# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT**

STOCK CODE: 7315COMPANY NAME: AHB HOLDINGS BERHADFINANCIAL YEAR: September 30, 2022

## 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 PERSUANT 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
Application Explanation on application of the practice	:	<ul> <li>Applied</li> <li>The principal roles and responsibility assumed by the Board are as follows:</li> <li><u>Review and Adopt Strategic Plan of the Group</u></li> <li>The Board plays an active role in the development of the Group's overall corporate strategy, marketing plan and financial plan. The Board presented with the short and long-term strategy of the Group together with its proposed business plans for the forthcoming year. The Board also monitor budgetary exercise which supports the Group's business plan and budget plan.</li> <li><u>Implementation of Internal Compliance Controls and Justify Measure to Address Principle Risks</u></li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>The Board is fully alert of the responsibilities to maintain a proper internal control system. The Board's responsibilities for the Group's system of internal controls include financial condition of the business, operational, regulatory compliance as well as risk management matters.</li> <li>To Formulate Succession Planning</li> <li>The Board is responsible to formulate an appropriate succession planning and has entrusted the Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee with the duty of reviewing the appointment, training and determination of compensation for senior management of the Group, as well as assessing the performance of Directors and Committee members and, where appropriate, the appointment of new member of the Board and Executive Directors.</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>The Board, together with the Management, put in place informal structure and practice to ensure key roles within the Group are supported by competent and caliber second-inline to reduce the impact of abrupt departure of key personnel to the minimum possible.</li> <li>The succession planning of the Group is enhanced by the policies and standard operating procedures as well as job descriptions established for key business processes within the Group. In addition, during the review of the performance and strategies presented, at times, the Board reviews on the adequacy of caliber and competent human resources that are put in place for daily management and control of operations as well as proper execution of approved strategies.</li> <li>Developing and Implementing an Investor Relations Program or Shareholder Communications Policy for the Group</li> <li>The Board recognises that shareholder 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 ended. Hence, the Group's website is the primary medium in providing information to all shareholders and stakeholders.</li> </ul>	
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### 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	:	The roles and responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board have been clearly specified in Paragraph 4.2 of the Board Charter, which is available on the Company's website www.ahb.com.my.
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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	:	The roles of Chairman and CEO are separately held with each having distinct authority and responsibilities. The Chairman leads the Board in the oversight of management and is responsible for the effective running, conduct and governance of the Board. The CEO assisted by the management which responsible for the effective running of the Group's operations and implementation of the Board's policies and decisions. This division of roles and responsibilities ensures that there is a balance of power and authority, such that there is no excessive concentration of power in the Chairman or the CEO.
		is published on the Company's website at www.ahb.com.my.
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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

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'.		
Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Tan Sri Datuk Seri Mazlan Bin Lazim was resigned as the Chairman of the Board on 26 September 2022. Thus, the Company do not have a Chairman.
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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	The Board is supported by qualified and competent Company Secretaries who are responsible for ensuring that the Company's Constitution, procedures and policies and regulations are complied with. The Board is regularly updated and advised by the Company Secretaries on any new statutory and regulatory requirements in relation to their duties and responsibilities. The Board recognises that the Company Secretaries are suitably qualified and capable of carrying out the duties required. The Board is satisfied with the service and support rendered by the Company Secretaries in the discharge of their functions. The Company Secretaries attend all Board and all Board Committees meetings and ensure that meetings are properly convened, and that accurate and proper records of the proceedings and resolutions passed are taken and maintained accordingly.	
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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	Unless otherwise agreed, notice of each meeting confirming the venue, time, date and agenda of the meeting together with relevant Board papers shall be forwarded to each director not 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.	
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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	<ul> <li>As part of governance process, the Board has formalised and adopted the Board Charter. This Board Charter serves as a reference point for the Board activities. The Board Charter provides guidance to the Board and management regarding responsibilities of the Board and to ensure that all Board members acting on behalf of the Company are aware of their duties and responsibilities as Board members.</li> <li>The Board Charter is reviewed periodically as and when the need arises to ensure that the dynamic needs of the Group are consistently met. The Board Charter is available for reference at the Company's website at www.ahb.com.my.</li> </ul>
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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 3.1

