

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 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.

SECTION A – DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The responsibilities of the Board of Directors of Pasukhas Group Berhad ("the Company") are set out in the Board Charter which has been revised and approved by the Board. The Board Committees' roles, duties and responsibilities in discharging their functions are defined in their respective Terms of Reference.</p> <p>The Board is responsible for formulating and reviewing the strategic plans and key policies of the Company, and charting the course of the Group's business operations whilst providing effective oversight of Management's performance, risk assessment and controls over business operations. The Board is also responsible for ensuring that the Group's internal controls, risk management processes, ethical and legal compliance as well as the reporting procedures are in place.</p> <p>The Board delegates and confers some of its authorities and discretion on the Chairman, Executive Directors, and Management as well as on properly constituted Board Committees comprising exclusively of Non-Executive Directors. The Board Committees comprise the Audit and Risk Management Committee ("ARMC"), Nomination Committee ("NC") and Remuneration Committee ("RC").</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 key responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board have been clearly specified in the revised Board Charter which is available on the website of the Company.</p> <p>The Chairman provides leadership at Board level and represents the Board to the shareholders and other stakeholders and is responsible for ensuring integrity and effectiveness of the Board and its committees. The Chairman is primarily responsible for matters pertaining to the Board and the overall conduct of the Group and is committed to good corporate governance practices and has been leading the Board towards high performing culture.</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 Chairman of the Board, Dato' Sri Teng Ah Kiong and the CEO, Mr Wan Thean Hoe have separate distinct functions and responsibilities and are held by different individuals. Their roles are separated and clearly defined to ensure a balance of power and authority, increased accountability and greater capacity of the Board for independent decision making.</p> <p>The distinct and separate roles of the Chairman and CEO, with a clear division of responsibilities, ensure a balance of power and authority, such that no one individual has unfettered powers of decision-making.</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 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 are qualified to act pursuant to the Companies Act 2016. The roles and responsibilities of the Company Secretary include, but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attends all Board and Committee meetings and Annual General Meeting and ensures that deliberations and decisions at the meetings are accurately minuted and properly kept in the minutes books; • Guides the Board on issues relating to the Company's Constitution, corporate governance best practices, Companies Act 2016, and Listing Requirements; and • Undertakes the statutory duties as prescribed under the Companies Act 2016 and the Listing Requirements. 	
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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 1.5

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>For each Board Meeting, the agenda and Board papers are distributed at least seven days in advance to enable Directors to have sufficient time to review the Board papers and to obtain further explanation or clarification to facilitate the decision-making process and the meaningful discharge of their duties. The minutes of the said meetings are circulated and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings by the Board and Board Committees at their following respective meeting.</p> <p>The Directors may comment or request clarification before the minutes are tabled for confirmation as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting. Management provides Directors with complete and timely information prior to meetings and on-going basis to enable them to make informed decisions.</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.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board has adopted a revised Board Charter, which provides guidance to the Board in the fulfilment of its roles, duties and responsibilities. The Board Charter outlines the composition of the Board; the establishment of the Board Committees; the roles and responsibilities of the Board; schedule of matters reserved for the Board; separation of functions between the Chairman of the Board and the CEO; details on Board meetings; access to information, advice and training; maintaining integrity and compliance with ethical standards; and Board tenure and remuneration.</p> <p>The revised Board Charter was adopted on 29 March 2019 and is available for reference at the Company’s website at www.pasukhasgroup.com</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.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Code of Conduct and Ethics is available on the Company's website at www.pasukhasgroup.com</p> <p>The Board has adopted a Code of Conduct and Ethics for Directors which covers a wide range of business practices and procedures, which describes the standard of business conduct and ethical behaviour for Directors in discharging their duties and responsibilities.</p> <p>In addition, all employees are encouraged to report genuine concerns about unethical behaviour or malpractices. Any such concern should be raised with Managing Director/CEO and appropriate action will be taken by the Company. If for any reason, it is believed that this is not possible or appropriate, then the concern should be reported to the ARMC Chairman of the Company who can be contacted at armcchairman@pasukhas.com.my.</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 3.2

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Group has communicated and set up procedures and anonymous complaint mechanisms such as suggestion box/e-mail for employees and customers to report inappropriate ethical behaviours and workplace grievances. In addition, there shall be no retaliation to all whistle blowers in good faith and their identity shall not be disclosed so as to maintain confidentiality.</p> <p>The whistleblowing policy formed part of the Board Charter and is available on the Company's website.</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.

