

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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COMPANY NAME : FOCUS POINT HOLDINGS BERHAD
FINANCIAL YEAR : December 31, 2023

OUTLINE:

SECTION A – DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Disclosures in this section are pursuant to Paragraph 15.25 of Bursa Malaysia Listing Requirements.

SECTION B – DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES PURSUANT CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA

Disclosures in this section are pursuant to Appendix 4 (Corporate Governance Disclosures) of the Corporate Governance Guidelines issued by Bank Negara Malaysia. This section is only applicable for financial institutions or any other institutions that are listed on the Exchange that are required to comply with the above Guidelines.

SECTION A – DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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Intended Outcome

Every company is headed by a board, which assumes responsibility for the company's leadership and is collectively responsible for meeting the objectives and goals of the company.

Practice 1.1

The board should set the company's strategic aims, ensure that the necessary resources are in place for the company to meet its objectives and review management performance. The board should set the company's values and standards, and ensure that its obligations to its shareholders and other stakeholders are understood and met.

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>The Board is accountable and responsible for leading and controlling the Group towards realizing long term shareholders' value, overseeing the performance and affairs of the Group and is committed to strive towards the highest standards of corporate governance of the Group and also to optimise long-term financial returns and the enhancement of shareholders' value. The Board shall strive to ensure that the Group are managed to achieve this result. This is an active, not a passive, responsibility. The Board must ensure that in good times, as well as difficult ones, management is capable of executing its responsibilities</p> <p>The Board is supported by the following Board Committees and has delegated specific responsibilities to the respective Committees as defined in the terms of reference of the respective Committees, approved by the Board:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Audit Committeeii) Nomination Committeeiii) Remuneration Committeeiv) Sustainability Committee <p>The Board adopted a Board Charter which sets out the authority, role, responsibilities, membership and operation of the Board.</p> <p>The Board has the overall responsibilities for corporate governance, strategic direction, formulation of policies and overseeing the investment and business of the Group.</p> <p>Since 2020, the Board has been tasked with the additional responsibility of ensuring the effectiveness and adequacy of the approved Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy ("ABCP") in accordance with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009 (Amendment 2018).</p>

	<p>Risk Management and Internal Control Framework were in place during the year. The said framework encompasses Board and Senior Management's oversight in risk management and internal control of the Group; and to ensure business objectives and strategies are in line with the risk and internal control environment of the Group.</p> <p>The Board will ensure senior management has the necessary skills and experience. Nomination Committee, in assisting the Board as a whole, had carried out annual assessment on Board Committees, Board and Individual Director. Meeting was held during the year to deliberate their respective performance.</p> <p>Management's proposal which required Board's approval was tabled at Board meeting for discussion and adoption prior to implementation. Relevant board papers were circulated to the Board prior to the Board meeting.</p> <p>Quarterly financial reports were tabled to the Audit Committee and the Board for approval quarterly. Adequate presentation and explanation were furnished to the Board prior to its approval.</p> <p>Enterprise risk scorecards for the three major divisions, i.e., optical retail, optical franchise and food & beverage were tabled to the Audit Committee and the Board for deliberation on semi-annual basis.</p> <p>The Board Charter and the respective committees' terms of reference are available for reference at the Company's website at www.focus-point.com.my.</p>	
Explanation for departure	: Not Applicable ("N/A")	
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Measure	: N/A	
Timeframe	: N/A	

Intended Outcome

Every company is headed by a board, which assumes responsibility for the company's leadership and is collectively responsible for meeting the objectives and goals of the company.

Practice 1.2

A Chairman of the board who is responsible for instilling good corporate governance practices, leadership and effectiveness of the board is appointed.

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>The Board is led by Dato' Sri Suriani binti Dato' Ahmad, the Non-Independent and Non-Executive Chairman who was appointed to the Board on 22 July 2022. The Chairman of the Board is primarily responsible for the orderly conduct and function of the Board and providing a balance to the influence of the President/Chief Executive Officer of the Company.</p> <p>The roles and responsibilities of the Chairman are clearly specified in the Board Charter, which include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Provides leadership for the Board so that the Board could perform its responsibilities effectively;- Leads the Board in the adoption and implementation of good corporate governance practice in the Group and setting its values and ethical standards of the Company and monitor the workings of the Board;- Chairing meetings of the Board and stimulating debates on issues and encouraging positive contributions from each Board member;- The Chairman should consult with the CEO and Company Secretary in setting agenda for Board Meetings and ensures all relevant issues for the effective running of the Company's business are on the agenda;- Leads strategic planning at the Board level, board meetings and discussions;- Maintain a relationship of trust with and between the Executive and Non-Executive Directors- Ensure provision of accurate, timely and clear information to Directors;- Ensure effective communication with shareholders and relevant stakeholders;- Arrange for regular evaluation of performance of Board Members, its Committees and individual Directors;- Facilitate effective contribution of Non-Executive Directors and ensure constructive discussions at board meetings;- In determining policies matters, the Chairman should ensure that the following are carried out:-<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. All directors are properly briefed on issues arising at Board meetings;ii. there is sufficient time allowed for discussion on complex or contentious issues and where appropriate, arranging for

