

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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COMPANY NAME : SECUREMETRIC BERHAD
FINANCIAL YEAR : December 31, 2019

OUTLINE:

SECTION A – DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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

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

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

SECTION A – DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.1

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: The principal roles and responsibilities assumed by the Board are as follows: a. Reviewing and providing guidance on the Company's and the Group's annual budgets, development of risk policies, major capital expenditures, acquisitions and disposals; b. Monitoring corporate performance and the conduct of the Group's business and to ensure compliance with best practices and principles of corporate governance; c. Identifying and implementing appropriate systems to manage principal risks. The Board undertakes this responsibility through the Audit Committee; d. Reviewing and ensuring the adequacy and soundness of the Group's financial system, internal control systems and management information system and that they are in compliance with the applicable standards, laws and regulations; e. Ensuring a transparent Board nomination and remuneration process including management, ensuring the skills and experiences of the Directors are adequate for discharging their responsibilities whilst the calibre of the Independent Non-Executive Directors bring independent judgment in the decision making process; f. Ensuring a proper succession plan is in place; g. Monitoring major litigation; h. Approving all financial reports to be published and related stock exchange announcements;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Monitoring other material reporting and external communications by the Group; j. Approving the dividend policy and payment of dividends; k. Appointing external auditors (subject to shareholders' approval); and l. Considering and reviewing the social, ethical and environmental impact of the Group's activities and determining, monitoring and reviewing standards and policies to guide the Group in this regard. 	
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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 Independent Non-Executive Chairman, Mr. Clifton Heath Fernandez is capable to lead the Board based on his entrepreneurial leadership coupled with his many years of extensive experience in the operations of the Group. As one of the pioneer members of the Group, the Chairman is able to provide effective leadership to the Board and guide the vision, strategic direction and business development of the Group, and at the same time be guided by the independent advice and views from the Independent Directors, who offer the necessary checks and balances in the decision making process of the Board.</p> <p>The Board is helmed by the Independent Non-Executive Chairman, Mr. Clifton Heath Fernandez and his profile is set out in the Directors' Profile of the 2019 Annual Report.</p> <p>As the Chairman, Mr. Clifton Heath Fernandez led the Board in instilling good corporate governance practices, being the leadership of the Board and ensured its effectiveness on all aspects of its role and setting its agenda during the FYE 2019.</p> <p>When running Board Meetings, Mr. Clifton Heath Fernandez maintains a collaborative atmosphere, and ensures that all Directors contribute to debates and a consensus is reached and sufficient time is allowed for the discussion of complex or contentious issues. The roles and responsibilities of the Chairman are clearly defined in the Board Charter, which is available at the Company's website https://www.securemetric.com/corporate-governance/.</p>
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Practice 1.3

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>To ensure balance of power and authority, accountability and independent decision making, the roles of the Chairman and the CEO are distinct and separated.</p> <p>The Chairman Mr. Clifton Heath Fernandez is responsible for leadership, ensuring effective functioning of the Board and providing oversight over the operations of the Group.</p> <p>The CEO, Mr. Law Seeh Key supported by the Senior Management, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the operations of the Group, implementation of the Group's policies, business direction and development of the Group.</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.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board is supported by qualified and competent Company Secretaries who are responsible for ensuring that the Company's constitutions, procedures, policies and regulations are complied with. Also ensuring that, all obligations required by the regulatory and under the Listing requirements are fulfilled in a timely manner. The Board is regularly updated and advised by the Company Secretaries on any new statutory and regulatory requirements in relation to their duties and responsibilities. The Board recognises that the Company Secretaries is suitably qualified and capable of carrying out the duties required. The Board is satisfied with the service and support rendered by the Company Secretaries in discharge of their functions.
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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>Unless otherwise agreed, the Board papers comprising of due notice of issues to be discussed and supporting information and documentations were provided to the Board prior to the date of the meeting. This is to ensure that the Directors are given sufficient time to read the Board papers and seek any clarification that they may need from Management or to consult the Company Secretaries or independent advisers before the Board Meetings, if necessary. This enables the Directors to discuss the issues effectively at the board meetings.</p> <p>The Board has access to all information within the Company as a full Board to enable them to discharge their duties and responsibilities and is supplied in a timely basis with information and reports on financial, regulatory and audit matters by way of Board papers for informed decision making and meaningful discharge of its duties.</p> <p>All Directors have direct access to the advice and services of the Company Secretaries who is responsible for ensuring the Board's meeting procedures are adhered to and that applicable rules and regulations are complied with. External advisers are invited to attend meetings to provide insights and professional views, advice and explanation on specific items on the meeting agenda, when required. Senior management team from different business units will also be invited to participate in the Board meetings to enable all Board members to have equal access to the latest updates and developments of business operations of the Group presented by the senior management team. The Chairman of the Board Committees, namely, the Audit Committee, Risk Management Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee briefs the Board on matters discussed as well as decisions taken at the meetings of their respective Board Committees meetings.</p> <p>When necessary, all Directors may whether as a full Board or in their individual capacity, seek independent professional advice,</p>

