# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT**

STOCK CODE COMPANY NAME : TONG HERR RESOURCES BERHAD

: 5010

FINANCIAL YEAR : December 31, 2020

#### 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
Explanation on application of the practice		n order to deliver sustainable value to stakeholders, the Board provides entrepreneurial leadership and sets vision and objectives as well as strategic direction in order to ensure long term success of the Group. The Board also assesses the performance, review the systems of risk management and internal control of the Group, and ensure effective strategies and management are in place. The Board responsibilities are defined in the Board Charter and are available in the Company's website at www.tong.com.my with delegated specific responsibilities to the following committees:
	l I i	i) <u>Audit Committee</u> Key role of the Audit Committee is to provide oversight of the financial reporting process, the audit process, the system of internal controls and compliance with laws and regulations through the Board delegation via approved Terms of Reference ("TOR").
	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	ii) <u>Nominating Committee</u> The Nominating Committee's function is to assist the Board in assessing existing Directors and identifying, nominating, and recruiting new Directors. In making these assessments and recommendations, the Nominating Committee will consider the required mix of skills, character, competence, calibre, knowledge, experience, professionalism, integrity, time and other qualities of the individual to fulfil the duties of a Director appropriately.
	t 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	The Board meets quarterly to review performances and strategies of the Company. Special board meetings may be conducted when the need arises. Besides, the Board also recognises that the decision making process is highly contingent on the quality of information furnished. As such, all Directors have the right to obtain full and unrestricted access to any information pertaining to the Group and also to the advice and dedicated support services of the Company Secretaries to ensure effective functioning of the Board. The Chairman ensures that all Directors have full and timely access to information

