

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

**STOCK CODE** : 5100  
**COMPANY NAME** : BP Plastics Holding Bhd  
**FINANCIAL YEAR** : December 31, 2020

## OUTLINE:

### **SECTION A – DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

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

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

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## SECTION A – DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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### Intended Outcome

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

### Practice 1.1

The board should set the company's strategic aims, ensure that the necessary resources are in place for the company to meet its objectives and review management performance. The board should set the company's values and standards, and ensure that its obligations to its shareholders and other stakeholders are understood and met.

<b>Application</b>	: Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	<p>The Board of Directors ("<b>Board</b>") is responsible for the stewardship and corporate governance practices of the Group and Company, and is guided by the Board Charter, which clearly sets out the composition, roles, responsibilities, structure and processes of the Board.</p> <p>In directing and managing the Group's businesses and affairs, the Board is committed to ensure that the principles and recommendations of the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance ("<b>MCCG</b>") and good governance standards are practised throughout BPPLAS as a fundamental part of discharging its responsibility, and to ensure sustainable value creation framework is in place to support the continuous growth of the Group as a long-term commitment to its shareholders and other stakeholders.</p> <p>In discharging its functions, the Board has delegated certain responsibilities to the Committees of the Board which operate within clearly defined terms of reference ("<b>TORs</b>"). The Committees of the Board comprise of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Audit Committee ("<b>AC</b>");</li><li>(b) Nominating and Remuneration Committee ("<b>NRC</b>"); and</li><li>(c) Risk Management Committee ("<b>RMC</b>").</li></ul> <p>The TORs of the Board AC, NRC and RMC are available on the Company's website on <a href="http://www.bpplas.com">www.bpplas.com</a>.</p> <p>In addition to the above, amongst the other committees set up to manage specific areas of the Group's operations includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) Management-level RMC,</li><li>(b) Executive Committee and;</li><li>(c) Management Committee.</li></ul> <p>Mr. Lim Chun Yow, who is the Managing Director, leads the Management and is assisted by the two (2) Executive Directors, namely</p>

	<p>Mr. Tan See Khim and Mr. Hey Shiow Hoe. Collectively, they are founders of the Company with extensive expertise and vast experience in the flexible plastic packaging business, specialising in bags, film and sheet section. The three (3) founders' combined experience and in-depth knowledge of the plastic packaging industry have helped to enhance the competitiveness of the Company, and in driving the Group towards being one of the leading flexible plastic packaging specialists within Malaysia as well as the Asia-Pacific region.</p> <p>The other four (4) Independent Non-Executive Directors are professionals in their own right with wide-ranging experiences, skills and expertise in audit, accounting, taxation, corporate finance and law, and plastic industry.</p> <p>The four (4) Independent Non-Executive Directors are not involved in the daily operations and management of the Company. This ensures that the Independent Non-Executive Directors remain free of conflict of interest situations and enable them to carry out their roles and responsibilities effectively. The Independent Non-Executive Directors, through their vast and wide corporate experiences, and qualifications provide effective contributions and support to the Board. The members of the Board are persons of high calibre and integrity with the necessary qualifications, experience and qualities that enable them to discharge their duties effectively.</p>
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### Intended Outcome

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### Practice 1.2

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

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The BPPLAS Board is led by Mr. Lim Kim Hock, who joined the Board since 22 February 2008 and was appointed the Chairman of the Board on 29 May 2013. The profiles of the Chairman and each Board member of BPPLAS can be viewed from the Company's Annual Report 2020.</p> <p>The Chairman is primarily responsible for the leadership, orderly conduct and effectiveness of the Board. The Chairman is also responsible for instilling a culture of integrity and internalisation of good governance practices by the Board as set out in the Board Charter.</p> <p>The Board had on 14 May 2020 reviewed and approved the revised Board Charter of the Company, a copy of which is available on the Company's website at <a href="http://www.bpplas.com">www.bpplas.com</a>.</p>
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### Practice 1.3

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

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The positions of the Chairman and Managing Director (“MD”) are held by two (2) different individuals. The Chairman, Mr. Lim Kim Hock leads the Board in its collective oversight of Management while Mr. Lim Chun Yow, the MD, focuses on the daily operations of the business and day-to-day management of the Company.</p> <p>The roles of the Chairman and MD are separate and distinct from each other, with clearly defined responsibilities to ensure the balance of power and authority. The Chairman is primarily responsible for the orderly conduct and working of the Board whilst the MD, together with the Executive Directors, oversees the operations of the Group and implementation of the Board’s policies, decisions and business strategies.</p> <p>The respective duties and responsibilities of the Chairman and the MD are clearly stated in the Board Charter.</p>
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### Practice 1.4

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

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The Board is supported by two (2) Company Secretaries who are qualified to act as company secretary under Section 235(2) of the Companies Act 2016 on matters relating to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) the Company's Constitution;</li><li>b) Board's policies and procedures;</li><li>c) corporate disclosures with view to ensure regulatory and governance compliance requirement with the relevant Company and securities act, as well as Main Market Listing Requirements ("MMLR") of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Malaysia") and latest corporate governance developments.</li></ul> <p>The Company Secretary attends and ensures that all Board and Board Committee meetings are properly convened, and that an accurate and proper record/minutes of the proceedings and resolutions passed during the meetings are taken and maintained in the statutory registers at the registered office of the Company.</p>
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### Practice 1.5

Directors receive meeting materials, which are complete and accurate within a reasonable period prior to the meeting. Upon conclusion of the meeting, the minutes are circulated in a timely manner.

