

## Declaration of conformity of Villeroy & Boch AG pursuant to Section 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act

(Version dated 14 December 2011)

In accordance with section 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG), the Management Board and the Supervisory Board of Villeroy & Boch AG hereby declare that, since the publication of the last declaration of conformity on 10 March 2011, the company has complied with and continues to comply with the recommendations of the Government Commission of the German Corporate Governance Code (DCGK, the "Code") in the version dated 26 May 2010 with the exception of the small number of recommendations described below:

## Section 3.8 (2) of the Code:

The existing D&O (directors' and officers' liability insurance) policy does not prescribe a deductible for the members of the Supervisory Board. Villeroy & Boch AG is of the opinion that a deductible is not a suitable means of influencing the level of motivation and responsibility with which the members of the Supervisory Board perform their activities.

**Nomination Committee** 

**D&O** insurance

## **Section 5.3.3** of the Code:

The Supervisory Board has not formed a separate Nomination Committee to propose suitable candidates for election to the Supervisory Board. Proposals for election have been and will continue to be prepared at shareholder representatives' meetings. As there are only six shareholder representatives on the Supervisory Board and the existing practice of proposing suitable candidates at shareholder representatives' meetings has proved to be efficient, the Supervisory Board sees no need to institutionalise this practice by setting up an additional Nomination Committee.

66693 Mettlach, Germany, December 2011

The Management Board The Supervisory Board

Frank Göring Wendelin von Boch-Galhau Chairman of the Management Board Chairman of the Supervisory Board