

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>It is the responsibility of the Board for the stewardship of the Group's business and the creation of long term shareholder values whilst taking into account interests of other stakeholders. In order for the Board to clearly execute its duties and responsibilities along with the roles played by the Board Committees and Management, the Board adopted a Board Charter which sets out the roles of the Board, Board Committees, Executive and Non-Executive Directors and Management, taking into consideration principal responsibilities.</p> <p>The Board Charter is subject to periodic review to ensure that it continues to be relevant and applicable as a reference to enable Directors to carry out their stewardship role and discharge their fiduciary duties towards the Company. In addition, the Board Charter also contains formal schedule of matters reserved by the Board for deliberation and decision.</p>
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.2

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board is led by Mr Lim Shiou Ghay, an Independent Non Executive Chairman. His profile is outlined under the Profile of Directors in the Annual Report 2023.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Board is responsible for leading the Board and ensures that all Directors receive sufficient relevant information on financial and non-financial matters to enable them to participate actively in Board decisions.</p> <p>The Chairman leads the Board in the oversight of management, ensuring adequacy and integrity of the governance process and issues, maintaining regular dialogues with Executive Director over operational matters and seek opinion of fellow Board members over any matters that give cause for major concerns.</p>
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.3

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The positions of Chairman and the CEO are held by two different individuals. The Chairman, Mr Lim Shiou Ghay leads the Board and is responsible to ensure the Board effectiveness and conduct.</p> <p>The role of CEO is assumed by the Executive Director, Mr Lee Thean Yew. He is responsible for overseeing the management of the business and affair of the Group and to implement the Board's decision.</p> <p>There is a clear division of responsibilities between the Chairman and the Executive Director to ensure a balance of power and authority, as stated in the Company's Board Charter, which is available on the Company's website.</p>
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.4

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

<i>Note: If the board Chairman is not a member of any of these specified committees, but the board allows the Chairman to participate in any or all of these committees' meetings, by way of invitation, then the status of this practice should be a 'Departure'.</i>	
Application	: Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:
Explanation for departure	: The Board is in the midst of seeking the suitable candidates for the Board to restructure the composition of the committees to comply with this recommendation.
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Timeframe	: Choose an item.

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

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 Secretaries of the Company, Ms Wong Yee Lin and Ms Hing Poe Pyng are qualified and competent to act as Company Secretaries pursuant to Section 235 of the Companies Act, 2016. The Company Secretaries play an advisory role to the Board, particularly with regards to the Constitution of the Company, Board policies and procedures and the Company's compliance with regulatory requirements, codes, guidance and legislation.</p> <p>The Company Secretaries constantly keep themselves abreast with the regulatory changes and developments in corporate governance through continuous training. The Board is satisfied with the performance and support rendered by Company Secretaries to the Board in discharging their functions.</p>
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.6

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	:	Meeting materials alongside with the meeting agenda and the relevant papers submitted by Management are issued and circulated in time for the members of the Board and Committees at least seven (7) days prior to each meeting. Minutes of meeting taken by the Company Secretaries are circulated to the Board members for confirmation.	
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Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 2.1

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

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Company's Board Charter is available on the official website at www.acmeholdings.com.my/index.php/board-charter/ in which the Board Charter practices have been assimilated into our Company's operations. The Board Charter defines and describes the Board's governance system, policies and procedures that the Board has decided upon to meet its roles and responsibilities.	
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Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 3.1

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Company's Code of Ethics is established to uphold its standard for ethical behaviour and spirit of responsibility in line with the legislation for administering a company. The Code of Ethics encompasses policies and procedures which include managing conflicts of interest, preventing abuse of power, corruption, insider trading and money laundering. The existing Code of Ethics can be referred within the Company's official website.
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Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 3.2

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Company acknowledges the importance of policies and procedures on whistleblowing and thereby, set out a Whistleblowing Policy to delineate whistleblowing procedures as an independent feedback avenue for stakeholders to raise matters of concern in good faith and without fear of reprisal should they require to use the available whistleblowing channels.</p> <p>The detail of the procedures are set out within the Whistleblowing Policy.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.1

