

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON REMUNERATION AND COMPENSATION PAID





to the Annual General Meeting of the Company's Shareholders to be held on 21 April 2020



#### LETTER OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NOMINATION AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Dear Shareholders.

As Chairman of d'Amico International Shipping's Nomination and Remuneration Committee, it is my pleasure to present the Report on remuneration and compensation paid for 2020.

This is the result of the continuous work of the Committee, with a view to establishing a compensation structure that is consistent with the complexity of roles and aligned to company performance. In addition, the Company's compensation policy is targeted at promoting its development in line with its business plan, in a business context whose significant volatility has repercussions on corporate revenues.

The Committee's ongoing commitment is aimed at proposing any reviews of the d'Amico International Shipping (DIS) remuneration system in order to ensure alignment with international best practices and the applicable legislation, and, secondly, to ensure the incentive capacity of the system in line with the Company's strategic objectives.

I would like to take this opportunity to recall the relentless commitment of Heinz Peter Barandun, who passed away in January 2020, and express our sincere and heartfelt thanks for his valuable contribution and dedication to the work of the Committee and the governance of the Company.

The Group's overall remuneration policies for 2020 are consistent with those defined last year, when a new long-term incentive plan was introduced (rolling IBT 2019-2021 Plan), which consists in determining a cash/stock option bonus for those who achieve specific performance objectives.

These policies will be arranged on a yearly basis.

The second cycle of the plan (2020-2021) will be launched in 2020 with the aim of:

 consolidating interests with the achievement of objectives to generate value for shareholders in the medium and long term;

- focusing the attention of beneficiaries on strategic interests;
- increasing the commitment and retention of key resources.

In order to back such statements, in addition to the three corporate performance goals, a relative total shareholder return is also present with respect to a reference panel of "peer" companies that acts as a multiplier/demultiplier of the bonus achieved.

This year as well the Committee worked to guarantee clear and comprehensive communication with stakeholders on 2020 remuneration polices, constantly focusing on the market best practices. In line with last year, we presented results from shareholders' meeting votes and the activity cycle of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and a Glossary was used in order to improve disclosure and access to the document.

We trust that this document provides proof of our constant commitment to ensuring proper representation to our shareholders and to the market of the aims underlying the remuneration strategy adopted by d'Amico International Shipping, to support its business objectives and in keeping with the Company values and principles.

Lastly, on behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to read this Report and for the support that I am sure you will give to the approval of the policies it contains, which are subject to the consultative vote.

12 March 2020

Stas A. Jozwiak



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#### INTRODUCTION

Compliant with the current regulations, the 2020 Remuneration Policy regarding the Members of the Board of Directors and the Personnel with strategic responsibilities of d'Amico International Shipping (hereinafter, "the Company" or "DIS") is defined herein.

This document is drawn up in accordance with national legislation implementing the new provisions of Directive (EU) 2017/828 (so-called SHRD2).

This report, approved by the Board of Directors on 12 March 2020, on proposal of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, is divided into two sections:

### I. Section on the annual remuneration policy for 2020

- a. provides a description of the procedures used for the definition and implementation of said policy;
- b. illustrates the policy adopted by DIS on remuneration of members of the Board of Directors, of Directors with specific duties and of personnel with strategic responsibilities as identified by the Board of Directors as far as the year 2020 is concerned.

#### II. Section on the compensation paid for the previous years

- a. contains the information related to the implementation of policies of the previous year 2019 and of the incentive systems adopted;
- b. adequately shows each of the items that make up the remuneration and analytically displays compensation paid by DIS and the subsidiaries or associates during the year concerned for any reason and of any type. It also highlights any parts of the aforementioned compensation regarding activities carried out in previous years and also shows compensation to be paid in one or more subsequent years, based on activity carried out during the reference year; potentially giving an estimated value for parts that are not objectively quantifiable in the reference year.

The information will also be made available on the website of the Company (www.damicointernationalshipping.com).

In line with the new regulatory framework renewed at European level by Directive (EU) 2017/828 of the European Parliament and of the Council dated 17 May 2017 amending the Shareholders' Rights Directive 2007/36/EC (SHRD) as regards encouraging long-term shareholder engagement, the say on pay regime has been revised.

In view of the fact that the Company is organised in accordance with applicable Luxembourg laws and regulations and the governance practices that comply with the aforementioned legislation, its Articles of Association and, where relevant, the Code of Conduct for Listed Companies, the new corporate governance provisions of sections I and II of the Report concern the elements introduced at national level by the Member State in which the Company has its registered office (Luxembourg), namely Grand Ducal Law no. 562 of 1 August 2019, which amends the Law of 24 May 2011 to implement European Directive 2017/828 (SHRD 2), published in the *Memorial A* of 20 August 2019.

Moreover, the Remuneration Report (section I) is subject to approval by the Shareholders' Meeting by means of a consultative vote, while the Report on compensation paid (Section II) from this year is subject to approval by the Shareholders' Meeting by means of a consultative vote (previously for information purposes only).

The company pays compensation only on the basis of a remuneration policy voted in the general Shareholders' Meeting. If the Shareholders' Meeting rejects the Remuneration Policy subject to a consultative vote, the Company shall submit a revised Policy to the next Shareholders' Meeting to a vote<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Article 7-bis of the Grand Ducal Law no. 562 of 1 August 2019.



#### **SUMMARY SHEET OF THE REMUNERATION POLICY 2020**

Component

#### **Purposes and Characteristics**

**Beneficiaries** 

**Fixed remuneration** 

#### Purpose

To reward the competences, the experience and the contribution required of the assigned role.

#### Characteristics

- Fees resolved by the Shareholders' Meeting
- Gross Annual Compensation as employee
- Members of the Board of Directors
- Employee with strategic responsibilities

Variable short-term remuneration

#### **Purpose**

To reward the level of excellence demonstrated and the overall quality of the contribution to business results, also in consideration of the current reference context.

#### Characteristics

- Annual incentive (MbO Plan) up to a maximum of 80% of fixed remuneration:
  - Objectives: Consolidated EBITDA
  - Bonus Pool: up to 5% of Consolidated EBITDA
- Executive Directors
- Directors with specific duties
- Employee with strategic responsibilities
- Supporting roles to Company business

Variable long-term remuneration

#### **Purpose**

Align the medium/long-term interests of management and shareholders and increase the commitment and retention of key resources.