	with agenda and Board papers distributed in advance of meetings. This ensures that Directors have sufficient time to appreciate issues to be deliberated at the board meeting and expedites the decision making process.
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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 Group Executive Chairman, Mr. Tsai Ming Ti ("Mr. Tsai") is responsible for providing leadership for the Board and ensures that the Board can perform its responsibilities effectively. Mr. Tsai also ensures that all Directors receive accurate, timely and clear information on financial and non-financial matters to enable them to participate actively in Board discussions.				
	The Board is mindful that the Chairman's position held by an executive member of the Board is not in compliance with the best practice, but taking into consideration the fact that Mr. Tsai is one of the major shareholders, there is the advantage of shareholder leadership and natural alignment of interests. In respect of potential conflict of interests, the Board is comfortable that there is no undue risk involved as all related party transactions are disclosed and strictly dealt with in accordance with the MMLR. In addition, the presence of Independent Directors with distinguished records and credentials ensures that there is independence of judgement.				
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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	There is a clear division of responsibility between the Chairman and the Group Managing Director to ensure that there is a balance of power and authority to the Board's dynamics, such that no one individual has unfettered decision-making powers. The Chairman, Mr. Tsai Ming Ti is responsible for encouraging good corporate governance practices, leadership and effectiveness of the board while the Managing Director, Mr. Tsai Yi Ting is responsible for the overall day-to-day management of the business, the implementation of Board decisions as well as serves as an audience of the management team and employee. The separate distinct functions and responsibilities are also reflected in the Board Charter.		
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#### 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	The Board is supported by professionally qualified and competent Company Secretaries who are experienced and competent to provide sound governance advice, ensure adherence to applicable policy and procedures, laws and regulatory requirements, and advocate adoption of corporate governance best practices.
	The Company has outsourced the company secretary services to TMF Administrative Services Malaysia Sdn. Bhd., which has specialist knowledge and professional ability to function efficiently to the Board. Both the Company Secretaries, Ms. Angelina Cheah Gaik Suan and Ms. Lee Mei-Mei are qualified to act as company secretaries under Section 235(2) of the Companies Act 2016 and both of them are Associate members of the Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators ("MAICSA").
	<ul> <li>The key responsibilities of the Company Secretaries are outlined as below:</li> <li>Monitor corporate governance developments and assist the Board in applying best corporate governance practices</li> <li>Ensure adherence to the Board's and Board committees' policies and procedures</li> <li>Provide updates and assist the Board with interpreting regulatory requirements related to company and securities regulations as well as listing requirements</li> <li>Circulates notice of the meeting(s) and attend meetings of the Board, Board Committees and shareholders to record the proceedings of the meetings</li> <li>Ensure the deliberations at Board and Board Committee meetings are well documented and maintained at the registered office of the Company.</li> </ul>
	The Company Secretaries constantly keep themselves abreast of the evolving capital market environment, regulatory changes and development by regularly attending continuous development programmes and seminars conducted by various professional bodies and authorities like MAICSA, Bursa Securities and Companies Commission of Malaysia.
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#### 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	The agenda and board papers for Board and Board Committees meeting are circulated to the Directors at least seven (7) days prior to each meeting to enable them to participate actively during the meetings. The Directors meet, review related matters and approve all corporate announcements, including the announcement of the quarterly financial results, prior to releasing the information to Bursa Securities.			
	The Directors have the right to obtain full and unrestricted access to any information pertaining to the Group and also to the advice and dedicated support services of the Company Secretaries to ensure effectiveness of the Board. Apart from that, the Board also has the right to seek for independent professional's advice at the cost of the Group on matters which are deemed necessary, that will be put forward to the Board for decision making and to enable them to discharge their responsibilities effectively.			
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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	The Board has formalised and adopted the Board Charter with clear functions, which forms an integral part to guide the conduct of the Board.
	<ul> <li>The Board Charter was designed to achieve the following objectives:-</li> <li>To enable the Board to provide strategic guidance and effective oversight of Management;</li> <li>To clearly define the roles and responsibilities of members of the Board and Management to facilitate accountability to the Company and its shareholders; and</li> <li>To ensure a balance of authority so that no single individual or group of Directors has unfettered powers.</li> <li>A copy of the Board Charter is available in the Company's website at www.tong.com.my and it would be reviewed and updated by the Board from time to time.</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>The Board has adopted this Directors' Code of Conduct and Ethics ("Code") to carry out their oversight responsibility in the best interest of the Company within the scope of their authority and fiduciary duties. This Code is to provide the fundamental guiding principles and standards applicable to the Directors. As Directors of the Company, they are expected to adhere to, comply with and uphold the provisions of the Code.</li> <li>The purpose of this Code is to enhance the standard of corporate governance and corporate behaviour with the aim to achieve the following objectives:-</li> <li>Raise the standards of honesty, integrity, ethical and law abiding behaviour expected of Directors;</li> <li>Encourage the observance of those standards to protect and promote the interests of shareholders and all stakeholders;</li> <li>Provide guidance to the Board to maintain the confidence of shareholders and other stakeholders in the Company's integrity; and</li> <li>Promote good business conduct and maintain a healthy corporate culture that engenders transparency and fairness.</li> </ul>
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### 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	The Company has established a Whistleblowing Policy which is designed to encourage employees and third parties to raise genuine concerns and to disclose information which the person believes indicates the possible presence of malfeasance or wrongdoing within the Group.			
	<ul> <li>These concerns could include indications of:</li> <li>Financial malfeasance, wrongdoing or fraud;</li> <li>Failure to comply with legal obligations;</li> <li>Enlargement of an individual's health &amp; safety of the environment;</li> <li>Criminal activity;</li> <li>Improper conduct or unethical behaviour; and/or</li> <li>Concealment of any of the above or a combination.</li> <li>All employees can raise their concern via email to the Chairman of the Audit Committee, who protects employees who contemplate "blowing the whistle" against any negative repercussions arising from genuine reporting, and provide an assurance of confidentiality to them. Confidentiality of all matters raised and the identity of the whistle-blower will be protected under the policy.</li> </ul>			
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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 of independent directors.