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 is mindful to ensure sustainability is embedded in the strategic plan and operations of the Group.	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.2

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Company’s sustainability strategies, priorities and targets are set out in the Company’s Sustainability Statement in the Annual Report.	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.3

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 encourage the directors and senior managers to keep abreast with sustainability issues that are relevant to the Company's business and operations.	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.4

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board will review the performance in addressing the Company's material sustainability risks and opportunities for the Board and their Senior Management in the next financial year.	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.5- Step Up

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

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

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>As at 31 March 2023 , the Board comprise of four (4) Directors which consist of three (3) Independent Directors and one (1) Executive Director. In line with this, the Board composition complies with the Listing Requirement of Bursa Malaysia that requires a minimum of two (2) Directors or one-third (1/3) of the Board, whichever is higher, to be Independent Directors.</p> <p>The Board of the Company currently has majority of Independent Directors. Further, the current composition of all Board Committees, which made up of only Independent Directors affirmed the Board's commitment towards independence to provide strong check and balance in the Board's functioning.</p> <p>With the Independent Directors, being 75% of the Board composition, the Board has exceeded the composition recommendation for Independent Directors to comprise half (50%) of the Board. The Board is of the view that the present Independent Directors, with the breadth of professional and business background, have enabled the Board to exercise objective judgement on various issues through their sharing of impartial, independent and unbiased opinion and viewpoints.</p> <p>Brief profile of each Director is detailed under Profile of Directors in the Annual Report.</p>
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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	:	As at 31 March 2023, there are four (4) Board members; of which three (3) are Independent Directors and one (1) is an Executive Director. In line with this, the Board composition complies with the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia that requires a minimum of two (2) Directors or one-third (1/3) of the Board, whichever is higher, to be Independent Directors.	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.3

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

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Group has yet to adopt the policy to limit the tenure of Independent Directors to 9 years without further extension.	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.4 - Step Up

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

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

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.5

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

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	In order to maintain the best interest of the Company, diversity within the Board, Senior Management and all levels of the organisation is applied. In line with this, the Board and Senior Management are appointed based on merit, mix of skills, competencies, experience, professionalism and other relevant qualities which involve age, cultural background and gender to have better governance in the Group.	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.6

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

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Company has in place, its procedures and criteria for identifying candidates for appointment of directors. All candidates for appointment are first considered by the Nomination Committee (“NC”), taking into account the mix of skills, competencies, experience, professionalism and other relevant qualities to manage the Company.</p> <p>The Board’s procedures in terms of the appointment of Directors are set out under the header of Appointment’ of the Board Charter.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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 performance of retiring Directors who are recommended for reelection at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) would be assessed through the Board and Board Committee evaluations which includes the independence of the Independent Non-Executive Director. The profiles of the retiring Directors are included in the Annual Report	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.8

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Mr Lim Shiou Ghay, the Company's Independent Non-Executive Director chairs the Nomination Committee.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.9

The board comprises at least 30% women directors.

Application	:	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:	
Explanation for departure	:	<p>At present, the Company maintains a gender diversity policy which encapsulates the objectives, principles and measures of the Group's diversity culture. The Board is supportive in upholding gender diversity within the boardroom and the Management with due consideration on merited factors, such as, skills, experience, attitude and suitability of any potential candidates.</p> <p>Hence, as part of the Company's succession planning, gender diversity objectives will constantly be observed as a key consideration by the Company even without any specific targets determined. Additionally, the Board will look into the scope and measures of the policy on a regular basis, in ensuring its on-going effectiveness and applicability.</p> <p>The Board must have at least 30% woman directors and this was not achieved. Subsequently, the Company appointed a Woman Director on 31 May 2023 and the Board now comprised of 20% Woman Director.</p>
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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.