#### Characteristics

- Long-term incentive (second cycle, referred to the two-year performance 2020-2021, of the rolling IBT 2019-2021 Plan) with a cash/stock option bonus for beneficiaries.
- Performance objectives:
  - 1. Adjusted ROCE
  - 2. Hedging Effectiveness
  - 3. Daily D&A

- Executive Directors
- Personnel with strategic responsibilities with a key role in the main departments (including the commercial and operations departments)

Benefits

#### **Purpose**

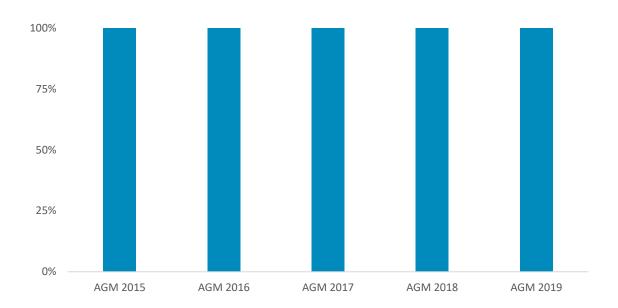
To complete the compensation package as a whole and to make it competitive on the market

# Characteristics

- Non-monetary benefits (e.g. social security and insurance components)
- Members of the Board of Directors
- Employee with strategic responsibilities

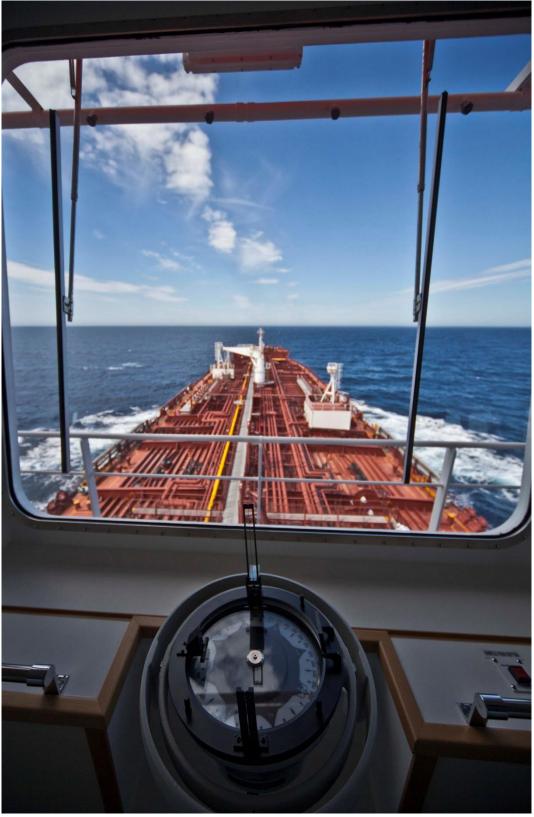


# TREND IN OUTCOMES OF VOTING ON THE ANNUAL REMUNERATION REPORT (2015-2019)



Abstained	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Opposed	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
In favour	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%





SECTION I (2020) d'Amico International Shipping S.A.





#### **SECTION I**

# 1 Roles and responsibilities of the bodies involved in the process of provision and implementation of remuneration policies

In compliance with the Articles of Association of the Company, the recommendations of Articles 4 and 6 of the Codice di Autodisciplina di Borsa Italiana (Corporate Governance Code of Borsa Italiana hereinafter, the "Code") - which the Company has adopted - and with laws applicable on each occasion, the approval processes of the remuneration of Executive Directors, other Directors with specific duties and Personnel with strategic responsibilities involve the following corporate bodies and company departments, to which specific responsibilities are attributed.

#### 1.1. Shareholders' Meeting

In compliance with the Articles of Association of the Company, the compensation of the members of the Board of Directors is established by the Shareholder's Meeting and the Board of Directors may determine the compensation of the Directors who are in charge of specific duties.

The Shareholder's Meeting may nevertheless establish a maximum total gross amount for the remuneration of the Board of Directors, including those with specific duties, assigning and authorising the Board of Directors - on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee - to allot said amount among all of its members, whether non-executive or executive Directors, including therein, if approved by resolution, parties covering specific duties.

The Shareholders' Meeting is called upon to examine and evaluate (in line with the Luxembourg legislation implementing European Directive SHRD2):

- 1) the Remuneration Policy contained in Section I of the Report, in order to express a consultative vote; and
- 2) section II on the Compensation paid for the previous year, in order to express a consultative vote.

#### 1.2. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors - in its role of strategic supervision - adopts and re-examines, at least annually, the Remuneration Policy of the Company and is responsible for its proper implementation.

The Board is the body in charge of the approval and maintenance in effect of the Remuneration Policy adopted by the Company, with the goal of supervising its application and approving any exceptions or amendments aided by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and, if necessary, of the respective company departments concerned.

In compliance with the Articles of Association of the Company, and subject to the authorisation of the Shareholders Meeting, the Board of Directors allots the gross total amount of compensation to Directors and can determine the compensation of the Directors who have specific duties within the Company on proposal of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

Moreover, the Board of Directors identifies key personnel with strategic responsibilities and, on proposal of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, proposes to the CEO the guidelines in order to establish and to maintain in effect a Remuneration Policy for Personnel with Strategic Responsibilities.

#### 1.3. Nomination and Remuneration Committee

In compliance with recommendations contained in Articles 4, 5 and 6 of the Code, and with Article 2.2.3 of the Regulation of markets organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A., the Board of Directors' meeting held on 6 May 2008 approved a resolution, inter alia, for the establishment of a Nomination Committee and of a Remuneration Committee.

On 28 April 2009, the Board of Directors passed a resolution to approve the merging of the two aforementioned committees into one, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, assigning to it all the functions required by the Code.

The establishment of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee was confirmed by a written approval of the Directors of the Company on 10 December 2012 by which the aforementioned Committee was attributed the tasks required by the Code, as amended.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee is composed of non-executive members of the Board of Directors, the majority of which are Independent Directors with adequate experience in finance, as evaluated by the Board of Directors. In compliance with the recommendation contained in Article 6 of the Code, the Chairman of the Committee is an independent Director, and in particular is a Lead Independent Director.



