, pursuant to the vesting of share awards under the Smurfit Kappa Group 2011 Deferred Annual Bonus Plan amount to 1,238,717 and 5,533,623 respectively, which together represent 2.9% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company on 25 March 2014. This percentage would increase to 3.3% if the full authority to buy shares is used.

**Resolution 11** relates to the convening of an extraordinary general meeting on 14 clear days notice where the purpose of the meeting is to consider an ordinary resolution, in accordance with the Shareholders Rights (Directive 2007/36/EC) Regulations 2009 (the "Regulations"). This authority is already provided in the Articles of Association of the Company. If this resolution is passed it will maintain the existing authority. As a matter of policy, the 14 day notice will only be utilised where the Directors believe that it is merited by the business of the meeting and the circumstances surrounding the business. The authority hereby conferred shall expire at the conclusion of the 2015 AGM unless previously reviewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting.

#### Recommendation

The directors believe that the proposals summarised in this letter are in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole and recommend you to vote in favour of the Resolutions as they are set out in the Notice of AGM as the directors intend to do themselves in respect of their own ordinary shares.

Yours faithfully,

Liam " Maciony

Liam O'Mahony Chairman

### APPENDIX 1 Biographies of directors standing for election or re-election

#### Liam O'Mahony – Chairman

Liam O'Mahony joined the Board upon the Company being admitted to trading on the Irish Stock Exchange and the London Stock Exchange in March 2007. He was appointed Chairman in December 2008. He is a Director of Project Management Limited and was previously Chairman of IDA Ireland. He was the Chief Executive Officer of CRH plc from January 2000 until his retirement in December 2008, prior to which in a 37 year executive career within the CRH Group he held a number of senior management positions including Chief Executive of its US operations and Managing Director, Republic of Ireland and UK companies. He retired from the Board of CRH plc in 2011. (Age 67)

#### Gary McGann – Group Chief Executive Officer

Gary McGann has served as a Director since 2000 and was appointed Group Chief Executive Officer in November 2002. He was previously President and Chief Operations Officer of the Smurfit Group since January 2000. He joined the Smurfit Group in 1998 as Chief Financial Officer. He had held a number of senior positions in both the private and public sectors over the previous 20 years, including Chief Executive of Gilbeys of Ireland and Aer Lingus Group. He is Chairman of Aon Ireland, a Director of United Drug plc and the Irish Business and Employers' Confederation, a member of the European Round Table of Industrialists and Chairman of the Confederation of European Paper Industries. (Age 63)

#### Anthony Smurfit – Group Chief Operations Officer

Anthony Smurfit has served as a Director since 1989 and was appointed Group Chief Operations Officer in November 2002. He has worked in various parts of the Smurfit Group both in Europe and the United States since he joined the Group. He was Chief Executive of Smurfit Europe from October 1999 to 2002 prior to which he was Deputy Chief Executive of Smurfit Europe and previously Chief Executive Officer of Smurfit France. He is a non-executive Director of C&C Group plc. (Age 50)

#### Ian Curley – Group Chief Financial Officer

Ian Curley has served as a Director since 2002. He was appointed Group Chief Financial Officer in January 2000. He joined the Group in 1989 having previously worked for a number of multinationals in Ireland. He was appointed Chief Financial Officer of Smurfit Europe in 1997, prior to which he served as Financial Controller of Smurfit Continental Europe for a number of years based in the UK and France. Mr Curley is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Management Accountants. (Age 51)

#### Frits Beurskens

Frits Beurskens has served as a Director of the Group since December 2005. He joined the Kappa Group in 1990 and held various Managing Director positions until his appointment as its President in 1996 which he held until the merger with Smurfit. He is a member of the Board of Sappi Limited. He is a former Chairman of both the Confederation of European Paper Industries and the International Corrugated Cases Association. In December 2007 he was appointed by the Dutch Queen as Officer in the Order of Oranje Nassau. (Age 66)