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>All Board members are provided with relevant information of the Group and the Company to enable them to discharge their duties effectively. Notices for each meeting, with a set of Board papers for each item of agenda, including financial reports and other supplementary information/appendixes are sent to Directors at least seven (7) days prior to any Board meeting. This is to accord sufficient time for the Directors to peruse the Board papers and to seek any clarification or further details that they may need from the Management or to consult independent advisers, if they deem necessary. The Board also notes the decisions and salient issues deliberated by the Board Committees through the Minutes of these Committees' meetings.</p> <p>The Directors have a duty to declare immediately to the Board should they have any interest in transactions to be entered into, directly or indirectly, with the Group or the Company. The interested Directors would abstain from deliberations and decisions of the Board on the said transaction. In the event a corporate proposal is required to be approved by shareholders, the interested Directors would also abstain from voting in respect of their shareholdings relating to the corporate proposal, and would further undertake to ensure that persons connected to them similarly abstain from voting on the resolution(s).</p> <p>Minutes of each Board meeting are circulated to all Directors on a timely basis after each Board meeting, for their perusal, review and comments, prior to confirmation of the minutes at the next succeeding Board meeting.</p>
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## Intended Outcome

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

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

## Practice 2.1

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

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

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The Board Charter of the Company is in place and is available on the Company's website at <a href="http://www.bpplas.com">www.bpplas.com</a>.</p> <p>The Board will review the Board Charter from time to time and make any necessary amendments to ensure they remain consistent with the Board's objectives, current laws/regulations and good governance practices.</p> <p>The Group had adopted the revised Board Charter on 14 May 2020, to update and incorporate for the latest anti-corruption measures amendments in MMLR of Bursa Malaysia, and to ensure continued alignment with the Companies Act 2016, as well as MCCG requirements.</p> <p>The duties and responsibilities of the Board, the Chairman, and the Managing Director, as well as a list of matters reserved for the Board's attention and approval, except where they are expressly delegated to a Board Committee, the Chairman, or the Managing Director, is clearly stated in the Board Charter.</p> <p>The duties and responsibilities of the Board Committees are summarised in their Terms of References ("<b>TORs</b>"), which is also available on the Company's website at <a href="http://www.bpplas.com">www.bpplas.com</a>.</p> <p>In line with the Anti-Corruption Amendments, as well as the regulatory compliance with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009 ("<b>MACC Act</b>") Section 17A Corporate Liability provisions which came into effect on 1 June 2020, the Board has conducted the necessary review to ensure that BPPLAS has the adequate procedures, policies and controls for the prevention of corrupt acts and practices and had on 29 May 2020 adopted an Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption ("<b>ABAC</b>") Framework and Policy. A copy of the ABAC Framework and ABAC Policy is available at the Company's website at <a href="http://www.bpplas.com">www.bpplas.com</a>.</p>

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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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The Group has in place a Group Code of Conduct that is applicable to all Directors and employees. The Group's Code of Conduct sets out the standards of good conduct and ethical practices, and aims to maintain confidence in the integrity of the Group's business practices.</p> <p>The Group's Code of Conduct is premised on the following 4 main principles:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Show respect in the workplace;</li><li>Act with integrity in the marketplace;</li><li>Ensure ethics in our business relationships; and</li><li>Ensure effective communication, which also covers the areas on corporate disclosure and whistle blowing.</li></ol> <p>All Directors and employees of the Group must endeavour to observe the Group's Code of Conduct which provides guidance as to the ethical conduct to be complied to uphold the principles of honesty and integrity, to ensure a high standard of ethical and professional conduct is upheld in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.</p> <p>The Group's Code of Conduct is accessible on the Company's website at <a href="http://www.bpplas.com">www.bpplas.com</a>.</p>
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The board, management, employees and other stakeholders are clear on what is considered acceptable behaviour and practice in the company.