	<p>including the internal and external auditors, at the Company's expense to enable the directors to discharge their duties with adequate knowledge on the matters being deliberated. The Directors may consult the Chairman or other Board members prior to seeking any independent professional advice.</p> <p>The proceedings and relevant resolutions passed at the Board meeting are duly recorded by the Company Secretaries, and properly documented and filed in the Minutes Book maintained at the Registered Office of the Company.</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	:	The Company has formalised and adopted a Board Charter which sets out a list of specific roles and functions which are reserved to the Board and other matters that are important for good corporate governance. The Board Charter is accessible through the Company's website at https://www.securemetric.com/corporate-governance/ and will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains consistent with the Board's objectives, responsibilities and practices
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Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 3.1

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Company has formalised and adopted a Directors' Code of Conduct which sets out a list of conducts which are reserved to the Board and other matters that are important for good corporate governance. The Directors' Code of Conduct is accessible through the Company's website at https://www.securemetric.com/corporate-governance/ and will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains consistent with the Board's objectives, responsibilities and practices
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Practice 3.2

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board has formalised a Whistle-blowing Policy, with the aim to provide an avenue for raising concerns related to possible breach of business conduct, non-compliance of laws and regulatory requirements as well as other malpractices.</p> <p>The main objectives of the policy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Be committed to the Company's business ethics of Honesty, Integrity and Transparency;ii) To provide a transparent and confidential process for all parties to give information on non-compliances to the Code of Conduct and Ethics, or any misconduct regardless of his or her position, to an independent party to investigate the allegations and take the appropriate actions; andiii) To uphold the moral duty being a Company by protecting the interest of all its stakeholders. <p>The details of the Whistle-blowing Policy are available for reference at the Company's website at https://www.securemetric.com/corporate-governance/.</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	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board currently consists of five (5) members, comprising the Independent Non-Executive Chairman, two (2) Executive Director, and two (2) Independent Non-Executive Directors during the financial year ended 31 December 2019. 60% of the Board members are Independent Directors.</p> <p>The Board is satisfied that its current size and composition reflects an appropriate balance of Executive and Non-Executive Directors which is adequate for the scope and nature of the Group's business and operations.</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 4.2

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 9 years	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
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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 4.3 - Step Up

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

Application :	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice :	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 4.4

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Taking cognisance of the values of human capital and talent management in the growth and sustainability of the Group, the Chief Executive Officer are responsible for the identification and development of the key Senior Management, as well as to review the succession planning for key management team from time to time. The Chief Executive Officer shall search for suitable candidates through established channels such as public advertisement or direct approaches being made to individuals who may be suitable or through organisations that may be able to assist in the recruitment process. In selecting the appropriate candidates, the Chief Executive Officer take into account the candidate's qualification, experience, competence and character. Newly appointed key senior management will have to undergo induction training and/or any other programs.
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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 4.5