	<p>informal meetings beforehand to enable thorough preparations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Chairman should allow every board resolution to be voted on and ensure the will of the majority prevails; - The Chairman shall cast his votes in accordance with prescribed Constitution of the Company; - In conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer, to represent the Company and/or Group to external groups such as major shareholders, creditors, consumer groups, and other stakeholders; - Ensure that all Board members, when taking up office, are fully briefed on the terms of their appointment, time commitment, duties and responsibilities, and the business of the Group; and - The Chairman shall act as liaison between the Board and the Management, and in particular between the Board and the Chief Executive Officer. 	
Explanation for departure	: N/A	
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Timeframe	: N/A	

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Practice 1.3

The positions of Chairman and CEO are held by different individuals.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The roles of the Chairman and the President/Chief Executive Officer of the Company are held by two different individuals to ensure that there is a balance of power and authority.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Board is Dato' Sri Suriani binti Dato' Ahmad and the President/Chief Executive Officer is Dato' Liaw Choon Liang.</p> <p>Their respective roles and responsibilities are stated in the Company's Board Charter. The Board Charter is available at the Company's website.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
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Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

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Practice 1.4

The Chairman of the board should not be a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee or Remuneration Committee

<i>Note: If the board Chairman is not a member of any of these specified committees, but the board allows the Chairman to participate in any or all of these committees' meetings, by way of invitation, then the status of this practice should be a 'Departure'.</i>	
Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: The Chairman of the Board, Dato' Sri Suriani binti Dato' Ahmad is not a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee of the Company. She also did not participate in any of the Board Committees' meetings.
Explanation for departure	: N/A
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Measure	: N/A
Timeframe	: N/A

Intended Outcome

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Practice 1.5

The board is supported by a suitably qualified and competent Company Secretary to provide sound governance advice, ensure adherence to rules and procedures, and advocate adoption of corporate governance best practices.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board is supported by two (2) qualified Chartered Secretaries who are members of The Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (MAICSA). They are also secretaries for all Board Committees.</p> <p>The Company Secretaries of the Company carried out, among others, the following tasks:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) advised the Board on its role and responsibilities, corporate disclosures and compliance with company and securities regulations and listing requirements.ii) attended Board and Board Committee meetings and ensure the Board meeting are properly convened and proceedings are properly recorded.iii) managed processes pertaining to the annual shareholder meeting.iv) maintained statutory record that includes minutes of Board and Board Committees.v) monitored corporate governance developments and facilitated the Board in applying governance practices to meet the board's needs and stakeholders' expectations.vi) facilitated the provision of information as may be requested by the Directors from time to time.vii) served as a focal point for stakeholders' communication and engagement on corporate governance issues. <p>The Company Secretaries keep themselves abreast with the developments around listing and related statutory obligations and corporate governance practices by undertaking continuous professional development.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
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Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

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Practice 1.6

Directors receive meeting materials, which are complete and accurate within a reasonable period prior to the meeting. Upon conclusion of the meeting, the minutes are circulated in a timely manner.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>Proper notice of meetings together with the agenda and meeting materials are circulated to the Directors timely to allow sufficient time for Directors to view the Board papers and be prepared for the meetings.</p> <p>Minutes of Directors' meeting are distributed to all Directors on a timely basis for review and comment, and thereafter for confirmation at next board meeting. The signed board minutes are entered in minutes books kept by the company secretaries.</p> <p>To facilitate the respective Directors' schedule planning, meeting calendar is prepared and circulated to the Board in advance of every new year. The meeting calendar comprises scheduled dates for Board and Board Committees meetings, closed period reminders as well as the targeted dates for the announcements of the Company's quarterly results. Management will ensure that appropriate actions had been taken to resolve the follow up items and update the Board and Board Committees in the respective meetings accordingly.</p> <p>Upon the conclusion of the respective Board and Board Committees' meetings, the Company Secretaries would document the deliberations and decisions made at the meetings into the minutes including matters where Directors abstained from voting or deliberation.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
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Measure	:	N/A

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Intended Outcome

There is demarcation of responsibilities between the board, board committees and management.

There is clarity in the authority of the board, its committees and individual directors.

Practice 2.1

The board has a board charter which is periodically reviewed and published on the company's website. The board charter clearly identifies–

- the respective roles and responsibilities of the board, board committees, individual directors and management; and
- issues and decisions reserved for the board.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Company's Board Charter clearly identifies the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board as well as the individual directors including Chairman, President/Chief Executive Officer, Non-Executive Directors, Independent Non-Executive Directors, Senior Independent Non-Executive Director and Senior Management. It also clearly identifies the following matters:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Guidelines for Board membershipii) Board Process and Supply of Informationiii) Board Committeesiv) Management of Risksv) General Meetingsvi) Investor Relation and Effective Communicationvii) Relationship with other Stakeholdersviii) Application of the Charter <p>The Board regularly reviews the Board Charter, where necessary, to ensure the Board Charter remains consistent with the Board's objectives as well as responsibilities, and relevant standards of corporate governance. The Board Charter is available on the Company's website.</p> <p>The Board Charter was reviewed and approved by the Board on 14 April 2023.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
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Measure	:	N/A

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Intended Outcome

The board is committed to promoting good business conduct and maintaining a healthy corporate culture that engenders integrity, transparency and fairness.

The board, management, employees and other stakeholders are clear on what is considered acceptable behaviour and practice in the company.

Practice 3.1

The board establishes a Code of Conduct and Ethics for the company, and together with management implements its policies and procedures, which include managing conflicts of interest, preventing the abuse of power, corruption, insider trading and money laundering.