### Practice 3.2

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

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The policies and procedures on whistleblowing are incorporated under Part D of the Group’s Code of Conduct (“<b>Code</b>”).</p> <p>Whistle blowing is a specific means by which an employee/officer (or stakeholder) can report or disclose through established channels, concerns about any violations of the Code, unethical behaviour, malpractices, illegal acts or failure to comply with regulatory requirements that is taking place / has taken place / may take place in the future.</p> <p>The whistle blowing channels are established to help all stakeholders raise concerns, without fear of retaliation, on any wrongdoing that they may observe in the Group.</p> <p>Only genuine concerns should be reported. Such report should be made in good faith with a reasonable belief that the information and any allegation in it are substantially true, and the report is not made for personal gain. If allegations are proven to be malicious, parties responsible may be subject to appropriate action, including legal action, where applicable.</p> <p>In the event of any violation of the Code, the Board shall determine appropriate action to be taken after considering all relevant information, including but not limited to, the nature of the violation and its severity, and whether the violation appears to have been committed intentionally or inadvertently. Such action to be taken shall reasonably be designed to deter wrongdoings and to promote accountability for adherence to the Code.</p> <p>We are committed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• encourage employees to talk to supervisors, managers and other appropriate personnel when in doubt about the best course of action in a particular situation;</li><li>• encourage employees to report violations of laws, rules, regulations, the Company's policies or the Code to appropriate personnel;</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• investigate into cases reported and take appropriate actions after conclusion of investigations;</li> <li>• keep identity of the whistle blower in strictest confidentiality; and;</li> <li>• indemnify the whistle blower.</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Lim Kim Hock is the Chairman of the Board and an Independent Non-Executive Director to facilitate communications with stakeholders which could not be dealt with by the Managing Director or the Executive Directors.</p> <p>Ms. Tan Ming-Li, the Senior Independent Non-Executive Director, shall serve as a fall-back point of contact for direct communication for purpose of whistle blowing, on areas that cannot be resolved through normal channels of contact with the Chairman or Managing Director, and the concern may be reported in writing directly to <a href="mailto:seniorined@bpplas.com">seniorined@bpplas.com</a>.</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 4.1

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

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The Board consists of seven (7) Directors, four (4) of whom are Independent Non-Executive Directors and three (3) are Executive Directors.</p> <p>Such composition is able to provide independent and objective judgement to facilitate a balanced leadership in the Group as well as providing effective check and balance to safeguard the interest of the minority shareholders and other stakeholders, and ensuring high standards of conduct and integrity are maintained. Whilst Mr. Lim Chun Yow, Mr. Tan See Khim and Mr. Hey Shioh Hoe represent the interests of the major shareholders of the Company, the interest of remaining shareholders are fairly reflected in the Board's representation.</p>
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

## Practice 4.2

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.

<b>Application</b>	: Applied – Two Tier Voting
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	<p>The Company had obtained shareholders' approval at the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting ("AGM") held on 10 August 2020 to retain Mr. Lim Kim Hock who has served the Board for a cumulative term of more than twelve (12) years, to continue in office as an Independent Non-Executive Director through a two-tier voting process.</p> <p>Presently, Mr. Lim Kim Hock was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company on 22 February 2008 and therefore, has served the Board in that capacity for a cumulative term of more than twelve (12) years.</p> <p>The Board proposes to retain Mr. Lim Kim Hock, to continue to serve as an Independent Non-Executive Director, subject to the shareholders' approval through a two-tier voting process as described in the Guidance to Practice 4.2 of the MCCG at the forthcoming Seventeenth AGM of the Company.</p> <p>The NRC and the Board have assessed the independence of Mr. Lim Kim Hock, and is satisfied with the skills, contribution and independent judgement that he brings to the Board.</p> <p>In accordance with the MCCG, the Board through the NRC has undertaken relevant assessment and recommended for Mr. Lim Kim Hock to continue to serve as Independent Non-Executive Director based on the following justifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• he fulfils the criteria under the definition of Independent Director pursuant to Chapter 1 of the MMLR of Bursa Malaysia;</li><li>• he has consistently demonstrated his independence and professionalism and effectively contributed and added value to the Company through Board Committee he serves as well as the Board;</li><li>• he has a thorough understanding of the business of the Group and</li></ul>

	<p>the financial, accounting and commercial implications arising from its business and operations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• there are significant advantages to be gained from a long-serving Independent Director who has many years of experience with incumbent knowledge of the Company and the Group’s activities and corporate history, he is able to provide invaluable, fit and objective contributions; and</li> <li>• the length of his services on the Board does not in any way interfere with his exercise of independent judgement and ability to act in the best interests of the Group and Company.</li> </ul>	
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**Intended Outcome**

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**Practice 4.3- Step Up**

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

<b>Application</b>	:	Not adopted
<b>Explanation on adoption of the practice</b>	:	

