

# Audit Committee Charter of

Pharming Group N.V.

1 April 2024



## **INTRODUCTION**

#### **Article 1. Introduction**

- **1.1** This charter, together with the relevant provisions of the Board Rules, govern the organization, decision-making and other internal matters of the Committee. In performing their duties, the Committee Members shall comply with this charter and the relevant provisions of the Board Rules.
- **1.2** This charter has been approved by the Audit Committee in its meeting of 12 March 2024 and by the Board in its meeting of 12 March 2024 with an effective date of 1 April 2024.
- **1.3** This charter shall be posted on the Company's website.

## **Article 2. Definitions and Interpretation**

- **2.1** Unless otherwise defined in this charter, capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Board Rules.
- 2.2 Without prejudice to Article 2.1, the following definitions shall apply in this charter:
  - Board: the Company's board of directors;
  - Board Rules: the internal rules of the Board;
  - **CFO:** the Company's chief financial officer;
  - **Committee:** the Company's audit committee;
  - Committee Chairperson: the chairperson of the Committee;
  - Committee Member: a member of the Committee;
  - Company: Pharming Group N.V.;
  - **Company Secretary:** the Company's company secretary;
  - Director: a member of the Board;
  - Exchange Act: the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended;
  - Internal Audit Function: the Company's internal audit function, if and when established;
  - Internal Controls: the Company's internal risk management and control systems, including its internal control over financial reporting, as that term is defined under Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act;
  - Non-Executive Director: a non-executive Director;
  - Regulation S-K: Regulation S-K promulgated under the Securities Act;
  - SEC: the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; and
  - Securities Act: the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- **2.3** Terms that are defined in the singular have a corresponding meaning in the plural.

## **CHAPTER I. COMMITTEE CHARTER**

## **Article 3. Composition**

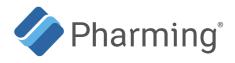
- **3.1** The Committee consists of at least three Non-Executive Directors.
- **3.2** The Committee Members shall be appointed and dismissed by the Board.
- **3.3** More than half of all Committee Members, including the Committee Chairperson, shall be independent within the meaning of the Dutch Corporate Governance Code.



- 3.4 All Committee Members shall be independent within the meaning of Nasdaq Rule 5605(a)(2) and shall meet the criteria for independence set forth in Rule 10A-3(b)(1) under the Exchange Act, subject to the applicable exceptions provided in Rule 10A-3(c) under the Exchange Act.
- **3.5** At least one Committee Member must have a thorough knowledge of financial and sustainability reporting, internal control and internal and external audit or the necessary experience to carry out sound supervision of these subjects.
- **3.6** Subject to any available exceptions under applicable law and stock exchange requirements:
  - a. each Committee Member must be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including the Company's balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement and may not have participated in the preparation of the financial statements of the Company or any of its subsidiaries in the last three years; and
  - **b.** at least one Committee Member shall be an audit committee financial expert under Item 407(d)(5)(ii) and (iii) of Regulation S-K.
- **3.7** The Committee shall elect a Committee Member to be the Committee Chairperson. The Committee may dismiss the Committee Chairperson, provided that the Committee Member so dismissed shall subsequently continue their term of office as a Committee Member without having the title of Committee Chairperson.
- **3.8** The Committee Chairperson shall not be the Chairperson of the Board or a former Executive Director.

# Article 4. Duties and Organization

- **4.1** The Board may allocate from time to time certain of its tasks and duties to the Committee pursuant to a resolution to that effect. The Committee can validly pass resolutions in respect of matters which fall under the tasks and duties allocated to the Committee.
- **4.2** The Committee undertakes preparatory work for Board's decision-making regarding the supervision of the integrity and quality of the Company's financial and sustainability reporting and the effectiveness of the Internal Controls. The Committee is therefore charged with, and shall be able to present recommendations to the Board and, to the extent applicable, pass resolutions relating to, the following matters:
  - a. monitoring the Board with respect to:
    - the relations with, and the compliance with recommendations and followup of comments made by, the Internal Audit Function and the External Auditor and any other external party involved in auditing the sustainability reporting;
    - ii. the Company's funding;
    - iii. the application of information and communication technology by the Company, including risks relating to cybersecurity; and
    - iv. the Company's tax policy;
  - **b.** the Company's compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements;
  - c. issuing recommendations concerning the appointment and the dismissal of the head of the Internal Audit Function, as relevant, and reviewing and discussing the

