

Grupa Azoty Spółka Akcyjna

**Statement of compliance by the Company
with the principles of the
Best Practice for WSE Listed Companies 2021.**

As at the date of this statement, the Company does not apply 11 principles: i.e. 1.3.1., 1.3.2., 1.4., 1.4.1., 2.1., 2.2., 2.4., 3.4., 3.7., 4.3., or 6.4.

1. DISCLOSURE POLICY, INVESTOR COMMUNICATIONS

In the interest of all market participants and their own interest, listed companies ensure quality investor communications and pursue a transparent and fair disclosure policy.

1.1. Companies maintain efficient communications with capital market participants and provide fair information about matters that concern them. For that purpose, companies use diverse tools and forms of communication, including in particular the corporate website where they publish all information relevant for investors.

The principle is applied by the Company

1.2. Companies make available their financial results compiled in periodic reports as soon as possible after the end of each reporting period; should that not be feasible for substantial reasons, companies publish at least preliminary financial estimates as soon as possible.

The principle is applied by the Company

1.3. Companies integrate ESG factors in their business strategy, including in particular:

1.3.1 environmental factors, including measures and risks relating to climate change and sustainable development;

The principle is not applied by the Company

***Company's comment:** Grupa Azoty engages in sustainable development initiatives, which includes taking active steps to mitigate the impact of its operations on the natural environment and climate, for instance by reducing pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions, investing in environmentally-friendly technologies, developing low-carbon and biodegradable products, and implementing hydrogen projects with a view to reducing CO₂ emissions. Grupa Azoty reports on its emission volumes for greenhouse gases and other pollutants, and has calculated the carbon footprint of its organisation and fertilizer and chemical products for 2020. Grupa Azoty is well advanced in the process of developing its corporate strategy for 2021-2030, which will provide a comprehensive presentation of the Group's planned activities, taking into account ESG considerations. The strategy is expected to be published in the second half of 2021.*

1.3.2. social and employee factors, including, among others, actions taken and planned to ensure equal treatment of women and men, decent working conditions, respect for employees' rights, dialogue with local communities, customer relations.

The principle is not applied by the Company

***Company's comment:** The Company takes steps to ensure proper working conditions,*

respect for employee rights, proper customer relations, and dialogue with local communities. Grupa Azoty has adopted the Code of Ethical Conduct, the Whistleblowing Policy, which guarantees, among other things, whistleblower protection, the Conflict of Interest Policy, the Anti-Corruption Code and the Gift Policy, as well as the Trading Partners Code of Conduct. In its operations the Company seeks to foster equal opportunities for women and men in all areas, including access to employment, career development, and equal pay for work of the same value. Grupa Azoty is well advanced in the process of developing its corporate strategy for 2021-2030, which will present the Group's plans for the coming years in the area of social and employee matters. The strategy is expected to be published in the second half of 2021.

- 1.4.** To ensure quality communications with stakeholders, as a part of the business strategy, companies publish on their website information concerning the framework of the strategy, measurable goals, including in particular long-term goals, planned activities and their status, defined by measures, both financial and non-financial. ESG information concerning the strategy should among others:

The principle is not applied by the Company

Company's comment: *After the strategy for 2021–2030 is adopted, the Group will publish on its website information on the strategy objectives, including in particular long-term goals and planned activities and measures. The strategy progress, described by financial and non-financial metrics, will be presented both on the website and in current and periodic reports. The information will also include ESG aspects. The strategy is expected to be published in the second half of 2021.*

- 1.4.1.** explain how the decision-making processes of the company and its group members integrate climate change, including the resulting risks;

The principle is not applied by the Company

Company's comment: *Grupa Azoty is well advanced in the process of developing its corporate strategy for 2021-2030, which will present the Group's plans in this area. The strategy is expected to be published in the second half of 2021.*

