

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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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	:	<p>The Group is led and controlled by an effective Board. The Board provides strategic direction for the Group and regularly meets to review corporate strategies, resolve operational affairs and monitor the financial performance of the Group.</p> <p>The Board assumes responsibility for the effective stewardship and control of the Group and its members have established a term of reference to assist them in the discharge of their responsibilities.</p> <p>The Board has a formal schedule of matters reserved to itself for decision, which includes the overall Group strategy and direction, investment policy, major capital expenditures, consideration of significant financial matters and review of the financial and operating performance of the Group.</p> <p>The management, including the Executive Directors of the Company, is responsible for managing the day-to-day running of the business activities in accordance with the direction and delegation of the Board. The management meets regularly to discuss and resolve operational issues. The Executive Director briefs the Board on business performance and operations as well as the management initiatives during quarterly Board's meetings.</p> <p>The Board is entrusted with the responsibility to promote the success of the Group by directing and supervising the Group's affairs. Hence, to develop corporate objectives and position descriptions including the limits to management's responsibilities, which the management are aware and are responsible for meeting.</p> <p>The principal roles and responsibility assumed by the Board are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewing and adopting a strategic plan for the Group;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overseeing the conduct of the Group’s business to evaluate whether the business is being properly managed; • Identifying principal risks and ensuring the implementation of appropriate systems to manage these risks; • Succession planning, including appointing, training, fixing the compensation of and where appropriate, replacing senior management; • Developing and implementing an investor relations program or shareholder communications policy for the Group; and • Reviewing the adequacy and the integrity of the Group’s internal control systems and management information systems, including system for compliance with applicable laws, regulations, rules, directives and guidelines.
Explanation for departure	: N/A
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Measure	: N/A
Timeframe	: N/A

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.2

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Chief Executive Officer of the Company currently assumed the role of the Chairman of the Company and has the obligation to preside at various meetings, namely the shareholders' general meetings and the Board meetings. The Chief Executive Officer with the assistance of the Company Secretary will ensure meeting procedures are followed and the applicable laws and regulations are complied with.	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.3

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

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	N/A	
Explanation for departure	:	The Chief Executive Officer of the Company currently assumed the role of the Chairman of the Company.	
		The Board of Directors of the Company, notwithstanding that the role of the Chairman is current assumes by the Chief Executive Officer, is of the opinion that the element of independence which currently exists is adequate to provide assurance that there is a balance of power and authority on the Board. In addition, the presence of the three (3) Independent Non-Executive Directors are sufficient to provide the necessary checks and balances on the decision making process of the Board. The contributions of the Independent Non-Executive Directors in the decision making process is evidenced in their participation as members of the various committees of the Board. The Board therefore believe that balance of power and authority exists within its current structure to sufficiently enable it to discharge its duties objectively.	
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Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.4

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Company is supported by a suitably qualified and competent Company Secretary. The Company Secretary is qualified Chartered Secretaries under Filling Agent under Section 28F of the ACRA Act 2014 with vast knowledge and experience from being in public practice.</p> <p>The Company Secretary will attend all Board and Committee meetings and is responsible for the proper maintenance of records of the discussions on key deliberations and decisions taken during the Board and Committee meetings.</p> <p>The Company Secretary renders necessary assistance to the Board and ensures meeting procedures are followed and the applicable laws and regulations are complied with.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
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Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.5

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	:	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 no later than two (2) 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 were provided to the Board sufficiently in advance. Furthermore, Directors are given sufficient time to read the Board paper and seek for any clarification as and when they may need advisers or further explanation from management and Company Secretary. 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 Secretary.
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
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Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 2.1

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

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board has adopted a Board Charter which sets out the composition and balance, roles and responsibilities, operation and processes of the Board. The details of the Board Charter are available for reference at the Company's website at www.hbglobal.asia .	
Explanation for departure	:		
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 3.1

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board is committed in maintaining a corporate culture which engenders ethical conduct. The Company has established the Code of Conduct and Ethics, which summarises what the Company must endeavour to do proactively in order to increase corporate value, and which describes the areas in daily activities that require caution in order to minimise any risks that may occur. The details of the Code of Conduct and Ethics are available for reference at the Company's website at www.hbglobal.asia
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 3.2