In 2019 the Nomination and Remuneration Committee was composed of the following non-executive board members:

Chairman	Independent Director	Mr. Stas A. Jozwiak
	Independent Director	Mr. Massimo Castrogiovanni
Members	Independent Director	Mr. John J. Danilovich
	Independent Director	Mr. Heinz P. Barandun

In January 2020, the Committee lost its Independent Director Dr. Heinz P. Barandun, who died prematurely. The remaining members of the current Committee, in the persons of Mr. Stas A. Jozwiak, Mr. Massimo Castrogiovanni and Mr. John J. Danilovich are directors with adequate experience in finance and accounting as assessed by the Board of Directors in approving their appointment.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee has powers of proposal, consulting and instructing, which are exerted in the formulation of proposals, recommendations and opinions with the objective of enabling the Board of Directors to adopt its own decisions with the necessary understanding and awareness of any relevant matter concerning the remuneration system.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee is in charge, among other responsibilities, of the following:

- submitting proposals to the Board of Directors on defining and maintaining in effect a Remuneration Policy of the executive Directors and other Directors with specific duties, as well as issuing guidelines, on the proposal of the CEO, on defining and maintaining in effect a Remuneration Policy of key personnel with strategic responsibilities, in compliance with what has been established, from time to time, by the Board of Directors of the Company or of its operating subsidiaries. Said Policy comprises all types of compensation, including in particular fixed remuneration and the remuneration systems linked to Company performance;
- submitting proposals related to remuneration systems linked to performance accompanied by recommendations on respective objectives and evaluation criteria, with particular attention to the alignment of the compensation with the long-term interests of shareholders and fixed objectives of the Board of Directors of the Company;
- periodically assessing and checking, also based on information received by the CEO and by company departments, the adequacy and coherent and effective implementation of the Remuneration Policy, verifying the achievement of performance goals;
- assisting the Board of Directors in supervising the process aimed at verifying that the Company fulfils all existing provisions on disclosure of the elements contained in the remuneration (with specific reference to the application of the Remuneration Policy and the individual remuneration).

In particular, regarding the remuneration of Executive Directors, and of other Directors with specific duties, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee:

- submits proposals to the Board of Directors on individual remuneration to be attributed, ensuring that said proposals are in line with the Remuneration Policy adopted by the Company and with the performance evaluation of concerned Directors, having comprehensively collected information on the total compensation obtained by Directors from other subsidiaries of the Company;
- submits related proposals to the Board of Directors about the contracts standards/format.

As far as the stock-based remuneration plans that may be implemented for Directors, Personnel with strategic responsibilities or other employees, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee:

- examines, with the Board of Directors, the proposal about the allotment of said systems of remuneration according to the framework of Remuneration Policy, submitting suggestions to the Board;
- verifies the information provided on the above-mentioned topic in the Annual Financial Report and, where necessary, at the Shareholder's Meeting;



submits to the Board of Directors proposals on assignment of options with the right to subscribe shares and assignment of options to purchase shares, specifying the reasons of the proposal as well as the relevant consequences.

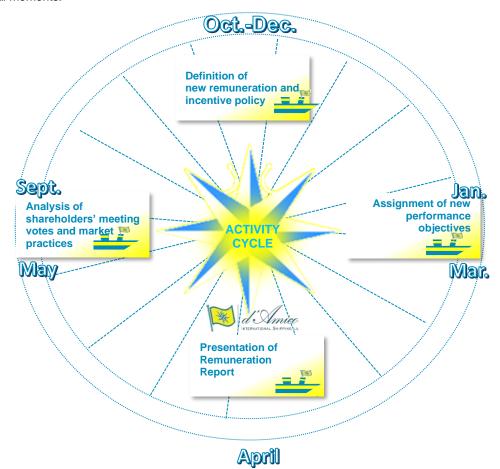
The Nomination and Remuneration Committee reports to the Shareholders' Meeting; for this reason, the Chairman of the Committee or one of its members participate in the Annual Shareholder's Meeting which has the role of examining and evaluating (in line with the regulatory framework renewed European directive SHRD2):

- 1) the Remuneration Policy contained in Section I of the Report, in order to express a consultative vote; and
- 2) section II on the Compensation paid for the previous year, in order to express a consultative vote.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee is convened with adequate frequency for the proper implementation of its functions. The Director of the Human Resources Department routinely participates in the meetings. From time to time, the Chairman may invite other members of the Board of Directors or company department managers or third parties to the meetings of the Committee, where their presence may facilitate the functions of the Committee. No Director takes part to the meetings of the Committee in which proposals are formulated to the Board of Directors about their own remuneration, unless dealing with proposals that regard the overall members of the Committees established by the Board of Directors. For the validity of the Committee meeting, the majority of members in office must be present. Resolutions of the Committee are passed by absolute majority of those ones who are present; in case of a tie, the vote of the presiding member prevails.

The Chairman of the Committee reports to the Board of Directors, at least annually, regarding the activity carried out by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

The Committee's activities are part of an annual process of monitoring and review of remuneration and incentive policies, with four canonical moments:





#### 1.4. Chief Executive Officer

The CEO, within the framework of the related responsibilities and authorities, ensures that remuneration of Personnel with strategic responsibilities is implemented in compliance with the guidelines approved by the Company.

#### 1.5. Human resources

The Human Resources Department collaborates with the competent department in defining Remuneration Policy, initially proceeding to analyse the related regulations and study trends and practices of the referenced market.

In addition, also with the potential support of the Company departments concerned:

- guarantees the consistency of the remuneration structure with (i) the guidelines approved by the Company and (ii) current legislation and that applicable on each occasion (in the latter case with the support of the Legal Department);
- provides support with the drafting of the Remuneration Report adopted by the Company;
- coordinates and strengthens the ability to monitor the coherent and effective application of the Remuneration Policy adopted by the Company;
- upholds the contractual terms and conditions.

#### 1.6. Internal Auditing

The Internal Auditing Department may carry out independent reviews of the effects that the Remuneration Policy adopted by the Company could have on Strategic Risk Management Policy.

#### 1.7. Independent auditors

In accordance with the new applicable Luxembourg framework, the appointed Independent auditors (*réviseurs d'entreprises agréés*) annually perform required procedures in accordance with Art. 7ter (5) of the law dated August 1, 2019 amending law dated May 24, 2011 as to the drafting of section II of the Report.

#### 2 External advisors used in creating the Remuneration Policy

The Company makes use of several leading advisory companies (e.g. EY) in order to guarantee maximum reliability of the support provided regarding remuneration, thanks also to the assistance of remuneration surveys carried out with reference to industry databases.

# 3 Reasons and purposes pursued through the Remuneration Policy

The Remuneration Policy of the Company for 2020, continuing from 2019, is defined in line with the recommendations of the Code (with some principles of application referenced below) and pursues both the objective of attracting and retaining personnel with the level of professionalism and skills suited to the needs of the Company (Article 6.P.1 of the Code), and of providing an incentive to strengthen the commitment to improving company performances, through personal satisfaction and motivation. To this end, the remuneration policy has taken into account the conditions of remuneration and employment of the company's employees.