The Code of Conduct and Ethics is published on the company's website.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Company's Code of Conduct and Ethics for Directors and Senior Management include the following principles:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Corporate Governance- Relationship with Shareholders, Employees, Creditors and Customers- Social Responsibilities and the Environment- Disclosures and Reporting- Compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations- Insider Trading- Maintaining Confidentiality- Bribery and Corruption <p>A copy of the Code of Conduct and Ethics for Directors and Senior Management is available on the Company's website.</p> <p>The Code of Conduct and Ethics for Directors and Senior Management was last reviewed by the Board on 14 April 2023.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
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Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

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The board, management, employees and other stakeholders are clear on what is considered acceptable behaviour and practice in the company.

Practice 3.2

The board establishes, reviews and together with management implements policies and procedures on whistleblowing.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board has established and adopted a Whistleblowing Policy to provide an avenue for raising concerns relating to possible improprieties in matters of financial reporting, compliance and other malpractices at the earliest opportunity, in an appropriate manner and without fear of retaliation.</p> <p>The Whistleblowing Committee which comprises the Audit Committee Chairman, an Independent Non-Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer was established to oversee the implementation of the whistleblowing policy and its related matter.</p> <p>The Whistleblowing Policy is available on the Company's website and was last reviewed by the Board on 14 April 2023.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
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Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.1

The board together with management takes responsibility for the governance of sustainability in the company including setting the company's sustainability strategies, priorities and targets.

The board takes into account sustainability considerations when exercising its duties including among others the development and implementation of company strategies, business plans, major plans of action and risk management.

Strategic management of material sustainability matters should be driven by senior management.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board acknowledged the importance of sustainability considerations in the Company's business strategies to achieve continuing growth and profitability.</p> <p>The Board assumes the overall responsibility for sustainability strategy and performance of Focus Point.</p> <p>During the year, a Sustainability Committee ("SC") was established to support the Board on sustainability matters. The SC is chaired by the Senior Independent Non-Executive Director, with the other members being the President/ Chief Executive Officer and an Independent Non-Executive Director. The majority of the members of the SC are Independent Directors.</p> <p>The Board and SC is supported by the President/Chief Executive Officer and Head of Departments to oversee the effective implementation of the sustainability strategy.</p> <p>Currently, the Board is in the midst of finalising a formalised Sustainability Framework which is targeted to be completed in financial year ending 2024.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
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Measure	:	N/A

Timeframe	:	N/A	
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Intended Outcome

The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.2

The board ensures that the company's sustainability strategies, priorities and targets as well as performance against these targets are communicated to its internal and external stakeholders.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board communicated the Company's sustainability strategies, priorities, targets and performance with its internal and external stakeholders through formal and informal channels and activities. Details on the Group's sustainability initiatives are disclosed in the Sustainability Report which forms part of the Annual Report 2023.	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
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Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.3

The board takes appropriate action to ensure they stay abreast with and understand the sustainability issues relevant to the company and its business, including climate-related risks and opportunities.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board will assess training programmes for each member of the Board to ensure that the Directors will continue to attend external and internal training to enhance their knowledge and understanding of sustainability issues relevant to the Company and its business.</p> <p>During the financial year ended 2023, the Board and Senior Management has attended to trainings relating to sustainability conducted by sustainability practitioner.</p> <p>Details of trainings related to sustainability is disclosed in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement which forms part of the Annual Report 2023.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
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Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.4

Performance evaluations of the board and senior management include a review of the performance of the board and senior management in addressing the company's material sustainability risks and opportunities.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The performance of the Board which includes a revised evaluation form in relation to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) for financial year ended 31 December 2023 was evaluated through the annual Board's Performance Evaluation. For the performance evaluation of Senior Management, a set of Key Performance Indicator in addressing the Company's material sustainability risks and opportunities was finalised in year 2022 and implemented during the appraisal for year 2023.	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
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Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.5- Step Up

The board identifies a designated person within management, to provide dedicated focus to manage sustainability strategically, including the integration of sustainability considerations in the operations of the company.

Note: The explanation on adoption of this practice should include a brief description of the responsibilities of the designated person and actions or measures undertaken pursuant to the role in the financial year.

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.1

The Nomination Committee should ensure that the composition of the board is refreshed periodically. The tenure of each director should be reviewed by the Nomination Committee and annual re-election of a director should be contingent on satisfactory evaluation of the director's performance and contribution to the board.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Nomination Committee ("NC") continues to discharge their functions and ensures that the board composition and tenure of each director is reviewed periodically. The NC also ensures that the re-election of directors is carried out annually and evaluation of the directors are done objectively. The NC conducted the fit and proper assessment, along with the annual review of its composition and assessed the suitability of the candidates for re-election of Directors by shareholders pursuant to the Company's Constitution. In evaluating the Directors, the NC take into consideration of the Director's expertise, skills, knowledge, tenure and experience with those of other board members, fit and proper criteria, as well as their roles as committee members.</p> <p>The re-election of a Director is contingent on satisfactory evaluation of the Director's performance and contribution to the Board as well as the receipt of the fit and proper declarations in accordance with the Directors' Fit and Proper Policy from the retiring Directors.</p> <p>During the financial year ended 2023, the following Directors were subject to retirement pursuant to the Constitution of the Company at the 14th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Company held on 25 May 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Datin Sim Swee Yoke(b) Dato' Liaw Choon Liang(c) Dato' Sri Suriani binti Dato' Ahmad <p>The NC in reviewing the performance and the fit and proper declaration of the retiring Directors, was of the view that the retiring Directors had discharged their duties effectively and had provided valuable contribution to the leadership of the Group. With that, upon the recommendation of the NC, the Board resolved to</p>

	recommend the re-election of all of them at the 14th AGM of the Company.	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
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Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.2

