# Corporate governance report

Sandvik AB has its head office in Stockholm and is the Parent Company of the Sandvik Group, with subsidiaries in about 70 countries. The Group has about 41,000 employees and revenues in more than 150 countries. Sandvik AB is a public company with its shares listed on Nasdaq Stockholm.

Corporate governance within Sandvik is based on external rules such as the Swedish Companies Act, the Nordic Main Market Rulebook for Issuers of Shares, the Swedish Code of Corporate Governance (the "Code") and other relevant laws and regulations. The Code is available at corporategovernanceboard. se. In 2024, Sandvik applied the Code without deviating from any of its regulations.

#### The Sandvik Way

The corporate governance framework at Sandvik, The Sandvik Way, implements the

external rules previously mentioned and also sets out the internal rules and principles for governance that apply specifically within Sandvik. It is based on three segments, as set forth in the model below, and describes how common ways of working have been implemented throughout the entire organization.

#### Governance structure

This segment outlines how the Sandvik Group is led and governed. The Board of Directors, elected at the Shareholders' Meeting, sets the strategic direction for the Group. The President carries this out through the Group Executive Management whose members manage and oversee the operations of the Group. The main operational responsibility in the Group lies with the business areas and divisions, whereas the Group functions are responsible for functional policies and processes supporting the business.

The Sandvik Way is implemented in the respective business areas, with additional requirements cascaded down in the operational structure of each business area.

#### Operations

The detailed controls and risk frameworks common across the Group are detailed in this segment. This includes many aspects such as strategy and risk management, policies, financial forecasting and scenario planning, as well as compliance, internal controls and audits. Performance management, controls and continuous improvements provide a solid basis for our ways of working.

#### Corporate culture

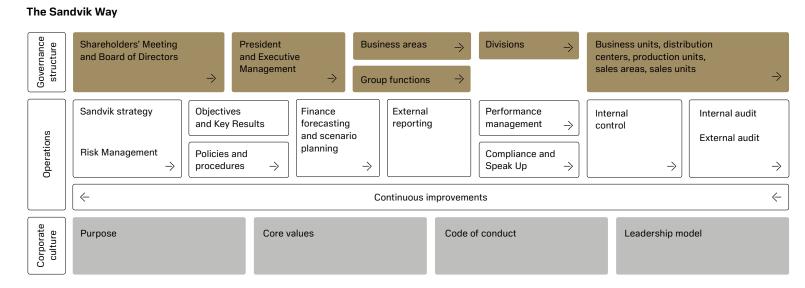
This segment sets the foundation for how we all shape our culture in the company and enable a customer-oriented and responsible business. Our operational controls and risk frameworks are supported by the ambitions and requirements of our purpose, core values, Code of Conduct and leadership model.

#### Ownership structure

As of December 31, 2024, the Sandvik share capital amounted to SEK 1,505,263,107.60 represented by 1,254,385,923 shares. At yearend, Sandvik had about 135,000 shareholders and AB Industrivärden was the largest owner with about 14.6 percent of the share capital. Of the total share capital at year-end, about 40 percent was owned by investors outside Sweden.

#### Shareholders' meeting

The General Meeting of Shareholders is the highest decision-making body. At the Annual



#### **Corporate governance model** Nomination Committee **External Auditor** Shareholders' Meeting Audit Committee **Board of Directors Remuneration Committee** Acquisitions and Internal Audit President and Group Executive Management **Divestitures Committee** Speak Up and **Business areas** Group functions Business Ethics Divisions

General Meeting, the shareholders are given the possibility to exercise their voting rights in relation to, for example, the Annual Report, dividends, election of the Board and appointment of auditor, and other matters stipulated in the Companies Act, the Articles of Association and, where applicable, the Code.

All shareholders who have been entered in the share register and have informed the company of their participation within the time limit stated in the notice of the General Meeting are entitled to participate at the General Meeting and vote according to the number of shares held. Shareholders are also entitled to be represented by a proxy at a General Meeting. According to the Articles of Association, the Board may also decide to allow shareholders to exercise their voting rights through postal voting before the General Meeting.

All shares in Sandvik carry equal voting rights with one vote per share.

Ten largest shareholders, December 31, 2024, %		
Industrivärden	14.6	
Alecta Pension Insurance	4.5	
BlackRock	3.5	
Swedbank Robur Funds	3.4	
Vanguard	3.3	
Lundbergföretagen	3.1	
Handelsbanken Funds	2.7	
Norges Bank Investment Management	1.9	
SEB Investment Management	1.9	
Folksam	1.4	

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Source: Monitor by Modular Finance AB

2024 Annual General Meeting

Shareholders representing 61.6 percent of the share capital and votes participated at the Annual General Meeting held on April 29, 2024. Resolutions included the following: - Dividend of SEK 5.50 per share

- Election of Susanna Schneeberger as new Board member and re-election of Board members Claes Boustedt, Marika Fredriksson, Johan Molin, Andreas Nordbrandt, Helena Stjernholm, Stefan Widing and Kai Wärn as well as re-election of Johan Molin as Chairman of the Board
- Re-election of PricewaterhouseCoopers AB as auditor
- Approval of the Board's remuneration report
- Guidelines for the remuneration of senior executives
- Long-term incentive program in the form of a performance share program for about 350 senior executives and key employees in the Group
- Authorization for the Board to decide on the acquisition of the company's own shares up to a maximum of 10 percent of all the shares in the company

For additional information about the Annual General Meeting, including the minutes, visit home.sandvik.