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.10

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

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	<p>At present, the Company maintains a gender diversity policy which encapsulates the objectives, principles and measures of the Group's diversity culture. The Board is supportive in upholding gender diversity within the boardroom and the Management with due consideration on merited factors, such as, skills, experience, attitude and suitability of any potential candidates.</p> <p>Hence, as part of the Company's succession planning, gender diversity objectives will constantly be observed as a key consideration by the Company even without any specific targets determined. Additionally, the Board will look into the scope and measures of the policy on a regular basis, in ensuring its on-going effectiveness and applicability.</p> <p>Subsequently, the Company appointed a woman director on 31 May 2023. The Board now comprised of 20% woman director and the Group's female staff made up 31% of the total staff.</p>	
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Measure	:	Please explain the measure(s) the company has taken or intend to take to adopt the practice.	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 6.1

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

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

<i>Note: For a Large Company to qualify for adoption of this practice, it must undertake annual board evaluation and engage an independent expert at least every three years to facilitate the evaluation.</i>	
Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: It is the responsibility of the Nomination Committee ("NC") for the overall board effectiveness evaluation process, which includes an assessment of the Board, Board Committees and individual Directors. The appraisal which was carried out through documented questionnaires that comprises quantitative and qualitative performance criteria to evaluate the performance of each member of the Board as well as each Board Committee was being circulated at the Meeting for assessment. The NC, upon conclusion of the exercise carried out on 31 May 2023, was satisfied that the Board and Board Committee composition had fulfilled the criteria required, possess a right blend of knowledge, experience and the appropriate mix of skills. Additionally, independent Directors were assessed to be objective in exercising their judgement.
Explanation for departure	:
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Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 7.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Group has established a Remuneration Committee (“RC”) to develop remuneration strategies that drive performance and provide levels of reward which reflect the performance of the Executive Directors and key Management personnel. Hence, all remuneration related matters of the Directors and Senior Management are presently subjected to the oversight and management of the RC.</p> <p>Procedures, such as establishing the remuneration framework of the Company, assessing and recommending the remuneration packages for Directors and Senior Management, and other relevant tasks are currently carried out by the RC prior to the necessary reporting to the Board.</p> <p>A remuneration policy in stipulating guidance over the administration of matters related to remuneration within the Company is in place.</p>
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 7.2

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

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Remuneration Committee, is populated as follow: Lim Shiou Ghay, Chairman, Independent Non-Executive Director Lee Chiong Meng, Member, Independent Non-Executive Director Tan Chee Keong, Member, Independent Non-Executive Director	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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 remuneration of Directors is disclosed on named basis in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement of the Company's Annual Report. The remuneration breakdown of Directors includes fees, salary, bonus, Employees Provident Fund, and other emoluments.

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			Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in-kind	Other emoluments	Total	Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in-kind	Other emoluments	Total
1	Ooi Soon Hong	Executive Director	19.5	-	-	-	-	-	19.5	19.5	45	180	75	-	36.495	355.995
2	Lee Thean Yew	Executive Director	6.5	-	-	-	-	-	6.5	6.5	-	75	-	-	9.29	90.79
3	Lim Shiou Ghay	Independent Director	18	0.8	-	-	-	-	18.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Tan Chee Keong	Independent Director	18	0.8	-	-	-	-	18.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Lee Chiong Meng	Independent Director	18	0.8	-	-	-	-	18.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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	:	Given the confidential and commercial sensitivities associated with remuneration matters and the highly competitive human resource environment and the importance of ensuring stability and continuity of business operations with competent and experienced Management team in place, the Board takes the view that there is no necessity for the Group to disclose the remuneration of the Company's Senior Management personnel who are not Directors.	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Please explain the measure(s) the company has taken or intend to take to adopt the practice.	
Timeframe	:	Choose an item.	