Application	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	
Explanation for : departure	The Company is managed by a well-balanced Board. The Directors are from various backgrounds comprising of professionals, with a mix of qualifications, skills, integrity, competence and experience. The current Board consists of nine (9) members, which includes three (3) Executive Directors, three (3) Independent Non-Executive Directors and three (3) Non-Independent Non-Executive Directors The profile of each Director is set out in the Annual Report. The Board composition complies with Paragraph 15.02 of the MMLR of Bursa Securities that requires at least two (2) Directors or one-third (1/3) of the Board, whichever is higher, to be Independent Directors.
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#### 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 :	Applied - Annual shareholders' approval for independent directors serving beyond 9 years
Explanation on : application of the practice	<ul> <li>The three Independent Directors, Encik Megat Abdul Munir, Encik Fazrin Azwar Bin Dato' Hj. Md. Nor and Mr. Teh Eng Hin have served in the capacity for more than 9 years. Shareholders' approval have been sought annually to retain them as Independent Directors based on the justifications provided. The Board and its Nominating Committee had conducted annual performance evaluations and assessments on the independence of the abovenamed Independent Directors based on the following justifications: -</li> <li>(i) in particular their professionalism experience, standing and calibre in the respective professional fields;</li> <li>(ii) as respected and successful professionals in their own right, the Board takes comfort in their sound advice and independent judgment;</li> <li>(iii) consistently challenging the management in an effective and constructive manner;</li> <li>(iv) actively participated in the Board's discussion and provided an independent voice to the Board;</li> <li>(v) detailed knowledge of the corporate environment and have commitment, experience and competence to effectively advise the Management; and</li> <li>(vi) in particular of Mr. Teh's professional experience in accounting and taxation areas and contribution to the Board.</li> </ul>
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# 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	The Board is presently of the view that tenure is not the absolute indicator of a Director's independence. The Independent Director's ability to serve effectively is very much dependent on his calibre and personal integrity instead of on the director's background and current activities to qualify him or her as independent. In addition, there are also significant advantages to be gained from the long-serving Directors who possess tremendous insight and knowledge of the Company's business and affairs. The Board had deliberated and is satisfied that the 3 Independent Non-Executive Directors who had served the Company for more than 9 years respectively, are free from any business dealing or relationships with the Group which could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with the exercise of their independent judgement.

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# 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	The practice is reflected in the Terms of Reference of the Nominating Committee ("NC"). In making these assessments and recommendation, NC will consider the required mix of skills, character, competence, calibre, knowledge, experience, professionalism, integrity, time and other qualities of the individual to fulfil the duties of a Director appropriately before recommending potential new Directors to the Board for approval. The current diversity in the race/ethnicity (cultural background), nationality, age group and gender is as follows:						
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		Malay	Chinese	Malays	ian	Resident	Foreigner
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### 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 Nominating Committee and the Board does not set any gender diversity policy in the composition of the Board. However, the Board will remain mindful of the MCCG's Principle on the gender diversity policy for boardroom. In relation to the Group's diversity, there are Two (2) female Directors on the Board and both of them are Non- Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Board will continuously seek for suitable candidate(s) to sit in the Board when such need arises.
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Measure :	The Company is not considered as Large Companies as defined in MCCG 2017.
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### 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 sourcing for suitable candidates, recommendations from existing Board members are considered. The Nominating Committee has also explored the use of an independent search firm.
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# 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	:	The Nominating Committee is chaired by Encik Fazrin Azwar Bin Dato' Hj. Md. Nor, an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company.
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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	The Nominating Committee is responsible for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board as a whole by assessing the contribution of each individual director as well as ensuring that its assessments and evaluations are properly documented. The evaluation process is led by the Chairman and supported by the Company Secretary conducted on annual basis. The Board Effectiveness Evaluation exercise will be carried out annually by focusing on the following key areas:		
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	Re-election, re-appointment and retention of Board members	contribution, conflict of interest and independence as guided by the MMLR. No major concerns were identified in the evaluation results and the Nominating Committee was satisfied with the overall performance of the parties under review. Pursuant to the Company's Constitution, all Directors, including the Managing Director, shall retire from office at least once in every three (3) years but shall be eligible for re-election. As such, those Directors retiring by rotation and who are eligible for re- election undergo a detailed assessment on the quality and contribution of such Directors and the Nominating Committee gave its full support to the retiring Directors to be re-elected at the Company's AGM.
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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 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 :	Departure
Explanation on : application of the practice	
Explanation for : departure	Board of the Company will decide on the Executive and Non-Executive Directors' remuneration packages but do not participate in the decision-making process of their own remuneration packages. In doing so, the component of the remuneration packages are linked to performance, commitment and responsibilities, and are periodically reviewed to reflect and ensure the level of remuneration is sufficient to attract and retain calibre Directors to run the Company successfully. Besides that, the Company has policies and procedures in place to determine the remuneration of directors and senior management. The remuneration for senior management will take into consideration of the qualification, experience as well as contribution towards the Company.
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#### 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 :	Departure
Explanation on : application of the practice	
Explanation for : departure	The Company has not set up a Remuneration Committee and in this regard, the full Board of the Company will decide on the Executive and Non-Executive Directors' remuneration packages but they respectively do not participate in decisions on their own remuneration packages. As such, the Company does not have any Terms of Reference in relation thereto.
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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 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 information of individual directors on named basis is disclosed in the Tong Herr Resources Berhad Annual Report 2020 under the Directors' Profile whilst the Directors' Remuneration have been disclosed in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement.
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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 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 Company does not disclose the remuneration of the top five Senior Management on named basis nor in the bands of RM50,000 due to confidentiality reason as it may be detrimental to the interest of the Company and individuals and may lead to adverse impact on the company's talent retention in the highly competitive environment.
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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 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	:	

