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the tax entity, the company is jointly and severally liable for all tax liabilities of the companies placed within this tax entity. Furthermore, the company has acted as guarantor for its subsidiaries in respect of third parties for purchase and lease contracts for an amount totalling EUR 141.7 million (2015: EUR 169.6 million).

33 Employee information

In 2016 there were an average of 45 people employed (2015: 43). In 2016, the corresponding number of full-time equivalents averaged 43 (2015: 41).

With regard to the remuneration of the directors and former directors, reference is made to the explanation given in the employee information note in the consolidated annual accounts.

34 Risk management with regard to financial instruments

With respect to risk management pertaining to financial instruments reference is made to the explanation given in the consolidated annual accounts.

35 Auditor fees paid to the company auditors

The audit fees charged by Deloitte Accountants in the financial year under review are shown in the following table.

(x EUR million)	2016	2015
Deloitte Accountants BV:		
Audit activities annual accounts	0.5	0.5
Other audit services	0.1	0.1
Deloitte Network:		
Audit activities annual accounts	0.6	0.6
Other audit services	-	-
Total fees	1.2	1.2

36 Events after balance sheet date

As of the date of preparation of the annual accounts no significant events have occurred after the balance date which require additional disclosures in the annual accounts.

37 Profit appropriation

Provisions from the articles of association concerning profit appropriation

Article 26