

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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OUTLINE:

SECTION A – DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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

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

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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 the performance and affairs of the Company by overseeing the Group's strategies, policies and performance. The Board sets the strategies direction ensuring that the necessary resources are in place for the Company to meets its objectives and review management performance.</p> <p>It is the Board's responsibilities to ensure that the Company's strategies are aligned to the interests of our shareholders and other stakeholders. The Board provides leadership within a framework of prudent and effective controls which enable risk to be appropriately assessed and managed. The Board delegates the implementation of its strategies to the Company's management. However, the Board remains ultimately responsible for corporate governance and the affairs of the Company. While at all times the Board retains full responsibility for guiding and monitoring the Company, in discharging its responsibilities.</p> <p>In discharging its fiduciary duties, certain functions have been delegated by the Board to the Board Committees namely, Audit Committee, Nomination Committee, Remuneration Committee, Risk Management Committee.</p>
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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 1.2

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 appoints a Chairman from amongst the Directors, who is responsible for instilling good corporate governance practices, leadership and effectiveness of the Board. Dato' Ir Lim Siang Chai is the Chairman of the Board. His key responsibilities include but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• providing leadership for the board so that the board can perform its responsibilities effectively;• through the Chief Executive Officer and the Company Secretary, set the board agenda and ensuring that board members receive complete and accurate information in a timely manner;• leading board meetings and discussions;• encouraging active participation and allowing dissenting views to be freely expressed;• managing the interface between board and management;• ensuring appropriate steps are taken to provide effective communication with stakeholders and that their views are communicated to the board as a whole; and• leading the board in establishing and monitoring good corporate governance practices in the company.
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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 1.3

The positions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") are held by different individuals.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The positions of Chairman and CEO are held by two different individuals. The Chairman of the Board, Dato' Ir Lim Siang Chai is responsible for running the Board to achieve its objectives and lead the discussion at the Board level to encourage a healthy level of deliberation whereas the CEO, Mr Yeoh Siok Chen is responsible for managing the Company and the Group as well as the implementation of the Board's policies and decisions.</p> <p>There is a clear division of responsibilities between the Chairman and the CEO to ensure that there is a balance of power and authority. The roles and responsibilities of the Chairman and CEO are distinct and separate, in accordance with the relevant best practice.</p>
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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 1.4

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) suitably qualified and competent Company Secretaries. Both Company Secretaries are qualified Chartered Secretaries under Section 235(2)(a) of the Companies Act, 2016. The Company Secretaries are external Company Secretaries from Boardroom.com Sdn. Bhd with vast knowledge and experience from being in public practice and is supported by a dedicated team of company secretarial personnel.</p> <p>The Company Secretaries support the Board and the relevant Board Committees to ensure their effective functioning in accordance with their terms of reference and best practices, and in managing the corporate governance framework of the Company. The Company Secretaries also advise the Directors on their fiduciary and statutory duties, as well as compliances with company law, the ACE Market Listing Requirements, the Company's Constitution, the MCCG 2017, Board adopted policies, and other pertinent regulations governing the Company, including guiding the Board towards the necessary compliances.</p>
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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 1.5

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>The Board recognised the importance of the information supply in promoting informed Board discussions and deliberations. The Chairman, together with management and Company Secretaries, are responsible for ensuring that the Board receive adequate and timely information prior to Board and Board Committee meetings.</p> <p>Unless otherwise agreed, notice of each meeting confirming the venue, time, date and agenda of the meeting together with relevant Board papers are forwarded to each director no later than seven (7) days before the date of the meeting. This is to ensure that Board papers comprising of due notice of issues to be discussed and supporting information and documentations are provided to the Board sufficiently in advance. Furthermore, Directors are given sufficient time to read the Board papers and to seek clarification or further explanation from the management and Company Secretaries. The deliberations of the Board in terms of the issues discussed during the meetings and the Board's conclusions in discharging its duties and responsibilities are recorded in the minutes of meetings by the Company Secretaries.</p> <p>The Board has access to all information within the Company to enable them to discharge their duties and responsibilities. The Board is supplied in a timely basis with information and reports on financial, regulatory and audit matters by way of Board papers for informed decision making and meaningful discharge of its duties.</p> <p>The Board is satisfied with the performance and support rendered by the Company Secretaries to the Board in the discharge of its function and duties.</p>
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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	:	The Board Charter sets out the composition and balance, roles and responsibilities, operation and processes of the Board and is to ensure that all Board members acting on behalf of the Company are aware of their duties and responsibilities as Board members. The Board Charter is reviewed periodically as and when the need arises to ensure that the dynamic needs of the Group are consistently met. A copy of the Board Charter is available for reference at the Company's website at http://www.aim-net.com.my .	
Explanation for departure	:		
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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 Board is committed in maintaining a corporate culture which engenders ethical conduct. The Board has formalised the Code of Conducts and Ethics which summarises what the Company must endeavour to do proactively in order to increase corporate value, and which describes the areas in daily activities that require caution in order to minimise any risks that may occur. The Code of Conduct and Ethics provides guidance for Directors regarding ethical and behavioural considerations and/or actions as they address their duties and obligations during the appointment.</p> <p>The Board had adopted a Code of Conduct and Ethics in order to maintain the highest level of integrity and ethical conduct of the Board, management and employees of the Group and to provide guidance to ensure that upholding the ethical conduct in the Board and/or employees daily work. The details of the Code of Ethics and Conduct are available for reference at the Company's website at http://www.aim-net.com.my.</p>
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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 3.2