- 1.4.2.** present the equal pay index for employees, defined as the percentage difference between the average monthly pay (including bonuses, awards and other benefits) of women and men in the last year, and present information about actions taken to eliminate any pay gaps, including a presentation of related risks and the time horizon of the equality target.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 1.5.** Companies disclose at least on an annual basis the amounts expended by the company and its group in support of culture, sports, charities, the media, social organisations, trade unions, etc. If the company or its group pay such expenses in the reporting year, the disclosure presents a list of such expenses.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 1.6.** Companies participating in the WIG20, mWIG40 or sWIG80 index hold on a quarterly basis and other companies hold at least on an annual basis a meeting with investors to which they invite in particular shareholders, analysts, industry experts and the media. At such meetings, the management board of the company presents and comments on the strategy and its implementation, the financial results of the company and its group, and the key events impacting the business of the company and its group, their results and outlook. At such meetings, the management board of the company publicly provides answers and explanations to questions raised.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 1.7.** If an investor requests any information about a company, the company replies immediately

and, in any case, no later than within 14 days.

The principle is applied by the Company

2. MANAGEMENT BOARD, SUPERVISORY BOARD

To ensure top standards of the responsibilities and effective performance of the management board and the supervisory board of a company, only persons with the adequate competences, skills and experience are appointed to the management board and the supervisory board.

Management Board members act in the interest of the company and are responsible for its activity. The management board is responsible among others for the company's leadership, engagement in setting and implementing its strategic objectives, and ensuring the company's efficiency and safety.

Supervisory board members acting in their function and to the extent of their responsibilities on the supervisory board follow their independent opinion and judgement, including in decision making, and act in the interest of the company.

The supervisory board functions in the spirit of debate and analyses the position of the company in the context of the sector and the market on the basis of information provided by the management board of the company and via the company's internal systems and functions and obtained from external sources, using the output of its committees. The supervisory board in particular issues opinions on the company's strategy, verifies the work of the management board in pursuit of defined strategic objectives, and monitors the company's performance.

2.1. Companies should have in place a diversity policy applicable to the management board and the supervisory board, approved by the supervisory board and the general meeting, respectively. The diversity policy defines diversity goals and criteria, among others including gender, education, expertise, age, professional experience, and specifies the target dates and the monitoring systems for such goals. With regard to gender diversity of corporate bodies, the participation of the minority group in each body should be at least 30%.

The principle is not applied by the Company

Company's comment: *While Grupa Azoty has not adopted formally any diversity policy document, it follows clear rules governing employment and promotion, and seeks to achieve diversity in terms of gender, education, age and professional experience of its entire workforce, including in particular members of the governing bodies and key management staff. In its operations, the Company applies the principles of equal treatment and non-discrimination. The Company is committed to applying the above principles and to promoting and disseminating them across all of its stakeholder groups. The rules for appointment of the Management Board and for election of a Management Board member by employees are set forth in the Company's Articles of Association. The process of recruitment and selection of candidates is open and transparent. The detailed scope of qualifications required for a position of Management Board member is specified in the relevant announcement published on the Company's website on a case-by-case basis. As at July 1st 2021, the minority share metric provided for in Best Practices 2021, i.e. the minority share of no less than 30% of the Management Board and Supervisory Board, was not achieved at the Company. The key criterion to be taken into account by persons authorised to elect members of the Company's governing bodies should be securing the Company's needs, which includes ensuring diversity of education, knowledge and experience, competencies and versatility of a candidate for a given function on the company's governing bodies. Other factors, such as age,*

gender, nationality, ethnic origin, religion or political beliefs, should not be a decisive criterion in this respect.

- 2.2. Decisions to elect members of the management board or the supervisory board of companies should ensure that the composition of those bodies is diverse by appointing persons ensuring diversity, among others in order to achieve the target minimum participation of the minority group of at least 30% according to the goals of the established diversity policy referred to in principle 2.1.

The principle is not applied by the Company

Company's comment: *As at July 1st 2021, the minority share metric provided for in Best Practices 2021, i.e. the minority share of no less than 30% of the Management Board and Supervisory Board, was not achieved at the Company. Persons authorised to elect members of the Company's governing bodies are guided by the criteria of securing the Company's needs and ensuring diversity of the members' education, knowledge and experience, competencies and versatility of a candidate for a given function.*

- 2.3. At least two members of the supervisory board meet the criteria of being independent referred to in the Act of 11 May 2017 on Auditors, Audit Firms and Public Supervision, and have no actual and material relations with any shareholder who holds at least 5% of the total vote in the company.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 2.4. The supervisory board and the management board vote in an open ballot unless otherwise required by law.