At least half of the board comprises independent directors. For Large Companies, the board comprises a majority independent directors.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>As at 31 December 2023, the Board comprises six (6) Directors, three (3) of whom are Independent Directors, which represents that 50% of the Board members are Independent Directors. The Independent Directors of the Company are:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Datin Sim Swee Yoke2) Dr Haliza binti Abdul Mutalib3) Mr Lee Tuan Meng <p>All the Independent Non-Executive Directors met the criteria for independence as prescribed under Paragraph 1.01 and Practice Note 13 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.</p> <p>The Board has, through the Nomination Committee, assessed the Board's composition and the independence of the Independent Non-Executive Directors on an annual basis to ensure that they are independent and free from any dealings or relationships which could materially interfere with their independent judgement or the ability to act in the best interests of the Company.</p> <p>The composition and size of the Board are also reviewed through the Nomination Committee annually to ensure its appropriateness and effectiveness.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
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Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.3

The tenure of an independent director does not exceed a cumulative term limit of nine years. Upon completion of the nine years, an independent director may continue to serve on the board as a non-independent director.

If the board intends to retain an independent director beyond nine years, it should provide justification and seek annual shareholders' approval through a two-tier voting process.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Pursuant to the Board Charter of the Company, the tenure of the Company's Independent Non-Executive Directors shall not exceed a cumulative term limit of nine years. Upon completion of the nine years, an Independent Non-Executive Directors may continue to serve on the Board as a Non-Independent Director. If the Board intends to retain an Independent Director beyond nine years, the Board should provide justification and seek annual shareholders' approval through a two-tier voting process. During the financial year 2023, none of the Independent Directors had served the Board for a cumulative nine (9) years.	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
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Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.4 - Step Up

The board has a policy which limits the tenure of its independent directors to nine years without further extension.

Note: To qualify for adoption of this Step Up practice, a listed issuer must have a formal policy which limits the tenure of an independent director to nine years without further extension i.e. shareholders' approval to retain the director as an independent director beyond nine years.

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.5

Appointment of board and senior management are based on objective criteria, merit and with due regard for diversity in skills, experience, age, cultural background and gender.

Directors appointed should be able to devote the required time to serve the board effectively. The board should consider the existing board positions held by a director, including on boards of non-listed companies. Any appointment that may cast doubt on the integrity and governance of the company should be avoided.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board, assisted by the Nomination Committee (“NC”), considers the following aspects and processes for Board nomination and election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Identification of candidate;ii) Evaluation of suitability of candidate;iii) Meeting up with candidate;iv) Final deliberation by NC; andv) Recommendation to the Board. <p>In making its recommendations, the NC will consider the following requirements of the candidates:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Skills knowledge, expertise and experience;ii) Age and gender;iii) Professionalism;iv) Integrity;v) In the case of candidates for the position of Independent Non-Executive Director, the Committee should also evaluate the candidate’s ability to discharge such responsibilities/functions as expected from independent Non-Executive Directors;vi) Time commitment; andvii) Fit and proper criteria. <p>Upon identifying the appropriate candidate to be appointed as Director, the NC will make their recommendations to the Board for approval.</p> <p>The Company had adopted the Directors’ Fit and Proper Policy and a copy of the said policy is available on Company’s website.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A

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Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.6

In identifying candidates for appointment of directors, the board does not solely rely on recommendations from existing board members, management or major shareholders. The board utilises independent sources to identify suitably qualified candidates.

If the selection of candidates was based on recommendations made by existing directors, management or major shareholders, the Nominating Committee should explain why these source(s) suffice and other sources were not used.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board is open to various sources to identify suitable candidates for the Boardroom and senior management team and does not rely solely on the recommendations from the existing Board members, management or major shareholders.</p> <p>Upon the review of the profile and qualification of the candidate(s) by the Nomination Committee, the shortlisted candidate(s) would be interviewed by the Chairman of the Nomination Committee, who takes the lead to assess the suitability and ability to discharge the duties and responsibilities as a Director and conduct background checks before recommending the new appointment to the Board for approval.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
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Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.7

The board should ensure shareholders have the information they require to make an informed decision on the appointment and reappointment of a director. This includes details of any interest, position or relationship that might influence, or reasonably be perceived to influence, in a material respect their capacity to bring an independent judgement to bear on issues before the board and to act in the best interests of the listed company as a whole. The board should also provide a statement as to whether it supports the appointment or reappointment of the candidate and the reasons why.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>In order for the shareholders to make an informed decision on the re-election of the retiring Directors at the 14th AGM of the Company held on 25 May 2023, the Board has provided a statement to support the re-election of the Directors and justifications in the Company's Notice of 14th AGM issued on 26 April 2023.</p> <p>The re-election of each Director is put for voting under separate resolutions during the 14th AGM of the Company and the following retiring Directors have been re-elected as Directors pursuant to Clause 78 of the Constitution of the Company:</p> <p>(a) Datin Sim Swee Yoke</p> <p>(b) Dato' Liaw Choon Liang</p> <p>(c) Dato' Sri Suriani binti Dato' Ahmad</p> <p>In addition, the Nomination Committee also carried out assessment on the independence of Independent Directors and is satisfied that they met the criteria of independence as prescribed by paragraph 1.01 of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
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Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.8