2025 Annual General Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting will be held in Sandviken, Sweden, on April 29, 2025. More information can be found in the notice convening the General Meeting and at home. sandvik.

#### **Nomination Committee**

The Nomination Committee is a preparatory body that prepares proposals for, among other things, the election of the Board, the Chairman of the Board and auditors, as well as fees for adoption at the General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting has adopted instructions for the Nomination Committee, which include procedures for appointing the Nomination Committee, valid until the General Meeting resolves on a change. In accordance with these instructions, the Nomination Committee shall consist of members appointed by each of the four largest shareholders in terms of the number of votes on the final business day in August plus the Chairman of the Board (convener).

Nomination Committee for 2025 AGM For the 2025 Annual General Meeting, the Nomination Committee consists of Fredrik Lundberg, Chairman (Industrivärden), Daniel Kristiansson (Alecta), Marianne Nilsson (Swedbank Robur Funds), Lars Pettersson (Lundbergs) and Johan Molin (the Sandvik Chairman of the Board).

Up to the date of this Annual Report, the Nomination Committee met on three occasions. The Nomination Committee was informed of the results of the Board's own evaluation. The Committee met with the President and CEO and Mats Eriksson, President of the Sandvik Mining and Rock Solutions business area, who presented the company's strategy. The Nomination



The 2024 Annual General Meeting was held at the Göransson Arena in Sandviken, Sweden.

Committee discussed the general criteria that Board members should fulfill, including the independence requirement, and reviewed the number of Board assignments that each Board member has in other companies. The Nomination Committee applied rule 4.1 of the Code as the diversity policy. This rule states that the Board shall have an appropriate composition in view of the company's operations, phase of development and other relevant circumstances, display diversity and breadth in terms of qualifications, experience and background of the Board members elected by the General Meeting and that the company shall strive for gender balance.

#### **Board of Directors**

The Board is responsible for the company's organization and the management of the company's business. The Board is required to continuously monitor the company's and the Group's financial position. The Board is to ensure that the company's organization is designed in a way that ensures that the financial statements, the management of assets and the company's financial condition in general are controlled in a satisfactory manner. The Board also adopts the strategy for the Group and monitors the performance and compliance with relevant rules and strategic plans.

The President is appointed by the Board and is responsible for the daily operations pursuant to guidelines and instructions issued by the Board. The distribution of responsibilities between the Board and the President is laid down in the Board's Procedural Guidelines which are reviewed and adopted each year. The review is based on such aspects as the Board's evaluation of the individual and collective work that the Board performs.

In addition to financial reporting and the monitoring and follow-up of daily operations and profit trend, Board meetings address the goals and strategies for the operations, significant acquisitions and investments, as well as matters relating to the capital structure. Senior executives report business plans and strategic issues to the Board on an ongoing basis.

#### Composition

As of December 31, 2024, the Sandvik Board consisted of eight members elected by the Annual General Meeting. The Nomination Committee communicated before the 2024 Annual General Meeting that the Nomination Committee had applied rule 4.1 of the Code as the diversity policy. The current Board composition is the result of the work of the Nomination Committee prior to that General Meeting. The Board consists of members with experience from different geographic areas and different industry sectors. Excluding the President, 43 percent of the Board members elected by the General Meeting are women. No Board member represents any

### Nomination Committee's tasks ahead of the 2025 Annual General Meeting

- Proposal concerning the Chairman of the Meeting
- Proposal concerning the number of Board members
- Proposal concerning remuneration of each Board member
- Proposal concerning the Board and Chairman of the Board
- Proposal concerning auditor and remuneration of the auditor
- If deemed necessary, proposal for changes to the Nomination Committee's instruction concerning the procedure for appointment of the Nomination Committee for the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and its assignment

under-represented social groups.

Pursuant to Swedish legislation, trade unions are entitled to representation on the Board and they have appointed two members and two deputies.

The Board members are presented on pages 58–59.

#### Independence

Marika Fredriksson and Helena Stjernholm are not regarded as independent in relation to major shareholders in the company and Stefan Widing is not regarded as independent in relation to the company and its executive management. The other five Board members elected by the General Meeting are all independent in relation to Sandvik and its executive management, as well as the company's major shareholders. Accordingly, the composition of the Board complies with the independence requirements of the Code. The President is the only executive member of the Board.