The principle is not applied by the Company

Company's comment: *In line with the Company's corporate regulations, its governing bodies vote by open ballot, however a secret ballot may be ordered at the request of a Supervisory Board member and when voting on personnel matters. The Company will seek to amend the regulations to specify that the possibility of the Management Board and Supervisory Board voting by secret ballot should be limited to the situations provided for in applicable laws.*

- 2.5. Members of the supervisory board and members of the management board who vote against a resolution may have their dissenting vote recorded in the minutes.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 2.6. Functions on the management board of a company are the main area of the professional activity of management board members. Management board members should not engage in additional professional activities if the time devoted to such activities prevents their proper performance in the company.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 2.7. A company's management board members may sit on corporate bodies of companies other than members of its group subject to the approval of the supervisory board.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 2.8. Supervisory board members should be able to devote the time necessary to perform their duties

The principle is applied by the Company

- 2.9. The chair of the supervisory board should not combine this function with that of chair of the audit committee of the supervisory board.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 2.10. Companies allocate administrative and financial resources necessary to ensure efficient functioning of the supervisory board in a manner adequate to their size and financial standing.

The principle is applied by the Company

2.11. In addition to its responsibilities laid down in the legislation, the supervisory board prepares and presents an annual report to the annual general meeting once per year. Such report includes at least the following:

2.11.1. information about the members of the supervisory board and its committees, including indication of those supervisory board members who fulfil the criteria of being independent referred to in the Act of 11 May 2017 on Auditors, Audit Firms and Public Supervision and those supervisory board members who have no actual and material relations with any shareholder who holds at least 5% of the total vote in the company, and information about the members of the supervisory board in the context of diversity;

The principle is applied by the Company

2.11.2. summary of the activity of the supervisory board and its committees;

The principle is applied by the Company

2.11.3. assessment of the company's standing on a consolidated basis, including assessment of the internal control, risk management and compliance systems and the internal audit function, and information about measures taken by the supervisory board to perform such assessment; such assessment should cover all significant controls, in particular reporting and operational controls;

The principle is applied by the Company

2.11.4. assessment of the company's compliance with the corporate governance principles and the manner of compliance with the disclosure obligations concerning compliance with the corporate governance principles defined in the Exchange Rules and the regulations on current and periodic reports published by issuers of securities, and information about measures taken by the supervisory board to perform such assessment;

The principle is applied by the Company

2.11.5. assessment of the rationality of expenses referred to in principle 1.5;

The principle is applied by the Company

2.11.6. information regarding the degree of implementation of the diversity policy applicable to the management board and the supervisory board, including the achievement of goals referred to in principle 2.1.

The principle is applied by the Company

3. INTERNAL SYSTEMS AND FUNCTIONS

Efficient internal systems and functions are an indispensable tool of exercising supervision over a company.

The systems cover the company and all areas of activity of its group which have a significant impact on the position of the company.

3.1. Listed companies maintain efficient internal control, risk management and compliance systems and an efficient internal audit function adequate to the size of the company and the type and scale of its activity; the management board is responsible for their functioning.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 3.2. Companies' organisation includes units responsible for the tasks of individual systems and functions unless it is not reasonable due to the size of the company or the type of its activity.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 3.3. Companies participating in the WIG20, mWIG40 or sWIG80 index appoint an internal auditor to head the internal audit function in compliance with generally accepted international standards for the professional practice of internal auditing. In other companies which do not appoint an internal auditor who meets such requirements, the audit committee (or the supervisory board if it performs the functions of the audit committee) assesses on an annual basis whether such person should be appointed.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 3.4. The remuneration of persons responsible for risk and compliance management and of the head of internal audit should depend on the performance of delegated tasks rather than short-term results of the company.