**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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied	
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The criteria for the appointment process and annual assessment of Directors are contained in the TOR of the NRC.</p> <p>The NRC will review and assess the proposed appointment of Directors, and thereupon recommends to the Board for approval. In the selection process, the NRC does not specifically set any target on gender, ethnicity or age diversity, but rather endeavour to include any member who will improve the Board’s overall compositional balance. The NRC would also ensure that the Board has an appropriate balance of expertise and ability. Another objective of this Committee is to assess the effectiveness of the Board as a whole and the contribution of each individual Director on an on-going basis. The NRC will review annually the required mix of skills, experience and other qualities including core competencies that the Directors should bring to the Board, identify areas for improvement, and review the succession planning of the Board.</p>	
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### Practice 4.5

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

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The Board is cognisant of the call by the Government and MCCG to have more women representation on boards of companies, and although the Board has not set specific targets, the Board and NRC endeavour to ensure sufficient number of women candidates are included in the pool of candidates evaluated for new appointments to the Board.</p> <p>At present, the Company has two (2) female Directors on the Board. Currently, the female representation on the Board and Senior Management are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ms. Tan Ming-Li (Senior Independent Non-Executive Director)</li><li>2. Ms. Chuah Sue Yin (Independent Non-Executive Director)</li><li>3. Ms. Chua Yi Fon (Finance Controller)</li></ol>
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### Practice 4.6

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

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>In identifying new Board members, the Board seeks recommendations for candidates from existing Board members, management, major shareholders and independent parties or sources. E.g., business associates, professional recruitment firms.</p> <p>The selection / identification of candidates for appointment as directors are made objectively in the best interests of the Company, considering amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the criteria as prescribed in Para 2.20A of the MMLR of Bursa Malaysia;</li><li>• whether the candidate has the character, experience, integrity, competence and time to effectively discharge their duties as director of the Company; and</li><li>• taking into account the existing diverse skills, expertise, experience and perspectives of the current Board members.</li></ul>
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**Practice 4.7**

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

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied	
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	The Nominating and Remuneration Committee is chaired by Ms. Tan Ming-Li, the Senior Independent Non-Executive Director.	
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## 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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The NRC conducted annual assessment of the Board and Board Committees' effectiveness and the contribution of each individual Director in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2020 using a set of customised self-assessment questionnaires to be completed by the Directors. The results of the self-assessment by the Directors on the Board and Board Committees' effectiveness as a whole as compiled by the Company Secretary were tabled to the Board for review and deliberation.</p> <p>In annual assessment of individual Directors by the NRC, the skills and experience of individual Directors are reviewed to ensure the composition of the Board is of appropriate mix of skills, experience and the individual Director's ability to contribute to the development of strategy and exercise independent judgement towards effective functioning of the Board.</p> <p>The Board is satisfied with the results of the annual assessment. The Board views that the current size and the existing composition of the Board and Board Committees are sufficient and well balanced, cater effectively to the scope of the Group's operations and there is appropriate mix of knowledge, skills, attributes and core competencies in the Board. As presently constituted, the Board has the stability, continuity and commitment as well as capacity to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.</p>
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### Intended Outcome

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

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

### Practice 6.1

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

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The Group has established a formal written Remuneration Policy for Directors and Senior Management.</p> <p>The Remuneration Policy of Directors and Senior Management is accessible on the Company's website at <a href="http://www.bpplas.com">www.bpplas.com</a>.</p> <p>For Executive Directors and Senior Management, the component parts of remuneration are structured so as to link rewards to corporate and individual performance. The remuneration strategy and practices for Senior Management ensure business complexities and individual responsibilities are aligned with business strategy and long term objectives.</p> <p>In the case of Non-Executive Directors, the levels of remuneration are reflected by the experience, level of responsibilities and the remuneration package for similar positions in the market and time commitment required from these Directors.</p> <p>No NRC member or any Director is involved in the deliberations of his/her own remuneration.</p> <p>Further details on the activities of the NRC in the discharge of its duties for the financial year, are set out in the NRC Statement in the Company's Annual Report 2020.</p>
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Remuneration policies and decisions are made through a transparent and independent process.

### Practice 6.2

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

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

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The Board has a merged Nominating and Remuneration Committee, which comprises solely Independent Non-Executive Directors.</p> <p>The NRC will meet at least once a year to carry out the annual review of the overall remuneration policy for Directors and Senior Management whereupon recommendations are submitted to the Board for approval. The NRC and the Board ensure that the Company's remuneration policy remains supportive of the Company's corporate objectives and is aligned with the interest of shareholders. The NRC and the Board strive to reward the Directors and Senior Management based on accountability, fairness, and competitiveness, so as to ensure the remuneration packages of Directors and Senior Management are sufficiently attractive to draw in and to retain persons of high calibre.</p> <p>The authority, duties and responsibilities of NRC are clearly defined in its TOR which is available on the Company's website at <a href="http://www.bpplas.com">www.bpplas.com</a>.</p>
<b>Explanation for departure</b>	:	
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<b>Measure</b>	:	
<b>Timeframe</b>	:	



