

## Election of the Management Board Deputy Chairman (as of 1 June 2017)

45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Management Board 30-31 March 2017

### Proposal

The Management Board is invited to elect the Deputy-Chair.

### Background

The mandate of Karel BLAHA as Management Board (MB) member, and hence as Deputy Chairman, ends on 31 May 2017. It is not renewable.

The Secretariat invited the Management Board members on 17 February 2017 to submit nominations.

### Rationale

- The 1st term of office of the new Deputy Chairman will start on 1 June 2017.
- The following candidatures have been received so far (3/3/2017): Henrik Søren Larsen (DK)
- The documents submitted by the candidate(s) in support of the nominations are attached.
- The Secretariat screened the declarations of interests and identified no issue of concern.
- The election will be by secret ballot. A majority of two-thirds favourable votes of the members with voting rights will be required for the decision. If none of the proposed candidates receives a two-thirds majority in the first round, the candidate with the lower number will have to withdraw his/her candidature.

### Alternative options

The Board could decide to leave the position of the Deputy Chairman vacant until the June meeting 2017. For reasons of business continuity this is not recommended.

### Drawbacks

Incoming members in June may be interested in the position. The business continuity rationale should however take priority.

### Attachments:

- Annex 1: Excerpts from the REACH Regulation and the MB Rules of Procedure.
- Annex 2: Supporting documents received from the candidate(s)

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## **Annex 1: Regulatory framework**

### **Article 80 of the REACH Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006**

#### ***Chairmanship of the Management Board***

1. The Management Board shall elect a Chairman and a Deputy-Chairman from among the members with voting rights. The Deputy-Chairman shall automatically take the place of the Chairman if he is prevented from attending to his duties.
2. The terms of office of the Chairman and the Deputy-Chairman shall be two years and shall expire when they cease to be members of the Management Board. The term of office shall be renewable once.

### **Article 2 of the Management Board Rules of Procedure**

#### ***Chair and Deputy-Chair***

1. The Management Board shall elect a Chair and a Deputy-Chair from among the members with voting rights. The Deputy-Chair shall automatically take the place of the Chair if he/she is prevented from attending his duties.
2. The term of office of the Chair and the Deputy-Chair shall be two years and shall expire when they cease to be members of the Management Board. The term of office shall be renewable once.
3. Nominations for Chair and Deputy-Chair shall be submitted in writing either by the candidate themselves or by other members of the Management Board. Candidates shall submit a brief document in support of their candidature at the time of the nomination.
4. The election shall be by secret ballot.
5. Two tellers shall be designated amongst the members to assist in the counting of the vote.
6. At each round, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall withdraw. Rounds will run until one candidate receives two-thirds majority of favourable votes of the Management Board members.
7. If both the Chair and the Deputy-Chair are unable to attend a meeting, the meeting shall be chaired by the longest serving member of the Board or, in the event of equal length of service, by the oldest of the longest serving members.
8. If the office of Chair or Deputy-Chair falls vacant before the end of the term of office, the Deputy-Chair or Chair as the case may be shall convene a meeting to elect a successor, to be held within three months. The member then elected shall serve as Chair or Deputy-Chair for a full term of office or until the end of his membership of the Management Board whichever is earlier.

## Annex 2



**Ministry of Environment  
and Food of Denmark**

Environmental  
Protection Agency

Danish EPA Chemicals

Ref. HESLA

March 14 2017

Chair of the Management Board  
Ms. Sharon McGuinness

Members of the Management Board

Executive Director of ECHA  
Geert Dancet

### **Application: Nomination of the Deputy Chair of the Management Board of ECHA**

Dear Sharon,  
Dear colleagues - Members of the Management Board,  
Dear Geert,

I am very pleased and honoured of the nomination by Ms. Catherine Mir of me as the next Deputy Chair of the Management Board of ECHA. It would be a pleasure for me to accept this nomination. If elected, I would do my best to assist the chair and serve in the interest of the Management Board and ECHA.

ECHA have reached maturity in the sense that all the major legislative tasks assigned to ECHA are up and running at full speed. The Agency is in 2017 a well-driven organisation which now needs to focus on optimising processes and outputs, harvesting results of its efficiency program, adjusting resource and staff allocation to budget constraints and at the same successfully handling the most challenging registration of phase-in substances in terms of numbers, peak loads in authorisations and increasing workloads in regard to approvals of biocides.