The Nominating Committee is chaired by an Independent Director or the Senior Independent Director.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Nomination Committee is chaired by Dr Haliza binti Abdul Mutalib, an Independent Non-Executive Director.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Nomination Committee leads the annual review of Board effectiveness to ensure that the performance of each individual director is independently assessed.</p> <p>Her profile is disclosed in the Profile of Directors section of the Annual Report 2023.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<p><i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i></p>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.9

The board comprises at least 30% women directors.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	As at 31 December 2023, the Board comprises of 6 Directors, out of whom 4 are women Directors, which represents that 67% of the Board comprise of women Directors.	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.10

The board discloses in its annual report the company's policy on gender diversity for the board and senior management.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board currently has six (6) Board members, out of whom four (4) are women Directors, which represented 67% of the Board.</p> <p>The Group's approach on gender diversity is disclosed in the Sustainability Statement which forms part of the Annual Report 2023</p> <p>The Board last reviewed the Board Diversity Policy on 22 February 2022, a copy of which is available on Company's website.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

Stakeholders are able to form an opinion on the overall effectiveness of the board and individual directors.

Practice 6.1

The board should undertake a formal and objective annual evaluation to determine the effectiveness of the board, its committees and each individual director. The board should disclose how the assessment was carried out its outcome, actions taken and how it has or will influence board composition.

For Large Companies, the board engages an independent expert at least every three years, to facilitate objective and candid board evaluation.

<i>Note: For a Large Company to qualify for adoption of this practice, it must undertake annual board evaluation and engage an independent expert at least every three years to facilitate the evaluation.</i>	
Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: <p>The Nomination Committee has been performing annual assessment on individual director, the Board as a whole and all Board Committees, through self-assessment and peer review assessment.</p> <p>The Directors have completed the evaluation documents that includes the assessment of the Board and Board Committees' performance, assessment of individual Directors (self and peer evaluation) and assessment of the independence of independent Directors. The Directors have also provided their comments and recommendation on the Board's improvements. A summary of the evaluation was then prepared and tabled to the Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee reviews the summary, assesses and make relevant recommendations to the Board for further discussion.</p> <p>The Board members know each other well to give an effective and honest assessment. The assessment result thus far has been objective and reasonable.</p>
Explanation for departure	: N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>	
Measure	: N/A

Timeframe	:	N/A	
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Intended Outcome

The level and composition of remuneration of directors and senior management take into account the company's desire to attract and retain the right talent in the board and senior management to drive the company's long-term objectives.

Remuneration policies and decisions are made through a transparent and independent process.

Practice 7.1

The board has remuneration policies and procedures to determine the remuneration of directors and senior management, which takes into account the demands, complexities and performance of the company as well as skills and experience required. The remuneration policies and practices should appropriately reflect the different roles and responsibilities of non-executive directors, executive directors and senior management. The policies and procedures are periodically reviewed and made available on the company's website.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Group has adopted a remuneration policy to attract and retain the suitable calibre of directors and senior management.</p> <p>The Remuneration Committee is responsible to review the remuneration policy and will take into consideration the financial performance of the Group, which is closely related to the performance of the executive directors in particular before any recommendation is made to revise their remuneration.</p> <p>The Directors will abstain from deliberating their own remuneration during the meetings.</p> <p>The Board last reviewed and adopted the Remuneration Policy for Directors and Senior Management on 22 November 2022. A copy of the Remuneration Policy for Directors and Senior Management is available on Company's website.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

The level and composition of remuneration of directors and senior management take into account the company's desire to attract and retain the right talent in the board and senior management to drive the company's long-term objectives.

Remuneration policies and decisions are made through a transparent and independent process.

Practice 7.2

The board has a Remuneration Committee to implement its policies and procedures on remuneration including reviewing and recommending matters relating to the remuneration of board and senior management.

The Committee has written Terms of Reference which deals with its authority and duties and these Terms are disclosed on the company's website.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board has established Remuneration Committee ("RC") to review and recommend matters relating to the remuneration of Board and Senior Management. As at 31 December 2023, the RC comprises exclusively of the Independent Non-Executive Directors as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Datin Sim Swee Yoke – Chairman/Senior Independent Non-Executive Directorii) Lee Tuan Meng – Member/Independent Non-Executive Chairmaniii) Dr Haliza binti Abdul Mutalib – Member/ Independent Non-Executive Director <p>The RC supports the Board in actively overseeing the design and operation of the Company's remuneration system as well as review and recommend to the Board on the total individual remuneration package for Executive Directors and senior management personnel.</p> <p>The RC also ensures that the remuneration of Non-Executive Directors remain appropriate to reflect the level of experience, commitment and responsibilities undertaken by the respective Directors.</p> <p>The respective Directors shall play no part in decisions of their own remuneration. The Directors, who are shareholders, should abstain from voting at general meetings to approve their fees.</p> <p>The RC's roles and functions are governed under its Terms of Reference ("TOR"). The TOR of the RC is reviewed and updated as and when necessary. A copy of the TOR of the RC is available on the Company's website.</p>

Explanation for departure	: N/A	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	: N/A	
Timeframe	: N/A	

Intended Outcome

Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 8.1

There is detailed disclosure on named basis for the remuneration of individual directors. The remuneration breakdown of individual directors includes fees, salary, bonus, benefits in-kind and other emoluments.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Detailed disclosure on named basis for the remuneration of individual director is disclosed in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement which forms part of the Annual Report 2023. The details of the Directors' remuneration for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 for each individual Director with the breakdown into fees, allowances, salaries and bonus, benefits-in-kind and other emoluments are set out in the table below.