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	<ul> <li>This Code of Conduct and Ethics is formulated to enhance the standard of corporate governance and corporate behaviour with the intention of achieving the following aims:</li> <li>To establish a standard of ethical behaviour for directors based on</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>trustworthiness and values that can be accepted, are held or upheld by any one person.</li> <li>2. To uphold the spirit of responsibility and social responsibility in line with the legislation, regulations and guidelines for administrating a company.</li> <li>The Code of Conduct and Ethics is made available to public at</li> </ul>
	Company's website www.ahb.com.my.
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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 Explanation for : departure	The Board has in place a Whistle Blowing Policy that serves as a platform and laid out the procedures for employees to raise genuine concerns about any suspected and/or known unethical behaviour, malpractices, illegal acts or failure to comply with regulatory requirements that is taking place and/or has taken place and/or may take place in the future at the earliest opportunity, without being subject to victimisation, harassment or discriminatory treatment. The Board will review the Whistle Blower Policy from time to time to ensure that it remains relevant and appropriate. The Whistle Blower Policy is available on website at www.ahb.com.my.	
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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	The Board recognises that sustainable development is an important and integral part of the Group's pursuit of its long-term business success. The Board is responsible for the development of the Group's sustainability strategies.	
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### 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 is aware of the importance of business sustainability and reviews operational practices that affect sustainability of environment, governance and social aspects of its business on a regular basis. The Group is committed to the continuous efforts in maintaining a delicate balance between its sustainability agenda and other stakeholders' interest. The details of the sustainability efforts are set out in the Sustainability Statement of this Annual Report.	
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### 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	The Board has committed to stay abreast with the latest development in the sustainability issues relevant to the Group. The Board gains access to the sustainability issues updates via news, publications from relevant agencies and attending various seminars or trainings.
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### 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 :	Departure		
Explanation on : application of the practice			
Explanation for : departure	The NC had conducted the Board Effectiveness Assessment for financial year 2022 but it did not cover the performance evaluation of the Board and Senior Management in respect of the address of material sustainability risks and opportunities. The NC and the Board will adopt the new MCCG 2021 recommendation to include a review of the performance of the Board and Senior Management in addressing the company's material sustainability risks and opportunities and had resolved to implement the changes in financial year 2023.		
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### 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.

	n adoption of this practice should include a brief description of the mated person and actions or measures undertaken pursuant to the role in
Application :	Not Adopted
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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	The Board through the Nomination Committee conducts the annual review on the overall composition of the Board in terms of size, the required mix of skills, experience and other qualities and core competencies for the Directors of the Company. The Nomination Committee also undertakes board effectiveness evaluation including performance evaluation of the Directors standing for re-election and assessment of the Independent Directors. In accordance to the Company's Constitution, any newly appointed Director shall hold office only until the next Annual General Meeting ("AGM") and shall then be eligible for re-election. In addition, one-third (1/3) of the Board shall retire from office and be eligible for re-election at every AGM, and all Directors, shall retire from office at least once in every three (3) years but shall be eligible for re-election. The annual re-election of retiring Directors has been contingent on satisfactory evaluation of the retiring Directors' performance and contribution to the Board. Both Nomination Committee and the Board were satisfied that the above Directors have met the performance criteria and recommended them for re-election at Twenty-Eighth AGM held on 25 February 2022.
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Intended Outcome

