## HERA S.P.A.

Registered Office in Bologna at V.le Carlo Berti Pichat 2/4
Share capital Euro 1,489,538,745.00
Registered with the Bologna Register of Companies
Registration number 04245520376

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

ITEM 1 ON THE AGENDA

## EXTRAORDINARY PART

of the Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of HERA S.P.A.
called in a single call on 28 April 2022 at 10 a.m.

Dear Shareholders,
The Board of Directors of HERA S.p.A., has asked you to attend the single call of this Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting at the Company's Head Office - Viale Berti Pichat 2/4, Bologna - on 28 April 2022 at 10.00am to discuss and decide on the items on the following: agenda

## Extraordinary Part of the Shareholders' Meeting

1. Amendment of article 17 of the Articles of Association in compliance with the new provisions contained in the Corporate Governance Code: related and consequent resolutions.

## Ordinary Part of the Shareholders' Meeting

1. Financial statements as at 31 December 2021 of Hera S.p.A.: related and consequent resolutions. Presentation of the consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2021 Reports of the Board of Directors, the Board of Statutory Auditors and the Independent Auditors.

Presentation of the Sustainability Report - the Non-Financial Consolidated Statement prepared pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 254/2016.
2. Proposed allocation of profit for the period: related and consequent resolutions.

3 . Report on the remuneration policy and fees paid: resolutions relating to Section I Remuneration policy.
4. Report on the remuneration policy and fees paid: resolutions relating to Section II - Fees paid.
5. Conferral of the mandate for the legal audit of the accounts for the financial years 2024 - 2032: related and consequent resolutions.
6. Renewal of the authorisation to purchase treasury shares and disposal procedure thereof: related and consequent resolutions.

First item on the agenda of Extraordinary Part.
Amendment of article 17 of the Articles of Association in compliance with the new provisions contained in the Corporate Governance Code: related and consequent resolutions.

The Board of Directors of HERA S.p.A. (hereinafter "HERA" or the "Company"), has invited you to attend this Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting to submit to your attention the proposed resolution concerning the amendment of article 17 of the Articles of Association (hereinafter "Articles of Association" or "Articles").

This report is prepared in accordance with the provisions of article 72 of the Regulations adopted pursuant to Consob Resolution no. 11971 of 14 May 1999 (hereinafter "Issuers' Regulations") and Annex 3A, Schedule 3, attached to the Issuers' Regulations.

It should firstly be noted, that in January 2020, the Corporate Governance Committee approved the new Corporate Governance Code (formerly the «Self-Regulatory Code» and hereinafter referred to as the «Code»), modifying, not only its structure and content, but also its name. This new edition, which comes from a detailed comparison with listed companies, is the result of a detailed analysis of international developments in the field of corporate governance and the results of the monitoring activities of the application of the Code, conducted by the Corporate Governance Committee.
Given that application of the provisions of the Code is voluntary, on 11 November 2020 the Board of Directors of Hera resolved, in line with the past, to subscribe to the new Code, undertaking to apply the provisions thereof as from the 2021 financial year and providing adequate information to the market in the corporate governance report to be published in 2022.

In particular, as regards the provisions of article 2 - Members of the corporate bodies, Recommendation 5, the Code invites large companies with non-concentrated ownership, such as Hera S.p.A., to ensure that, the number of independent directors of their administrative bodies is equal to at least half of the members of the Board of Directors, also specifying that compliance with this recommendation should be applied as from the first renewal after 31 December 2020.
Given its renewal during the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting called to approve the Financial Statements as at 31 December 2022, the Board of Directors of Hera considered it appropriate to propose in advance that the Articles of Association of the company be aligned with these provisions, so that, at the time of renewal, the Articles of Association are updated.
As mentioned above therefore, the amendments submitted to your attention are due to the need to transpose this recommendation of the new Code, by reformulating paragraph 17.3 so that it clearly states that, on each list submitted, at least half of the candidates must meet the independence requirements set forth herein.

Finally, as regards to the amendment to paragraph 17.7, it should be noted that this is a mere wording alignment.
Given the above, the amendments to article 17 of the Articles of Association, in order to transpose and adapt the Articles of Association to the principles and recommendations of the above Code, are therefore submitted to the Shareholders' Meeting for approval.

The following synoptic table compares the article of the Articles of Association in question, in the current and the proposed texts.

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## Resolution proposal

Given the above, the Board of Directors invites you to pass the following resolutions:
"Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of HERA S.p.A.:

- having heard the Chairman's presentation;
- having acknowledged the report of the Board of Directors and the proposal made therein;


## hereby resolves

(i) to amend article 17 of the Articles of Association as indicated by the text hereunder, with a comparison of the proposed amendments

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- sign and publish any document, deed and/or declaration that may be required or necessary for this purpose, including any notice that may be required by current regulations, including applicable regulations;
- more generally to arrange anything that may be required, necessary and useful for the passing of the above resolution, making any non-substantial changes that may be requested by the competent authorities, above all for registration with the Register of Companies".

Bologna, 23 March 2022

## The Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors

(Mr. Tomaso Tommasi di Vignano)