The principle is not applied by the Company

Company's comment: *The base pay of persons responsible for risk management and compliance as well as the head of the internal audit function is determined based on the Collective Bargaining Agreement in effect at the Company. The amount of additional part of such persons' remuneration depends on the achievement of agreed individual targets, but also on the achievement of certain financial indicators by the Company. The Company declares an intention to take steps to implement best practices with respect to the remuneration of persons responsible for risk management, compliance and internal audit. Given the regulations currently in force which have been developed in consultation with the trade unions and which are relevant to this remuneration (the Collective Bargaining Agreement), an in-depth review would be required.*

- 3.5. Persons responsible for risk and compliance management report directly to the president or other member of the management board.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 3.6. The head of internal audit reports organisationally to the president of the management board and functionally to the chair of the audit committee or the chair of the supervisory board if the supervisory board performs the functions of the audit committee.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 3.7. Principles 3.4 to 3.6 apply also to members of the company's group which are material to its activity if they appoint persons to perform such tasks.

The principle is not applied by the Company

Company's comment: *Given the complex structure of the Grupa Azoty Group, there is no business rationale for full application of principles 3.4 to 3.6 at all Group companies. The Company declares an intention to take steps to implement best practices in risk management, compliance and internal audit at the Group companies of material importance to its operations. However, given the nature of the Group and of the subsidiaries, as well as the regulations currently in force which have been developed in consultation with the trade unions and which are relevant to this remuneration (e.g. the Collective Bargaining Agreements), an in-depth review would be required.*

- 3.8. The person responsible for internal audit or the management board if such function is not performed separately in the company reports to the supervisory board at least once per year with their assessment of the efficiency of the systems and functions referred to in principle 3.1 and tables a relevant report.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 3.9. The supervisory board monitors the efficiency of the systems and functions referred to in principle 3.1 among others on the basis of reports provided periodically by the persons responsible for the functions and the company's management board, and makes annual assessment of the efficiency of such systems and functions according to principle 2.11.3. Where the company has an audit committee, the audit committee monitors the efficiency of the systems and functions referred to in principle 3.1, which however does not release the supervisory board from the annual assessment of the efficiency of such systems and functions. The principle is applied by the Company
- 3.10. Companies participating in the WIG20, mWIG40 or sWIG80 index have the internal audit function reviewed at least once every five years by an independent auditor appointed with the participation of the audit committee. The principle is applied by the Company

4. GENERAL MEETING, SHAREHOLDER RELATIONS

The management board and the supervisory board of listed companies should encourage the engagement of shareholders in matters of the company, in particular through active participation in the general meeting, either in person or through a proxy.

The general meeting should proceed by respecting the rights of all shareholders and ensuring that passed resolutions do not infringe on legitimate interests of different groups of shareholders.

Shareholders who participate in a general meeting exercise their rights in accordance with the rules of good conduct. Participants of a general meeting should come prepared to the general meeting.

- 4.1. Companies should enable their shareholders to participate in a general meeting by means of electronic communication (e-meeting) if justified by the expectations of shareholders notified to the company, provided that the company is in a position to provide the technical infrastructure necessary for such general meeting to proceed. The principle is applied by the Company
- 4.2. Companies set the place and date and the form of a general meeting so as to enable the participation of the highest possible number of shareholders. For that purpose, companies strive to ensure that the cancellation of a general meeting, change of its date or break in its proceedings take place only if justified and do not prevent or limit the exercising of the shareholders' rights to participate in the general meeting. The principle is applied by the Company
- 4.3. Companies provide a public real-life broadcast of the general meeting. The principle is not applied by the Company
Company's comment: *In the opinion of the Company's Management Board, the fact that the abovementioned principle is not applied does not affect the reliability of the Company's information policy and does not hinder shareholders' participation in the General Meetings. The way the General Meetings have been documented and carried out to date ensures transparency and safeguards the rights of all shareholders. Furthermore, information on resolutions passed by the General Meeting, which are often the basis of investment decisions, is promptly published by the Company in the form of current reports and on its website. Therefore, investors are provided with quick access to comprehensive information on the matters discussed at General Meetings.*

Nevertheless, given the development of digital technologies, the Company does not rule out that it may apply this principle in the future.

