

Annual report 2021 of the Supervisory Board (“Raad van Toezicht”) of Stichting Diesel Emissions Justice

Introduction

1. Stichting Diesel Emissions Justice (the “Foundation”) was established in the summer of 2019 in response to the diesel emissions scandal. Public indignation arose due to the circumvention by many car manufacturers, including Volkswagen, Seat, Mercedes, Fiat, Peugeot, Renault and many others, of the intensified emission standards, primarily by using cheat devices to falsify test results, with all the associated consequences for the environment, public health and the (financial) harm caused to parties who bought the vehicles in question. The Foundation’s aim is to support the interests of the affected owners of vehicles in both the Netherlands and abroad in their quest for compensation for damages. It is a plaintiff in several proceedings against major car manufacturers in the Netherlands, Belgium and France.
2. This is the report of the Supervisory Board required under paragraph VII 8. of the Claimcode 2019 and covers the account of the Supervisory Board of its supervisory activities in 2021.
3. The composition of the Supervisory Board changed in 2021 as the chairman, Mr Arco Krijgsman, retired from the board. In 2021 Mr Peter Goes was appointed as new member to the Supervisory Board and chairman as per 1 January 2022. In accordance with the Claimcode this appointment and the CV of Peter Goes have been published on the website of the Foundation. The composition of the Supervisory Board is in accordance with the Claimcode.

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4. The Foundation complies with the Claimcode 2019.
5. The governance and strategy of the Foundation have continued as explained in the 2020 reports of the Board (“Bestuur”) and the Supervisory Board and in the 2021 report of the Board.
6. In 2021 most of the Board meetings were in attendance of the Supervisory Board and therefore combined with Supervisory Board meetings. Where appropriate or required (e.g. in relation to the appointment of its members) the Supervisory Board met separately from the Board.
7. This governance structure allows the Supervisory Board to stay abreast of the developments important to the Foundation and allows it to have easy access to all information required for its supervisory function. It also allows the Supervisory Board to execute its supervisory function in a direct, constructive, and independent manner.
8. In 2021 the Supervisory Board attended several meetings with the lawyers of the Foundation to discuss the strategy in the proceedings in which the Foundation is a party.