## 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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied				
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	The details of remuneration for Directors of the Group and the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 are set out below:-				
<b>Group</b>						
In RM		Fees	Allowances	Salary and other emoluments	Total	
<b>Executive Directors</b>						
Lim Chun Yow		-	-	1,125,623	1,125,623	
Tan See Khim		-	-	1,021,502	1,021,502	
Hey Shiow Hoe		-	-	917,374	917,374	
<b>Subtotal</b>		-	-	<b>3,064,499</b>	<b>3,064,499</b>	
<b>Non-Executive Directors</b>						
Lim Kim Hock		96,000	5,000	-	101,000	
Tan Ming-Li		52,000	5,000	-	57,000	
Tan Hock Hin		52,000	5,000	-	57,000	
Chuah Sue Yin		52,000	5,000	-	57,000	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>252,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	-	<b>272,000</b>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>252,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>3,064,499</b>	<b>3,336,499</b>	
<b>Company</b>						
In RM		Fees	Allowances	Salary and other emoluments	Total	
<b>Non-Executive Directors</b>						
Lim Kim Hock		96,000	5,000	-	101,000	
Tan Ming-Li		52,000	5,000	-	57,000	
Tan Hock Hin		52,000	5,000	-	57,000	
Chuah Sue Yin		52,000	5,000	-	57,000	
<b>Total</b>		<b>252,000</b>	<b>20,000</b>	-	<b>272,000</b>	
<b>Explanation for departure</b>	:					

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<b>Measure</b> :		
<b>Timeframe</b> :		

### 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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Departure					
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:						
<b>Explanation for departure</b>	:	<p>The remuneration of the Senior Management (Group basis) for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 fall within the following band:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Remuneration Band(s)</th> <th>No of Persons</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Between RM200,000 to RM250,000</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Company notes the need for corporate transparency in the remuneration of its key senior management. However, the Board is of the opinion that the disclosure on the remuneration of Senior Management on a named basis would not be in the best interest in the Company due to privacy and confidentiality concerns. The Board will ensure that the remuneration of the Senior Management are commensurate with their duties and responsibilities, the performance of the Company and on par with market payouts.</p>		Remuneration Band(s)	No of Persons	Between RM200,000 to RM250,000	1
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<b>Measure</b>	:						
<b>Timeframe</b>	:						

**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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Not Adopted
<b>Explanation on adoption of the practice</b>	:	

**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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied	
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	The Chairperson of the Audit Committee, Ms. Chuah Sue Yin, is not the Chairperson of the Board.	
<b>Explanation for departure</b>	:		
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<b>Measure</b>	:		
<b>Timeframe</b>	:		

**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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied	
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>No former key audit partners of the present and former external auditors have been appointed to the Board or employed by the Company.</p> <p>The TOR of AC states clearly that a former key audit partner of the External Auditors shall be subject to a minimum two (2) year cooling-off period before being appointed as a member of the AC.</p> <p>The TOR of the AC is available for reference on the Company’s website at <a href="http://www.bpplas.com">www.bpplas.com</a>.</p>	
<b>Explanation for departure</b>	:		
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<b>Timeframe</b>	:		

### 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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The External Audit function under the purview of the AC is essential for all shareholders in ensuring the reliability of the Group's financial statements. The Board maintains a formal and transparent professional relationship with the Group's independent External Auditors via the AC. The External Auditors will bring to the AC's attention on any significant deficiency in the Group's internal control system identified during the course of the audit, and remedial action to be taken by the Management to rectify the deficiencies.</p> <p>The AC is tasked with the annual assessment process on the performance and quality of External Auditors and their independence, objective and professionalism.</p> <p>Based on the yearly evaluation using a questionnaire-based internal review as guided by the factors prescribed under Paragraph 15.21 of MMLR of Bursa Malaysia, as well as input from officers who have had direct interaction with the team of the external auditors, Messrs. Crowe Malaysia PLT ("<b>Crowe Malaysia</b>"), throughout the audit engagement, the AC is satisfied with the suitability and independence of the External Auditors and the Board have accepted the recommendation for the re-appointment of Crowe Malaysia as External Auditors of the Group for the ensuing financial year in the forthcoming Seventeenth AGM of the Company.</p> <p>Crowe Malaysia has provided confirmation of their independence to AC, that they were and had been independent throughout the conduct of the audit engagement in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants and the By-Laws (On Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants, for the audit of the Company's audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020.</p> <p>Despite the challenges due to the various Movement Control Orders (MCOs) put in place by the Government throughout the year 2020 to curb the spread of coronavirus disease ("<b>COVID</b>")-19 pandemic, the Board and respective Board Committees continued to discharge their statutory duties and responsibilities and switched to alternative online</p>

	<p>meeting platforms such as Skype, Zoom, Microsoft Teams in lieu of the conventional physical face-to-face meetings.</p> <p>The AC had two (2) private sessions with Crowe Malaysia without the presence of the Executive Directors and Management of the Company to discuss issues of concern that the External Auditors may have, arising from the statutory audit for the financial year ended 31 December 2020. There were no areas of concern that were brought to the attention of AC.</p>	
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<b>Timeframe</b> :		

**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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on adoption of the practice</b>	:	The AC comprises solely of Independent Directors and as such, there is a strong and independent element to provide effective oversight for it to function effectively and exercise objective judgements independently.