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Company has established the Whistle-blowing Policy, with the aim to provide an avenue for raising concerns related to possible breach of business conduct, non-compliance of laws and regulatory requirements as well as other malpractices. The details of the Whistleblowing Policy are available for reference at the Company's website at www.hbglobal.asia .	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.1

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	:	The Board of HB Global comprises of five (5) members of whom two (2) are Executive Directors and three (3) are Independent Non-Executive Directors thereby meeting the minimum one-third (1/3) requirement for independent directors to be appointed to the Board as required under the Main Market Listing Requirements as well as the recommendation of MCGG whereby at least half of the Board comprises of independent directors.	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
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Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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 :	N/A	
Explanation on application of the practice :	N/A	
Explanation for departure :	The Board Charter provides a limit of a cumulative term of nine (9) years on the tenure of an Independent Non-Executive Director ("INED") and thereafter he may be re-designated as a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director. In the event that the Board intends to retain the Director as INED after the latter has served a cumulative term of nine (9) years, the Board must provide justifications and seek shareholders' approval at general meeting. 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.	
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Measure :	N/A	
Timeframe :	N/A	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.3 - Step Up

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

Application :	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice :	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.4

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>Generally, the Board adopts a flexible approach when selecting and appointing new Directors depending upon the circumstances and timing of the appointment. The Nomination Committee will help assess and recommend to the Board, the candidature of Directors, appointment of Directors to Board Committees, review of Board's succession plans and training programmes for the Board.</p> <p>In assessing suitability of candidates, consideration will be given to the core competencies, commitment, contribution and performance of the candidates to ensure that there is a range of skills, experience and diversity (including gender diversity) represented in addition to an understanding of the Business, the Markets and the Industry in which the Group operates and the accounting, finance and legal matters.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
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Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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	:	N/A
Explanation for departure	:	<p>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 boardroom diversity policy in the selection of new Board candidates and does not have specific policies on setting target for female candidates in the Group. The Group basically evaluate the suitability of candidates as new Board member or as a member of the workforce 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 practise 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.</p> <p>Currently, our Board comprise of one (1) female Director and the Board may consider appointing more females onto the Board in future to bring about a more diverse perspective.</p>
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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	:	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:	N/A
Explanation for departure	:	<p>Currently, the Company does not appoint external parties to identify suitably qualified candidates during the recruitment process.</p> <p>Where a need has been identified, the Nomination Committee shall entask the Company's Chief Executive Officer / Executive Directors :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. to search/recommend for potential candidates from within the Company; or ii. engage its Human Resources Department to advertise (whether locally or internationally); or iii. appoint recruitment advisers; or iv. draw references and recommendations from the fellow directors of the Company. <p>In general, the process for the appointment of director to the Board is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Nomination Committee reviews the Board's composition through Board assessment/evaluation; ii. The Nomination Committee determines skills matrix; iii. The Nomination Committee evaluates and matches the criteria of the candidates, and will consider diversity, including gender, where appropriate; iv. The Nomination Committee recommends to the Board for appointment; and v. The Board approves the appointment of the candidates.
<p><i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i></p>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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 present members of the Nomination Committee are: Chairman Ho Pui Hold (Independent Non-Executive Director) Members Yang Chin Shen (Independent Non-Executive Director) Sun Shimin (Independent Non-Executive Director)	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.1

The board should undertake a formal and objective annual evaluation to determine the effectiveness of the board, its committees and each individual director. The board should disclose how the assessment was carried out and its outcome.