Moreover, the implementation of the Remuneration Policy allows a better alignment between the interest of the Company and that of the management team of DIS, based on both a short-term perspective, by maximising value creation, and in the long-term, through careful management of business risks and the pursuit of long-term strategies.

In this regard, the remuneration and incentive criteria based on objective parameters linked to the Company performance and in line with medium/long-term strategic goals, are able to better stimulate the engagement of all the persons involved and consequently to better meet the interests of the Company.

In particular, in order to strengthen the connection between remuneration and the long-term interests of the Company, the Remuneration Policy provides that:



	CODE OF CONDUCT									
Article 6.P.2	*	the compensation of non-executive Directors is commensurate to the engagement required in relation to the participation in the Board Committees;								
Article 6.C.4	*	unless otherwise approved by the Shareholders' Meeting, non-executive Directors are excluded from participating in variable type incentive plans;								
Article 1 lett. c Article 1 lett. b Article 1 lett. a	*	the remuneration structure for the CEO and for Managers with strategic responsibilities is an adequate balance between: i) a fixed component adequate to remunerate performance carried out in case of lack of distribution of the variable component and ii) a variable component which is set up to a maximum amount and aimed to link remuneration to performance actually achieved, taking into account the risks connected to the business performed;								
Article 6.C.1 lett. d	*	the variable part is distributed subject to achievement of the performance objectives. Said objectives are predetermined, measurable and indicative of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Company, as well as the capacity of the latter to remunerate capital invested and to generate medium to long-term cash flow for shareholders;								
Article 6.C.1 lett. e	*	in the event in which a person has the right to variable remuneration, and the same reaches a predetermined percentage of the fixed amount, the payment of a substantial part of said variable remuneration is postponed for a period ranging from 12 to 18 months;								
Article 6.C.1 lett. f	*	contractual agreements allow the Company to ask for restitution, of all or part of variable components of the remuneration paid, where these variable components have been determined based on data that are later proved to be incorrect.								

Non-monetary benefits are consistent with the local regulations, with the aim of completing and adding value to the total compensation package taking into account the roles and/or the responsibilities attributed, favouring social security and insurance components.

The remuneration policy applied must therefore be aimed at enhancing sustainable performance and the attainment of the key priorities from a short and long-term perspective. As a confirmation of this, in 2019 the company introduced a new long-term incentive system (rolling IBT 2019-2021 Plan) geared towards strategic corporate resources and consists in determining a cash/stock option bonus for those who achieve specific performance objectives on three two-year performance measurement horizons and a subsequent deferral period to take account of the peculiarities of the reference sector characterised by high volatility and an exogenous variable, the freight price, which is difficult to forecast (see section 5.2 for a detailed description).

#### 1.8. Changes to the 2020 Remuneration Policy in comparison to 2019

It should be noted that no particular changes are planned for 2020 in order to ensure greater continuity with previous policies, considering that a new change was introduced last year regarding the incentive systems with a view to aligning the medium/long-term interests of management and shareholders and increasing the commitment and retention of key resources. In 2019 the company actually introduced a long-term incentive system geared towards strategic corporate resources (**IBT 2019-2021 Plan**), whose first tranche with the two-year performance 2019-2020 has already been introduced and whose second tranche 2020-2021 is being launched (see section 5.2 for a detailed description).



#### 4 Benchmarks

In order to adopt effective salary practices that also can appropriately support business strategies and resource management, general market trends are continuously monitored to correctly define competitive compensation levels, and ensure internal fairness and transparency.

Participation in compensation surveys on specific panels of companies operating in one or more markets/industry and to organisational profiles that hold similar roles and positions, allows benchmarks for the fixed and the variable component as well as the total remuneration.

For said reasons the appointed departments (Human Resources Dept.) ensure the constant participation in these kinds of surveys and studies, implemented by the leading national and international advisory companies.

#### 5 Remuneration structure

The remuneration structure adopted for Executive Directors, for Directors with specific duties and for Personnel with strategic responsibilities envisages a **fixed component**, that rewards the role covered and the scope of responsibility, reflecting experience and abilities required for each position as well as the demonstrated level of professionalism and the contribution to business profits, and a **variable incentive component** that seeks to recognise achieved targets, enabling a direct link between the compensation and actual results of the company and of individuals, in the short-term and in the medium-long term.

Non-Executive Directors are excluded from any variable incentive system.

Moreover, non-monetary benefits are provided (e.g. health insurance) while no insurance or social security coverage is provided other than those required as per mandatory requirements.

The Remuneration Policy with regard to the duration of contracts or agreements with management and notice periods, supplementary pension or early retirement plans, termination conditions and payments related to termination shall implement the applicable national collective bargaining agreement.

#### 5.1 Categories included in the Remuneration Policy

In the scope of this Remuneration Policy, as set forth in the Code, the following categories must be included:

- Executive Directors and other Directors with specific duties, such as the Chairman and /or the CEO or the CFO of the Company;
- Personnel with strategic responsibilities (not Directors) such as the Chief Operating Officer and the Operations Manager.

Personnel with strategic responsibilities are, from time in time, identified by the respective interested company, whether the Company or its subsidiary.

Non-executive Directors are not included in the guidelines concerning the variable component of remuneration and in terms of fixed remuneration, they receive a fee resolved overall by the Shareholders' Meeting (equal to € 275,000 in 2019).

In accordance with the provisions of the recent amendments to 123-ter, paragraph 3 of the T.U.F. in relation to the members of the control body, ("Collegio sindacale" according to Italian company's laws), we confirm that the Company is not required to comply since not required by the applicable Luxembourgish law.

#### 5.2 Variable and fixed remuneration policy

The importance attached to the fixed component of the total packages is as such to discourage initiatives focused on short-term results that could jeopardise sustainability and creation of medium/long-term value.

Moreover, the fixed component of remuneration is structured in such an amount to allow the variable component of total remuneration to decrease considerably or zero out, in relation to the performance actually achieved and according to the key objectives and risk management policies of the Company.

The Company adopts a completely flexible Policy for variable remuneration, meaning that the variable remuneration could decrease in case of negative performance, and in some cases, may be zero.

Variable remuneration is divided into two components:

- Short-term remuneration – MbO Plan



- Long-term remuneration - rolling IBT 2019-2021 Plan

The Remuneration Policy applicable to executive Directors, to other Directors with specific duties and to Personnel with strategic responsibilities is defined to align the interests of the previously mentioned persons with the attainment of the priority objective of creation of value for shareholders. Moreover, the Remuneration Policy takes into account best practices on remuneration policies in the industry.