- 4.4. Presence of representatives of the media is allowed at general meetings.
The principle is applied by the Company
- 4.5. If the management board becomes aware a general meeting being convened pursuant to Article 399 § 2 – 4 of the Commercial Companies Code, the management board immediately takes steps which it is required to take in order to organise and conduct the general meeting. The foregoing applies also where a general meeting is convened under authority granted by the registration court according to Article 400 § 3 of the Commercial Companies Code
The principle is applied by the Company
- 4.6. To help shareholders participating in a general meeting to vote on resolutions with adequate understanding, draft resolutions of the general meeting concerning matters and decisions other than points of order should contain a justification, unless it follows from documentation tabled to the general meeting. If a matter is put on the agenda of the general meeting at the request of a shareholder or shareholders, the management board requests presentation of the justification of the proposed resolution, unless previously presented by such shareholder or shareholders.
The principle is applied by the Company
- 4.7. The supervisory board issues opinions on draft resolutions put by the management board on the agenda of the general meeting.
The principle is applied by the Company
- 4.8. Draft resolutions of the general meeting on matters put on the agenda of the general meeting should be tabled by shareholders no later than three days before the general meeting.
The principle is applied by the Company
- 4.9. If the general meeting is to appoint members of the supervisory board or members of the supervisory board for a new term of office:
- 4.9.1. candidates for members of the supervisory board should be nominated with a notice necessary for shareholders present at the general meeting to make an informed decision and in any case no later than three days before the general meeting; the names of candidates and all related documents should be immediately published on the company's website;
The principle is applied by the Company
- 4.9.2. candidates for members of the supervisory board make a declaration concerning fulfilment of the requirements for members of the audit committee referred to in the Act of 11 May 2017 on Auditors, Audit Firms and Public Supervision and having actual and material relations with any shareholder who holds at least 5% of the total vote in the company.
The principle is applied by the Company
- 4.10. Any exercise of the rights of shareholders or the way in which they exercise their rights must not hinder the proper functioning of the governing bodies of the company.
The principle is applied by the Company
- 4.11. Members of the management board and members of the supervisory board participate in a general meeting, at the location of the meeting or via means of bilateral real-time electronic communication, as necessary to speak on matters discussed by the general meeting and

answer questions asked at the general meeting. The management board presents to participants of an annual general meeting the financial results of the company and other relevant information, including non-financial information, contained in the financial statements to be approved by the general meeting. The management board presents key events of the last financial year, compares presented data with previous years, and presents the degree of implementation of the plans for the last year.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 4.12.** Resolutions of the general meeting concerning an issue of shares with subscription rights should specify the issue price or the mechanism of setting the price or authorise the competent body to set the price prior to the subscription right record date within a timeframe necessary for investors to make decisions.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 4.13.** Resolutions concerning a new issue of shares with the exclusion of subscription rights which grant pre-emptive rights for new issue shares to selected shareholders or other entities may pass subject at least to the following three criteria:

- a) the company has a rational, economically justified need to urgently raise capital or the share issue is related to rational, economically justified transactions, among others such as a merger with or the take-over of another company, or the shares are to be taken up under an incentive scheme established by the company;
- b) the persons granted the pre-emptive right are to be selected according to objective general criteria;
- c) the purchase price of the shares is in a rational relation with the current share price of the company or is to be determined in book-building on the market.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 4.14.** Companies should strive to distribute their profits by paying out dividends. Companies may retain all their earnings subject to any of the following criteria:

- a) the earnings are minimal and consequently the dividend would be immaterial in relation to the value of the shares;
- b) the company reports uncovered losses from previous years and the earnings are used to reduce such losses;
- c) the company can demonstrate that investment of the earnings will generate tangible benefits for the shareholders;
- d) the company generates insufficient cash flows to pay out dividends;
- e) a dividend payment would substantially increase the risk to covenants under the company's binding credit facilities or terms of bond issue;
- f) retention of the company's earnings follows recommendations of the authority which supervises the company by virtue of its business activity.

The principle is applied by the Company

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST, RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

For the purpose of this section, 'related party' is defined within the meaning of the International Accounting Standards approved in Regulation No (EU) 1606/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 July 2002 on the application of international accounting standards.

Companies and their groups should have in place transparent procedures for managing conflicts of interest and for related party transactions where a conflict of interest may occur. The procedures should provide for ways to identify and disclose such cases and the course of action in the event that they occur.