## 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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The Board regards the members of AC collectively possess the accounting and related financial management expertise and experience required for AC to discharge its responsibilities and assist the Board in its oversight over management in the design, implementation and monitoring of risk management and internal control systems.</p> <p>Members of the AC attend trainings and talks to keep them updated on developments on financial reporting and accounting standards. Updates and developments in the Companies Act 2016, new Financial Reporting Standards (FRS) and Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (MASB) Accounting Standards and Interpretations are presented in the annual Audit Planning Memorandum by the External Auditors at AC meetings.</p> <p>The details of the conferences, trainings programmes and seminars attended by each Director in various capacities during the year is outlined in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement in the Company's Annual Report 2020.</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 9.1

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

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The AC and RMC is tasked with the duty to assess the Group's internal control environment and risk management framework to determine the adequacy and effectiveness of the system of internal controls and risk management processes put in place by Management.</p> <p>The Board acknowledges its responsibilities for maintaining a sound and reliable system of internal controls within the Group, covering the financial controls, the operational and compliance controls. The internal control system involves each business unit and its key management, including the Board, and is designed to meet the Group's needs and to manage key areas of risk within an acceptable risk profile, rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve the policies and business objectives. The Group has an Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) framework that outlines the risk governance and structure, risk policies, risk assessment process and integration of risk management into significant activities and functions.</p> <p>This is a continuing process which includes risk assessments, internal controls reviews, and internal audit checks on all companies in the Group. The purpose of this continuous process is to ensure that the Group's assets are safeguarded in the interest of preserving the investment of shareholders.</p> <p>The Minutes of the respective AC and RMC meetings were circulated to the Directors for notation and for action by the Board, where appropriate.</p> <p>The Board has through the AC and RMC reviewed the adequacy and integrity of the Group's system of risk management and internal controls. For details to refer the Board's AC Report and Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control and Board Risk Management Committee Report, as disclosed in the Company's Annual Report 2020.</p>
<b>Explanation for departure</b>	:	

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### Intended Outcome

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

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

### Practice 9.2

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

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The Board recognises that having an effective risk management and system of internal controls is an essential part of good business management practice. The Board also acknowledges that all areas of the Group's activities do involve some degree of risk and is committed to ensure that the Group has an effective risk management framework which allows the Group to identify, evaluate, manage and monitor risks within defined risk parameters that affect the achievement of the Group's business objectives.</p> <p>The Group has a structured risk management framework in place, whereby a systematic and logical methodology risk management model has been adopted to ensure key risks are identified, evaluated, properly prioritised, owners identified with proper response time set and allowed for continuous improvement.</p> <p>Under the stewardship of the Board RMC, and in pursuing the Group's continuous commitment to optimise shareholders value, the Group had engaged the external consultant, Tricor Axcelasia Sdn. Bhd. to assist in the implementation of its Enterprise Risk Management ("<b>ERM</b>") Framework. The enhanced framework, which is based on internationally recognised ISO 31000:2018 risk management standards, outlines the risk governance and structure, risk policies, risk assessment process and integration of risk management into significant activities and functions.</p> <p>The Board RMC is assisted by a Management-level Risk Management Committee ("<b>MRMC</b>") which consists of the Managing Director ("<b>MD</b>"), Executive Directors, Head of Risk Governance and respective Heads of Department. The MRMC is established to monitor the risk policy implementation, provide risk education to all staff, ensure accountability of risks identified are assigned and facilitate the risk reporting to the Board.</p> <p>The MRMC through their meetings ensures that the accountability for managing the significant risks identified and appropriate mitigating controls is clearly assigned and that the identified risks affecting the Group are being satisfactorily addressed on an ongoing basis.</p>

	<p>The risk identification process, which is done at least once per annum, entails reviewing and assessing all key factors within the Group’s business context from an external perspective, i.e. from macro-environment, sustainability, cybersecurity, to industry and internal operating risks. Risks are categorised as strategic or operational risk and further classified into distinct categories, i.e. financials, operations, industry, compliance and people. For the current year, the MRMC had conducted corruption risk assessment in line with the MACC Act 2009 and the Bursa Malaysia Anti-Corruption Amendments which came into effect on 1 June 2020, as well as the related COVID-19 risk and mitigation measures such as compliance with the National Security Council (NSC) Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), business continuity risks assessment and cybersecurity risks assessment due to increase in online and remote access to enable work from home for employees.</p> <p>The Board has reviewed and also received assurance from the MD and Financial Controller and is satisfied that the Group’s risk management and internal control are operating adequately and effectively, in all material aspects, for the financial year under review.</p> <p>Details on the Group’s internal control and risk management framework are set out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control and Board Risk Management Committee Report of the Company’s Annual Report 2020.</p>	
<b>Explanation for departure</b>		
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### Intended Outcome