In line with the strategic risk management policy and the Remuneration Policy, Company Departments are engaged in defining the overall remuneration policy in order to support an efficient risk management.

#### a) Variable Short-Term Remuneration

The Annual Variable Incentive Plan (**MbO Plan**) is linked to the attainment of predefined quantitative – financial and non-financial – objectives, each measured according to their assigned importance.

The calculation system for the objectives approved by the Board of Directors for the 2019 annual incentive plan envisages a structure focused on critical goals consistent with the strategic company objectives and balanced according to the wider prospects of interest of the several stakeholders.

Essentially, the annual incentive plan is based on two conditions:

- the payment of the bonus is carried out only upon attainment of DIS annual performance measured by means of the consolidated EBITDA indicator;
- ii. the bonus pool to be distributed is set as a percentage of the annual consolidated EBITDA.

The table below shows how the short-term plan works, its perimeter and performance objectives:

Perimeter	Objectives	Bonus pool
d'Amico International Shipping	DIS Consolidated EBITDA	Up to 5% of DIS Consolidated EBITDA
		(net of extraordinary activities - e.g. the sale of ships -)

The perimeter of recipients of the MbO incentive Plan includes positions ranging from Top Management (members of the Board of Directors, Directors with specific duties and Personnel with strategic responsibilities) to the support roles within the organisation of the Company.

As outlined previously, in addition to the performance objectives, the disbursement of the annual bonus is also subject to the non-financial parameters described below (see sub c).

#### b) Variable Long-Term Remuneration

In 2020 the second assignment cycle was introduced for the two-year performance 2020-2021 of the **rolling IBT 2019-2021 plan**, combining cash and stock options for strategic corporate resources.

The plan pursues the following purposes:

- Align management interests with the achievement of objectives to generate value for shareholders in the medium and long term.
- Focus the attention of beneficiaries on strategic interests.
- Increase the commitment of key resources and favour their retention in the group.

The rolling IBT 2019-2021 plan is geared towards directors and key resources that merit a remuneration policy that increases retention for the purpose of generating long-term value. The following are included:

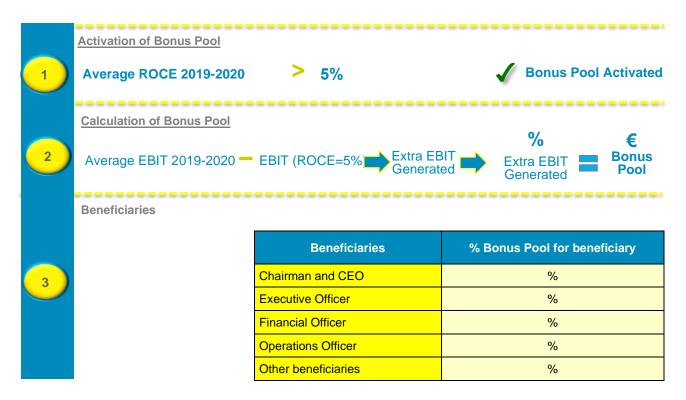
- Executive directors.
- "Strategic" resources (also in commercial and operational departments).

# Bonus pool determination and participation

Participation in the plan depends on the ROCE average achieved during the vesting period (greater than 5%).



The mechanism for calculating the bonus pool follows a top-down logic and is determined as a percentage of EBIT. A bonus pool cap is also in place and linked to the average ROCE value achieved during the period (7.5%). Below is a description of the process for activation and distribution of the bonus pool under the plan:



#### Performance Objectives

Once the bonus pool is activated, the actual bonus given to beneficiaries depends on the achievement of specific performance objectives by the end of the performance period, namely:

- Adjusted ROCE<sup>2</sup> measures the return on capital employed.
- Hedging Effectiveness compares fixed-term agreements and spot agreements.
- Daily G&A refers to the reduction in general and administrative costs per ship day available.

These performance objectives, defined in close relation with the company's medium/long-term objectives and aligned with the strategic plan, have a different percentage weight and their evaluation is based on progressive thresholds (from minimum to maximum achievement), as seen in the table below:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Return on Capital Employed (ROCE) is "adjusted" by means of a matrix comparing the loan to value and hedging rate.



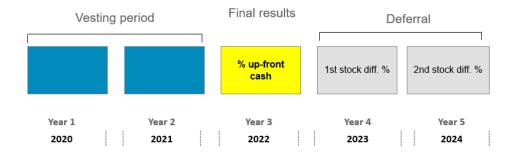
Indicator	Weight	Achievement	Pay-out		
		Max	110%		
Adjusted ROCE	50%	Target	100%		
		Min	70%		
		Max	110%		
Hedging Effectiveness	30%	30%	30%	Target	100%
		Min	50%		
		Max	110%		
Daily G&A	20%	Target	100%		
		Min	50%		

After reviewing and evaluating the objectives, the actual quantification of the bonus is also subject to a relative indicator that measures shareholder return (Relative Total Shareholder Return) compared to an international reference panel<sup>3</sup> and acts as a multiplier/demultiplier to +/- 10%.

#### Mechanism of Plan

The plan is structured over 3 cycles, with a two-year performance, starting in 2019, 2020 and 2021. The reason for choosing a rolling plan with a 2-year vesting period is due to the peculiarity of the sector where DIS operates, which is a highly volatile and subject to freight costs that are difficult to forecast.

The chart below shows the duration and operation of cycle II of the plan:



The Plan provides for the assignment of DIS shares free of charge. After the vesting period the premium will be partly paid in cash and partly in deferred DIS shares that will actually be made available after 1 and 2 years. In addition, the Company intends to use the treasury shares held in its portfolio to fulfil its obligations to allocate DIS Shares under the Plan.

#### c) Non-financial parameters related to variable incentive plans

Regarding non-financial parameters, the component of the variable incentive is related to a qualitative evaluation that objectively considers the activity performed by the corporate/organisational positions (activities planned in the previous year for the evaluation year, ordinary activities carried out by the department/business unit, etc.) and the effectiveness and the efficiency of said activity.

In particular, also taking into account the "Performance Management" system adopted by the Company, variable short-term and long-term remuneration that is not linked to financial parameters, due to the company population involved, is connected, taking into account the role covered, to the acquisition of skills, to resource management and any other relevant qualitative components.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> These 3 companies are in the reference panel: Ardmore, Skorpio Tankers and Torm.