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Nomination Committee would conduct an assessment of 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.</p> <p>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. The Board did not engage any external party to undertake an independent assessment of the Directors.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 6.1

The board has in place policies and procedures to determine the remuneration of directors and senior management, which takes into account the demands, complexities and performance of the company as well as skills and experience required. The policies and procedures are periodically reviewed and made available on the company's website.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Remuneration Committee is authorised by the Board to establish a formal and transparent procedure for developing policy on executive remuneration and for fixing the remuneration packages of individual Directors.</p> <p>The Board believes in a remuneration policy that fairly supports the Directors' responsibilities and fiduciary duties in steering the Group to achieve its long-term goals and enhance shareholders' value. The Board offers a competitive remuneration package in order to attract, develop and retain talented individuals to serve as directors.</p> <p>The Remuneration Committee's principal objective is to evaluate, deliberate and recommend to the Board a remuneration policy for Executive Directors that is fairly guided by market norms and industry practice. The Remuneration Committee also recommends the Executive Directors' remuneration and benefits based on their individual performances and that of the Group.</p> <p>The determination of the remuneration for Non-Executive Directors is a matter of the Board as a whole. The level of remuneration for Non-Executive Directors reflects the amount paid by other comparable organisations, adjusted for the experience and levels of responsibilities undertaken by the particular Non-Executive Directors concerned. The remuneration package of Non-Executive Directors will be a matter to be deliberated by the Board, with the Director concerned abstaining from deliberations and voting on deliberations in respect of his individual remuneration. In addition, the Company also reimburses reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by all the Non-Executive Directors in the course of their duties as Directors of the Company. The aggregate annual Directors' fees are to be approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting based on recommendations of the Board.</p>

Explanation for departure	: N/A	
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Measure	: N/A	
Timeframe	: N/A	

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 6.2

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>In line with the Best Practices of the MCCG, the Board has set up a Remuneration Committee which comprise majority of Independent Non-Executive Directors in order to assist the Board for determining the Director's remuneration.</p> <p>The Remuneration Committee is authorised by the Board to establish a formal and transparent procedure for developing policy on executive remuneration and for fixing the remuneration packages of individual Directors. The remuneration of Directors shall be the ultimate responsibility of the full Board after considering the recommendations of the Remuneration Committee</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 7.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The detailed disclosure on named basis for the remuneration of individual directors are set out in the Annual Report 2019.	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The details of the total remuneration received by the top five employees in bands width of RMB50,000 are set out in the Annual Report 2019.	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 7.3 - Step Up

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

Application :	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice :	

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 8.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The positions of the Chairman of the Board and Audit Committee are held by separate individuals.</p> <p>The Chairman of Audit Committee is Yang Chin Shen, Independent Non- Executive Director and he is not the Chairman of the Board.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 8.2

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	HB Global recognised the need to uphold independence of its external auditors and that no possible conflict of interest whatsoever should arise. Currently, none of the members of the Board nor the Audit Committee of the Company were former key audit partners of the external auditors appointed by the Group. The Company will observe a cooling-off period of at least two (2) years in the event any potential candidate to be appointed as a member of the Audit Committee was a key audit partner of the external auditors of the Group.	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 8.3

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>In assess or determine the suitability and independence of the External Auditors, the Audit Committee has taken into consideration of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the adequacy of the experience and resources of the External Auditors; ii) the External Auditor’s ability to meet deadlines in providing services and responding to issues in a timely manner as contemplated in the external audit plan; iii) the nature of the non-audit services provided by the External Auditors and fees paid for such services relative to the audit fee; and iv) whether there are safeguards in place to ensure that there is no threat to the objectivity and independence of the audit arising from the provision of non-audit services or tenure of the External Auditors.
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 8.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The present members of the Audit Committee are: Chairman Yang Chin Shen (Independent Non-Executive Director) Members Ho Pui Hold (Independent Non-Executive Director) Sun Shimin (Independent Non-Executive Director)

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 8.5

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Collectively, the members of the Audit Committee have the relevant experience and expertise in finance and accounting, and have carried out their duties in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee. The qualification and experience of the individual Audit Committee members are disclosed in the Directors' Profiles in the 2019 Annual Report.
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 9.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>As an effort to enhance the system of internal control, the Board together with the assistance of external professional Internal Audit firm adopted on-going monitoring and review to the existing risk management process in place within the various business operations, with the aim of formalising the risk management functions across the Group. This function also acts as a source to assist the Audit Committee and the Board to strengthen and improve current management and operating style in pursuit of best practices.</p> <p>As an ongoing process, significant business risks faced by the Group are identified and evaluated and consideration is given on the potential impact of achieving the business objectives. This includes examining principal business risks in critical areas, assessing the likelihood of material exposures and identifying the measures taken to mitigate, avoid or eliminate these risks.</p> <p>The information on the Group's internal control is further elaborated in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control of the 2019 Annual Report.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 9.2