No	Name	Position	Company					
			Salary	Allowance	Bonus	Benefits	Other emoluments	Total
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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	:	

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

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Mr Tan Chee Keong, the Chairman of the Audit Committee, is an Independent Director whereas the Chairman of the Board is Mr Lim Shiou Ghay.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.2

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

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	The Company has not appointed any former audit partner as a member of the Audit Committee ("AC").	
		Nevertheless, the Board has updated within its External Auditor Assessment Policy to stipulate that no former key audit partner shall be appointed as a member of the AC unless he/she has observed a cooling-off period of at least three (3) years before the appointment.	
Please provide an alternative practice and explain how the alternative practice meets the intended outcome.			
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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.	

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.3

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>The Audit Committee ("AC") has formalised a policy which stipulates the procedures to assess the suitability, objectivity, and independence of external auditors which encompasses consideration of the nature and extent of non-audit services provided external auditors alongside the appropriateness of the level of fees.</p> <p>During the year, the AC conducted an annual assessment of the external auditors based on the following conditions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the quality of audit procedures and work provided;• the adequacy of experience, technical support and resources;• the independence and objectivity of external auditors;• the internal communication quality of external auditors with the Board and/or AC; and• any other criteria deemed fit by the AC and/or the Board. <p>Additionally, the said policy stipulated circumstances under which contracts for the provision of non-audit services could be entered into and procedures that must be followed by the external auditors. During the year, the external auditors reported the details of the non-audit services rendered which includes tax compliance and the review of the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control.</p> <p>Furthermore, the external auditors provided a confirmation to the AC that they are and have been independent throughout the conduct of the audit engagement in accordance with the terms of all relevant professional and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>On 31 May 2023, an annual assessment on the suitability and independence of external auditors was conducted by the AC. The AC, having assessed the independence of external auditors as well as reviewed the level of non-audit services rendered by them for the financial year ended 31 March 2023, was satisfied with their competency, suitability and independence. The AC has recommended their re-appointment to the Board, upon which shareholders' approval will be sought at the 33rd Annual General Meeting.</p>
Explanation for departure	:

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Timeframe :		

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The Audit Committee consists of three (3) Directors, all of whom are Independent Non-Executive Directors.

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.5

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Audit Committee ("AC") currently comprised of members with necessary financial, commercial expertise and capital markets skills, experience required to meet their responsibilities and provide an effective level of challenge to the Management. On an ongoing basis, the AC members will participate in training and development sessions in order to ensure that they are updated with the latest developments in accounting and auditing standards, guidelines and practices.
Explanation for departure	:	
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Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 10.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>In order to be effective in discharging these responsibilities, the Board is assisted by the Audit Committee which functions as an oversight body to review controls and systems in general and to carry out on-going assessment over the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control practices within the organisation.</p> <p>In addition to the abovementioned, the Board is supported by the Management in developing, implementing and monitoring practices for identifying and managing risks. This is added with the role of the Management to provide assurance that the necessary control practices are adhered and carried out accordingly based on stipulated policies and framework.</p>
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 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	:	<p>During the year, an assurance is provided by the Executive Director that the Group’s risk management and internal controls have been operating adequately and effectively, in all material aspects, during the year under review and up to the date of this Statement to the Board. Taking into consideration this assurance during the Board’s assessment of the Group’s risk management and internal control, the Board is of the view that the systems of internal control and the risk management is considered adequate for the Group’s business operations.</p> <p>The key elements and overall state of the internal control and risk management framework of the Group have been disclosed accordingly within the Annual Report.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 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	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The Risk Management Committee comprises the following members: Lee Chiong Meng, Chairman, Independent Non-Executive Director Lim Shiou Ghay, Member, Independent Non-Executive Director Tan Chee Keong, Member, Independent Non-Executive Director Lee Thean Yew, Member, Executive Director