#### 5.3 Policy on non-monetary benefits

The remuneration of executive directors and other directors who have specific duties as well as the compensation package of the personnel with strategic responsibilities may include non-monetary benefits such as social security and insurance components.

#### 6 Link between the change in results and variable remuneration

In consideration of the performance objectives adopted, the short- and long-term incentive systems seek to ensure an adequate connection between changes in results and changes in variable remuneration.

#### a) Malus

Provision is made for malus mechanisms on the basis of which the Company does not proceed with the payment of incentives to take account of the performance net of the risks effectively assumed or attained, of the equity and liquidity position of the Company or of the individual entity, as well as in the event of disciplinary measures in response to fraudulent behaviour or gross negligence on the part of the personnel to whom the incentive is intended. In particular, as detailed above, the percentage of the distributable variable component is tied to the percentage of attainment of the company performance objective, which may bring the variable component to zero, if the results are lower than the predetermined target values.

#### b) Clawback

Provision is also made for clawback mechanisms (as far as legally applicable), on the basis of which the Company has the right to request the repayment of the incentives disbursed in previous years, determined on the basis of data revealed to be manifestly incorrect, as well as in the event of disciplinary measures in response to fraudulent behaviour or gross negligence on the part of the personnel to whom the incentive is intended, in consideration of the legal limits set.

#### 7 Treatment provided in case of early termination of the employment relationship

No arrangement is in place that envisages the payment of an indemnity for the termination of the relationship or of office, for Executive directors, the other Directors with specific duties or for Personnel with strategic responsibilities.

8 Remuneration adopted by the Company as regards: (i) independent Directors, (ii) Directors who are members of internal committees of the Company and (iii) directors with specific duties.

In compliance with the Remuneration policy:

- Non-executive Directors (including therein, independent Directors) are not included in the recipients of the variable Remuneration Policy and related guidelines because the remuneration of a non-executive Director is not linked to financial results achieved by the Company and by its subsidiaries. Non-executive Directors (including therein, independent Directors) are not included among the beneficiaries of stock-based remuneration plans, unless otherwise decided by the Annual Ordinary Shareholders Meeting which, in this case, must justify its decision;
- members of the Board of Directors that are members of internal committees of the Company may receive additional compensation for said position;
- Directors with specific duties have the right to additional compensation based on their responsibilities and the
  activities they perform.
  - 9 Remuneration of the Chief Risk Officer, the Person in charge of Internal Auditing and the Person responsible for corporate accounting documents

Since the role of Chief Risk Officer (Executive Director in charge of the Internal Control and Risk Management System) is held by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of DIS, there are no additional noteworthy provisions for his remuneration, as regards both fixed and variable components.

Since the Executive authorised to prepare the corporate accounting documents is the CFO - already an addressee of the policy applicable to personnel with strategic responsibilities - there are no further significant provisions for his remuneration, as regards both fixed and variable components.



The Internal Auditing Manager is employed by the indirect parent company of DIS. The remuneration of the latter comprises by a fixed and a variable component.

# 10 Duration of the Remuneration policy

This policy is arranged on an annual basis, without the possibility for the Company to deviate from it during its period of validity.





**SECTION II (2019)** d'Amico International Shipping S.A.





#### **SECTION II**

#### 1 Implementation of Remuneration Policy in 2019

The remuneration system adopted by the Company for Executive Directors, for other Directors with specific duties and for Personnel with strategic responsibilities, in 2019 consisted of a pay-mix as such to ensure sound and prudent Group management, avoiding the assumption of excessive risks aimed at achieving exaggerated financial performances. This section seeks to illustrate the choices and the criteria adopted by the Company to establish fixed and variable remuneration in 2019.

#### More specifically:

- the first part contains detailed information related to the implementation of policies of the previous year and to the operating mechanisms of the incentive systems adopted; and
- the second part adequately shows, in table format, each item included in remuneration and analytically displays compensation paid by the Company and by subsidiaries or associates for any reason and of any type, in relation to the year concerned for any reason and of any type.

#### 2 Governance

#### 2.1 Meetings and composition of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee

Position	Members	Meetings of the Committee in 2019
Independent Chairman	Mr. Stas A. Jozwiak	
Independent Director	Mr. Massimo Castrogiovanni	
Independent Director	Mr. John J. Danilovich	3
Independent Director	Mr. Heinz P. Barandun	

#### 2.2 External consultants

In 2019, the Company availed itself of a leading advisory company (EY) in order to guarantee maximum reliability of the support provided on the subject of remuneration, also with the help of compensation surveys conducted with reference to the industry databanks.

#### 3 Variable and fixed remuneration

For 2019, the overall remuneration of the members of the Board of Directors and of Personnel with strategic responsibilities envisaged a fixed component, based on the office held and the range of responsibilities, reflecting the experience and skills required for each position.

For the purposes of determining the compensation levels of the Group, remuneration benchmarking analyses were used through a comparison of fixed and variable components related to a panel of companies representative of the Italian market.

The total remuneration of the Executive Directors and of the personnel with strategic responsibilities forecasts the disbursement of an annual variable component (MbO Plan). Table 1 – "Compensation paid to executive directors, other Directors with specific duties and personnel with strategic responsibilities" reports the amount that can be paid out in April 2020 on Performance 2019 (2019 MbO Plan).



The 2016-2019 long-term stock-option plan<sup>4</sup> launched in 2016 – as already reported in Section II of the Report published in 2019 – did not provide for the accrual or payment of any bonus for failure to achieve the first of the following combined KPIs, as resolved by the Board of Directors on 20 March 2019:

- 1) The overall EBIT results of the business plan (2016-2018), reaching at least those set by the Board of Directors;
- 2) Stock market performance of DIS shares (from 31 May 2016 to 31 May 2019) reaching at least that of the Bloomberg Marine Shipping Tankers Vessels Index (BISHIPTV Index);

Lastly, with regard to benefits, for the various categories of personnel, packages were offered with similar features for parties belonging to the same category.

The main benefits granted to Personnel with strategic responsibilities in 2019 included:

- Healthcare insurance;
- Supplementary pension.

#### 4 Indemnity in the event of the early termination of the relationship or of office

No ex ante arrangement is in place that envisages the payment of an indemnity for the termination of the relationship or of office nor has any compensation been paid at this level for Executive directors, the other Directors with specific duties or for Personnel with strategic responsibilities.

#### 5 Pay mix pertaining to 2019

In consideration of the fixed and variable remuneration for 2019, a representation of the pay mix is provided below, which is detailed in the tables below for each member of the Board of Directors and for the Managers with strategic responsibilities (where applicable).