No	Name	Directorate	Company ('000)							Group ('000)						
			Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in-kind	Other emoluments	Total	Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in-kind	Other emoluments	Total
1	Dato' Liaw Choon Liang	Executive Director	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	1,836,000	609,000	206,645	421,200	3,072,845
2	Datin Goh Poi Eong	Executive Director	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	456,000	152,000	27,755	97,280	733,035
3	Dato' Sri Suriani binti Dato' Ahmad	Independent Director	48,000	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	750	48,750	48,000	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	750	48,750	
4	Datin Sim Swee Yoke	Independent Director	48,000	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	4,569	1,500	54,069	48,000	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	4,569	1,500	54,069
5	Dr. Haliza binti Abdul Mutalib	Independent Director	48,000	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	599	1,250	49,849	48,000	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	599	1,250	49,849
6	Lee Tuan Meng	Independent Director	48,000	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	2,915	1,250	52,165	48,000	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	2,915	1,250	52,165

Intended Outcome

Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 8.2

The board discloses on a named basis the top five senior management's remuneration component including salary, bonus, benefits in-kind and other emoluments in bands of RM50,000.

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	The Board feels that by disclosing such details would perturb internal salary equity and may also attract unnecessary head-hunting activities from competitors, which will ultimately have an impact on the Group's operations.	
		Nonetheless, the employees' benefits of the Group and the Company were disclosed in totality in Note 33 of the Financial Statements which is included in the Company's Annual Report 2023.	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

No	Name	Position	Company					
			Salary	Allowance	Bonus	Benefits	Other emoluments	Total
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3	Input info here	Input info here	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
4	Input info here	Input info here	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
5	Input info here	Input info here	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.

Intended Outcome

Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 8.3 - Step Up

Companies are encouraged to fully disclose the detailed remuneration of each member of senior management on a named basis.

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	N/A

No	Name	Position	Company ('000)					
			Salary	Allowance	Bonus	Benefits	Other emoluments	Total
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Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

The board is able to objectively review the Audit Committee’s findings and recommendations. The company’s financial statement is a reliable source of information.

Practice 9.1

The Chairman of the Audit Committee is not the Chairman of the board.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Chairman of the Audit Committee, Mr Lee Tuan Meng, is not the Chairman of the Board, so as not to impair the objective of the Board’s view of the Audit Committees’ findings and recommendations.</p> <p>Details of the composition and activities of the Audit Committee are set out in the Audit Committee Report which forms part of the Company’s Annual Report 2023.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

The board is able to objectively review the Audit Committee's findings and recommendations. The company's financial statement is a reliable source of information.

Practice 9.2

The Audit Committee has a policy that requires a former partner of the external audit firm of the listed company to observe a cooling-off period of at least three years before being appointed as a member of the Audit Committee.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>As of to-date, none of the Audit Committee members is a former key audit partner of the Company's external auditor.</p> <p>The policy on observation of a cooling-off period of at least 3 years for a former audit partner of the external auditors' firm prior to the appointment as a member of Audit Committee, was incorporated in the Terms of Reference of Audit Committee as the Audit Committee recognise the importance to uphold independence.</p> <p>A copy of the Terms of Reference of Audit Committee is available on the Company's website.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<p><i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i></p>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

The board is able to objectively review the Audit Committee's findings and recommendations. The company's financial statement is a reliable source of information.

Practice 9.3

The Audit Committee has policies and procedures to assess the suitability, objectivity and independence of the external auditor to safeguard the quality and reliability of audited financial statements.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Audit Committee ("AC") assessed the suitability and independence of the External Auditors through a series of procedures annually based on the following criteria:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Staff Strengthii) Manpoweriii) Expertiseiv) Cost Effectiveness <p>During the financial year 2023, the AC met with the External Auditors twice without the presence of the Executive Directors and Management to discuss their audit findings in relation to the Group's financial statements and any other observations they might have during the audit process.</p> <p>The AC would obtain the assurance from the External Auditors confirming that they are, and have been, independent throughout the conduct of the audit engagement in accordance with the terms of all relevant professional and regulatory requirements. The AC was satisfied with External Auditors' technical expertise, independence, competency and reasonable fee. For the financial year 2023, there is no non-audit service rendered by the External Auditor. As such, the AC ensures that the independence and objectivity of the External Auditors are not compromised.</p> <p>The Board had on 14 April 2023 through the AC assessed the suitability and independence of the External Auditor and based on the outcome of the annual assessment of the External Auditors, the AC recommended the re-appointment of External Auditors for the financial year 2023 to the shareholders for approval at the 14th Annual General Meeting held on 25 May 2023.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		

Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

The board is able to objectively review the Audit Committee's findings and recommendations. The company's financial statement is a reliable source of information.

Practice 9.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The Audit Committee comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

The board is able to objectively review the Audit Committee's findings and recommendations. The company's financial statement is a reliable source of information.

Practice 9.5

Collectively, the Audit Committee should possess a wide range of necessary skills to discharge its duties. All members should be financially literate, competent and are able to understand matters under the purview of the Audit Committee including the financial reporting process.