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

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

### Practice 9.3 - 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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on adoption of the practice</b>	:	<p>The Board has established a Board RMC, comprises solely of Independent Directors to oversee the Group's risk management framework and policies.</p> <p>The principal objective of the Board RMC is to assist the Board in their responsibilities to identify, assess and monitor key business risks to safeguard shareholders' investments and the Group's assets.</p> <p>The TOR of the Board RMC is available for reference on the Company's website at <a href="http://www.bpplas.com">www.bpplas.com</a>, and the details on the Group's ERM Framework is outlined in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control and Board Risk Management Committee Report in the Company's Annual Report 2020.</p>

## 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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The Group has outsourced its internal audit (“IA”) function to an independent professional service provider to assist the AC as well as the Board in discharging their responsibilities by providing independent, objective assurance and advisory services that seek to add value and improve the Group’s operations by considering :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The existence of processes to monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of operations and the achievement of business objectives;</li><li>• The adequacy and effectiveness of internal control systems for safeguarding of assets and providing consistent, accurate financial and operational data;</li><li>• Risk awareness and the value and nature of an effective internal control system;</li><li>• Compliance with applicable laws, regulations, corporate policies and procedures; and</li><li>• The effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes within the Group’s operations.</li></ul> <p>The IA function has adopted a risk-based approach and prepared its audit strategy and plan based on the risk profiles of the major business functions of the Group, and in accordance with the internal audit plan approved by the AC. The IA independently reviews the system of risk management and internal controls implemented by Management within the Group and reports to the AC on the outcome of the internal audit thereof.</p> <p>The details and summary of work of the IA function are further disclosed in the AC Report in the Company’s Annual Report 2020.</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 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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The Group outsourced its IA function to external independent professional service provider, Tricor Axcelasia Sdn. Bhd. (“<b>Axcelasia</b>”), for which the terms of engagement is for a period of 2 years. Therefore, the assessment of IA function is carried out by the AC biennially, i.e. in every 2 years, to coincide with the renewal of IA service engagement.</p> <p>The outsourced IA function is led by a Senior Executive Director, Mr Derek Lee of Tricor Axcelasia Sdn. Bhd., whereby he is a professional member of the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia (IIAM) and possesses the professional qualifications of Certified Internal Auditor (CIA); Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA); and other relevant professional qualifications. The IA function is supported by a team of internal auditors who have the relevant work experiences.</p> <p>The AC noted that the outsourced Internal Auditors, Tricor Axcelasia Sdn. Bhd. perform their work in accordance with an internationally recognised framework, which is the International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF) issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Inc. All members of the AC also participate in education sessions organised for AC members from time to time to better understand their roles on corporate governance, risk management and internal controls.</p> <p>The AC was generally satisfied with the effectiveness and adequacy of the Group’s IA function when benchmarked with the 7 criteria that formed the basis of the Thematic Review as outlined in the subject title ‘Key Observations on Effectiveness of Internal Audit Function of Listed Issuers’ dated 21 October 2020 from Bursa Malaysia.</p>
<b>Explanation for departure</b>	:	

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<b>Measure</b>	:	
<b>Timeframe</b>	:	

### **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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>Communication and engagement with stakeholders are made through various platforms i.e. media other than general meeting(s), press announcements, analyst briefings and via electronic means such as website and online meeting platforms such as Zoom, Skype and Microsoft Teams etc.</p> <p><u>Investor Relations</u> The investor relations ("IR") function of the Company forms an important channel of communication with shareholders, investors and the investment community broadly. As part of fulfilling its corporate governance obligations, the Company maintains extensive communication with its stakeholders with the provision of clear, comprehensive and timely information through the readily accessible channels such as the Annual Report, quarterly reports and announcements on Bursa Malaysia, press releases, as well as through</p>

	<p>the Company’s website. This is particularly important to shareholders and investors for informed investment decision making, more so during periods of extreme volatility or uncertainties in the market place.</p> <p>The Senior Management personnel in-charge of IR activity is Mr. Lim Chun Yow, the Managing Director of the Company. This reflects the high level of commitment and due importance placed by the Group to maintain investor relations as well as provides views and information on the Group that are appropriate and substantive to the investing public.</p> <p><u>Corporate Disclosure Policy</u></p> <p>The Group has in place a Group Corporate Disclosure Policy that is applicable to all its Directors and employees, to provide guidance and policies, in dealing with and disseminating corporate information (including material information) to all stakeholders which may include shareholders, analysts, media, regulators and the investing public. The Group Corporate Disclosure Policy which is subject to review from time to time, is made available to the shareholders and public at the Company’s website at <a href="http://www.bpplas.com">www.bpplas.com</a>.</p> <p>The Company recognises the value of transparent, timely and coherent communications with the investment community consistent with commercial confidentiality and regulatory considerations. The Company aims to build long-term relationships with shareholders and potential investors through appropriate channels of communication and disclosure of information.</p> <p>While the Company endeavours to provide as much information as possible to its shareholders and stakeholders, the Company is mindful of the legal and regulatory framework governing the release of material and price-sensitive information.</p>
<p><b>Explanation for departure</b></p>	<p>:</p>
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<p><b>Measure</b></p>	<p>:</p>
<p><b>Timeframe</b></p>	<p>:</p>