#### Attendance at Board and Committee meetings in 2024

Member	Board	Audit Committee	Remuneration Committee	Acquisitions and Divestitures Committee
Total number of meetings	12	5	4	4
Jennifer Allerton <sup>1</sup>	6			
Thomas Andersson <sup>1</sup>	6			
Claes Boustedt	12	5		4
Marika Fredriksson	12			
Fredrik Håf	12			
Carl-Åke Jansson <sup>2</sup>	6			
Erik Knebel <sup>1</sup>	6			
Thomas Lilja	12			
Johan Molin	12	5	4	4
Andreas Nordbrandt	12			
Susanna Schneeberger <sup>2</sup>	6			
Jessica Smedjegård <sup>2</sup>	6			
Helena Stjernholm	12	5	4	4
Stefan Widing	12			
Kai Wärn	12		4	

1) Resigned in April 2024.

2) Appointed in April 2024.

#### Composition of the Board as of December 31, 2024

Name	Function	In- dependent	Shareholding, number <sup>1</sup>	Elected	Audit	Remuneration Committee	Acquisitions and Divestitures Committee
Claes Boustedt	Member	Yes	50,000	2015	Chairman		Member
Marika Fredriksson	Member	No <sup>3</sup>	2,500	2017			
Fredrik Håf	Member <sup>2</sup>		2	2022			
Carl-Åke Jansson	Deputy <sup>2</sup>		1,120	2024			
Thomas Lilja	Member <sup>2</sup>		5,197	2016			
Johan Molin	Chairman	Yes	965,000 <sup>4</sup>	2015	Member	Chairman	Chairman
Andreas Nordbrandt	Member	Yes	2,400	2021			
Susanna Schneeberger	Member	Yes	1,000	2024			
Jessica Smedjegård	Deputy <sup>2</sup>		156	2024			
Helena Stjernholm	Member	No <sup>3</sup>	5,000	2016	Member	Member	Member
Stefan Widing	Member	No <sup>3</sup>	89,327	2020			
Kai Wärn	Member	Yes	12,000	2020		Member	

1) Pertains to own and closely related persons' shareholdings in Sandvik AB.

2) Employee representatives (both members and deputy members participate in Board meetings). Thomas Lilja (member) and Carl-Åke Jansson (deputy) represent Unionen/Ledarna/Swedish Association of Graduate Engineers. Fredrik Håf (member) and Jessica Smedjegård (deputy) represent IF Metall.

3) Marika Fredriksson and Helena Stjernholm are not regarded as independent in relation to major shareholders in the company and Stefan Widing is not regarded as independent in relation to the company and its executive management.

4) In addition 1,000,000 call options in Sandvik AB.

#### Board proceedings during 2024

During the year, the Board held 12 meetings. The Board addressed matters related to the strategic objectives for the year, CSRD and sustainability reporting, the Sandvik digital shift, enterprise risk management, EHS, succession planning and talent management, investments and review of previously made investments.

During the year, there was a special focus on strategy updates within the framework of the Sandvik overall strategy. The Presidents of all business areas presented their goals and strategies, and the Board also reviewed the strategies and results from a number of the divisions. Furthermore, the Board handled matters relating to the acquisition of a majority holding in Suzhou Ahno Precision Tool Technology Co., Ltd.

The Remuneration Committee, Audit Committee and the Acquisitions and Divestitures Committee reported from their respective meetings. With respect to the Audit Committee, reported matters included accounting principles, financial outcome, ERM, compliance, Speak Up and Code of Conduct, internal control and internal audit, as well as the result of the external audit. The Committees also submitted matters for resolution by the Board and the minutes and reports from these meetings were made available to the Board members.

In the autumn of 2024, the Board traveled to India to visit Sandvik Machining and Manufacturing Solutions production sites as well as a local customer.

#### Remuneration of the Board

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As resolved at the 2024 Annual General Meeting, the fee to the Chairman of the Board was SEK 3,000,000 and the fee to each of the non-executive Board members elected by the General Meeting was SEK 800,000.

In addition, SEK 352,000 was paid to the Chairman of the Audit Committee and SEK

200,000 to each of the other Committee members, in total SEK 752,000. The Chairman of the Remuneration Committee was paid SEK 167,000 and each of the other Committee members SEK 132,000, in total SEK 431,000. The Chairman of the Acquisitions and Divestitures Committee was paid SEK 226,000 and each of the other Committee members SEK 167,000, in total SEK 560,000.

For more detailed information on remuneration of the Board members, see note G4.

Evaluation of the work of the Board To ensure the quality of the work of the Board, optimize the work processes and identify the possible need for further expertise and experience, the work of the Board and its members is evaluated annually. In 2024, the evaluation was led by the Chairman of the Board, without the involvement of an independent third party, and was carried out by each Board member responding anonymously to an online questionnaire. The Chairman also held separate evaluation discussions with all Board members. The compiled results of the evaluations were analyzed and subsequently presented to the Board as well as to the Nomination Committee.