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 11.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>As disclosed within the Terms of Reference (“TOR”) of the Audit Committee (“AC”), one of the primary responsibilities of the AC is to administer the review and assessment of the Company’s internal audit function.</p> <p>The internal audit function is currently outsourced to an external professional firm/ service provider who reports directly to the AC by providing independent and objective reports on the state of internal control of the various operations within the Group and the extent of compliance on established policies and procedures.</p> <p>On an annual basis, the AC carries out an assessment on the performance of the outsourced internal audit function and reports such assessment to the Board.</p> <p>Details of the internal audit function and activities relevant to the discharge of the AC’s responsibilities are set out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control and the Audit Committee Report of the Company’s Annual Report 2023.</p>	
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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 11.2

The board should disclose–

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The internal audit function is independent of the operations of the Group and is outsourced to a competent consulting firm which is sufficiently resourced to provide the services that meet with the Group's required service level. The service provider has been able to provide reasonable assurance that the Group's system of internal control and risk management is satisfactory and operating effectively.</p> <p>The internal auditors adopt a risk-based approach towards the planning and conduct of their audits, and this is consistent with the Group's approach in designing, implementing and monitoring its internal control system. The activities of the internal auditors during the financial year are set out in the Audit Committee Report in this Annual Report.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 12.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board believes that effective communication fosters better understanding of the Group's objectives and financial performance. In order to promote effective communication with the Company's stakeholders, information/results are made available through timely announcements and disclosure, executed via the Bursa Securities website, the Company's webpage, press releases and annual reports in line with the disclosure requirements of Listing Requirements.</p> <p>Additionally, the Company emphasises on providing a principal platform for dialogue and interactions with stakeholders, i.e. primarily its shareholders, through its Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting serves as a principal forum for dialogues with individual shareholders as it provides shareholders the opportunity to ask questions about the proposed resolutions or about the Company's operations in general.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 12.2

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

Application	:	Not applicable – Not a Large Company	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 13.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The notice for the Company's 33 rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be issued on 31 July 2023 whilst the AGM will be held on 29 August 2023. Therefore, the notice period is not less than 28 days as recommended by the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance.	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 13.2

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>All the Directors of the Company attend General Meetings in order to engage directly with shareholders and to take up any relevant questions which are related to matters that fall under the purview of the Board Committees or Board, unless unforeseen circumstances preclude them from attending General Meetings.</p> <p>All Directors attended the 32nd Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) of the Company held on 30 August 2022.</p> <p>The shareholders present at the AGM were invited to ask questions about the resolutions being proposed at the AGM before putting them to vote by poll.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 13.3

Listed companies should leverage technology to facilitate–

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

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The 32nd Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) of the Company was conducted on a fully virtual basis through live streaming and online remote voting via Remote Participation and Voting (“RPV”) Facilities either in person or by corporate representatives, proxies or attorneys.</p> <p>The Company will try to continue to hold AGM on a virtual basis in the future and allow shareholders to actively participate and vote in absentia in the future AGMs.</p> <p>Announcement of the detailed results of the poll voting had been made to the public via Bursa LINK on the same day for the benefit of all shareholders.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 13.4

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

<i>Note: The explanation of adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures undertaken to ensure the general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficient opportunity to pose questions and the questions are responded to.</i>	
Application :	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice :	Questions for the 32 nd Annual General Meeting ("AGM") was submitted through the online portal at www.registrar-braxton.com.my before commencement of that AGM. A question and answer session was also held during that AGM whereby shareholders use the query box to submit their questions during meeting in real time.
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 13.5

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

<i>Note: The explanation of adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures undertaken to ensure the general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficient opportunity to pose questions and the questions are responded to. Further, a listed issuer should also provide brief reasons on the choice of the meeting platform.</i>	
Application :	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice :	The Management had responded to all questions posed before and during the 32 nd Annual General Meeting.
Explanation for departure :	
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Measure :	
Timeframe :	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 13.6

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

<i>Note: The publication of Key Matters Discussed is not a substitute for the circulation of minutes of general meeting.</i>	
Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: The minutes of 32 nd Annual General Meeting (including the questions raised at the meeting and the answers thereto) were also made available on the Company's website.
Explanation for departure	:
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>	
Measure	:
Timeframe	:

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

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

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