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The features of the Company's Risk Management and Internal Control Frameworks and its adequacy and effectiveness are disclosed under the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control in the 2019 Annual Report.	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 9.3 - Step Up

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

Application :	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice :	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 10.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Group has appointed an established external professional Internal Audit firm, which reports to the Audit Committee and assists the Audit Committee in reviewing the effectiveness of the internal control systems whilst ensuring that there is an appropriate balance of controls and risks throughout the Group in achieving its business objectives. During the financial year, the internal auditors review the related party transaction in discharge of its responsibilities.	
Explanation for departure	:	N/A	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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 firm appointed by the Company is staffed by a total of eight (8) professionals and it is led by Mr. Jason Tee as the Head of Internal Audit. He holds a bachelor of Commerce (Hons) in Accounting and also an Associate member of Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia ("IIAM"). The Internal Audit firm appointed by the Company is independent of activities related to business operations and performs its duties in accordance with standards set by relevant professional bodies, namely Institute of Internal Auditors.
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 11.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board recognises the importance of keeping the shareholders informed and updated of development concerning the Group. In this regard, the Group strictly adheres to the disclosure requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities"). The Group practices open communication with its investors.</p> <p>In order to maintain its commitment of effective communication with shareholders, the Group embrace the practice of comprehensive, timely and continuing disclosures of information to its shareholders as well as the general investing public.</p> <p>The practice of disclosure of information is to adopt the best practices recommended in the MCGG with regard to strengthening engagement and communication with shareholders, it is not only established just to comply with the Listing requirements of Bursa Securities.</p> <p>The Group also endeavour to provide additional disclosures of information on a voluntary basis, where necessary. The management believes that consistently maintaining a high level of disclosure and extensive communication is vital to shareholders and investors in making informed investment decisions.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 11.2

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

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	N/A	
Explanation for departure	:	The Board noted on the new MCCG recommended by Bursa Securities and will look into adopting integrated reporting in the near future.	
	:	The Group will evaluate and consider to adopt the integrated reporting based on a globally recognised framework and that aligned with the Group.	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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 Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) is the principal forum for dialogue with the shareholders. As recommended by the MCCG, the notice of AGM will be despatched to shareholders at least twenty-eight (28) days before the AGM, to allow shareholders to have additional time to go through the Annual Report and make the necessary attendance and voting arrangements. The notice of AGM, which sets out the business to be transacted at the AGM, is also published in a major local newspaper. The Board will ensure that each item of special business included in the notices of the AGM or extraordinary general meeting is accompanied by a full explanation of the effects of any proposed resolution.
Explanation for departure	:	N/A
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	N/A
Timeframe	:	N/A

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	N/A	
Explanation for departure	:	At the Twelfth (12 th) AGM of the Company held on 31 May 2019, majority of Directors were present in person to engage directly with shareholders, and be accountable for their stewardship of the Company.	
		The Board took note that the presence of all directors will provide opportunity for shareholders to effectively engage each director. As such, barring unforeseen circumstances, all Directors as well as the Chairman of respective Board Committee (i.e. Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee) will present at the forthcoming AGM of the Company to enable the shareholders to raise questions and concerns directly to those responsible.	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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	:	N/A	
Explanation for departure	:	Currently, all the general meetings were held at one (1) venue within capital cities and not in remote location.	
		As an alternative practice, Shareholders who are unable to make the journey are allowed to send a proxy in place to attend the AGM, to participate, speak and to vote on their behalf. The Company may also consider exploring a suitable and reliable system to facilitate voting in absentia and remote participation by shareholders in future.	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	N/A	
Timeframe	:	N/A	

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