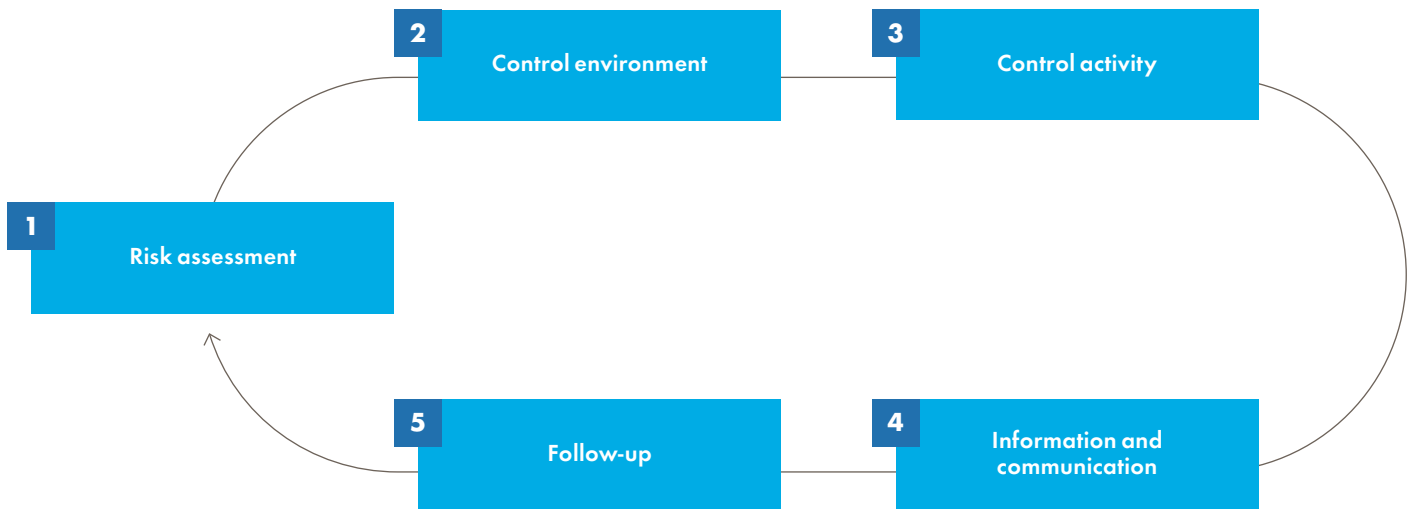


Board of Directors' report on internal control

The Board's responsibility for internal control is regulated in the Swedish Companies Act and in the Swedish Code of Corporate Governance. The Corporate Governance Report must contain disclosures concerning the principal features of the company's internal-control and risk-management systems in connection with financial reporting and in the preparation of the company's consolidated financial statements. Information on this is provided in this section.



1 Risk assessment and risk management

As a feature of its internal control efforts, NCC implements methodical risk assessment and risk management for ensuring that the risks to which NCC is exposed, and that can impact the internal control and financial reporting, are addressed within the company's established processes.

The material risks that have to be taken into account include market risks and operating risks as well as the risk of errors in financial reporting. With respect to the latter, systematic and documented updates occur once annually. The material risks that have to be considered mainly comprise the risk of errors in percentage-of-completion profit recognition and items based on estimates and assessments, such as valuations of land held for future development and ongoing development projects, goodwill and provisions.

At NCC, risks are followed up in several different ways, including via:

- **Regular status checks** with the business area manager and financial manager of each particular business area. Representing the Group, the CEO and the CFO always attend these meetings. The status checks address such matters as orders received, earnings, major ongoing and problematical projects, cash flow and outstanding accounts receivable. The meetings also address tenders and major investments.
- **Business area meetings** in the various business areas, which are held at least five times per year. Those participating in the meeting, in addition to the head of the business area and members of its management team, are the Group's CEO, CFO and Senior Legal Counsel. These meetings address the complete income statement, balance sheet and cash flow statement in terms of both outcome, forecast and alternative budget. Forecasts are formulated and are checked in connection with the quarters ending March, June and September, and for the following-year budget in November.
- NCC AB's Board receives monthly **financial reports** and NCC's current financial status is presented at each Board meeting.
- **Quarterly follow-up** of material claims and disputes, which are also reported to the Board.

- Annual analysis of business operations and the SRM Committee in order to manage the Group's strategic risks.

Financial risk positions, such as interest-rate, credit, liquidity, exchange rate and refinancing risks, are managed by the specialist function, NCC Corporate Treasury. NCC's Group Treasury Policy stipulates that NCC Corporate Treasury must always be consulted and, in cases where Corporate Treasury sees fit, that it must manage financial matters. Risks that could also influence reporting include breach of NCC's Code of Conduct and discrepancies in insurance coverage. These risks are monitored by the Compliance function and NCC Försäkring.

2 Control environment

The Board has overall responsibility for internal control and financial reporting. A good control environment is characterized by the company having prepared and complied with established policies, directives, guidelines, control framework, manuals and job descriptions. These must be documented and kept available. In NCC, this means that the Board establishes rules of procedure for the Board's work each year, including instructions for the CEO. According to this instruction, the CEO is responsible for ensuring that work on the internal control contributes to an efficient control environment.