All members of the Audit Committee should undertake continuous professional development to keep themselves abreast of relevant developments in accounting and auditing standards, practices and rules.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Audit Committee comprises members from various background and expertise. Their profiles are disclosed in the Profile of Directors of the Company's Annual Report 2023.</p> <p>All the Audit Committee members are financially literate and attended relevant professional development courses to keep themselves updated with new developments in accounting and auditing standards, practices and rules.</p> <p>Details of the training programmes attended by each member of the Audit Committee were set out in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement of the Company's Annual Report 2023.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

The board is provided with reasonable assurance that adverse impact arising from a foreseeable future event or situation on the company's objectives is mitigated and managed.

Practice 10.1

The board should establish an effective risk management and internal control framework.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board has established the risk management and internal control framework. Risk Management Committee ("RMC") which comprises key management has been set up to oversee and ensure the effective implementation of the Enterprise-Wide Risk Management Framework.</p> <p>A structured process has been established to identify and assess risks. Chief Financial Officer, as risk facilitator, together with RMC are responsible for managing risks and implementing applicable action plans to mitigate risk. RMC meets once in every 6 months to deliberate on the findings and recommendations of risk assessments. A structured framework has also been in place to assess the effectiveness of internal control of the Group.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

The board is provided with reasonable assurance that adverse impact arising from a foreseeable future event or situation on the company's objectives is mitigated and managed.

Practice 10.2

The board should disclose the features of its risk management and internal control framework, and the adequacy and effectiveness of this framework.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The key features of risk management and internal controls are disclosed in the Statement of Risk Management and Internal Control ("SORMIC") included in the Company's Annual Report 2023. Assurance has been given by the President/ Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer with regards to the adequacy and effectiveness of risk management and internal controls of the Group.
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

The board is provided with reasonable assurance that adverse impact arising from a foreseeable future event or situation on the company's objectives is mitigated and managed.

Practice 10.3 - Step Up

The board establishes a Risk Management Committee, which comprises a majority of independent directors, to oversee the company's risk management framework and policies.

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

Companies have an effective governance, risk management and internal control framework and stakeholders are able to assess the effectiveness of such a framework.

Practice 11.1

The Audit Committee should ensure that the internal audit function is effective and able to function independently.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Company's internal audit function is outsourced to a professional external party, Tricor Axcelasia Sdn Bhd to assist the Audit Committee in discharging its duties and responsibilities. The role of the outsourced internal audit function is to provide independent and objective reports on the organisation's management, records, accounting policies and internal control to the Audit Committee. The outsourced Internal Auditors report directly to the Audit Committee .</p> <p>Internal audits include evaluation of processes where significant risks are identified, assessed and managed. Such audits also ensure that instituted controls are appropriate, effectively applied and achieve acceptable risk exposures consistent with the Company's risk management and internal control framework. The outsourced internal auditors would advise Management on areas for improvement and would subsequently carry out follow-up review on the status to which its recommendations have been implemented. The internal audit reports which contained the relevant audit findings and recommendations are submitted to the Audit Committee for deliberation. The Audit Committee meets with the internal auditors at least four times a year to review the internal audit function and to assure the soundness of internal control system of the Company.</p> <p>The Audit Committee would review on the adequacy of the scope, functions, competency and resources of the outsourced internal audit functions. The Audit Committee also review the internal audit plan of the Group with clear scope of audit and request the outsourced Internal Auditors to carry out the audits based on the audit plan.</p> <p>The Company has a policy and an assessment checklist for evaluating the outsourced Internal Auditors. The assessment of the Company's Internal Auditors was carried out by the Audit Committee on 23 November 2023.</p>
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Explanation for departure	N/A	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

Companies have an effective governance, risk management and internal control framework and stakeholders are able to assess the effectiveness of such a framework.

Practice 11.2

The board should disclose–

- whether internal audit personnel are free from any relationships or conflicts of interest, which could impair their objectivity and independence;
- the number of resources in the internal audit department;
- name and qualification of the person responsible for internal audit; and
- whether the internal audit function is carried out in accordance with a recognised framework.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>Tricor Axcelasia Sdn Bhd (“Tricor Axcelasia”) and its assigned personnel is free from any relationships or conflict of interest or undue influence of others to override professional and business judgment, which could impair its objectivity and independence. The independence of the internal audit function is derived from its direct reporting and unencumbered access to the Audit Committee.</p> <p>Tricor Axcelasia is headed by Mr. Chang Ming Chew, who is a Certified Internal Auditor and a Professional member of the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (UK).</p> <p>All internal audit personnel assigned by Tricor Axcelasia to perform internal audit assignments for the Company are required to make written declarations that they do not have any relationships or conflict of interest with the Company, which could impair their independence and objectivity. Based on these written declarations, nothing has come to the Company’s attention to indicate that the internal audit personnel assigned by Tricor Axcelasia had any relationships or conflicts of interest with the Company, which could impair their independence and objectivity for those internal audit assignments performed during the financial year ended 31 December 2023.</p> <p>Typically, Tricor Axcelasia will assign 2 to 4 personnel to conduct the internal audit fieldwork. The outsourced Internal Auditors performed its work in accordance with a recognised framework.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A

Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.

Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

There is continuous communication between the company and stakeholders to facilitate mutual understanding of each other's objectives and expectations.

Stakeholders are able to make informed decisions with respect to the business of the company, its policies on governance, the environment and social responsibility.