Name and Surname	Office	Fixed	Variable
Paolo d'Amico	Executive Director (Chairman of BoD)	100%	N.A.
Cesare d'Amico	Executive Director	100%	N.A.
Antonio Carlos Balestra di Mottola	Executive Director (Chief Financial Officer)	100%	N.A.
M. Castrogiovanni, S.A. Jozviak, J.J. Danilovich, H.P. Barandun*	Non-executive directors	100%	N.A.
F. Carlsen, M.A. Fiorelli	Managers with strategic responsibilities	100%	N.A.

## 6 Pay for performance

In view of the disclosure of the annual changes in remuneration, the company's performance and the average full-time equivalent remuneration of the company's employees other than managers during the last five years, illustrated below is a comparison between the Total Remuneration of the Board of Directors and the company performance. While, with reference to the DIS employee population, it should be noted that no average remuneration data is provided, given the small number of DIS employees.

Change	Indicator	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Corporate performance	EBITDA (\$)	97,131,689	54,988,931	36,838,086	17,519,575	104,226,241
Overall remuneration of the Board of Directors	Total remuneration (€)	1,556,000	1,733,000	1,665,000	1,834,000	1,023,200

For details on the characteristics and the operation of the plan, please refer to the 2016-2019 Remuneration Reports and the related information document, as published in previous years.



#### 7 Quantitative information

TABLE 1: Compensation paid to executive directors, other Directors with specific duties and personnel with strategic responsibilities

						Variable non-equ	ity compensation					Severance
Name and Surname	Office	Period during which office was held	Office expiry	Fixed compensation	Compensation for committee participation	Bonuses and other incentives(*)	Profit sharing	Non-monetary benefits	Other remuneration	Total	Fair Value of equity compensation	indemnity for end of office or termination of employment
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(1)	(2)	(;	3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Paolo d'Amico	Executive Director (Chairman of BoD)	from 01.01.2019 to 31.12.2019	Approval of the 2019 Financial Statements									
I) Compensation in the Co	ompany preparing the finan	cial statements		€ 100,000						€ 100,000		
II) Compensation from su	bsidiaries and associates*			€ 360,000						€ 360,000		
III) Total				€ 460,000						€ 460,000		
			Note	s* Of which € 350,000 pa	aid as fees from DTM a	and € 10,000 as fee	es from DTL.					
Cesare d'Amico	Executive Director	from 01.01.2019 to 31.12.2019	Approval of the 2019 Financial Statements									
I) Compensation in the Co	ompany preparing the finan	cial statements		€ 55,000			-			€ 55,000		
II) Compensation from su	bsidiaries and associates			-			_			-		
III) Total				€ 55,000		_	_		_	€ 55,000		
			Note	S								
Antonio Carlos Balestra li Mottola	Executive Director (Chief Financial Officer)	from 01.01.2019 to 31.12.2019	Approval of the 2019 Financial Statements									
I) Compensation in the Co	ompany preparing the finan	cial statements	1	€ 55,000						€ 55,000		
II) Compensation from su	bsidiaries and associates*			€ 178,200						€ 178,200		
III) Total				€ 233,200						€ 233,200		



		Period during			Compensation for	Variable non-equ	uity compensation				Fair Value of	Severance indemnity for end
Name and Surname	Office	which office was held	Office expiry	Fixed compensation		Bonuses and other incentives(*)	Profit sharing	Non-monetary benefits	Other remuneration	Total	equity compensation	of office or termination of employment
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(1)	(2)	(	3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
M. Castrogiovanni, S.A. Jozviak, J.J. Danilovich, H.P. Barandun*	Non-executive directors		Approval of the 2019 Financial Statements									
(I) Compensation in the C	company preparing the final	ncial statements		€ 275,000	-		-	-		€ 275,000		_
(II) Compensation from su	ubsidiaries and associates			-	-	-	-		-			_
(III) Total				€ 275,000	-		_		_	€ 275,000		_
			Notes	* Individual compensa	tion: € 68,750							
F. Carlsen, M.A. Fiorelli	Employee with strategic responsibilities	n/a	n/a									
(I) Compensation in the C	company preparing the final	ncial statements		-	-	-	-	-				-
(II) Compensation from su	(II) Compensation from subsidiaries and associates			€ 536,000	-		-			€ 536,000	)	
(III) Total				€ 536,000			_		_	€ 536,000	)	_
			Notes	3								

# TABLE 3A: Incentive plans based on financial instruments, other than stock options, for the members of the Board of Directors, the general managers and other managers with strategic responsibilities

No disclosing table has been prepared with reference to the first cycle of the 2019-2021 LTI plan that was launched in 2019, but that will only be finalised at the end of the 2019-2020 two-year performance period. The disclosure is thus postponed to next year with reference possibly to the 30% of the LTI amount accrued in the two-year period, payable in ordinary shares.

## TABLE 3B: Monetary incentive plans for the members of the Board of Directors, the general managers and other managers with strategic responsibilities 5

No disclosing table has been prepared with reference to the first cycle of the 2019-2021 LTI plan that was launched in 2019, but that will only be finalised at the end of the 2019-2020 two-year performance period. The disclosure is thus postponed to next year with reference possibly to the 70% of the LTI amount accrued in the two-year period, payable in monetary form.



For the MBO no payment of the annual bonus is envisaged with respect to the 2019 Performance.

#### 8 Additional quantitative information

TABLE 1: Equity investments of members of management and control bodies and of general managers

Name and Surname	Office	Investee company	Number of shares held at end of previous year	Number of shares purchased	Number of shares sold	Number of shares held at end of current year
Paolo d'Amico – Indirect ownership (1)	Executive Director (Chairman of BoD)	d'Amico International Shipping S.A.	(2) 418.416.712	(2) 396.383.640	(2) 0	(2) 814,800,352
Cesare d'Amico - Direct ownership	Executive Director	d'Amico International Shipping S.A.	933,333	1,040,667	0	1,974,000
Cesare d'Amico - Indirect ownership (1)	Executive Director	d'Amico International Shipping S.A.	(2) 418,416,712 (3) 1,400,000 (4) 0 TOT 419,956,712	(2) 396,383,640 (3) 1,981,000 (4) 1,050,000 TOT 0	(2) 0 (3) 0 (4) 1,050,000 TOT 0	(2) 814,800,352 (3) 3,381,000 (4) 0 TOT
Antonio Carlos Balestra di Mottola - Direct ownership	Executive Director (Chief Financial Officer)	d'Amico International Shipping S.A.	104,471	94,970	0	199,441
Massimo Castrogiovanni - Direct ownership	Non-executive Director (Independent)	d'Amico International Shipping S.A.	2,866	0	2,866	0
John J. Danilovich - Direct ownership	Non-executive Director (Independent)	d'Amico International Shipping S.A.	731,687	0	0	731,687