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

Application	:	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:	
Explanation for departure	:	<p>The Board currently does not have a formal policy on its boardroom or gender diversity. The evaluation and selection criteria of a Director are very much dependent on the effective blend of knowledge, skills, competencies, experiences and time commitment of the new Board member. Nonetheless, the Board is supportive of gender diversity in the Boardroom composition as recommended by the Code and will endeavor to consider suitable and qualified female candidates for appointment to the Board.</p> <p>Nonetheless, the Board is having 20% women Director during FYE 2019 and the Audit Committee is chaired by women Director.</p>
		The Board through the Nominating Committee will continue to source for suitable female candidates for appointment to the Board at an appropriate time.
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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 4.6

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	:	Appointments of new Directors are undertaken by the Board as a whole after considering the recommendations of the Nomination Committee. Potential candidates may be proposed by any current Board member, shareholder or senior management personnel or by utilising independent sources such as recruitment firms or through industry associations. In considering potential candidates for appointment, the Nomination Committee undertakes a thorough review of the candidate's criteria, amongst others, qualifications, skills, knowledge, expertise, experience, personal attributes and the capability to devote the necessary time and commitment to the role.
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Intended Outcome

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Practice 4.7

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Nominating Committee comprises exclusively of Independent Non-Executive Directors.</p> <p>The Nominating Committee currently comprise of the following:-</p> <p>Chairman Mohamad Rizatuddin Noor Bin Mohamed Ramli <i>Independent Non-Executive Director</i></p> <p>Members Clifton Heath Fernandez <i>Independent Non-Executive Director</i></p> <p>Shireen Chia Yin Ting <i>Independent Non-Executive Director</i></p>
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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.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Nomination Committee annually performs an assessment of the effectiveness and performance of the Board, Board Committees and individual Directors, in order to verify that the Board is functioning appropriately as a whole. Each Director completed a detailed questionnaire in the Directors' Performance Evaluation which covered matters relevant to the Board performance, among other things, contribution to interaction, quality of input, understanding of role and personal developments. An evaluation of each Board Committee was done by assessing the structure, roles and responsibilities, performance of the respective Chairman, as well as Committee's performance against its Terms of Reference. The assessment was internally facilitated, whereby results of the assessments had been compiled, documented and reported to the Board accordingly, as part of the Company's ongoing corporate governance practices.
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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.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Remuneration Committee is authorised by the Board to establish a formal and transparent procedure for developing policy on executive remuneration and for fixing the remuneration packages of individual Directors. The remuneration of Directors shall be the ultimate responsibility of the full Board after considering the recommendations of the Remuneration Committee.</p> <p>The remunerations of the Executive Directors were determined fairly based on the performance and the profitability of the Group as a whole. The Directors' remuneration is at the discretion of the Board, taking into account the comparative market rates that commensurate with the level of contribution, experience and participation of each Director. The overriding principle adopted in setting the remuneration packages for the Executive Directors by the Remuneration Committee is to ensure that the Company attracts and retains the appropriate Directors of the calibre needed to run the Group successfully.</p> <p>The determination of the remuneration for Non-Executive Directors is a matter of the Board as a whole. The level of remuneration for Non-Executive Directors reflects the amount paid by other comparable organisations, adjusted for the experience and levels of responsibilities undertaken by the particular Non-Executive Directors concerned. The remuneration package of Non-Executive Directors will be a matter to be deliberated by the Board, with the Director concerned abstaining from deliberations and voting on deliberations in respect of his individual remuneration. In addition, the Company also reimburses reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by all the Non-Executive Directors in the course of their duties as Directors of the Company. The aggregate annual Directors' fees are to be</p>

	approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting based on recommendations of the Board	
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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.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Remuneration Committee was established to assist the Board in developing remuneration policies and procedures that enable the Group to attract, motivate and retain qualified Directors and key Senior Management personnel. Full details of the functions and duties of the Remuneration Committee are stated in its Terms Of Reference which is available on the Company's website at https://www.securemetric.com/corporate-governance/ .
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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	:	Kindly refer to the Company's Corporate Governance Overview Statement contained in the Annual Report for the detailed disclosure.	
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 7.2