Practice 12.1

The board ensures there is effective, transparent and regular communication with its stakeholders.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board ensures the Company announces its quarterly results and other necessary announcements on a timely basis to the shareholders. This is important in ensuring equal and fair access to information is provided to public investors, in order for the investors to be able to make informed decisions.</p> <p>The Board also ensures stakeholders are given the opportunities to speak and seek clarification during the Company's Annual General Meeting for effective and transparent communication with its stakeholders.</p> <p>Investor relation activities such as meetings with substantial shareholders and potential shareholders are attended by the President/Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.</p> <p>The Company also maintains a corporate website at www.focus-point.com.my as an avenue for dissemination of corporate and financial disclosures. The shareholders and investors are encouraged to access the Company's corporate website to obtain the latest information, announcements and other corporate disclosures of the Company from time to time.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

There is continuous communication between the company and stakeholders to facilitate mutual understanding of each other's objectives and expectations.

Stakeholders are able to make informed decisions with respect to the business of the company, its policies on governance, the environment and social responsibility.

Practice 12.2

Large companies are encouraged to adopt integrated reporting based on a globally recognised framework.

Application	:	Not applicable – Not a Large Company	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	N/A	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.1

Notice for an Annual General Meeting should be given to the shareholders at least 28 days prior to the meeting.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Company despatched the Notice of 14th Annual General Meeting together with a copy of the Annual Report to the shareholders on 26 April 2023, at least 28 days before the Annual General Meeting held on 25 May 2023, that complied with the 21 days' notice requirement under the Companies Act 2016. This would allow the shareholders to make the necessary arrangements to attend the Annual General Meeting in person or through the appointment of corporate representatives, proxies or attorneys.</p> <p>The Notice of 14th Annual General Meeting included the resolutions to be tabled during the said meeting and was accompanied with the explanatory notes and background information where applicable. This was to allow the shareholders to make informed decisions in exercising their voting rights during the Annual General Meeting.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.2

All directors attend General Meetings. The Chair of the Audit, Nominating, Risk Management and other committees provide meaningful response to questions addressed to them.

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	Due to some unavoidable circumstances, the Chairman was unable to attend the Company's 14th Annual General Meeting. All the other Directors attended the Company's 14th Annual General Meeting held on 25 May 2023. The Chairman of the Audit, Nomination and Remuneration Committees were present to provide response to any questions addressed to them.	
		An Extraordinary General Meeting that was held on 4 April 2023 was attended by all Directors.	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.3

Listed companies should leverage technology to facilitate–

- voting including voting in absentia; and
- remote shareholders' participation at general meetings.

Listed companies should also take the necessary steps to ensure good cyber hygiene practices are in place including data privacy and security to prevent cyber threats.

Application	:	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:	
Explanation for departure	:	The Company's 14 th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") and Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") were conducted at physical locations on 25 May 2023 and 4 April 2023 respectively and there were no facilitation for remote shareholders' participation at the general meetings.
		The Company ensured that the locations of the general meetings were at the venues that were easily accessible by the shareholders and their proxies to enable the shareholders' participation at general meeting.
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.4

The Chairman of the board should ensure that general meetings support meaningful engagement between the board, senior management and shareholders. The engagement should be interactive and include robust discussion on among others the company's financial and non-financial performance as well as the company's long-term strategies. Shareholders should also be provided with sufficient opportunity to pose questions during the general meeting and all the questions should receive a meaningful response.

<i>Note: The explanation of adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures undertaken to ensure the general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficient opportunity to pose questions and the questions are responded to.</i>	
Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: The Directors, President/Chief Executive Officer and senior management were present to provide response to any questions addressed to them during the 14 th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") and Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM"). Shareholders and proxies were given sufficient opportunity and time to pose their questions during the AGM. All questions and answers raised during the 14 th AGM together with the Minutes of said AGM were published on the Company's website within 30 business days of the AGM.
Explanation for departure	: N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>	
Measure	: N/A
Timeframe	: N/A

Intended Outcome

Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.5

The board must ensure that the conduct of a virtual general meeting (fully virtual or hybrid) support meaningful engagement between the board, senior management and shareholders. This includes having in place the required infrastructure and tools to support among others, a smooth broadcast of the general meeting and interactive participation by shareholders. Questions posed by shareholders should be made visible to all meeting participants during the meeting itself.

<i>Note: The explanation of adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures undertaken to ensure the general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficient opportunity to pose questions and the questions are responded to. Further, a listed issuer should also provide brief reasons on the choice of the meeting platform.</i>		
Application	:	Not applicable – only physical general meetings were conducted in the financial year
Explanation on application of the practice	:	N/A
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.6

Minutes of the general meeting should be circulated to shareholders no later than 30 business days after the general meeting.

<i>Note: The publication of Key Matters Discussed is not a substitute for the circulation of minutes of general meeting.</i>	
Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: The minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) of the Company was uploaded and made available to shareholders on the Company’s website within 30 days after the AGM.
Explanation for departure	: N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>	
Measure	: N/A
Timeframe	: N/A

**SECTION B – DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES PURSUANT
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA**

Disclosures in this section are pursuant to Appendix 4 (Corporate Governance Disclosures) of the Corporate Governance Guidelines issued by Bank Negara Malaysia. This section is only applicable for financial institutions or any other institutions that are listed on the Exchange that are required to comply with the above Guidelines.

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