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# 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	:	Currently, the Board comprises eight (8) Directors, with six (6) out of eight (8) Directors being Independent Directors and two (2) Executive Director.
		The Board comprises a majority of Independent Directors.
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### 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	:	Not applicable - No independent director(s) serving beyond 9 years
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# 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.		
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### 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	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. Having a range of diversity dimensions brings different perspectives to the boardroom and to various levels of Management within the Group. The Nomination Committee makes independent recommendations for appointment of members to the Board. In making these recommendations, the Nomination Committee assesses the suitability of candidates, taking into account the character, experience, integrity, competency, time commitment and other qualities of the candidates, before recommending their appointment to the Board for approval.
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### 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	In determining the process for the identification of suitable new candidates, the Nomination Committee does not solely on recommendations from existing board members, management or major shareholders. The Board will ensure a proper review or search to ensure the requirement and qualification of the candidate nominated. The detailed profiles of nominated directors will be presented to the Board by the Nomination Committee to assist the Board in making the selection decision.
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### 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	The profiles of Directors are published in the Annual Report. Information contained therein included age, gender, tenure of service, directorship in other companies, working experience and any conflict of interest as well as shareholding in the Company.
	To ensure shareholders have the information they require to make an informed decision on the appointment and reappointment of a director, a brief profile of director concerned together with statement from the Board (on whether it support the appointment or reappointment) will be included in the agenda of meeting when such appointment or reappointment will be considered.
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### 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	:	The Nomination Committee currently comprises all Independent Non- Executive Directors and is chaired by Mr. Loh Woen Tsau, an Independent Non-Executive Director.
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### Practice 5.9

The board comprises at least 30% women directors.

Application	: Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	: The Board currently has 30% women directors with the appointment of Susan Wong Yun Tsu and Gan Wen Ting @ Gan Moou Heang to the Board.	
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### Practice 5.10

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

Application :	Departure
Explanation on : application of the practice	
Explanation for : departure	The Board is aware of the importance of boardroom diversity and is supportive of the recommendation of MCCG to the establishment of boardroom and workforce gender diversity policy. However, the Board does not adopt any formal gender diversity policy in the selection of new Board candidates and does not have specific policies on setting target for female candidates in the Group and will actively work towards having more female directors on the Board. The Group basically evaluates the suitability of candidates as new Board member based on the candidates' competency, skills, character, time commitment, knowledge, experience and other qualities in meeting the needs of the Group, regardless of gender. Equal opportunity is given and does not practice discrimination of any form, whether based on age, gender, race and religion, throughout the organisation. Nevertheless, the Board will evaluate and match the criteria of the potential candidate as well as considering the boardroom diversity for any new proposed appointment of directors of the Company in the future.
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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.

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.									
Application :	Applied								
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Nomination Committee would assess the performance of the Board, as a whole, Board Committees and individual Directors, based on a self-assessment approach on an annually basis. From the results of the assessment, including the mix of skills and experience possessed by Directors, the Board will consider and approve the recommendations on the re-election and re-appointment of Directors at the Company's forthcoming Annual General Meeting, with a view to meeting current and future requirements of the Group. The criteria used by the Nomination Committee in evaluating the performance of individual, including contribution to interaction, integrity, competency, and time commitment of the members of the Board and Board Committees in discharging their duties, are in a set of questionnaires. Each of the Directors will perform a self-assessment on an annually basis.								
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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	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. 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 to attract, develop and retain talented individuals to serve as directors.							
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### 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	<ul> <li>The Board has set up a Remuneration Committee which comprises six (6) members of which all are Independent Non-Executive Directors to assist the Board in determining the Directors' remuneration.</li> <li>The Remuneration Committee evaluates the remuneration packages of senior management executives and recommends for the Board's approval, the framework of executive remuneration of the Executive Directors' remuneration package.</li> <li>Non-Executive Directors' fees are determined by the Board as a whole with the Director concerned abstaining from deliberations and voting on decisions in respect of his fee.</li> <li>The terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee is made</li> </ul>									
	available to public at the Company's website at www.ahb.com.my.									
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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	:	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 30 September 2022 and the Corporate Governance Overview Statement of the Annual Report 2022. The remuneration breakdown of individual director for the financial
		year ended 30 September 2022 is as follows:

