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## 3 GOVERNANCE

### 3.1.4 SHARE CAPITAL

The authorized share capital of the Company amounts to EUR200 million and is divided into 400,000,000 ordinary shares with a nominal value of EUR0.25 and 400,000,000 protective preference shares, also with a nominal value of EUR0.25. The preference shares can be issued as a protective measure, as explained in the section on the Stichting Continuïteit SBM Offshore. As per December 31, 2023, 180,671,305 (2022: 180,671,305) ordinary shares are issued. No protective preference shares have been issued.

#### Bearer shares

As per the Dutch Act on Conversion of bearer shares (*Wet omzetting aandelen aan toonder*), all bearer shares still outstanding at December 31, 2020 have been converted into registered shares (31,840) held in the name of the Company as per January 1, 2021. A shareholder who hands in a bearer share certificate to the Company before January 2, 2026 is entitled to receive from the Company a replacement registered share. A shareholder may not exercise the rights vested in a share until the shareholder has handed in the corresponding bearer share certificate(s) to the Company.

### 3.1.5 GENERAL MEETING

Within six months after the end of the financial year, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held. The agenda for this meeting generally includes the following standard items:

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- The report of the Management Board concerning the Company's affairs and the management as conducted during the previous financial year.
  - The report of the Supervisory Board and its committees.
  - The remuneration report(s) for an advisory vote.
  - The adoption of the Company's financial statements, the allocation of profits and the approval of the dividend.
  - The discharge of the Management Board and of the Supervisory Board.
  - Corporate Governance.
  - The delegation of authority to issue shares and to restrict or exclude pre-emptive rights.
  - The delegation of authority to purchase own shares.
  - The composition of the Supervisory Board and of the Management Board.
  - Any other topics proposed by the Supervisory Board or shareholders in accordance with Dutch law and the articles of association.
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Proposals to the agenda of General Meetings can be made by persons who are entitled to attend General Meetings, solely or jointly representing shares amounting to at least 1% of the issued share capital, or with a market value of at

least EUR50 million. Proposals of persons who are entitled to attend the shareholders meetings will only be included in the agenda if such proposals are made in writing to the Management Board not later than sixty days before that meeting.

With reference to the articles of association, all shareholders are entitled, either personally or by proxy authorized in writing, to attend the General Meeting, to address the General Meeting and to vote. The articles of association do not provide for any limitation of the transferability of the ordinary shares and the voting rights of shareholders are not subject to any limitation.

At the General Meeting, each ordinary share with a nominal value of EUR0.25 each shall confer the right to cast one (1) vote. Each protective preference share with a nominal value of EUR0.25 each shall confer the right to cast one (1) vote, when issued. None of the protective preference shares have been issued to date. Unless otherwise required by law or the articles of association of the Company, all resolutions shall be adopted by an absolute majority of votes. The General Meeting may adopt a resolution to amend the articles of association of the Company by an absolute majority of votes cast, but solely upon the proposal of the Management Board, subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board. The articles of association are reviewed on a regular basis and were last amended on April 7, 2022.

The 2023 AGM was held physically and shareholders could cast their votes prior to and during the meeting. 130,899,638 ordinary shares participated in the voting, equal to 72.45% (2021: 72.82%) of the then total outstanding share capital of 180,671,305 ordinary shares. All proposed resolutions were adopted. The outcome of the voting of the meeting was posted on the Company's website on the day following the 2023 AGM and draft minutes were made available to the shareholders via the Company's website within three months after the meeting.

Finally, SBM Offshore's policy on shareholder contacts and dialogue can be found on the Company website (ESG/ Governance section) as per best practice 4.2.2 of the Corporate Governance Code.

### 3.1.6 ISSUE, REPURCHASE AND CANCELLATION OF SHARES

The General Meeting or the Management Board, if authorized by the General Meeting and with the approval of the Supervisory Board, may resolve to issue shares.

The General Meeting or the Management Board, subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board, shall set the price and further conditions of issue, with due observance of the