### 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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Departure
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	
<b>Explanation for departure</b>	:	<p>The Board acknowledges that the MCCG encourages the adoption of integrated reporting based on a globally recognised framework to improve the quality of information available to investors and promote greater transparency and accountability.</p> <p>Recognising that integrated reporting is a journey which requires cross functional efforts, the Company will gradually build upon the necessary processes and systems to support the development towards integrated reporting.</p> <p>Corporate information is disseminated via the Company's website and announcements are published on the website of Bursa Malaysia. At present, the Board is of the view that the Company's Annual Report is comprehensive enough for stakeholders to make informed decisions.</p> <p>The current Annual Report provides stakeholders with a fairly comprehensive overview on the Company's financial and non-financial information including future prospects. Components such as the Management and Discussion Analysis, Corporate Governance Overview Statement, Statement of Risk Management and Internal Control and Board Risk Management Committee Report, as well as the Sustainability Report, form an integral part of the non-financial information.</p> <p>Once the level of maturity of non-financial reporting practices is adequate and able to comply with global recognised integrated reporting standards, the Company will implement this as soon as it is practicable.</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 12.1

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

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	<p>The Company's Sixteenth AGM was held on 10 August 2020 and the notice for the AGM was issued on 10 July 2020, which fulfilled the minimum 28 days' notice period to be given to shareholders prior to the date of the AGM, which is in line with the MCCG recommendation, as per the requirement of the Companies Act 2016 and the Listing Requirements.</p> <p>The Company has complied with the statutory requirement with regards to timeline in sending out notice of AGM to shareholders all these years.</p> <p>The same practice will apply to future annual general meetings of the Company. The Notice of AGM is published in the press and made available to public at the website of Bursa Malaysia. The Board with the assistance of the Company Secretaries has ensured the Notice of AGM contained sufficient information related to the resolutions set out in the notice. Shareholders will have sufficient preparation time to attend the AGM and information to make informed decision.</p> <p>The Seventeenth AGM is scheduled to be held on 27 May 2021. However, in the event the Movement Control Order is extended or implemented in the state whereby the AGM venue is situated, the Board would need to revisit the conduct and arrangements of the AGM accordingly. The Management will duly notify the relevant stakeholders and update on material developments (if any) should there be any changes, subject to the prevailing COVID-19 situation and announcements from the Government.</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 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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Applied	
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	All Directors, Senior Management and the External Auditors attend the General Meetings. During the AGM, shareholders who attend the AGM are encouraged to raise questions pertaining to the items of the agenda of the AGM. All Directors and the Chair of the Audit, Nominating & Remuneration and Risk Management committees, as well as Senior Management, where appropriate, will provide feedbacks, answers and clarifications to the questions raised from the shareholders during the AGM.	
<b>Explanation for departure</b>	:		
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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 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.

<b>Application</b>	:	Departure
<b>Explanation on application of the practice</b>	:	
<b>Explanation for departure</b>	:	<p>The Company is aware of the recent changes brought upon by the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in rapid shifts towards online, virtual or hybrid AGMs by significant number of public listed companies on Bursa Malaysia. This was in part to facilitate the compliance with the SOPs or conducts of AGM as required by Securities Commission Malaysia and Bursa Malaysia, but also in line with the MCGG's call for more companies to allow for voting in absentia and remote shareholders' participation at general meetings. In view of this, the Company is currently looking at suitable e-platforms, and where appropriate and applicable, allow for remote shareholders' participation and voting in absentia at future general meetings.</p> <p>Currently, the Group's venue of the AGM is chosen in a centrally accessible location, which is accessible by public transport and easily reached via major link ways.</p> <p>Shareholders are encouraged to attend general meetings. Shareholders who have questions and queries are welcome to submit questions or engage with Management separately. Management will endeavour to respond within reasonable time. Shareholders are allowed to appoint any person as their proxies to attend, participate, speak and vote in his stead at a general meeting.</p> <p>The Company will explore the use of technology to allow voting in absentia or remote shareholders' participation. The Company will assess the necessity and viability for such facility taking into consideration the number of shareholders, the reliability of the technology and cost-benefit to the Company, before adopting this practice.</p>
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**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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