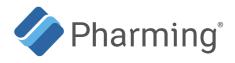


performance of the Internal Audit Function;

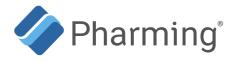
- **d.** reviewing and discussing the Company's audit plan, with the Internal Audit Function and the External Auditor;
- e. providing the external audit results in relation to the Company's annual accounts and annual report to the Board, indicating how the audit has contributed to the integrity of such financial reporting and which role the Committee had in that process;
- **f.** reviewing and discussing with the Internal Audit Function the essence of the audit results, including:
  - i. flaws in the effectiveness of the Internal Controls;
  - ii. findings and observations with a material impact on the Company's risk profile; and
  - iii. failings in the follow-up of recommendations made previously by the Internal Audit Function;
- g. reviewing and discussing with the External Auditor, at least annually:
  - i. the scope and materiality of the Company's audit plan and the principal risks of the Company's annual financial reporting identified in such audit plan;
  - ii. the findings and outcome of the External Auditor's audit of the Company's annual accounts and its management letter; and
  - iii. significant findings from the audit of the Company's annual accounts and any problems or difficulties encountered, including restrictions on the scope of the External Auditor's activities or on access to requested information, as well as significant disagreements with the Company's management;
- receiving from the External Auditor a formal written statement at least annually delineating all relationships between the External Auditor and the Company consistent with applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the External Auditor's communications with the Committee concerning independence;
- i. monitoring the audit of the Company's annual accounts and annual report and the Company's financial reporting processes, and making proposals to safeguard the integrity of such processes;
- j. determining whether and, if so, how the External Auditor should be involved in the content and publication of financial reports other than the Company's annual accounts;
- k. resolving disagreements between the Company's management and the External Auditor regarding the Company's financial reporting;
- I. reviewing and discussing with the External Auditor any audit problems or difficulties and the response of the Company's management thereto, including those matters required to be discussed with the Committee by the External Auditor pursuant to established auditing standards, including:



- i. restrictions on the scope of the External Auditor's activities or on access to requested information;
- ii. accounting adjustments that were noted or proposed by the External Auditor but were "passed" as immaterial or otherwise;
- iii. communications between the audit team and the audit firm's national office regarding auditing or accounting issues presented by the engagement; and
- iv. management or internal control letters issued, or proposed to be issued, by the External Auditor;
- reviewing and discussing the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Internal Controls with the Board, the CEO, and the CFO, including:
  - i. identified material failings, deficiencies, or material weaknesses in the Internal Controls, including whether there are significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of the Internal Controls which are reasonably likely to affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information and fraud involving the Company's management or other employees with a significant role in the design or operation of the Internal Controls; and
  - ii. material changes made to, and material improvements planned for, the Internal Controls;
- assisting the Company in preparing the disclosure to be included in the Company's applicable filings as required by the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, and their related rules;
- reviewing and monitoring the independence of the External Auditor, also considering any non-audit services rendered by the External Auditor to the extent permitted under applicable law;
- determining the procedure for selecting the External Auditor and for proposing the appointment of the External Auditor to the General Meeting;
- **q.** evaluating annually the External Auditor's performance;
- r. advising the Board regarding the External Auditor's nomination for (re)appointment or dismissal (including confirmation and evaluation on the rotation of the audit partners on the audit engagement team as required by applicable law and stock exchange requirements) and preparing the selection of the External Auditor for such purpose, as relevant;
- s. reviewing, and discussing the terms of engagement of the External Auditor to audit the Company's annual accounts, to prepare or issue an audit report, or to perform other audit, review or attest services, submitting proposals to the Board concerning the External Auditor's engagement to audit the Company's annual accounts, in each case including the scope of the audit, the materiality standard to be applied and the External Auditor's compensation and causing the Company, without further action, to pay the compensation of the External Auditor as approved by the Committee;