#### Note.

<sup>(1)</sup> Equity investment held through closely related parties: Paolo d'Amico and Cesare d'Amico are beneficial owners of the Company. Paolo d'Amico directly owns 5,000,000 shares with voting rights, representing 50% of the share capital of d'Amico Società di Navigazione S.p.A. Cesare d'Amico directly owns 1,793,350 shares with voting rights, representing 17.93% of the share capital of d'Amico Società di Navigazione S.p.A. and, through a controlling interest in Fi.Pa. Finanziara di Participazione S.p.A. (company 54% owned), indirectly owns a further 3,206,650 shares with voting rights, representing 32.07% of the share capital of d'Amico Società di Navigazione S.p.A. The latter, in turn, wholly owns d'Amico International S.A.

<sup>(2)</sup> d'Amico International S.A.

<sup>(3)</sup> Fi.PA. Finanziaria di Partecipazione S.p.A.

<sup>(4)</sup> Adelina Lococo (not legally separated spouse).



#### TABLE 2: Equity investments of other managers with strategic responsibilities

No equity investments were held and/or transactions performed in 2019 by managers with strategic responsibilities.

#### 9 Quantitative information on the remuneration plans based on financial instruments

With reference to the obligation to provide qualitative information, please refer to the Information document on remuneration plans based on financial instruments published on the Company's website.

For the quantitative information referred to in **Box 1**, please refer to the information document that will be updated after the finalisation of each allocation cycle (in 2021 for the 1st cycle, in 2022 for the 2nd cycle and in 2023 for the 3rd cycle). The disclosure is thus postponed to next year with reference possibly to the 30% of the LTI amount accrued in the 2019-2020 two-year period, payable in the form of shares.



# **GLOSSARY**

Directors with specific duties	These are the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer.
<b>Executive Directors</b>	There are 3 directors to whom individual management powers have been delegated (including the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer).
Independent Directors	These are DIS Directors who meet the requirements of independence established by national regulations and by Article 3 of the Code of Conduct.
Non-executive directors	These are directors not vested with specific duties by the Board of Directors and without individual management powers.
Shareholders' Meeting	The Company's joint decision-making body. All holders of voting rights are represented at the meeting (directly or via proxy).
Shares	These refer to the ordinary shares of DIS listed on the Italian equity market.
Non-monetary benefits	These are the non-monetary elements included in the remuneration, targeted at enhancing the personal and family well-being of workers from an economic and social perspective.
Bonus Pool	This is the total financial allocation linked to short and long-term incentive systems.
Clawback	This is a contractual clause that provides the Company with the possibility to request the full or partial repayment of variable components of remuneration paid, under given conditions.
Code of Conduct (or "Code")	This is the Code of Conduct for Listed Companies, approved on 14 March 2006 by the Corporate Governance Committee, as recently amended in July 2018, and promoted by Borsa Italiana S.p.A., ABI, Ania, Assogestioni, Assonime and Confindustria and its subsequent amendments. The code indicates the best practice regarding corporate governance recommended by the Corporate Governance Committee, to be applied according to the "comply or explain" principle, which calls for an explanation of the reasons for any non-adjustment into line with one or more recommendations contained in the principles or the application criteria.
Nomination and Remuneration Committee	This committee is composed of non-Executive Directors, the majority of whom are independent (from which the Chairman is identified) and is responsible for assisting the Board of Directors with investigatory, advisory and proposal functions regarding remuneration and nominations.
Board of Directors	The Board of Directors of d'Amico International Shipping.
Daily G&A (general and administrative expense)	General and administrative costs per ship day available
EBIT (Earnings Before Interest and Taxes)	A profitability indicator obtained by subtracting amortisation/depreciation and provisions from EBITDA.
EBITDA (Earnings Before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation)	A profitability indicator which highlights the company's income deriving from ordinary operations, therefore net of interest expense, taxes and amortisation/depreciation.
Group	The d'Amico Group which the Company belongs to.



Hedging Effectiveness	Comparison between period agreements and spot agreements
Post-employment (or termination of office) benefits	Refers to the cash amount to be paid to directors on cessation of their administration relationship.
Staff termination indemnities	Refers to the cash amount to be paid to workers at the moment of termination of their employment contract as executive.
Malus	These relate to ex-post corrective mechanisms, based on which the bonuses accrued may reduce, until they reach zero.
Management by Objectives (MbO)	Indicates an incentive system that recognises an annual bonus in cash to beneficiaries, based on the objectives established and agreed with each person participating in said Plan.
Employee with strategic responsibilities	The IAS 24 definition states that they are "persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly". Without prejudice to DIS Directors, there are two people who cover this role within the Group.
Variable short-term remuneration	This refers to the annual incentive plan by objectives (MbO) and the short-term incentive plan (IBT 2020 Plan), which entitle the person involved to receive an annual bonus in cash based on the results achieved, in the previous year, with respect to the objectives defined, based on the prior final results of the competent bodies and functions.
Variable long-term remuneration	This refers to the 2019-2021 rolling long-term Plan which entitles participants to receive a bonus, partly in cash and partly in shares, based on a prior assessment of the attainment of the results at the end of a two-year vesting period and a subsequent two-year deferral period.
Annual Gross Remuneration	Includes all fixed annual compensation, gross of taxes and social security expenses for the part payable by the employee; therefore, it does not include annual bonuses, other bonuses, indemnities, fringe benefits, reimbursement of expenses, and any other form of variable or occasional pay.
ROCE (return on capital employed)	Measures return on capital employed
Return on Total Assets Beginning (ROTA)	Measures the profitability of EBIT over total assets.
Company (or "DIS" or the "Issuer")	The company d'Amico International Shipping S.A.
Stakeholder	All entities, individual or organisations, actively involved in a financial initiative, both a company or a project.
Company Articles of Association	The Company Articles of Association approved at the moment of its incorporation and subsequent amendments.
TSR (Total shareholder return)	Measures the total shareholder return
Target value	Indicates the target performance level established by an objective in the incentive system.
Vesting period	This is the period that runs between the assignment and the accrual of the ownership of the right to receive the incentive.