Members of the management board and members of the supervisory board should refrain from professional or other activities which might cause a conflict of interest or adversely affect their reputation as members of the corporate body, and where a conflict of interest arises, they should immediately disclose it.

5.1. Members of the management board and members of the supervisory board notify the management board or the supervisory board, respectively, of any conflict of interest which has arisen or may arise, and refrain from discussions on the issue which may give rise to such a conflict of interest in their case.

The principle is applied by the Company

5.2. Where a member of the management board or a member of the supervisory board concludes that a decision of the management board or the supervisory board, respectively, is in conflict with the interest of the company, he or she should request that the minutes of the management board or supervisory board meeting show his or her dissenting opinion.

The principle is applied by the Company

5.3. No shareholder should have preference over other shareholders in related party transactions. The foregoing also concerns transactions concluded by the company's shareholders with members of the company's group.

The principle is applied by the Company

5.4. Companies may buy back their own shares only in a procedure which respects the rights of all shareholders.

The principle is applied by the Company

5.5. If a transaction concluded by a company with its related party requires the consent of the supervisory board, before giving its consent the supervisory board assesses whether to ask a prior opinion of a third party which can provide valuation of the transaction and review its economic impact.

The principle is applied by the Company

5.6. If a related party transaction requires the consent of the general meeting, the supervisory board issues an opinion on the rationale of such transaction. In that case, the supervisory board assesses whether to ask a prior opinion of a third party referred to in principle 5.5.

The principle is applied by the Company

5.7. If a decision concerning the company's significant transaction with a related party is made by the general meeting, the company should give all shareholders access to information necessary to assess the impact of the transaction on the interest of the company before the decision is made, including an opinion of the supervisory board referred to in principle 5.6.

The principle is applied by the Company

6. REMUNERATION

Companies and their groups protect the stability of their management teams, among others by transparent, fair, consistent and non-discriminatory terms of remuneration, including equal pay for women and men.

Companies' remuneration policy for members of corporate bodies and key managers should in particular determine the form, structure, and method of determining and payment of the remuneration.

6.1. The remuneration of members of the management board and members of the supervisory

board and key managers should be sufficient to attract, retain and motivate persons with skills necessary for proper management and supervision of the company. The level of remuneration should be adequate to the tasks and responsibilities delegated to individuals and their resulting accountability.

The principle is applied by the Company

- 6.2. Incentive schemes should be constructed in a way necessary among others to tie the level of remuneration of members of the company's management board and key managers to the actual long-term standing of the company measured by its financial and non-financial results as well as long-term shareholder value creation, sustainable development and the company's stability

The principle is applied by the Company

- 6.3. If an incentive scheme operated by a company is a management stock option plan, the execution of the option plan should be subject to the achievement by the eligible persons, within a period of at least three years, of predetermined realistic financial, non-financial and sustainable development targets and objectives appropriate for the company, and the agreed price at which the eligible persons may acquire shares or exercise their options may not differ from the value of the shares in the period when the plan was adopted. *The principle is applied by the Company*

- 6.4. As the supervisory board performs its responsibilities on a continuous basis, the remuneration of supervisory board members cannot depend on the number of meetings held. The remuneration of members of committees, in particular the audit committee, should take into account additional workload on the committee.

The principle is not applied by the Company

Company's comment: Any matters related to the remuneration of the Company's governing bodies are provided for in the Remuneration Policy for Members of the Management Board and Supervisory Board of Grupa Azoty S.A. adopted by the General Meeting's resolution of August 20th 2020. The rules do not make the remuneration of Supervisory Board members dependent on the number of Supervisory Board meetings held, and provide for additional remuneration only in the case of chairpersons of the Supervisory Board standing committees, including the Audit Committee; if a person is entitled to additional remuneration with respect to more than one position, they receive the additional remuneration of the largest amount (no aggregation of additional remuneration amounts). The Company declares an intention to take steps to put this principle in effect, however its final implementation will depend on the decision of the Company's shareholders expressed in a separate resolution of the General Meeting.

- 6.5. The level of remuneration of supervisory board members should not depend on the company's short-term results.

The principle is applied by the Company