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*SOCIETE DES AUTEURS  
COMPOSITEURS ET EDITEURS DE  
MUSIQUE - SACEM*  
**Statutory Auditor's report on the financial  
statements**

For the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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This statutory auditor's report includes information required by European regulation and French law, such as information about the appointment of the statutory auditors or verification of the management report and other documents provided to shareholders.  
This report should be read in conjunction with, and construed in accordance with, French law and professional auditing standards applicable in France.*

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## **SOCIETE DES AUTEURS COMPOSITEURS ET EDITEURS DE MUSIQUE - SACEM**

Registered office: 225 Avenue Charles de Gaulle - 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine

### **Statutory Auditor's report on the financial statements**

For the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

To the Annual General Meeting of SACEM,

#### **Opinion**

In compliance with the engagement entrusted to us by your Annual General Meeting, we have audited the accompanying financial statements of SACEM, for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, as attached to this report.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities and of the financial position of the Company as at December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and of the results of its operations for the year ended in accordance with French accounting principles.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

##### **Audit Framework**

We conducted our audit in accordance with professional standards applicable in France. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Statutory Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report.

##### **Independence**

We conducted our audit engagement in compliance with independence requirements of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce) and the French Code of Ethics (code de déontologie) for statutory auditors rules applicable to us, for the period from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to the date of our report.

### **Justification of Assessments**

Due to the global crisis related to the Covid-19 pandemic, the financial statements of this period have been prepared and audited under specific conditions. Indeed, this crisis and the exceptional measures taken in the context of the state of sanitary emergency have had numerous consequences for companies, particularly on their operations and their financing, and have led to greater uncertainties on their future prospects. Those measures, such as travel restrictions and remote working, have also had an impact on the companies' internal organization and the performance of the audits.

In accordance with the requirements of articles L.823-9 and R.823-7 of the French Commercial Code ("Code de commerce") relating to the justification of our assessments, we inform you that the most important assessments made by us according to our professional judgment focused on the appropriateness of the accounting principles used, and the presentation of financial statements taken as a whole.

These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on specific items of the financial statements.

### **Specific Verifications**

We have also performed, in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, the specific verifications required by French laws and regulations.

We have no matters to report as to the fair presentation and the consistency with the financial statements of the information given in the documents with respect to the financial position and the financial statements provided to the General Assembly.

We attest the fair presentation and the consistency with the financial statements of the information relating to payment terms, required under Article D.441-6 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*).

### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with French accounting principles and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless it is expected to liquidate the Company or to cease operations.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors.

### **Statutory Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our role is to issue a report on the financial statements. Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As specified in Article L.823-10-1 of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce), our statutory audit does not include assurance on the viability of the Company or the quality of management of the affairs of the Company.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, the statutory auditor exercises professional judgment throughout the audit and furthermore:

- Identifies and assesses the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designs and performs audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtains audit evidence considered to be sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for his opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtains an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluates the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management in the financial statements.
- Assesses the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. This assessment is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of his audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern. If the statutory auditor concludes that a material uncertainty exists, there is a requirement to draw attention in the audit report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are not provided or inadequate, to modify the opinion expressed therein.



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- Evaluates the overall presentation of the financial statements and assesses whether these statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Paris La Défense, on the April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

French original signed by KPMG S.A., Geoffroy Muselier, Partner