#### **Board Committees**

The tasks of the Committees and their work procedures are stipulated in written instructions issued by the Board. The Committees' primary task is to prepare issues and present them to the Board for resolution.

The members of each Committee, including the Committee Chairman, are appointed annually by the Board at its constituent meeting held after the Annual General Meeting.

#### Remuneration Committee

During 2024, the members of the Remuneration Committee were Johan Molin (Chairman of the Committee), Helena Stjernholm and Kai Wärn. The tasks of the Remuneration Committee are, among others, those prescribed by the Code, which include preparing the proposal for guidelines for remuneration of senior executives. The Committee also prepares the remuneration report as well as the proposal for the long-term incentive program for senior executives.

The Remuneration Committee decides on the remuneration to be paid to the Group Executive Management. Based on the recommendations of the Remuneration Committee, the Board decides the remuneration and terms of employment for the President.

For guidelines, remuneration and other benefits payable to the Group Executive Management, refer to the Guidelines for the remuneration of senior executives on pages 48–50 and note G4.

In 2024, the Remuneration Committee held four meetings.

#### Audit Committee

During 2024, the members of the Audit Committee were Claes Boustedt (Chairman of the Committee), Johan Molin and Helena Stjernholm. Areas addressed by the Audit Committee mainly related to:

- Monitoring the financial reporting and ensuring its reliability
- Effectiveness of the system of internal control and internal audit
- Planning, scope and follow-up of the internal and external audit for the year
- Assistance to the Nomination Committee with regards to proposal for auditor
- Monitoring of the external auditor's independence and objectivity vis-à-vis the company, including the extent to which the auditor provides other services than auditing services to the company
- The Group's systematic processes for overall corporate risk management, as

well as more detailed risk management matters including legal disputes, compliance, corporate investigations, IT security, Group Digital Security Improvement, accounting procedures, taxation, treasury, finance operations, insurance coverage and pension issues

- The development and effectiveness of compliance processes, with special focus on ensuring operational stability of the compliance program
- The Sandvik Code of Conduct, the Sandvik global whistleblowing system, some specific cases managed through Speak Up as well as the overall effectiveness of the system
- The Sandvik sustainable business strategy and materiality analysis

In 2024, the Audit Committee held five meetings at which the Sandvik external auditor and representatives of the company's management were present.

Acquisitions and Divestitures Committee During 2024, the members of the Acquisitions and Divestitures Committee were Johan Molin (Chairman of the Committee), Claes Boustedt and Helena Stjernholm. The purpose of the Committee is to prepare matters relating to major or strategically important acquisitions and divestitures for Board decisions. The Committee meets on an ad hoc basis, at the request of the President and CEO in consultation with the Chairman of the Board.

In 2024, the Acquisitions and Divestitures Committee held four meetings, during which the Committee reviewed matters including the acquisition of Suzhou Ahno Precision Tool Technology Co., Ltd.

#### President and Group Executive Management

The President is accountable for Group decisionmaking in all areas delegated by the Board. In order to ensure a full Group perspective in these matters, the President has appointed the Group Executive Management as an advisory forum, focusing on how to achieve Group targets, strategies, structure and organization. The Group Executive Management meets each month and its members are accountable for implementing the President's decisions.

In 2024, the Group Executive Management consisted of:

- Stefan Widing, President and CEO, and President of Sandvik Manufacturing and Machining Solutions
- Cecilia Felton, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
- Mats Eriksson, President of Sandvik Mining and Rock Solutions
- Richard Harris, President of Sandvik Rock
   Processing Solutions
- Nadine Crauwels, President of the Sandvik Machining Solutions business area segment
- Mattias Nilsson, President of the Sandvik Manufacturing Solutions business area segment
- Johan Kerstell, Executive Vice President and Head of Human Resources
- Björn Roodzant, Executive Vice President and Head of Group Communications and Sustainability
- Sofia Sirvell, Executive Vice President and Chief Digital Officer
- Åsa Thunman, Executive Vice President and General Counsel

In February 2025, Johan Kerstell, Head of Human Resources, was succeeded by Björn Axelsson. It has also been announced that Åsa Thunman, General Counsel, will leave Sandvik no later than July 2025.

The members of the Group Executive Management are presented further on pages 60–61.

#### **Business areas**

The Sandvik operational structure is based on a decentralized business model. There are three separate business areas – Sandvik Mining and Rock Solutions, Sandvik Rock Processing Solutions and Sandvik Manufacturing and Machining Solutions – each based on distinct product offerings. Each business area has full responsibility and accountability for its respective business results.

Sandvik Manufacturing and Machining Solutions is divided into two business area segments – Sandvik Machining Solutions and Sandvik Manufacturing Solutions. Furthermore, each of the three business areas is organized in a number of divisions based on product offering or brand. The division is the highest operational entity in the Sandvik organizational structure. Certain divisions that are based on a product offering are divided into business units representing a defined part of the product offering.

