## Gondrand International AG

Basel

Report of the statutory auditor to the General Meeting on the financial statements 2017





### Report of the statutory auditor to the General Meeting of Gondrand International AG Basel

### Report of the statutory auditor on the financial statements

As statutory auditor, we have audited the accompanying financial statements of Gondrand International AG, which comprise the balance sheet, income statement and notes, for the year ended 31 December 2017.

### Board of Directors' responsibility

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of Swiss law and the company's articles of incorporation. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining an internal control system relevant to the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Board of Directors is further responsible for selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers the internal control system relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control system. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 comply with Swiss law and the company's articles of incorporation.

### Report on other legal requirements

We confirm that we meet the legal requirements on licensing according to the Auditor Oversight Act (AOA) and independence (article 728 CO) and that there are no circumstances incompatible with our independence.



In accordance with article 728a paragraph 1 item 3 CO and Swiss Auditing Standard 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists which has been designed for the preparation of financial statements according to the instructions of the Board of Directors.

We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

We draw your attention to the information included in the note "Financial assets" of the financial statements mentioning that financial assets include an intercompany loan to Go-Trans Hong Kong amounting to KCHF 874 and due per year-end 2019 thereof recoverability depends on the successful development of the Chinese entities in the coming years.

PricewaterhouseCoopers AG

Dr. Rodolfo Gerber Audit expert Auditor in charge Karen Schmitt Audit expert

Basel, 26 March 2018

#### **Enclosures:**

• Financial statements (balance sheet, income statement and notes)

# Balance sheet

of Gondrand International AG, Basel, as of December 31, 2017

Assets	<b>31.12.2017</b> CHF	<b>31.12.2016</b> CHF
Cash	5'785'489	6'584'430
Trade accounts receivable	6'052'593	6'683'724
From third parties	5'984'727	7'361'678
From affiliated companies	957'420	642'058
less valuation adjustments	-889'554	-1'320'012
Other receivables	3'124'225	5'246'722
From third parties	1'193'988	1'130'785
From affiliated companies	2'300'721	4'484'648
less valuation adjustments	-397'708	-434'975
From shareholders and management bodies	27'224	66'264
Deferred expenses and accrued income	176'802	429'076
Current assets	15'139'110	18'943'951
Financial assets	4'549'752	4'048'949
Investments	3'300'071	2'437'070
Loans to third parties	82'998	78'429
Loans to affiliated companies	894'881	1'260'649
Other financial assets	271'803	272'802
Tangible fixed assets	426'778	244'766
Equipment and vehicles	426'778	244'766
Intangible assets	43'304	305'625
Assets under construction	116'058	0
Non current assets	5'135'892	4'599'340
Total assets	20'275'002	23'543'291

# Balance sheet

## of Gondrand International AG, Basel as of December 31, 2017

Liabilities and equity	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
	CHF	CHF
Trade accounts payable	9'230'767	10'141'991
To third parties	8'194'579	9'284'142
To affiliated companies	1'036'188	857'849
Other liabilities	705'985	732'457
To third parties	252'169	323'843
To affiliated companies	452'614	283'512
To Swisslife plan resp. "Personalvorsorgestiftung Gondrand"	1'202	125'102
Deferred income and accrued liabilities	1'033'135	1'143'013
Pending carriers	1'370'971	187'890
Provisions	845'100	3'275'874
Current liabilities	13'185'958	15'481'224
Non-current interest-bearing liabilities from affiliated companies	75'446	70'251
Non-current liabilities	75'446	70'251
Liabilities	13'261'404	15'551'475
Share capital	1'200'000	1'200'000
Capital contribution reserve	5'264'267	5'264'267
Legal reserves from retained earnings	576'075	425'400
Retained earnings	-26'745	1'102'149
Balance carried forward	951'474	-1'911'359
Net result of the year	-978'219	3'013'508
Shareholder's equity	7'013'598	7'991'816
Total liabilities and shareholder's equity	20'275'002	23'543'291