The NCC Group is an international organization that governs and conducts its operations in a Nordic operational structure. Operational management of the Group is based on a Group directive on the delegation of authorities and internal governance adopted annually by the Board. The directive stipulates the matters that require the Board's approval. In turn, this is reflected in the corresponding directives and attestation regulations applying to the business areas. The basis for the internal control of financial reporting comprises everything that is documented and communicated in governing documents, such as internal policies, directives, guidelines, control framework, instructions and other manuals. The NCC Group's legal governance occurs on the basis of a uniform corporate structure with subsidiaries in each country.

3 Control activities

At NCC, the management of risks is based on a number of control activities that are conducted at various levels for business areas, Shared Service Centers (SSCs) and staff units.

The purpose of the control activities is to ensure both the efficiency of the Group's processes and efficient internal control of identified risks. Operational control systems form the basis for the established control structure for the business operations and these focus on important stages in the business operations, such as investment decisions, assessment of tenders and authorization to start up projects. NCC attaches considerable weight to project follow-up.

A strong focus is placed on ensuring the correctness of the business transactions included in the financial reporting.

For a number of years, NCC has had several SSCs, in part NCC Business Services (NBS), which manages most of the financial transactions of the Nordic operations, and in part the Human Resources Services (HRS), which manages NCC's payroll administration for the Nordic countries. There is also Development & Operations Services (DOS), which has central responsibility for the shared IT systems in NCC.

The functions require that their processes include activities that manage identified risks in a manner that is efficient for NCC in relation to the cost incurred. The units systematically and continuously develop their processes, using control matrixes that connect risks and control and ensure that the control is documented and that proof of control exists.

4 Information and communication

Information and communication regarding the internal policies, directives, guidelines, manuals and codes to which the financial reporting is subject are available on NCC's Intranet (MyNCC).

The information also contains methodology, instructions and supporting documentation in the form of checklists etc., and overall time schedules. It is a living regulatory system that is updated regularly through the addition of, for example, new regulations concerning IFRS and Nasdaq Stockholm. NCC's CFO has principal responsibility. MyNCC includes, among other documents, the following:

- Policies and regulations for the valuation and classification of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses.
- Accounting and reporting instructions.
- Framework for self-evaluation of internal controls.
- Attestation instructions

All financial reporting must comply with the above rules and regulations.

Financial reporting occurs in part in the form of figures in the Group-wide reporting system and in part in the form of written comments in accordance with specially formulated templates. Regular training programs and conferences are arranged for management and financial control personnel in respect of joint principles and frameworks concerning the requirements to which the internal control is subject.

A debriefing on internal control occurs annually at a meeting of the NCC AB Board. Debriefing also occurs at business area level. The CFO of the NCC Group is responsible for ensuring that information and communication regarding the internal control have been established and are effective.

5 Follow-up

Follow-ups to safeguard the efficiency and quality of the internal controls are conducted in various ways within NCC. NCC has developed a system (framework) for documented self-evaluation of internal control. Self-assessments are performed regularly for NCC's business areas, staff units and Group offices and comprise a component of the Board's assessment of internal control.

Operational control systems, which are the business areas' management systems, are evaluated through audits of business areas' operations, during which any shortcomings are rectified. The internal controls are followed up via business area meetings in the various business areas and, if targeted action is considered necessary, the financial control and controller organization is utilized, or external consultants are engaged with suitable expertise for the assignment.

NCC has an independent internal audit function. The function is led by the head of the internal audit and is responsible for providing independent and objective assurance and evaluation of risk management and internal control processes. The function plans its work in consultation with the Audit Committee and it reports directly to the Board of Directors through the Audit Committee.

PwC participated in all of the Audit Committee's meetings in 2020. The duties of the Audit Committee in terms of financial reporting include monitoring the efficiency of the company's internal controls, internal audit and risk management. The Board meets the external auditor at least once a year. In addition, the Chairman of the Board has direct contact with the external auditor on a number of occasions during the year. Prior to these meetings, views from the audit of the business areas and subsidiaries have been presented to the Board meetings held in the particular business area/subsidiary or to the respective business area management. The views that arise are to be considered and followed up within the particular unit. NCC's external auditor also reviewed the company's nine-month report.

For more information on governance and control of NCC, see the Group's website www.ncc.se. The information also includes such documents as the Articles of Association and the Code of Conduct.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT ON THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

To the general meeting of the shareholders in NCC AB, corporate identity number 556034-5174

Engagement and responsibility

It is the board of directors who is responsible for the corporate governance statement for the year 2020 on pages 98–107 and for that it has been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act.

Scope of examination

Our examination has been conducted in accordance with FAR's standard RevU 16 The auditor's examination of the corporate governance statement. This means that our examination of the corporate governance statement is different and substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. We believe that the examination has provided us with sufficient basis for our opinions.

Opinions

A corporate governance statement has been prepared. Disclosures in accordance with chapter 6 section 6 second paragraph points 2–6 of the Annual Accounts Act and chapter 7 section 31 second paragraph of the same law are consistent with the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts and are in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act.

Stockholm 5 March 2021
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