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

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	The Board always encourages employees and stakeholders to report any grievances and raise concerns about misconduct, wrongdoings, malpractices involving the Company. The Board is always mindful of the importance of having formal whistle blowing policies as a way to create the conditions necessary for the effective management of whistle blowing. As of the date of this report, the Board is in the midst of finalising the Whistle blowing Policy and Procedures to be incorporated with Anti-Bribery and Corruption Manual which governs the prevention of corruption and unethical practices within the Group.	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.1

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

Application	:	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:	
Explanation for departure	:	<p>For the financial year ended 31 December 2019, the Board comprises of six (6) members, which are one (1) Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman, two (2) Executive Directors, two (2) Independent Non-Executive Directors and one (1) Non-Independent Non-Executive Director.</p> <p>As of 5 March 2020, the Executive Director, Mr Roger Chin resigned as Director of the Company. Currently, the Board comprises of five (5) members which are one (1) Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman, one (1) Executive Director, two (2) Independent Non-Executive Directors and one (1) Non-Independent Non-Executive Director.</p> <p>Although less than half of the Board comprises of Independent Directors, the Board views the number of its Independent Non-Executive Directors as adequate to provide the necessary check and balance to the Board's decision-making process. Furthermore, the Non-Independent Chairman of the Board is not involved but provides a strong leadership necessary to marshal the Board's priorities objectively.</p> <p>The Board will review its composition and size from time to time.</p>
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Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.2

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 justify and seek annual shareholders' approval. If the board continues to retain the independent director after the twelfth year, the board should seek annual shareholders' approval through a two-tier voting process.

Application	:	Not applicable - No independent director(s) serving beyond 9 years	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	None of the Independent Directors has exceeded a cumulative term of nine (9) years in the Company as at 31 December 2019.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.3- Step Up

The board has a policy which limits the tenure of its independent directors to nine years.

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.4

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.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board acknowledges the importance of diversity in terms of skills, experience, age, gender, cultural background and ethnicity and recognises the benefits of diversity at leadership and employee level.</p> <p>Having a range of diversity dimensions brings different perspectives to the boardroom and to various levels of management within the Group.</p> <p>The Nomination Committee is responsible to lead the process for the nomination of new Board and senior management appointments and making the necessary recommendations. In assessing suitability of candidates, consideration will be based on the core competencies, commitment, contribution and performance of the candidates to ensure that there is a range of professional knowledge, skills, experience and diversity (including gender diversity), understanding of the business, the markets and the industry in which the Group operates and the accounting, finance and legal matters.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.5

The board discloses in its annual report the company’s policies on gender diversity, its targets and measures to meet those targets. For Large Companies, the board must have at least 30% women directors.

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	The Board recognises the importance of diversity in its composition in ensuring its effectiveness and good corporate governance although the Board has yet to establish any diversity policy. However, the Board will consider females onto the Board in due course to bring about a more diverse perspective.	
		On boardroom diversity, the Board will review the appropriate skills, experience and knowledge required of the Board members, in the context of the needs of the Group. The Board will review its composition and size from time to time to ensure its appropriateness. The Board will take steps towards formalising such policy, targets and measures to reflect the Company’s commitment towards gender diversity.	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.6

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.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	In determining the process for the identification of suitable new candidates, the Nomination Committee does not solely rely on recommendations from existing board members, management or major shareholders. The Board will ensure that an appropriate review or search is undertaken by an independent third party to ensure the requirement and qualification of the candidate nominated.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.7

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Azizullaili Bin Haji Jalaluddin, the Chairman of Nomination Committee is an independent Director.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.1

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 and its outcome.