# Income statement

## 2017 Gondrand International AG, Basel

	<b>2017</b> CHF	<b>2016</b> CHF
Gross sales	82'547'519	78'884'290
Cost of invoiced customs duties and taxes	-49'449'310	-46'261'286
Cost of sales (without customs duties and tax)	-17'728'654	-16'633'607
Gross profit from operations	15'369'556	15'989'398
Other operating income	389'934	361'454
Gross profit	15'759'490	16'350'851
Personnel expenses	-12'796'490	-14'135'864
Other operating expenses	-6'979'931	-7'650'651
Rental and maintenance expenses of operational properties	-3'149'709	-3'269'879
Office expenses	-200'496	-283'311
Information technology expenses	-1'588'206	-2'117'699
Administration expenses	-1'209'624	-1'280'167
Maintenance and other expenses	-831'895	-699'595
Management fees	1'790'510	2'705'946
ICT Fees	1'836'480	2'750'472
Depreciation expenses	-356'647	-1'207'840
Operating result	-746'587	-1'187'085
Financial income	2'203'562	2'737'344
Income from investments and marketable securities	367'143	1'356'561
Interest and other financial income	1'836'420	1'350'783
Financial expenses	-4'463'979	-1'578'885
Depreciation of investments / receivables from affiliates	-3'062'446	-171'736
Interest and other financial expenses	-1'401'534	-1'407'149
Financial result	-2'260'417	1'158'459
Extraordinary income	2'270'786	108'483
Extraordinary expenses	-247'141	-105'605
Gains from disposals of investments	0	3'037'614
Gains from disposals of fixed assets	7'000	2'863
Extraordinary result	2'030'645	3'043'354
Result before taxes	-976'359	3'014'729
Taxes	-1'860	-1'221
Net result of the year	-978'219	3'013'508

## Notes to the financial statements

### 2017 Gondrand International AG, Basel

### **Principles**

These financial statements are prepared according to the provisions of the Swiss Law on Accounting and Financial Reporting (32nd title of the Swiss Code of Obligations). Where not prescribed by law, the significant accounting and valuation principles applied are described below.

#### **Financial assets**

Financial assets include long-term loans. Loans granted in foreign currencies are translated at the rate at the balance sheet date, whereby unrealized losses are recorded but unrealized profits are not recognized.

Financial assets include an intercompany loan to Go-Trans Hong Kong amounting to KCHF 874 and due by end of 2019. The recoverability of that loan depends on the successful development of the Chinese entities in the coming years.

### Extraordinary income & expenses

Extraordinary income mainly relates to the reversal of a provision in connection of a litigation with Austrian customs. Based on an external legal assessment, this provision is no longer justified. Nevertheless should this litigation results in a liability, such would be borne by Gondrand Holding AG.

Extraordinary expenses relate to expenses in connection with past periods.

### Foregoing a cash flow statement and additional disclosures in the notes

As Gondrand International AG is fully integrated in the consolidated financial statements of Gondrand Holding AG, prepared in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER, it has decided to forego presenting additional information on audit fees in the notes as well as a cash flow statement in accordance with the law.

### Information on balance sheet and income statement items

#### Main investments of Gondrand International AG

Company	Purpose	Share capital		Equity interest in %	
Company				2017	2016
GO-Transit AG, Basel	Customs	CHF	100'000	100%	100%
Go Trans SAS, Archamps	Shipping	EUR	100'000	100%	100%
Transfin S.r.I., Como	Shipping	EUR	104'000	100%	100%
Lesuisse Frères S.A., Antwerpen	Shipping	EUR	148'736	100%	100%
Gondrand Kft., Budapest	Shipping	HUF	103'000'000	100%	100%
Gondrand a.s., Prag	Shipping	CZK	3'125'000	100%	100%
Gondrand Asia Ltd., Hong Kong	Holding	HKD	8'000'000	100%	100%
Go-Trans (Hong Kong) Ltd., Hong Kong	Shipping	HKD	8'000'000	100%	100%
Gondrand Transport Co. Inc., New York	Shipping	USD	200'000	100%	100%

### Long-term interest bearing liabilities

	<b>31.12.2017</b> CHF	<b>31.12.2016</b> CHF
Long-term interest-bearing liabilities		
Up to five years	75'446	70'251
	75'446	70'251

### Other information

	<b>31.12.2017</b> CHF	<b>31.12.2016</b> CHF
Guarantees in favour of third parties		
Guarantees	7'616'631	7'559'936
Unrecognized lease liabilities		
Lease payments with maturity term		
- Up to 1 year	98'801	72'678
- 1 year and longer	138'664	120'875
Total unrecognized lease liabilities	237'465	193'553
Other off-balance sheet transactions and liabilities		
Liabilities out of non-current rental contracts	13'048'214	14'408'961

### **Full-time equivalents**

The annual average number of full-time equivalents for the reporting year, as well as the previous exceed 50 but not 250.

### Subsequent events

The ultimate parent company of Gondrand International AG (Gondrand Holding AG in Switzerland) as decided to divest some of its investments including Gondrand International AG. A Share purchase agreement has been approved by the ultimate parent company, to sell 100% of the shares of Gondrand International AG to Nordic Transport Group A/S, a Danish company specialized in the Freight Forwarding & Logistics, mainly based in the North and Eastern Europe. With this acquisition Nordic Transport Group A/S will provide a large coverage in Europe/Russia/Asia, with complementary coverage thanks to Gondrand' subsidiaries.

Closing date is expected end of first quarter 2018.