			Company ('000)					Group ('000)								
No	Name	Directorate	Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in- kind	Other emoluments	Total	Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in- kind	Other emoluments	Total
1	Dr. Folk Jee Yoong (resigned on 9 February 2022)	Independent Director	7,500.00					10,682.00	18,182.00	7,500.00					10,682.00	18,182.00
2	AR Vincent Lee Kon Keong (resigned on 27 January 2022)	Independent Director	6,000.00						6,000.00	6,000.00						6,000.00
3	Yong Yoke Keong (resigned on 9 February 2022)	Executive Director	6,000.00						6,000.00	6,000.00						6,000.00
4	Khor Ben Jin (resigned on 27 January 2022)	Independent Director	6,000.00						6,000.00	6,000.00						6,000.00
5	Tan Sri Datuk Seri Mazlan Bin Lazim (appointed on 9 February 2022 and resigned on 26 September 2022)	Independent Director	80,000.00						80,000.00	80,000.00						80,000.00
6	Chow Hung Keey (appointed on 27 January 2022)	Executive Director	30,000.00		60,000.00			11,461.00	101,461.00	30,000.00		60,000.00			11,461.00	101,461.00
7	Loh Woen Tsau (appointed on 27 January 2022)	Independent Director	27,000.00						27,000.00	27,000.00						27,000.00
8	Teh Boon Hong (appointed on 9 February 2022)	Executive Director	42,000.00						42,000.00	42,000.00						42,000.00
9	Susan Wong Yun Tsu (appointed on 15 February 2022)	Independent Director	24,000.00						24,000.00	24,000.00						24,000.00

10	Gan Wen Ting @ Gan Moou Heang (appointed on 15 February 2022)	Independent Director	24,000.00			24,000.00	24,000.00			24,000.00
11	Siva Kumar A/L Kalugasalam (appointed on 17 March 2022)	Independent Director	30,000.00			30,000.00	30,000.00			30,000.00
12	Dato' Fizal Bin Kamarudin @ Fauzi (appointed on 17 March 2022)	Independent Director	18,000.00			18,000.00	18,000.00			18,000.00
13	Terence Cheah Eu Lee (appointed on 4 April 2022)	Independent Director	30,000.00			30,000.00	30,000.00			30,000.00
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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 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 pay-outs 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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Measure	Please explain the measure(s) the company has taken or intend to take to adopt the practice.						
Timeframe	Choose an item.						

			Position	Company									
No	)	Name		Salary	Allowance	Bonus	Benefits	Other emoluments	Total				
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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	

			Company ('000)									
No	Name	Position	Salary	Allowance	Bonus	Benefits	Other emoluments	Total				
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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	: Mr. Siva Kumar A/L Kalugasalam is the Chairman of the Audit Committee.	
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

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#### 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	:	No former key audit partner of the Group has been appointed to the Board or employed by the Group.
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

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#### 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	<ul> <li>The Audit Committee reviews the appointment, performance and remuneration of the External Auditors annually before recommending them to the Board to put forward to the shareholders for reappointment in the AGM.</li> <li>In assessing or determining the suitability and independence of the External Auditors, the Audit Committee has taken into consideration of the followings:</li> <li>i) the adequacy of the experience and resources of the External Auditors;</li> <li>ii) the External Auditors' ability to meet deadlines in providing services and responding to issues in a timely manner as contemplated in the external audit plan;</li> <li>iii) the nature of the non-audit services provided by the External Auditors and fees paid for such services relative to the audit fee; and</li> <li>iv) whether there are safeguards in place to ensure that there is no threat to the objectivity and independence of the External Auditors.</li> </ul>
Explanation for : departure	
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Timeframe :	

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# Practice 9.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on	:	The AC comprises six (6) members, all of whom are Independent Non-
adoption of the practice		Executive Directors, as follows:
		Chairman
		Mr. Siva Kumar A/L Kalugasalam
		Members
		Dato' Fizal Bin Kamarudin @ Fauzi
		Mr. Loh Woen Tsau
		Madam Susan Wong Yun Tsu
		Ms. Gan Wen Ting @ Gan Moou Heang
		Mr. Terence Cheah Eu Lee

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	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 2022.
	The members of Audit Committee undertaken continuous professional development to keep themselves abreast of relevant developments in accounting and auditing standards, practices and rules.
Explanation for : departure	
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.	
Measure :	
Timeframe :	