For Large Companies, the board engages independent experts periodically to facilitate objective and candid board evaluations.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Nomination Committee is responsible to undertake the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, the various Committees and each individual Director's contribution to the effectiveness on the decision-making process of the Board.</p> <p>Annual assessment of Directors is based on a comprehensive assessment system, which commences with the completion of a set of comprehensive self-assessment form detailing all assessment criteria to be completed individually by all Directors. Criteria for the self-assessment includes self-ratings on the Director's knowledge, support of the mission and goals of the Company, time commitment, and active participation on the Board. During the financial year ended 31 December 2019, the completed forms were submitted to the Company Secretaries, who tabulated the results for tabling at the Nomination Committee and Board meetings.</p> <p>During the same meeting, the Nomination Committee had also discussed the contribution and performance of each individual Director and the performance of the Board and Board committees as a whole. Criteria for the assessment of the performance of the Board and Board committees covered composition, processes, accountability as well as the fulfilment of duties.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	
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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 6.1

The board has in place 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 policies and procedures are periodically reviewed and made available on the company's website.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Remuneration Committee is authorised by the Board to establish a formal and transparent procedure for developing policy on executive remuneration and for fixing the remuneration packages of individual Directors.</p> <p>The Board believes the remuneration policy fairly supports the Directors' responsibilities and fiduciary duties in steering the Group to achieve its long-term goals and enhance shareholders' value. The Board offers a competitive remuneration package in order to attract, develop and retain talented individuals to serve as directors.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 6.2

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 set up a Remuneration Committee which comprises a majority of Independent Non-Executive Directors in order to assist the Board in determining the Directors' remuneration.</p> <p>The Remuneration Committee's principal objective is to evaluate, deliberate and recommend to the Board a remuneration policy for Executive Directors that is fairly guided by market norms and industry practice. The Remuneration Committee also recommends the Executive Directors' remuneration and benefits based on their individual performances and that of the Group.</p> <p>The determination of the remuneration for Non-Executive Directors is a matter of the Board as a whole. The level of remuneration for Non-Executive Directors reflects the amount paid by other comparable organisations, adjusted for the experience and levels of responsibilities undertaken by the particular Non-Executive Directors concerned. The remuneration package of Non-Executive Directors will be a matter to be deliberated by the Board, with the Director concerned abstaining from deliberations and voting on deliberations in respect of his individual remuneration. In addition, the Company also reimburses reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by all the Non-Executive Directors in the course of their duties as Directors of the Company. The aggregate annual Directors' fees and other benefits payable are to be approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting based on recommendations of the Board.</p>
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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 7.1

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	:	The detailed disclosure on named basis for the remuneration of individual directors are set out in the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2019 and the Corporate Governance Overview Statement of the Annual Report 2019.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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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 7.2

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 is of the opinion that the disclosure of the Senior Management personnel names and the various remuneration components (salary, bonus, benefits in-kind, other emoluments) would not be in the best interest of the Group due to confidentiality and security reasons. The Board ensures that the remuneration of Senior Management commensurate with the performance of the Company, with due consideration to attracting, retaining and motivating Senior Management to lead and run the Company successfully. Excessive remuneration payouts are not made to Senior Management personnel in any instance.	
		The disclosure of the remuneration of the top five Senior Management of the Company is currently made on an aggregate basis and it allows stakeholders to make an appreciable link between remuneration of Senior Management and the Group.	
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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 7.3 - 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	:	

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 8.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board of Directors has established an Audit Committee which is chaired by the Independent Non-Executive Director, Lee Kean Teong. Meanwhile, the Chairman of the Board is Dato' Ir. Lim Siang Chai. As such, the Chairman of the Audit Committee is distinct from the Chairman of the Board. Having the positions of Board Chairman and Chairman of the Audit Committee assumed by different individuals allows the Board to objectively review the Audit Committee's findings and recommendations.	
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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 8.2

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Group recognises the importance of independence of its external auditors and that no possible conflict of interest whatsoever should arise.</p> <p>None of the Audit Committee members were former key audit partners of the Company’s external auditors. The Group will observe a cooling-off period of at least two (2) years in the event any potential candidate to be appointed as a member of the Audit Committee.</p>	
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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 8.3

The Audit Committee has policies and procedures to assess the suitability, objectivity and independence of the external auditor.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Company has established a transparent arrangement with the External Auditors to meet their professional requirements. From time to time, the External Auditors highlight to the Audit Committee and Board of Directors on matters that require the Board's attention.</p> <p>The Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing the audit, recurring audit-related and non-audit services provided by the External Auditors. The Audit Committee has been explicitly accorded the power to communicate directly with both the External Auditors and Internal Auditors. The terms of engagement for services provided by the External Auditors are reviewed by the Audit Committee prior to submission to the Board for approval. The effectiveness and performance of the External Auditors are reviewed annually by the Audit Committee.</p> <p>In assessing or determining the suitability and independence of the External Auditors, the Audit Committee has taken into consideration of the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) the adequacy of the experience and resources of the External Auditors;ii) the External Auditor's ability to meet deadlines in providing services and responding to issues in a timely manner as contemplated in the external audit plan;iii) the nature of the non-audit services provided by the External Auditors and fees paid for such services relative to the audit fee; andiv) whether there are safeguards in place to ensure that there is no threat to the objectivity and independence of the audit arising from the provision of non-audit services or tenure of the External Auditors. <p>The Audit Committee has considered and assessed the independence of the External Auditors during the year.</p>