For an overview of the Sandvik organizational model, refer to page 6 and visit home.sandvik for more detailed information relating to the Group's business activities and product portfolios.

#### Group functions

There are five Group functions within Sandvik: Communications and Sustainability, Finance, IT, HR and Legal. Group functions specifically focus on setting the appropriate enabling structures and processes that are common for the Group or cover a specific area for which the Group is responsible.

#### External auditor

At the 2024 Annual General Meeting, the audit firm PricewaterhouseCoopers AB was re-elected auditor of Sandvik AB for the period until the 2025 Annual General Meeting. Anna Rosendal is the auditor-in-charge. The auditor continuously audits and monitors the company's general accounting and the execution by the Board and the President of their respective responsibilities.

The progress of the audit is reported regularly during the year to the management teams of individual companies and the business areas, the Audit Committee and the Board. The auditor meets with the Board at least once a year without the President or any other member of the Group Executive Management attending.

The independence of the external auditor is guaranteed by the Audit Committee having determined the principles for allowing non-audit services to be provided by the auditor and, in some cases, pre-approving non-audit services.

Audit fees are paid continuously over the period in office on an approved current account basis. For detailed information on fees paid to the auditor, see note G5.

#### Internal control over financial reporting

The Sandvik organization manages a wellestablished financial reporting process aimed at ensuring a high level of internal control.

The internal control system aligns with the conceptual framework of COSO, which is based on five key components that provide an effective framework for describing and designing the internal control system implemented in the organization. The five components are Control Environment, Risk Assessment, Control Activities, Information and Communication, and Monitoring and Follow-up. The application of the COSO framework is described below.

The Sandvik Board is ultimately responsible for the governance of risk management including internal control over financial reporting.

#### Control environment

Sandvik internal control over financial reporting forms an integral part of the operations,

described in The Sandvik Way, which also includes risk assessments, policies, procedures and compliance.

The Sandvik Financial Reporting Policies and Procedures govern control over financial reporting. These documents contain detailed instructions regarding accounting policies and financial reporting procedures to be applied by all Sandvik reporting entities.

A Sandvik Financial Internal Control Framework has been developed and includes key components such as well-defined roles and responsibilities, internal control procedures and the risk and control matrix which defines a mandatory minimum of control activities that contribute to the mitigation of risks to acceptable levels. The implementation of internal controls has been completed for key entities within the scope of internal controls over financial reporting. For future implementations (including new acquisitions) the respective business areas will handle the process according to the scoping and integration plan.

#### Risk assessment

The design of internal control over financial reporting begins with a risk assessments process at the respective business area/ division/entity level. Risk assessment is the identification of factors or conditions that threaten the achievement of Sandvik objectives.

Key risks noted in local assessments and observations made by Internal and External Audit are also taken into consideration to ensure that adequate controls exist to mitigate these risks.

#### Control activities

Mandatory control activities include business process controls, IT controls and corporate governance controls focusing on compliance with policies and procedures. Internal controls are tailored per each operational entity based on risks and applicability. Entity management and process owners are responsible for ensuring that internal controls are operated as per agreed design.

At Group level, Group Control manages the reporting process to ensure the completeness and accuracy of financial reporting and compliance with IFRS requirements.

Controllers in the divisions and business areas perform analytical reviews and investigations, conduct business trend analyses and update forecasts.

#### Information and communication

Policies and procedures related to financial reporting are updated and communicated on a regular basis to all entities.

Results of monitoring and the status of improvement activities related to internal controls are included in the CFO report which is part of the agenda for the Audit Committee meetings.

Quarterly interim reports are published externally and are supplemented by investor meetings attended by members of the Group Executive Management.

#### Monitoring and follow-up

Entity management, as well as local and global process owners, are responsible for testing the effectiveness of internal controls through selfassessments every six months and according to the requirements in the Sandvik Internal Control Framework. The results of the self-assessment testing of controls including test evidence are reported and consolidated in a Governance, Risk and Compliance IT tool. The tool also requires the reporting of action plans with the purpose to remediate ineffective controls.

Business areas and divisions are to monitor the remediation of ineffective controls. The Audit Committee monitors the effectiveness of internal controls related to financial reporting presented by management with potential deficiencies and suggested actions.

The Board reviews all quarterly interim reports as well as the Annual Report prior to publishing. The Audit Committee reports to the Board regarding internal control matters including matters for resolution. Minutes from Audit Committee meetings are made available to Board members.

#### Internal audit

Internal Audit is subordinated to the Audit Committee and the Vice President of Internal Audit reports to the Audit Committee.

Internal audits include, as a basis, the Group's policies for corporate governance, risk management and internal control regarding areas such as financial reporting, compliance with the Code of Conduct and IT.

The outputs of the audits include action plans and programs for improvement. Findings are reported to the business area management and to the Audit Committee.

Internal Audit interacts with External Audit on a periodic basis to discuss and share audit plans and audit results.