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	pplied	
Explanation on application of the practice	ntrol are reported in th	's systems of risk management and internal ne Audit Committee Report and Statement on ernal Control has been disclosed in the Annual
Explanation for departure		
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Measure		
Timeframe		

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 details of the Group's risk management and internal control framework is elaborated in page 39 to 40 of the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control of the Annual Report 2022, which has been reviewed by the External Auditors.	
Explanation for departure		
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.		
Measure		
Timeframe		

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#### 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	:	

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	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.
	Internal Auditors reports 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. The internal auditors periodically evaluate 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.
Explanation for : departure	
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Measure :	
Timeframe :	

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	<ul> <li>The Group has appointed an established external professional Internal Audit firm namely Vaersa Advisory Sdn. Bhd., which has 3 personnel with relevant qualifications and/or experience in internal auditing.</li> <li>Vaersa Advisory Sdn Bhd's engagement directors in charge of the Group's internal audit is Quincy Gan who is a member of the Institute Internal Auditors Malaysia.</li> <li>Further details are disclosed in the Audit Committee Report of the Annual Report 2022.</li> </ul>
Explanation for : departure	
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.	
Measure :	
Timeframe :	

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	The Board recognises that shareholder 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 website is the primary medium in providing information to all shareholders and stakeholders.	
Explanation for : departure		
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.		
Measure :		
Timeframe :		

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	:	
Explanation for departure	:	
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.		
Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

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	:	The Notice for the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") is included in the Annual Report of the Company and distributed to the shareholders at least 28 days prior to the AGM. Notice of 28th AGM of the Company scheduled to be held on 25 February 2022 was issued and despatched to the shareholders on 27 January 2022.
Explanation for departure	:	
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.		
Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

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	Applied
application of the	All Directors attended the Company's fully virtual 28th AGM in year 2022 held on 25 February 2022.
practice	The Chairman of Audit Committee 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.
	Barring any unforeseen circumstances, all Directors will be present at the forthcoming 29 <sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company to provide and address questions and/or concerns raised by the shareholders/proxies if any.
Explanation for departure	:
	ired to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged
to complete the columns	below.
Measure	
Timeframe	

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 :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	In view of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Company has taken an alternative arrangement to conduct the 28th AGM fully virtual via Remote Participation and Voting facilities using Vote2U at https://web.vote2u.my (Domain Registration No. with MYNIC - D6A471702) provided by Agmo Digital Solutions Sdn Bhd in Malaysia. The shareholders were advised to take advantage of the RPV facility. Detailed procedures were provided to shareholders in the Administrative Guide to shareholders available on the Company's website.	
Explanation for : departure		
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.		
Measure :		
Timeframe :		

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.

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.				
Application		Applied		
Explanation on application of the practice		The Chairman of the Company has always been cognisant of the importance in ensuring the AGM supports meaningful engagement between the Board, Management and shareholders. At the 28th AGM held on 25 February 2022, the Chairman encouraged the participation of shareholders and proxies. The Executive Directors were present provide clarifications, if any, to queries raised by the shareholders and proxies. The outcome of the 28th AGM was announced to Bursa Securities on the same day after the conclusion of the AGM.		
Explanation for departure	:			
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.				
Measure	:			
Timeframe	:			

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.

undertaken to ensure opportunity to pose qu	the <u>c</u> estic	adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficient ons and the questions are responded to. Further, a listed issuer should also e choice of the meeting platform. Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The 28th AGM was held on a virtual basis on 25 February 2022 and the Company had engaged Agmo Digital Solutions Sdn Bhd as Live Streaming platform provider. The Directors, senior management and shareholders were provided with the necessary infrastructure and tools to interact, post questions and answers, and vote online.
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

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.

Note: The publication of Key Matters Discussed is not a substitute for the circulation of minutes of general meeting.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Minutes of General Meeting is published on the Company's corporate website pursuant to the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance.
Explanation for departure	:	-
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.		
Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

# SECTION B – DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES PERSUANT 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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