#### **Christel Bories**

Christel Bories joined the Board in November 2012. Ms Bories was appointed Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Ipsen SA in March 2013. She was President and Chief Executive Officer of Constellium (formerly Engineered products, Rio Tinto) from 2007 to the end of 2011 prior to which she was a senior executive in both Pechiney Packaging and Alcan for fourteen years of which eight years was as the General Manager of the Packaging business. Ms Bories spent seven years in strategic consulting prior to her industrial experience. She is a non–executive Director of Legrand SA and Natixis SA. (Age 49)

#### **Thomas Brodin**

Thomas Brodin joined the Group in April 2008. He is a partner at Swedish investment management firm Cliens Kapitalförvaltning since November 2013. He was Head of Equities and Head of Equity Research and a member of the executive management team at Erik Penser Bankaktiebolag, a privately owned Swedish bank from 2007 to 2011. He was previously a European paper & packaging research analyst and Managing Director at Citigroup between 1995 and 2007. Prior to that, he was a paper & packaging research analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston from 1992 to 1995 and at Svenska Handelsbanken from 1990 to 1992. Between 1998 and 2007 Mr Brodin was ranked as the leading European analyst covering the paper and packaging sector by Extel and Institutional Investor Surveys. (Age 49)

#### Irial Finan

Irial Finan joined the Board in February 2012. He is currently Executive Vice President of The Coca-Cola Company and President of the Bottling Investments Group. He is also responsible for the stewardship of The Coca-Cola Company's Equity Investments and leads the Commercial Product Supply organisation. He joined the Coca-Cola System in 1981. Prior to his appointment to his current role in 2004, Mr Finan served as Chief Executive Officer of Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Company SA. Mr Finan is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Management Accountants. (Age 56)

#### Samuel Mencoff

Samuel Mencoff has served as a Director of the Group since September 2002. He has been employed principally by Madison Dearborn since 1993 and currently serves as a co-Chief Executive Officer. From 1987 until 1993, he served as Vice President of First Chicago Venture Capital. He has extensive business experience due to his involvement with many investee companies. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Forest Product Holdings, LLC (d.b.a. Boise Cascade Company), Packaging Corporation of America, Nuveen Investments, Inc., the Art Institute of Chicago, North Shore University Health System and World Business Chicago, and a member of the Board of Fellows of Brown University. (Age 57)

#### John Moloney

John Moloney joined the Board in December 2013. He is the former Group Managing Director of Glanbia plc, a global performance nutrition and ingredients company. He served as Group Managing Director of Glanbia plc from 2001 until he retired from this position in November 2013. He joined Glanbia plc in 1987 and held a number of senior management positions before he was appointed Deputy Group Managing Director in 2000. He is Chairman of Coillte and a non-executive Director of DCC plc and of Greencore Group plc. (Age 59)

#### **Roberto Newell**

Roberto Newell joined the Board in June 2010. He is Vice Chairman of the Board of the Instituto Mexicano para la Competitividad, A.C. ('IMCO'), an independent think-tank in Mexico, established to develop policies to enhance Mexico's competitiveness. Prior to joining IMCO, Mr Newell served Mexico's Federal Government, most recently as Deputy Secretary for Agriculture. Between 1984 and 2001, Mr Newell worked for McKinsey & Co., where he served clients in North America and Latin America. At McKinsey, Mr Newell advised large corporations and national governments with a focus on the financial and telecommunications sectors. Mr Newell serves on the Board of a number of institutions in Mexico. (Age 66)

#### Nicanor Restrepo

Nicanor Restrepo joined the Board upon the Company being admitted to trading on the Irish Stock Exchange and the London Stock Exchange in March 2007. He was previously the President and Chief Executive Officer of Suramericana de Inversiones S.A. He is a Director of Sofasa (Renault), Exito S.A. (Groupe Casino), Conconcreto S.A. and Carvajal Internacional S.A. He has extensive business experience having occupied several positions in the private sector and has received many awards both in Colombia and internationally. (Age 72)

