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Sector name: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Survey **BAU**

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### Please note

- Your responses should refer only to the branch named above
- The questions refer to the activities of domestic branches
- Do not use a red pencil
- Tick the appropriate box
- The notes are on the back of the sheet
- Your responses are treated strictly confidential.

## Monthly Questions

### 1. Business situation

- a) We judge our business situation overall as\*
- good       satisfactory       poor
- b) Over the last 3 months\*, our business situation has
- improved       remained unchanged       deteriorated
- c) Over the next 6 months\*, our business situation will
- improve       remain unchanged       deteriorate
- d) To predict the **future development** of our business situation is currently
- easy     rather easy     rather difficult     difficult
- e) The **uncertainty** about the **future development** of our business situation is currently
- higher than usual     normal/as usual     lower than usual

### 2. Demand

- a) Over the last 3 months\*, the demand for our services has
- increased       remained unchanged       decreased
- b) Over the next 3 months\*, the demand for our services will
- increase       remain unchanged       decrease

### 3. Order books

We judge our order books currently as

high       sufficient       too low

### 4. Activity

- a) Over the last 3 months\*, our production activity has
- increased       remained unchanged       decreased
- b) Over the next 3 months\*, our production activity will
- increase       remain unchanged       decrease

### 5. Obstacles

The main factors limiting currently our business are (multiple answers possible)\*

- None
- Insufficient demand
- Weather conditions
- Shortage of labour force
- Shortage of material/intermediate products
- Shortage of space and/or equipment
- Financial constraints
- Other factors

### 6. Employment

- a) We judge our number of employees as\*
- too high       sufficient       too low
- b) Over the last 3 months\*, our number of employees (in full time equivalent) has
- increased       remained unchanged       decreased
- c) Over the next 3 months\*, our number of employees (in full time equivalent) will
- increase       remain unchanged       decrease

### 7. Prices

Over the next 3 months, our prices will\*

increase       remain unchanged       decrease

\* excluding purely seasonal variation

Turn over, please

### Remarks



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## Quarterly Questions

### 8. Range of orders in hand

The work in hand and the work already contracted accounts actually for, in months

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### 9. Technical capacities

We judge our technical capacities as

- too high       sufficient       too low

### 10. Capacity utilisation

The use of our machines and equipments (in comparison with full capacity) amounts actually to (round up/down on integer)

 %

### 11. Renovation and maintenance

Regarding the value of construction newly contracted in the last quarter, on renovation and maintenance fall (round up/down on integer)

 %

### 12. Profitability

a) Over the last 3 months\*, our profitability has

- increased       remained unchanged       decreased

b) Over the next 3 months\*, our profitability will

- increase       remain unchanged       decrease

### 13. Competitive position

Over the last 3 months, our competitive position has

- improved       remained unchanged       deteriorated

### 14. Wages and inflation

a) How much do you expect the **average gross wage** of employees in your company will change between now and in one year's time? Please enter your estimate as a **percentage** (with a negative sign if it is a decrease).

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b) What do you expect the **inflation rate** (for the consumer price index) will approximately be in Switzerland in the **next twelve months**? Please enter your estimate (with a negative sign if the inflation rate is below zero).

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c) Approximately how high do you think the annual **inflation rate** (for the consumer price index) will be in Switzerland in **five years**? Please enter your estimate (with a negative sign if the inflation rate is below zero).

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### 15. Weighting information

Number of employees in **full-time equivalent** positions incl. apprentices, in **Switzerland** (in the company or the company division entered in the questionnaire)

Example: 2 full-time positions and 1 part-time position at 40% correspond to a total of 2.4 employees

Number of employees: .

\*excluding purely seasonal variation

Many thanks for your participation

Explanations on the survey and the questionnaire can be found on the website:

<https://u.ethz.ch/4bCwN>