#### Unofficial Translation

# Auditors' report

To the general meeting of the shareholders Sandvik AB (publ), corporate identity number 556000-3468

# Report on the annual accounts and consolidated accounts

#### Opinions

We have audited the annual accounts and consolidated accounts of Sandvik AB (publ) for the year 2024. The annual accounts and consolidated accounts of the company are included on pages 47-132 in this document.

In our opinion, the annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the parent company and the group as of 31 December 2024 and its financial performance and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act. The consolidated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the group as of 31 December 2024 and its financial performance and cashflow for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS'), as adopted by the EU, and the Annual Accounts Act.

A Corporate Governance statement has been prepared. The Directors report and the Corporate Governance statement are consistent with the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts, and the Corporate Governance statement has been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act.

We therefore recommend that the general meeting of shareholders adopts the income statement and balance sheet for the parent company and the group.

Our opinions in this report on the annual accounts and consolidated accounts are consistent with the content of the additional report that has been submitted to the parent company's audit committee in accordance with the Audit Regulation (537/2014) Article 11.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ('ISA') and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities section. We are independent of the parent company and the group in accordance with professional ethics for accountants in Sweden and have otherwise fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. This includes that, based on the best of our knowledge and belief, no prohibited services referred to in the Audit Regulation (537/2014) Article 5.1 have been provided to the audited company or, where applicable, its parent company or its controlled companies within the EU.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

#### Our audit approach

#### Audit scope

We designed our audit by determining materiality and assessing the risks of material misstatement in the consolidated financial statements. In particular, we considered where management made subjective judgements; for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management

override of internal controls, including among other matters consideration of whether there was evidence of bias that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

We tailored the scope of our audit in order to perform sufficient work to enable us to provide an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the Group, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which the group operates.

Our audit strategy is built on our knowledge and understanding of the Sandvik operations, strategy, governance and overall control environment. With this as a foundation, we tailor our Group audit with a focus on the key audit matters and other risks with the purpose of gaining audit comfort in order to express an opinion on the consolidated Financial statements. Our business understanding, risk assessment and section of entities to be included in the group audit is a continuous process which is updated once a year during our planning phase.

We build our overall understanding of Sandvik for the purpose of our Group audit, by interviewing Management for the Business Areas, Divisions and Group Functions and by updating our process understanding and understanding of relevant controls and systems that support the financial reporting. We also obtain and read management reports, policies and procedures etc. The Group audit team coordinates the Group audit by issuing Group audit instructions to component auditors of selected entities in scope. We obtain and read reporting deliverables and conduct component calls with selected teams in order to ensure adherence to the overall Group audit strategy. The Group audit team is also responsible for auditing the consolidation process, the parent company accounts and for reporting to the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors (once per year). The interim report for the third quarter is subject to an ISRE 2410 review. In addition, most legal entities in the Group are subject to statutory audit requirements based on local regulation.

#### Materiality

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. An audit is designed to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Missaments may arise due to fraud or error. They are considered material if individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the consolidated financial statements.

Based on our professional judgment, we determined certain quantitative thresholds for materiality, including the overall group materiality for the consolidated financial statements as a whole. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and to evaluate the effect of misstatements, both individually and in aggregate on the financial statements as a whole.