#### Paul Stecko

Paul Stecko joined the Board in February 2008. He is Chairman of Packaging Corporation of America ('PCA') since December 2013. He was executive Chairman of PCA from July 2010, prior to which he had served as Chairman and Chief Executive officer of PCA since 1999. Prior to 1999 he served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Tenneco Inc. and other senior positions within Tenneco including President and Chief Executive Officer of Tenneco Packaging Inc. which was the business that included PCA and was subsequently sold by Tenneco in 1999. Mr Stecko spent 16 years with International Paper Company. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Tenneco Inc. and State Farm Mutual Insurance Company. (Age 69)

#### **Rosemary Thorne**

Rosemary Thorne joined the Board in March 2008. She was most recently Group Finance Director for Ladbrokes plc from 2006 to April 2007. Prior to that she was Group Finance Director at Bradford and Bingley plc from 1999 to 2005 and at J Sainsbury plc from 1992 to 1999. Ms Thorne has extensive experience as a non-executive Director and currently serves as a non-executive Director with Santander UK plc. Ms Thorne is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Management Accountants and a Fellow of the Association of Corporate Treasurers. (Age 62)

#### SMURFIT KAPPA GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Smurfit Kappa Group p.l.c. will be held at The Conrad Hotel, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2 on 2 May 2014 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2013 together with the reports of the directors and auditors thereon.
- 2. To receive and consider the Directors' Remuneration Report as set out on pages 48 to 60 of the Annual Report (other than the Remuneration Policy referred to in Resolution 3.) for the year ended 31 December 2013.
- 3. To receive and consider the Remuneration Policy as set out on pages 49 to 51 of the Directors' Remuneration Report contained within the Annual Report.
- 4. To declare a final dividend of EUR 30.75c per Ordinary Share for the year ended 31 December 2013 payable to the holders of Ordinary Shares on the register of members at close of business on 11 April 2014 and to be paid on 9 May 2014.
- 5. To elect Mr. Moloney as a director who was appointed to the Board since the last general meeting and who is recommended to the Board for election.
- 6. To re-elect, each by way of separate resolution, as directors the following persons who are seeking re-election on an annual basis in accordance with the UK Corporate Governance Code and who are recommended by the Board for re-election:
  - (a) Mr. Liam O'Mahony (Resolution No. 6(a))
  - (b) Mr. Gary McGann (Resolution No. 6(b))
  - (c) Mr. Anthony Smurfit (Resolution No. 6(c))
  - (d) Mr. Ian Curley (Resolution No. 6(d))
  - (e) Mr. Frits Beurskens (Resolution No. 6(e))
  - (f) Ms. Christel Bories (Resolution No. 6((f))
  - (g) Mr. Thomas Brodin (Resolution No. 6(g))
  - (h) Mr. Irial Finan (Resolution No. 6(h))
  - (i) Mr. Samuel Mencoff (Resolution No. 6(i))
  - (j) Mr. Roberto Newell (Resolution No. 6(j))
  - (k) Mr. Nicanor Restrepo (Resolution No. 6(k))
  - (I) Mr. Paul Stecko (Resolution No. 6(I))
  - (m) Ms. Rosemary Thorne (Resolution No. 6(m))
- 7. To authorise the directors to fix the remuneration of the auditors.
- 8. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

"That the directors be and are generally and unconditionally authorised, for the purposes of Article 7.1 of the Articles of Association, to exercise all the powers of the Company to allot and issue relevant securities (as defined by Section 20 of the Companies (Amendment) Act 1983) up to an aggregate nominal amount equal to €77,173. The authority conferred by this resolution shall expire at close of business on 1 August 2015 unless previously renewed, revoked or varied."

9. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a special resolution:

"That the directors be empowered for the purposes of Article 7.2 of the Articles of Association to allot equity securities (as defined by Section 23 of the Companies (Amendment) Act 1983) for cash as if Section 23(1) of the said 1983 Act did not apply to any such allotment and that, for the purpose of Article 7.2.2 of the Articles of Association, the Section 24 Amount shall, for the current Allotment Period (as defined in Article 7.4 of the Articles of Association) or such part thereof up to expiry of this authority, be an aggregate nominal amount equal to €11,576. The authority conferred by this resolution shall expire at close of business on the earlier of the date of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or 1 August 2015, unless previously renewed, revoked or varied; provided that the Company may before such expiry make an offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of such offer or agreement as if the power hereby conferred had not expired."

10. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a special resolution:

''That:

- (a) the Company and/or any subsidiary (as such expression is defined by the European Communities (Public Limited Companies Subsidiaries) Regulations 1997) of the Company be generally authorised to make market purchases or overseas market purchases (each as defined by Section 212 of the Companies Act 1990) of shares of any class of the Company on such terms and conditions and in such manner as the Directors may from time to time determine in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 1990 and to the restrictions and provisions set out in Article 9.4 of the Articles of Association;
- (b) the re-issue price range at which any treasury shares (as defined by Section 209 of the Companies Act 1990) held by the Company may be re-issued off-market shall be the price range set out in Article 10 of the Articles of Association; and
- (c) the authorities hereby conferred shall expire at close of business on the earlier of the date of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company or 1 August 2015 unless previously revoked or renewed in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1990; provided that the Company may after such expiry make a market purchase where the contract of purchase was concluded before the expiry which would or might be executed wholly or partly after the expiry and the directors may purchase shares in pursuance of such contract as if the power hereby conferred had not expired."
- 11. To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a special resolution:

"That a general meeting, other than an annual general meeting or a meeting called for the passing of a special resolution, may be called on not less than fourteen clear days' notice."