The Agency also needs to finalise its new strategic orientation towards a future where a main bulk of the work allotted to ECHA seems to be fulfilled – registration and dossier evaluation of phase-in substances – and taking up new tasks for the benefit of European citizens. The Agency will enter this new landscape with a new executive director. Appointing the new director will be an important task for the Management Board this year.

In conclusion, the next couple of years will be very interesting and also challenging for the Agency, and as a Deputy Chair I will strive to assist the Chair and the Board in taking the right strategic decisions.

My background for serving as a Deputy Chair is first of all a long journey with REACH from the days of the White Book and from doing technical tasks to managing the Danish contributions to the REACH work. The last almost 9 years I have been in charge of the Division Chemicals of the Danish EPA. This position consists of tasks in regard to policy making at the national, EU and international level including serving minister and parliament, tasks in regard to management of human resource, managing internal as well as external budget, bodies and

institutions and still in between having hands on issues of more technical matter of principal nature. Beside REACH, I'm also responsible for test methods, QSAR, endocrine disrupters, nano, micro plastic, water quality criteria, fertiliser regulation (chemicals aspects), a number of other sector legislations, collaboration with research institutions, substitution initiatives and collaboration with countries and organisations within the Arctic amongst other issues.

Of interest in relation to the strategic work in the Management Board, I have been responsible for the development and negotiations of two 4-year strategic national action plans including all financial and political aspects. I have also been one of the initiators of the REACH-Up initiative which can be seen as sort of starting point of the process that led to Council Conclusions on chemicals in 2016. In the period of 2015-2017 I served as chair of the OECD Joint Meeting of the Chemicals Committee and the Working Party on Chemicals, Pesticides and Biotechnology where we amongst a wealth other issues agreed upon the strategic orientation and working programme for the next 4 years. I am still member of the Bureaux of the Joint Meeting.

I believe that my background and experience will allow me to perform the duties as Deputy Chair. Thus it will be a great honour and an interesting task, which I would appreciate very much, should the Management Board find me sufficiently qualified and decide to elect me as coming Deputy Chair.

In order to allow the Board to take a fully informed decision, I must unfortunately inform you that I am unable to participate in the upcoming June meeting due to participation in a workshop with the Danish minister, parliamentarians and stakeholders that aims at formulating the goals for the next four years of work on chemicals in Denmark.

Yours sincerely,



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## PERSONAL INFORMATION



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Sex Male | Date of birth 09-12-1961 | Nationality Danish

I am a dedicated, visionary and experienced leader for whom improving environment policies together with politicians and stakeholders is a key driver.

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am married with Gitte and we have two sons at the age of 14 and 19 years.

My spare time I use on: music, literature, dining, bird watching, sport fishing, snorkling, picking mushrooms, keeping fish in aquariums, watching football.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2008 – present

### Head of Division Danish EPA Chemicals

Danish Environmental Protection Agency. Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark. Copenhagen Denmark. <http://eng.mst.dk/>

- Responsible for national and international assessment and regulation of industrial chemicals including the development of test methods and assessment of emerging areas of concern such as endocrine disrupters, mixture effects and nano materials. Also responsible for coordination of Arctic environmental affairs.
- Responsible for policy advise of the minister and preparing replies to the Danish Parliament and media within the remits of the Chemicals Division.
- Selected policy results:
  - Establishment of Danish Center for Endocrine Disrupters 2008
  - Political agreement and implementation of Danish Action Plan on Chemicals 2010-2013 [http://eng.mst.dk/media/mst/69076/chemicals\\_action\\_plan\\_2010-2013.pdf](http://eng.mst.dk/media/mst/69076/chemicals_action_plan_2010-2013.pdf)
  - Political agreement and implementation of Danish Chemicals Initiative 2014-2017 <http://kemikalieindsatsen.dk/english/>
  - Political agreement and implementation of Better control of nano materials – 2012-2015 <http://eng.mst.dk/topics/chemicals/nanomaterials/results-from-the-better-control-of-nano-materials-initiative/>