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

Application	:	Applied		
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Remuneration Bands		
		Range of Remuneration	Key Senior Management	Name
		RM200,001-RM250,000	3	Yen Chee Khan
				Mohd Affendi Bin Abdul Razak
				Tan Yu Win
RM250,001-RM300,000	2	Yee Wen Biau		
		Nioo Yu Siong		
Total		5		
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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	:	The Chairperson of the Audit Committee is not the Chairman of the Board. The Audit Committee is chaired by the Independent Non-Executive Director Ms. Shireen Chia Yin Ting whereas the Board is chaired by the Independent Non-Executive Chairman Mr. Clifton Heath Fernandez.	
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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>The Audit Committee has a policy requiring a former key audit partner of the Company to observe a cooling-off period of at least two (2) years before being appointed as a member of the Audit Committee.</p> <p>Currently, none of the Audit Committee members are former key audit partners of the Company.</p>	
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Practice 8.3

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>In November 2019, the External Auditors, Messrs. UHY Malaysia ("UHY") presented its 2019 Audit Plan for the AC's review. The 2019 Audit Plan outlined its engagement team, UHY's services, independence, concept of materiality, the areas of audit emphasis, multi-location scoping, fraud considerations and the risk management override, fair and transparent fees and audit timeline. This formed part of the AC's assessment of the suitability, objectivity and independence of UHY on an annual basis.</p> <p>During FYE 2019, the Audit Committee had performed an assessment on the suitability, objectivity and independence of the external auditor. Based on the assessment the Audit Committee is satisfy with the suitability, objectivity and independence of the external auditor.</p>
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There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 8.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	<p>The Audit Committee of the Group comprises the following members:</p> <p>Chairperson Shireen Chia Yin Ting <i>Independent Non-Executive Director</i></p> <p>Members Clifton Heath Fernandez <i>Independent Non-Executive Director</i></p> <p>Mohamad Rizatuddin Noor Bin Mohamed Ramli <i>Independent Non-Executive Director</i></p>

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	:	<p>All members of the Audit Committee appointed to the Board have attended the Mandatory Accreditation Program prescribed by Bursa Securities.</p> <p>Although the Audit Committee does not have a policy requiring each member of the Audit Committee to attend a specific number and types of training sessions each year, to keep abreast of industry developments and trends, the members of the Audit Committee are encouraged to attend various external professional programmes deemed necessary to ensure that they are kept abreast on various issues facing the changing business environment within which the Group operates, in order to fulfil their duties as members of the Audit Committee.</p> <p>During the financial year ended 31 December 2019, the members of the Audit Committee have attended several relevant courses as below:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Directors</th><th>Seminar / Conference / Workshop</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Shireen Chia Yin Ting</td><td>1. Corporate Liability Under Section 17A of MACC (Amendment) Act 2019 2. Special Invitation to Engagement Session with Audit Committee Members on Integrated Reporting</td></tr><tr><td>Clifton Heath Fernandez</td><td>1. Corporate Liability Under Section 17A of MACC (Amendment) Act 2019 2. Leading Digital Transformation – The</td></tr></tbody></table>	Directors	Seminar / Conference / Workshop	Shireen Chia Yin Ting	1. Corporate Liability Under Section 17A of MACC (Amendment) Act 2019 2. Special Invitation to Engagement Session with Audit Committee Members on Integrated Reporting	Clifton Heath Fernandez	1. Corporate Liability Under Section 17A of MACC (Amendment) Act 2019 2. Leading Digital Transformation – The
Directors	Seminar / Conference / Workshop							
Shireen Chia Yin Ting	1. Corporate Liability Under Section 17A of MACC (Amendment) Act 2019 2. Special Invitation to Engagement Session with Audit Committee Members on Integrated Reporting							
Clifton Heath Fernandez	1. Corporate Liability Under Section 17A of MACC (Amendment) Act 2019 2. Leading Digital Transformation – The							