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

M O'Riordan Secretary

**Registered** Office

Beech Hill Clonskeagh Dublin 4 Ireland

1 April 2014

#### Notes:

- Resolution 2 and 3 are advisory resolutions and are not binding on the Company. The Remuneration Policy will provide the framework for decisions made on remuneration by the Compensation Committee from the date of the 2014 AGM. It is the intention of the Company that this Policy will apply until the 2017 Annual General Meeting, unless the Compensation Committee seeks shareholder approval for a revised policy at an earlier date.
- 2. Only holders of the Ordinary Shares in the capital of the Company are entitled to vote on the resolutions.
- 3. Where used in this Notice the expression "treasury shares" means any shares in the capital of the Company purchased by the Company and/or any subsidiary (as such expression is defined by the EC (Public Limited Companies Subsidiaries) Regulations 1997) of the Company pursuant to the provisions of Part XI of the Companies Act 1990 and held as treasury shares (as defined therein).
- 4. Pursuant to Section 134A of the Companies Act 1963 (as amended) and Regulation 14 of the Companies Act, 1990 (Uncertificated Securities) Regulations 1996, the Company hereby specifies that only those shareholders on the register of members of the Company as at 6:00 p.m. on 30 April 2014 will be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting and may only vote in respect of the number of shares registered in their name at that time.
- 5. A shareholder entitled to attend, speak, ask questions and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy by electronic means or in writing to attend, speak, ask questions and vote on his or her behalf and may appoint more than one proxy to attend on the same occasion in respect of shares held in different securities accounts. A shareholder acting as an intermediary on behalf of one or more clients may grant a proxy to each of its clients or their nominees and such intermediary may cast votes attaching to some of the shares differently from other shares held by it. A Proxy Form is enclosed. If you wish to appoint more than one proxy please contact the Company's Share Registrar, Capita Asset Services, Shareholder solutions (Ireland) (the "Registrar") on +353 (1) 553 0050. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. The appointment of a proxy will not preclude a shareholder from attending, speaking, asking questions and voting at the meeting should the shareholder wish to do so.
- 6. To be effective, Proxy Forms and any power of attorney or other authority under which it is signed, must be received by the Registrar either electronically or to P.O. Box 7117, Dublin 2 (if delivered by post) or to 2 Grand Canal Square, Dublin 2 (if delivered by hand) not later than 10:00 am on 30 April 2014 or 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of any adjourned meeting.
- 7. Shareholders who wish to submit proxies by electronic means may do so any time up to 10:00 am on 30 April 2014, by accessing the Registrar's website, www.capitashareportal.com and entering the Company name, Smurfit Kappa. Shareholders will need to register for share portal by clicking on "Registration Section" (if you have not registered previously) and following the instructions thereon. To submit a proxy on-line, shareholders will need their surname and Investor Code (IVC) both of which are printed on the enclosed Proxy Form.
- CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the 8 meeting and any adjournment(s) thereof by using the procedures described in the CREST Manual. CREST personal members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed a voting service provider(s), should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s), who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf. In order for a proxy appointment or instruction made using the CREST service to be valid, the appropriate CREST Proxy Instruction must be properly authenticated in accordance with CRESTCo's specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual. The message, regardless of whether it constitutes the appointment of a proxy or an amendment to the instruction given to a previously appointed proxy must, in order to be valid, be transmitted so as to be received by the Registrar (ID 7RA08) by 10:00 a.m. on 30 April 2014. For this purpose, this time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST Applications Host) from which the Registrar is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. After this time any change of instructions to proxies appointed through CREST should be communicated to the appointee through other means. CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should note that CRESTCo does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular messages. Normal system timings and limitations will therefore apply in relation to the input of CREST Proxy Instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member or sponsored member or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that his CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings. The Company may treat as invalid a CREST Proxy Instruction in the circumstances set out in Regulation 35(5)(a) of the Companies Act 1990 (Uncertificated Securities) Regulations 1996.
- 9. Pursuant to Section 133B(1)(a) of the Companies Act 1963 (as amended) and subject to any contrary provision in company law, shareholders, holding at least 3% of the Company's issued share capital, or at least 3% of the voting rights, have the right to put an item on the agenda, or to table a draft resolution for inclusion on the agenda of an annual general meeting. In the case of the 2014 Annual General Meeting, the latest date for submission of such requests/resolutions was 21 March 2014.
- 10. Pursuant to Section 133B(1)(b) of the Companies Act 1963 (as amended) and subject to any contrary provision in company law, shareholders, holding at least 3% of the Company's issued share capital, or at least 3% of the voting rights, have the right to table a draft resolution relating to an item on the agenda of a general meeting. In the case of the 2014 Annual General Meeting, the latest date for submission of such resolutions is 4 April 2014 (being 28 days prior to the date of the meeting). Draft resolutions should be submitted in hard copy form to the Company Secretary, Smurfit Kappa Group p.l.c., Beech Hill, Clonskeagh, Dublin 4 or electronically by email to ir@smurfitkappa.com. Requests submitted in hard copy should be signed by the shareholder(s) and all submissions should state the full name(s) and address(es) of the shareholder(s) together with their Investor Code(s). Any resolution submitted must not be such as would be incapable of being passed or otherwise be ineffective whether by reason of inconsistency with any enactment of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, company law or otherwise. A draft resolution must not be defamatory of any person.
- 11. Shareholders entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting have the right to ask questions relating to items on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting and to have such questions answered by the Company subject to any reasonable measures the Company may take to ensure the identification of the shareholder and unless:
  - a) answering the question would interfere unduly with the preparation for the Annual General Meeting or the confidentiality and business interests of the Company; or
  - b) the answer has already been given on the Company's website in a question and answer forum; or
  - c) it appears to the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting that it is undesirable in the interests of good order of the Annual General Meeting that the question be answered.
- 12. A copy of this Notice, details of the total number of shares at the date of this Notice, and copies of documentation relating to the 2014 Annual General Meeting, including Proxy Forms, can be obtained from the Company's website www.smurfitkappa.com.