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 Audit Committee comprise three (3) Independent Non-Executive Directors and is chaired by Encik Megat Abdul Munir, whereas the Chairman of the Board is Mr. Tsai Ming Ti.	
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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 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	: Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:
Explanation for departure	: There is no formal policy in the Audit Committee 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 as none of the members of the Audit Committee were former key audit partners.
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#### 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	<ul> <li>The Terms of Reference of Audit Committee also includes the following:</li> <li>Reviewed the External Auditors' scope of work and audit plan for the Group.</li> <li>Reviewed the reports of External Auditors pertaining to accounts and internal control status.</li> <li>Recommend to the Board for the re-appointment of External Auditors.</li> <li>The Audit Committee was satisfied with the suitability and independency of the External Auditors based on the quality of services and sufficiency of resources they provided to the Group, in terms of the firm and the professional staff assigned to the audit. The Audit Committee also took into account the openness in communication and interaction with the lead audit engagement partner and engagement team through discussions at private meetings, which demonstrate their independence, objectivity and professionalism.</li> </ul>
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#### Practice 8.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The Audit Committee comprise wholly of Independent Non-Executive Directors.

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	<ul> <li>The Audit Committee possess a wide range of vast experience and necessary skills to discharge its duties. The background of the three (3) members, who consists of wholly Independent Non-executive Directors are as below:</li> <li>Encik Fazrin Azwar Bin Dato' Hj. Md. Nor is an Advocate and Solicitor, a member of the Malaysian Bar as well as chartered member of The Malaysian Institute of Directors and The Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia.</li> <li>Encik Megat Abdul Munir is a member of the Malaysia Bar. He is also the founding partner of the legal firm Messrs. Zain Megat &amp; Murad and leads the Kuala Lumpur branch as well as two of the firm's practice areas. These are namely Corporate Commercial and the Foundation Laws practice areas.</li> <li>Mr. Teh Eng Hin is a Chartered Accountant with the Malaysian Institute of Accountants, fellow member of CPA Australia and member</li> </ul>
Explanation for : departure	of Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia. The Directors keep abreast with general economic, industry and technical developments by attending appropriate conference, seminars and briefings. The details of seminar/training attended by the Directors during the financial year are disclosed in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement of the Annual Report 2020.
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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	The Board acknowledges the importance and their responsibility of maintaining a sound system of internal control covering not only financial control but also operational and compliance control. The Board takes necessary steps to identify, assess and monitor principal business risk in order for the Group to achieve its corporate objectives within an acceptable risk profile and to safeguard the shareholders' investments and the Group's assets. The framework in place is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and therefore can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement of management and financial information or against financial losses. The primary objective of risk management is to enhance the Group's ability to achieve business objectives. The Board is responsible for carrying out periodical review on the adequacy, effectiveness and integrity of the Group's risk management and the system of internal control including systems to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, rules, directives and guidelines.
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### 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	<ul> <li>The Group has in place the following key elements:</li> <li>Well-defined hierarchical structure which indicated areas of responsibilities, scope of authority and segregation of duties.</li> <li>The Audit Committee reviews the financial results on the quarterly basis to monitor the performance of the Group. Any material variances encountered by the Internal Audit Personnel will be reported to the Board.</li> <li>Formal employee appraisal system, which enables appraisal of employees and rewarding employees, based on performance and attendance.</li> <li>The Group continues to review and update the Standard Operating Procedures for key processes for all Departments to govern the daily operations. This is being continuously monitored and reviewed to ensure effective management of the Group's operations.</li> <li>The Board is responsible to maintain a sound system of internal control and recognise that the system must continuously evolve to support the operations of the Group. As such, the Board and the management would continue to take measures to strengthen the internal control environment to safeguard the shareholders' investment and the Group's assets.</li> </ul>
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### 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	The Company did not establish a Risk Management Committee. However, the risk element and review is undertaken by the Audit Committee and assisted by Internal Audit. At the same time, the Board does act as an oversight body in reviewing the Group's Risk on a regular basis.