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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 8.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application :	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice :	

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 8.5

Collectively, the Audit Committee should possess a wide range of necessary skills to discharge its duties. All members should be financially literate 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	:	All Audit Committee members are financially literate and are able to understand matters under the purview of the Audit Committee including financial reporting process. The qualification and experience of the individual Audit Committee members are disclosed in the Profile of Board of Directors in the Annual Report 2019. All members of the Audit Committee undertake continuous professional development to ensure that they are abreast of relevant developments in accounting and auditing standards, practices and rules. A summary of training programmes, conferences and seminars attended by Audit Committee members during the financial year under review is set out on page 19 of the Annual Report 2019.
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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 9.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board had established an effective risk management and internal control framework as set out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control.</p> <p>The Board acknowledges its responsibility and is committed in maintaining a sound system of internal control and risk management practice. However, such system can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatements or losses.</p> <p>The Audit Committee regularly evaluates the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's internal control systems by reviewing the actions taken on lapses/deficiencies identified in reports provided by both the internal and external auditors. The Audit Committee also reviews the internal and external auditors' recommendation and management responses to these recommendations to ensure that they are working adequately and promptly.</p> <p>The Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control which has been reviewed by the external auditors furnished on pages 29 to 31 in the Annual Report 2019 provides an overview of the state of risk management and internal control within the Group governed by the Risk Management Framework.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

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 9.2

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 details of the Group's risk management and internal control framework is elaborated in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control on pages 29 to 31 of the Annual Report 2019, which has been reviewed by the External Auditors.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

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 9.3 - 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 :	

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 10.1

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 internal audit function of the Company is effective and remains independent all the time. The internal audit function is set out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control and Audit Committee Report.</p> <p>Internal Auditors reports functionally to the Audit Committee and has unrestricted access to the Audit Committee. Its function is independent of the activities or operations of other operating units. Internal Auditors periodically evaluates the effectiveness of the risk management process, reviews the operating effectiveness of the internal controls system and compliance control within the Group. The Head of Internal Audit is invited to attend the Audit Committee meetings to facilitate the deliberation of audit reports. The minutes of the Audit Committee meetings are tabled to the Board for information and serves as a reference especially when there are pertinent points should any of the Board members wish to highlight or seek clarification.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

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 10.2

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>The Group has appointed an established external professional Internal Audit firm, which reports to the Audit Committee and assists the Audit Committee in reviewing the effectiveness of the internal control systems whilst ensuring that there is an appropriate balance of controls and risks throughout the Group in achieving its business objectives. The audit personnel are free from any relationships or conflicts of interest, which could impair the objectivity and independence.</p> <p>At present, there are 3 internal auditors within the external internal audit firm. The head of the internal audit firm updates the name and qualification of the internal audit personnel to the Audit Committee on quarterly basis to ensure competency of the internal audit function.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:		
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

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 11.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board recognises that shareholders and other stakeholders are entitled to be informed in a timely and readily accessible manner of all material information concerning the Company through a series of regular disclosure events during the financial year. Hence, the Company actively engages all its stakeholders through various platforms including the announcements via Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and the Company's website as the primary medium in providing information to all shareholders and stakeholders.
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

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 11.2

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

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	The Company is not a Large Company as defined by the MCCG 2017.	
		The Company will consider adopting integrated reporting if the Directors opined that benefits of the adoption outweigh the cost.	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 12.1

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 Board recognises the AGM as an invaluable platform for shareholders to engage both the Board and Senior Management in a productive dialogue and provide constructive feedback that contributes to the overall performance of the Group. The Board therefore endeavours to provide shareholders with adequate time to consider the resolutions that will be discussed and decided upon during the AGM and to facilitate informed decision-making by the shareholders.</p> <p>In this regard, the notice for the 16th Annual General Meeting was given 28 days prior to the Meeting.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:		
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 12.2

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	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>All Directors (except for Mr Mak Siew Wei) attended the Company's 15th AGM in year 2019 as he was absent due to not feeling well.</p> <p>The Chairman of Audit, Nomination, Risk Management and other committees as well as Senior Management and the Company's external auditors attended the AGM and are available to give response if there are any questions addressed to them.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 12.3

Listed companies with a large number of shareholders or which have meetings in remote locations should leverage technology to facilitate–

- including voting in absentia; and
- remote shareholders' participation at General Meetings.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Not applicable to the Company in view that the Company does not have a large number of shareholders, did not in the past held meetings in remote location and does not intend to have meetings in remote locations in the future.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

**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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