- t. monitoring the Company's sustainability reporting processes;
- engagement of such independent legal, accounting, and other advisors as the Committee deems necessary or appropriate to carry out its responsibilities, including causing the Company, without further action, to pay the reasonable compensation of such advisors as approved by the Committee;
- v. causing the Company to pay, without further action, the ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its responsibilities;
- w. preparing the Committee report that the SEC rules require to be included in the Company's annual proxy statement (if and when the Company would become subject to those rules);
- x. establishing policies for the Company's hiring of current or former employees of the External Auditor;
- y. establishing procedures for:
  - the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters; and
  - ii. the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.
- z. reviewing potential conflicts of interest involving Directors, including whether they may take part in the deliberations and the decision-making on any issue as to which there may be a conflict; and
- aa. developing and recommending to the Board the Company's related person transaction policy.
- **4.3** The Committee shall pre-approve all audit services to be provided to the Company, whether provided by the External Auditor or other firms, and all other services (review, attest and non-audit) to be provided to the Company by the External Auditor, to the extent permitted under applicable law, provided, however, that de minimis non-audit services may instead be approved in accordance with applicable SEC rules.
- **4.4** The Committee shall meet as often as it determines is appropriate to carry out its responsibilities, but not less frequently than quarterly, and each meeting shall be presided over by the Committee Chairperson and, in the absence of the Committee Chairperson, one of the other Committee Members shall be designated as the acting chair of the meeting.
- **4.5** The CFO, the head of the Internal Audit Function and the External Auditor should attend all meetings of the Committee, unless the Committee determines otherwise. The Committee may decide whether and, if so, when, the Chairperson should attend its meetings.
- **4.6** The Committee shall meet with the External Auditor as often as it considers necessary, but no less than annually, outside the presence of the Executive Directors.
- **4.7** The Committee may delegate all or part of its authority to subcommittees or to the Committee Chairperson.
- **4.8** The Committee shall regularly report on its deliberations and findings to the Board. At least annually, such reports should include the following information:
  - a. the methods used to assess the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Internal Controls and the Company's internal and external audit procedures;



- **b.** the Committee's material considerations regarding the Company's financial and sustainability reporting;
- c. the manner in which material risks and uncertainties that are relevant to the expectation of the Company's continuity have been analysed and discussed, along with a description of the most important findings of the Committee in this respect; and
- **d.** the functioning of, and the developments in, the Company's relationship with the External Auditor.
- **4.9** At least annually, the Committee shall evaluate its own performance and report to the Board on such evaluation.

## **Article 5. Internal Audit Function**

- **5.1** The Internal Audit Function shall have direct access, and shall report directly, to the Committee and the Committee shall ensure that the Internal Audit Function shall also have direct access to the External Auditor.
- **5.2** Provisions in this charter relating to the Internal Audit Function shall only apply if and when such Internal Audit Function has been established.
- **5.3** If and for as long as there is no Internal Audit Function, the Committee shall make recommendations to the Board in order for the Board to assess at least annually whether:
  - a. adequate alternative measures have been taken; and
  - **b.** it is necessary or desirable to establish an Internal Audit Function.

# **CHAPTER II. OTHER PROVISIONS**

## **Article 6. Amendments and Deviations**

- **6.1** Pursuant to a resolution to that effect, the Board may amend or supplement this charter and allow temporary deviations from this charter, subject to ongoing compliance with applicable law and stock exchange requirements.
- **6.2** The Committee shall review and reassess this charter every two years or earlier if required due to regulatory changes and/or business developments and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for their consideration and, if thought fit, for approval.

# Article 7. Governing law and Jurisdiction

This charter shall be governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Netherlands. Any dispute arising in connection with this charter shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the competent court in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.