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	The Board comprises seven (7) members, three (3) of whom are Independent Directors.	
		All three (3) Independent Directors have satisfied the annual independence assessment carried out in 2018, in line with the ACE Market Listing Requirements (“AMLR”) of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Bursa Securities”) that requires at least two (2) Directors or one-third (1/3) of the Board, whichever is higher, to be Independent Directors. The Board will be reviewing the board composition to comply with the practice.	
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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 4.2

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

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

Application	:	Not applicable - No Independent Director(s) serving beyond nine (9) years	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.3 - Step Up

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

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The Board has adopted a policy which limits the tenure of its Independent Directors up to nine (9) years. An Independent Director should not exceed a cumulative term of nine (9) years and upon completion of the nine (9) years, an Independent Director may continue to serve on the Board subject to the director's re-designation as a Non-Independent Director. Otherwise, the Board will justify and seek shareholders' approval at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") in the event it retains the director as an Independent Director.

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.4

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The candidate for appointment to the Board as Directors is selected after taking into consideration the mix of skills, experience and independence that would be relevant for the effective discharge of the Board’s responsibilities with due regard for diversity in age and cultural background knowledge. The NC is delegated with the responsibility of assessing and considering and recommending to the Board, suitable candidates for appointment as Directors and Senior Management, after taking into consideration the candidates’ background capabilities, expertise, experience, character, integrity and professionalism.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.5

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board is of the view that the selection of a candidate for the Board should be dependent on the candidate's skills, expertise, experience, integrity, character, commitment and other qualities in meeting the requirements of the Company regardless of gender.</p> <p>The Company currently has one female Director (14% representation) and the Board aims to have 30% female representation within the coming years.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	Please provide an explanation for the departure.
		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	:	Others
		Please specify number of years.

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.6

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	In identifying new Board members, the Board seeks recommendations for candidates from existing Board members, management, major shareholders or independent sources. The NC then ensures that the recommended candidates are suitable and of sufficient calibre before recommending their appointment to the Board for approval.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.7

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Chairperson of the Nomination Committee is Puan Norkamaliah Binti Hashim who is an Independent Non-Executive Director.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.1

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

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	In 2018, the NC undertook the evaluation to assess the Board, Board Committees, each individual Director, the terms of office of the ARMC and its members, and the independence of Independent Directors. The evaluation was conducted using the Board and Board Committee Evaluation Form, Directors' Evaluation Form and Independent Director Self-Assessment Checklist. Thereafter, the results of the evaluation and recommendations were tabled to the Board for notation and further consideration.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 6.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The remuneration for Executive Directors and senior management of the Company are based on the human resource policies and procedures of the Pasukhas Group. The Company follows the performance appraisal system and compensation and benefits scheme of the Pasukhas Group. For Executive Directors of the Company, corporate and individual performance are rewarded through the use of an integrated pay benefits and bonus structure. The Non-Executive Directors are paid fixed annual directors' fees as members of the Board and these are approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. Non-Executive Directors may be entitled to attendance allowance for each Board or Committee meeting that they have attended.
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 6.2

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board has established a RC which comprises three (3) Independent Non-Executive Directors.</p> <p>The RC reviews and recommends to the Board annually the Board's remuneration package and/or reward payments that reflect their respective contributions for the year, achievement of each division's goals and/or quantified organisational targets as well as strategic initiatives set at the beginning of each year.</p> <p>The RC is governed by written Terms of Reference which deals with its authority and duties and these Terms are disclosed on the Company's website.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 7.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Each Director's detailed remuneration for the financial year ended 31 December 2018 is disclosed in the Corporate Governance ("CG") Overview Statement in the Annual Report 2018.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 7.2

The board discloses on a named basis the top five senior management's remuneration component including salary, bonus, benefits in-kind and other emoluments in bands of RM50,000.