- Selected administrative tasks
  - Responsible for the administration of a total budget within the area of chemicals approx. 3.5 mio. €/y
  - Responsible for the administration of Arctic project and research with a budget approx. 4.4 mio. €/y
- Other tasks:
  - Member of the Management Board of the European Chemicals Agency 2014 – present
  - Member of the Bureaux of The Joint Meeting of the Chemicals Committee and Working Party on Chemicals, Pesticides and Biotechnology of the OECD 2014 - present
  - Chair of The Joint Meeting of the Chemicals Committee and Working Party on Chemicals, Pesticides and Biotechnology of the OECD 2015-2017

**Business or sector:** Public sector

#### 2006 – 2008 **Deputy Head of Division Danish EPA Chemicals**

Danish Environmental Protection Agency. Ministry of the Environment of Denmark. Copenhagen Denmark. <http://eng.mst.dk/>

- Implementation of REACH in Denmark, coordination of EU work and collaboration with ECHA
- Other tasks:
  - Member of Member State Committee, ECHA, 2007-2008

#### 2006 **Project leader at Danish EPA Chemicals**

Danish Environmental Protection Agency. Ministry of the Environment of Denmark. Copenhagen Denmark. <http://eng.mst.dk/>

- Project leader of the Danish EPA REACH project for supporting negotiations of REACH, the implementation incl. development of guidance for industry and the support and dialogue with stakeholders.

#### 2003 – 2006 **Policy negotiator at Danish EPA Chemicals**

Danish Environmental Protection Agency. Ministry of the Environment of Denmark. Copenhagen Denmark. <http://eng.mst.dk/>

- Policy negotiator on REACH. Participant of the Council Ad Hoc Working Party on REACH and of Council meetings. Responsible for preparatory work on the position of Denmark.

#### 1998 – 2003 **Expert at Danish EPA Chemicals**

Danish Environmental Protection Agency. Ministry of the Environment of Denmark. Copenhagen Denmark. <http://eng.mst.dk/>

- Organising high level EU Member State workshop on preparation for new EU regulation of industrial chemicals, REACH, and supporting the Minister for the Environment on REACH during Danish EU Presidency 2002
- Revision of the EU Technical Guidance Document for risk assessment of new and existing substances: drafting groups for environment exposure, environment effects and marine risk assessment incl. development of EU PBT / vPvB concept. 2000-2002.
- HELCOM Convention for protection of the Baltic Sea: Hazardous substances working group. 1999-2002
- OSPAR Convention for protection of the North Atlantic. DYNAMEC working party. 1998-2000 plus subsequent permanent working groups.
- EU Risk Assessment Program under Existing Substances Regulation 793/93. 1998-2003. Partly responsible for risk assessment of 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene, toluene, nickel metal and 4 nickel salts.

- 1994 – 1998 **Academic assistant at the Department of Marine Ecology and Microbiology. National Environmental Research Institute**  
Department of Marine Ecology and Microbiology. National Environmental Research Institute. Ministry of the Environment. DK-4000 Roskilde.
- Monitoring, eutrophication and nature quality.
  - Multivariable statistics
  - Data treatment in relation to the national monitoring program of Danish Fjords.'
  - Design and demonstration of an environment data catalogue system for the Wadden Sea. EU-Life Demo Wad Trilateral Monitoring and Assessment Program for the Wadden Sea
- Before 1994 **Miscellaneous**
- Consultant. National Consumer Agency of Denmark. Copenhagen
  - Teacher in biology. Frederikssunds Gymnasium. Denmark
  - Assistant. Water Quality Institute. Hørsholm. Denmark

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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- 1984-1991: **Master of Science Marine Biology**  
University of Copenhagen. M.Sc. Biology
- Special subject in marine ecology: "Effects of hypoxia on survival and growth of juvenile marine infauna", Marine Biological Laboratory, University of Copenhagen and Department of Marine Ecology and Microbiology, National Environmental Research Institute.
- 1981-1983: **Basic Education in Natural Science**  
University of Roskilde.
- 1977-1980: **Gymnasium graduate**  
Stenhus Gymnasium. Holbæk
- Mathematical – natural science line