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.

<ul> <li>application of the practice</li> <li>its personnel reports independently to the Audit Committee. The Internal Audit Personnel is independent of the activities or operations of other business operating units. Its principal role is to provide independent reports on the Company's management, records, financial and controls to the Audit Committee and review the effectiveness of the Group's internal control system.</li> <li>The Summary of work for Internal Audit Function that was carried out during the financial year includes the following: <ul> <li>a) Prepared the audit plan that focused on high risk areas.</li> <li>b) Performed internal audit reviews in accordance with the approved audit plan.</li> <li>c) Issued reports on the results of the internal audit reviews, identifying weaknesses with suggested recommendations for improvements to management for further action.</li> <li>d) Attended Audit Committee's meetings to table and discuss the audit reports and follow-up on the matters raised.</li> <li>e) Followed-up on the implementation of corrective action plans or best practices agreed with the Management.</li> <li>f) Reviewed the appropriateness of the disclosure statements with regards to compliance with the MCCG and the statement of internal controls.</li> </ul></li></ul>	Application :	Applied
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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	The internal audit personnel is independent and objective, free from any relationships or conflicts of interest which could impair their objectivity and independence. The information on the Internal Audit function is available in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control in the Annual Report 2020.
Explanation for : departure	
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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 the importance of ongoing engagement and communication with stakeholders, which they believe would build the trust and understanding between the Company and its stakeholders and also provide stakeholders a better appreciation of the Company's objectives and the quality of the management. This in turn will assist stakeholders in evaluating the Company and facilitate shareholders to determine how their votes should be exercised. The Board provides stakeholders with quarterly results and Audited Financial Statements as well as corporate announcements on significant developments affecting the Company through announcement in Bursa Securities in accordance with the MMLR. The investor relation details published in the Company's website would enable the stakeholders to seek clarification or raise queries via email or phone.
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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	Depar	ture				
Explanation on application of the practice						
Explanation for departure	The Company is not a large Company as defined by the MCCG.					
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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	The Company dispatches out the notice of Annual General Meeting ("AGM") to the shareholders at least 28 days prior to the meeting to enable the shareholders to have sufficient time to consider the resolutions that will be discussed and decided at the AGM. The 24th AGM will be held on 24 May 2020 and the notice of AGM was 26 April 2020.			
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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	:	All Directors of the Company including the Chair of Board Committees had attended the previous Annual General Meeting. For the forthcoming general meeting(s), the Board will adhere to the practice to ensure full Board presence. There is an open question and answer session on the resolutions being proposed or about the Group's operations in general. The Management and external auditors were also in attendance to respond to the shareholders' queries (if any).		
Explanation for departure	:			
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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	: Departure		
Explanation on application of the practice	Based on previous years' experience, the shareholders in attendance at general meetings were less than 100 even though the meetings were held in easily accessible areas. Shareholders who are unable to attend are allowed to appoint proxies to attend, speak and vote on their behalf. The Company has adopted poll voting since the 2017 Annual General Meeting for all resolutions proposed, where the votes were cast by way of voting slips. The number of foreign shareholders is too immaterial to warrant the use of technology to facilitate remote shareholder participation or voting in absentia at this stage.		
Explanation for departure	:		
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# 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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