Application	:	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:	
Explanation for departure	:	Details of the remuneration of each Senior Management on a named basis are not disclosed in this report as the Board is of the view that the transparency and accountability aspects of the Code on disclosure of the remuneration of Senior Management are appropriately served by the remuneration disclosures in bands of RM50,000.
	:	The Company has disclosed in Annual Report 2018, the remuneration of the one (1) Senior Management personnel by category and bands of RM50,000. The Company is of the view that the disclosure on a named basis of the top five (5) Senior Management officers may lead to an invasion of privacy and may expose named officers to an unwarranted attention.
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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

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

Practice 7.3 - Step Up

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

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 8.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Chairman of the ARMC is Mr Teoh Kim Hooi while the Chairman of the Board is Dato' Sri Teng Ah Kiong.</p> <p>Mr Teoh Kim Hooi is currently a Fellow Member of ACCA, a Licensed Auditor and Tax Agent, a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and a Fellow Member of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia.</p>	
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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 8.2

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>Currently, none of the members of the Board are former key audit partners of the Company.</p> <p>The ARMC has revised its Terms of Reference and adopted a policy that requires a former key audit partner to observe a cooling-off period of at least two (2) years before being appointed as a member of the ARMC. The updated Terms of Reference is available on the Company’s website.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:	Please explain the measure(s) the company has taken or intend to take to adopt the practice.	
Timeframe	:	Others	Please specify number of years.

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 8.3

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The ARMC is responsible for the annual assessment of the competency and independence of the External Auditors. Having assessed their performance, available resources, technical competency and audit independence as well as fulfilment of criteria as set out in the Auditor Independent Policy, the ARMC has considered and recommended the re-appointment of Messrs. Crowe Malaysia PLT to the Board, upon which the shareholders' approval will be sought at the AGM.</p> <p>The External Auditors are required to declare their independence annually to the ARMC as specified by the By-Laws issued by the Malaysian Institute of Accountants. The External Auditors have provided the declaration in their annual audit plan presented to the ARMC of the Company.</p>	
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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 8.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The ARMC comprises solely of three (3) Independent 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 8.5

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The members of the ARMC possess the necessary skills to discharge their duties and are financially literate. The profiles of the ARMC members are provided in the Annual Report 2018. The training programs that the ARMC members have attended during the financial year ended 31 December 2018 are disclosed in the Annual Report 2018.
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 9.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Group has in place an effective risk management and internal control framework to identify and assess the risks faced by the Group and thereafter, to implement and monitor appropriate internal controls to manage and mitigate those risks.	
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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.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The key features of the Risk Management Framework are set out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control as presented in the Annual Report 2018.	
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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.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	<p>The Audit Committee of the Company was re-designated as ARMC in February 2018. The ARMC, which comprises solely of Independent Directors, oversees the Company's risk management framework and policies.</p> <p>The ARMC oversees the risk management of the Group and advises the Board on areas of high risk faced by the Group and the adequacy of compliance and control throughout the organisation. The ARMC also reviews the action plan implemented and makes relevant recommendations to the Board to manage residual risks. The Group has established a formal risk management framework to oversee the risks management of the Company and engaged an external consultant to assist the Company in identifying, assessing and managing the risks in areas that are applicable to the Company's business and ensure that the risk management process in place and functioning effectively.</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.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Group's internal audit function is performed by the external independent consulting firm ("Internal Auditors"), namely CAS Consulting Services Sdn. Bhd. ("CAS"), to assist the ARMC in discharging its duties and responsibilities in respect of reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems. The Internal Auditors have directly accessed to both the ARMC and the Chairman of the ARMC, and report directly to the ARMC on all matters of internal control and audit. Details of the internal audit function are set out in the ARMC Report in the Annual Report 2018.	
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 10.2

The board should disclose–

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The information on the internal audit function is available in the CG Overview Statement, the ARMC Report and Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control in the Annual Report 2018.	
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	:		

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 11.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Information is made available to the shareholders and investors through the Annual Reports, the various disclosures and announcements made to Bursa Securities and the Company’s corporate website. The AGM provides the principal platform for dialogue and interactions with the shareholders. For more details, please refer to the CG Overview Statement in the Annual Report 2018.	
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	:		

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 11.2

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

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	Not applicable as the Company is not a large Company as defined by the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance.	
		Not applicable	
<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.	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 12.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	28 days' notice period is given in respect of the Company's forthcoming AGM to be held on 28 May 2019.	
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	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 12.2

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>All the Directors of the Company attended the previous AGM that was held on 28 May 2018 and all the Directors have confirmed their attendance for the forthcoming AGM to be held on 28 May 2019, barring unforeseen circumstances.</p> <p>The Board members who are also Chairman of the Board Committees are present at the AGM to respond to questions raised by the shareholders if addressed to them.</p>	
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	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 12.3

Listed companies with a large number of shareholders or which have meetings in remote locations should leverage technology to facilitate–

- including voting in absentia; and
- remote shareholders' participation at General Meetings.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Company holds its meetings in places easily accessible by its shareholders. There is no necessity for remote shareholder participation at present.	
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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