#### Key audit matters

Key audit matters of the audit are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of, and in forming our opinion thereon, the annual accounts and consolidated accounts as a whole, but we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter
Revenue recognition in the appropriate period The Group manufactures and sells products and services to its customers globally, mainly through its own distribution network. Sales contracts contain various performance obligations and other terms and the determination of when significant performance obligations have been met varies albeit a specific point in time can often be established. The Group has analyzed its various sales contracts and concluded on the principles for deciding in which period or periods the Group's sales transactions should be recognized as revenue. Disclosures in notes G2, G3 and P2 provide additional information on how the Group accounts for its revenue.	<ul> <li>Our audit included but was not limited to the following activities:</li> <li>Mapped and evaluated selected systems and processes for revenue recognition and tested a sample of key controls.</li> <li>Evaluated whether the Group accounting principles for revenue recognition comply with IFRS.</li> <li>Tested a sample of sales transactions for compliance with the Group accounting principles.</li> <li>Performed data analytical procedures to identify and evaluate a sample of manual and automatic journal entries.</li> <li>Traced disclosure information to accounting records and other supporting documentation.</li> </ul>
Measurement of goodwill and intangible assets with an indefinite life including acquired intangible assets The majority of the Sandvik intangible assets have been acquired externally, mostly through acquiring businesses, and represent significant amounts. Assets with indefinite useful life such as goodwill are not subject to yearly depreciation. Instead, an annual test will show whether the carrying amount for the cash generating unit can still be supported. Sandvik has acquired several businesses containing intangible assets during 2024. There are a number of instances where management's judgment is decisive for the accounting treatment, both in connection with acquiring businesses and in connection with annual impairment tests. Note G12 contains additional information on the Group's intangible assets and the significant assumptions applied in the annual impairment tests. In note G30 there is additional information about business combinations, accounting principles and acquired intangible assets	<ul> <li>Our audit included but was not limited to the following activities:</li> <li>Assessed the model used by the Group for impairment testing and evaluated the significant assumptions for establishing forecasted cash flows and discount interest rates used for calculating the value-in-use of the cash generating units. In our evaluation, we have compared with the historic business performance and the Group's forecasts and strategic planning as well as with external data sources when possible and relevant.</li> <li>Evaluated whether the purchase price allocations of the Significant acquisitions made during the year meet the Requirements of IFRS and have been prepared according to generally accepted practices. Assessed that significant assumptions used to measure values of acquired assets are reasonable. We have involved valuation specialists when conducting our work.</li> <li>Traced disclosure information to accounting records and other supporting documentation.</li> </ul>
Measurement of inventory Sandvik keep significant stock of raw materials, spare parts and work-in-progress at its production units and stores of finished goods mostly at its sales units and distribution centres. The inventory balance is material and measurement of inventory is important for a fair presentation of gross margin. A due process is required to prepare accurate reporting of the acquisition cost when procurement, production and logistical processes are complex. Establishing product costing requires many instances of management	<ul> <li>Our audit included but was not limited to the following activities:</li> <li>Mapped and evaluated selected systems and processes for inventory and tested a sample of key controls for establishing cost.</li> <li>Tested, on a sample basis, stocks of raw materials to actual prices. Assessed the reasonableness of the product costing for work in progress and finished goods.</li> <li>Participated, on a sample basis, in stock takes at locations and tested the cut-off of deliveries in or</li> </ul>

out of inventory. — Obtained the Group's monitoring controls of slow movers and assessments of obsolescence as well as net selling prices.

- Traced disclosure information to accounting records and other supporting documentation

eliminating effects from intra Group transactions. Notes G17 and P13 provide information about the the Group's accounting principles for measuring inventory and additional information on the line item.

judgment with effect on the reported values. This includes assessing normal production levels, foreign

assessment is needed of obsolescence and how sellable the products are. Finally, there is a complexity

in monitoring and measuring volumes particularly for some raw materials and work in progress as well as

currency, prices of raw materials and allocation of other direct and indirect costs. For finished goods,

#### Costs for efficiency measuresy

During the year, Sandvik has taken a number of structural measures to increase efficiency and strategic resilience, activities that are expected to generate savings in both the short and long term. The efficiency measures include activities in all business areas. Appropriate accounting and reporting linked to a savings program is based on management's assessments of the timing and amount of personnel reductions, agreements for dismissals and other costs that the savings measures give rise to, as well as the presentation of the effects on the business going forward. Note G23 provides the company's principles for reporting costs for savings measures and further information on the balance sheet item.

Our audit included but was not limited to the following activities:

- Read the detailed plans for efficiency measures presented to the board as documentation to support the decisions.
- Obtained evidence, on a sample basis, that the criteria for recording provisions were met.
- Assessed management's measurement of provisions through evaluation of a sample of supporting documentation.
- Tested actual costs to contracts, payments and other evidence on a sample basis.
- Traced disclosure information to accounting records and other supporting documentation and read the presentation of the costs relating to programs for efficiency measures in the annual report.

# Other Information than the annual accounts and consolidated accounts

This document also contains other information than the annual accounts and consolidated accounts and is found on pages 1-46 and 156-158, and the Statutory sustainability report and sustainable Business Report on pages 11-13, 18, 65-69 and 138-154.

The other information also contains the Remuneration report which we expect to receive after the release of the Auditor's Report. The board of directors and the Managing Director are responsible for this other information.

Our opinion on the annual accounts and consolidated accounts does not cover this other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion regarding this other information.

In connection with our audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts, our responsibility is to read the information identified above and consider whether the information is materially in consistent with the annual accounts and consolidated accounts. In this procedure we also take into account our knowledge otherwise obtained in the audit and assess whether the information otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If we, based on the work performed concerning this information, conclude that there is material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director

The Board of Directors and the Managing Director are responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts and that they give a fair presentation in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and, concerning the consolidated accounts, in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU. The board of directors and Managing Director are also responsible for such internal control as they determined is necessary to enable the preparation of annual accounts and consolidated accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual accounts and consolidated accounts,The Board of Directors and the Managing Directors are responsible for the assessment of the company's and the group's ability to continue as a going concern. They disclose, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting. The going concern basis of accounting is however not applied if the Board of directors and the Managing Director intend to liquidate the company. The company, to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. The Audit Committee shall, without prejudice to the Board of Directors responsibilities and tasks in general, among other things oversee the company's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual accounts and consolidated accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these annual accounts and consolidated accounts. A further description of our responsibility for the audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts is available on Revisorinspektionen's website: www.revisorsinspektionen.se/revisornsansvar. This description is part of the auditor's report.

#### Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

#### The auditor's examination of the administration of the company and the proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss Opinions

In addition to our audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts, we have also audited the administration of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director of Sandvik AB (publ) for the year 2024 and the proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss.

We recommend to the general meeting of shareholders that the profit be appropriated in accordance with the proposal in the statutory administration report and that the members of the Board of Directors and Managing Director will be discharged from liability for the financial year.

#### Basis for opinions

We conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities section. We are independent of the parent company and the group in accordance with professional ethics for accountants in Sweden and have otherwise fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director The Board of Directors is responsible for the proposal for appropriations of the company's profit or loss. At the proposal of a dividend, this includes an assessment of whether the dividend is justifiable considering the requirements which the company's and the group's type of operations, size and risks place on the size of the parent company's and the group's equity, consolidation requirements, liquidity and position in general.

The Board of directors is responsible for the company's organization and the administration of the company's affairs. This includes among other things continuous assessment of the company's and the group's financial situation and ensuring that the company's organization is designed so that the accounting, management of assets and the company's financial affairs otherwise are controlled in a reassuring manner. The Managing Director shall manage the ongoing administration according to the Board of Directors' guidelines and instructions and among other matters take measures that are necessary to fulfill the company's accounting in accordance with law and handle the management of assets in a reassuring manner.

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our objective concerning the audit of the administration, and thereby our opinion about discharge from liability, is to obtain audit evidence to assess with a reasonable degree of assurance whether any member of the Board of Directors or the Managing Director in any material respect.

- has undertaken any action or been guilty of any omission which can give rise to liability to the company, or
- In any other way has acted in contravention of the Companies Act, the Annual Accounts Act or the Articles of Association.

Our objective regarding the audit of the proposal appropriation of the company's profit or loss, and therefore thereby our opinion about this, is to assess with reasonable degree of assurance whether the proposal is in accordance with the Companies Act.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden will always detect actions or omissions that can give rise to liability for the company, or that the proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss are not in accordance with the Companies Act. A further description of our responsibility for the audit of the administration is available on Revisorsinspektionen's website: www. revisorsinspektionen.se/revisornsansvar. This description is part of the auditor's report.

#### The auditor's examination of the ESEF report Opinion

In addition to our audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts, we have also examined that the Board of Directors and the Managing Director have prepared the annual accounts and consolidated accounts in a format that enables uniform electronic reporting (the Esef report) pursuant to Chapter 16, Section 4(a) of the Securities Market Act (2007:528) for Sandvik AB (publ) for the financial year 2024.

Our examination and our opinion relate only to the statutory requirements.

In our opinion, the Esef report has been prepared in a format that, in all material respects, enables uniform electronic reporting.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We have performed the examination in accordance with FAR's recommendation RevR 18 Examination of the Esef report. Our responsibility under this recommendation is described in more detail in the Auditors' responsibility section. We are independent of Sandvik AB (publ) in accordance with professional ethics for accountants in Sweden and have otherwise fulfilled our professional ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director

The board of Directors and the Managing Director are responsible for the preparation of Esef report in accordance with the Chapter 16, Section 4(a) of the Securities Market Act (2007:528), and for maintaining such internal control that the Board of Directors and the Managing Director determine is necessary to prepare the Esef report without material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to obtain reasonable assurance whether the Esef report is in all material respects prepared in a format that meets the requirements of Chapter 16, Section 4(a) of the Securities Market Act (2007:528), based on the procedures performed.

RevR 18 requires us to plan and execute procedures to achieve reasonable assurance that the Esef report is prepared in a format that meets these requirements.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but it is not a guarantee that an engagement carried out according to RevR 18 and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the ESEF report.

The firm applies International Standard on Quality Management 1, which requires the firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standard and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

The examination involves obtaining evidence through various procedures that the Esef report has been prepared in a format that enables uniform electronic reporting of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement in the report, whether due to fraud or error. In carrying out this risk assessment, and in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, the auditor considers those elements of internal control that are relevant to the preparation of the Esef report by the Board of Directors and the Managing Director, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of those internal controls. The examination also includes an evaluation of the appropriateness and reasonableness of assumptions made by the Board of Directors and the Managing Director.

The procedures mainly include a validation that the Esef report has been prepared in a valid XHMTL format and a reconciliation of the Esef report with the audited annual accounts and consolidated accounts.

Furthermore, the procedures also include an assessment of whether the consolidated statements of financial performance, financial position, changes in equity, cashflow and disclosures in the Ésef report have been marked with iXBRL in accordance with what follows from the Esef regulation.

PricewaterhouseCoopers AB, Torsgatan 21, 113 97, Stockholm, was appointed auditor of Sandvik AB (publ) by the general meeting of the shareholders on 29 April 2024 and has been the company's auditor since 27 April 2018.

Stockholm March 7th, 2025 PricewaterhouseCoopers AB

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