		Power of Digital 3. Technology and Audit 2019 – an ACCA Professional Insights
	Mohamad Rizatuddin Noor Bin Mohamed Ramli	1. Corporate Liability Under Section 17A of MACC (Amendment) Act 2019
	<p>The Audit Committee will on continuing basis evaluate and determine the training needs of each member of the Audit Committee, particularly on relevant new law and regulations and essential practices for effective corporate governance and risk management to enable the members of the Audit Committee to effectively discharge their duties.</p> <p>In addition to the above, members of the Audit Committee would be updated on recent developments in the areas of statutory and regulatory requirements from the briefing by the External Auditors, the Internal Auditors and Company Secretaries during the Committee Meetings.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 9.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board is fully aware of its overall responsibility of continually maintaining a sound system of internal control, which covers not only financial controls but also operational and compliance controls as well as risk management, and the need to review its effectiveness regularly in order to safeguard shareholders' investments and the Company's assets. The internal control system is designed to identify the risks to which the Group is exposed and mitigate the impacts thereof to meet the particular needs of the Group.</p> <p>As an effort to enhance the system of internal control, the Board together with the assistance of external professional Internal Audit firm will undertake to review the existing risk management process in place within the various business operations, with the aim of formalising the risk management functions across the Group. This function also acts as a source to assist the Audit Committee and the Board to strengthen and improve current management and operating style in pursuit of best practices.</p>
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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	:	Information on the Group’s risk management and internal control is presented in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control on pages 45 to 50 of the Annual Report.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 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 Risk Management Committee of the Group comprises the following members:</p> <p>Chairman Clifton Heath Fernandez <i>Independent Non-Executive Director</i></p> <p>Members Shireen Chia Yin Ting <i>Independent Non-Executive Director</i></p> <p>Yong Kim Fui <i>Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer</i></p> <p>Nioo Yu Siong <i>Chief Operation Officer</i></p> <p>The Terms of Reference of Risk Management Committee is available at the Company websites https://www.securemetric.com/corporate-governance/.</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	:	<p>The Group has appointed an established external professional Internal Audit firm namely Talent League Sdn. Bhd., who reports directly to the Audit Committee and assist the Audit Committee in reviewing the effectiveness of the internal control systems whilst ensuring that there is an appropriate balance of controls and risks throughout the Group in achieving its business objectives.</p> <p>Internal audit provides independent assessment on the effectiveness and efficiency of internal controls utilizing a global audit methodology and tool to support the corporate governance framework and an efficient and effective risk management framework to provide assurance to the Audit Committee.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	
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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	:	<p>The Group’s internal audit function is carried out by an outsourced internal audit firm namely Talent League Sdn Bhd., headed by its Executive Director, Mr. Roy Thean, who is a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants, Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia..</p> <p>He has over 20 years of working experience in local and international professional services firms; Mr. Roy Thean has been involved in rendering a wide and diverse range of professional services to PLCs and multinational and large national enterprises. His work encompasses a wide range of professional services with his core practice being in corporate finance and advisory work for transaction support services including business valuations, financial due diligence, preparation of business plans and financial modelling, internal control and business risk review, corporate governance, risk management, merger / acquisition related services, internal and external auditing.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	
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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	:	<p>In maintaining its commitment to effective communication with shareholders, the Group adopts the practice of comprehensive, timely and continuing disclosures of information to its shareholders as well as the general investing public.</p> <p>The practice of disclosure of information is not established just to comply with the Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities, but also to adopt the best practices recommended in the MCCG with regard to strengthening engagement and communication with shareholders.</p> <p>Where possible, the Group also provides additional disclosures of information on a voluntary basis. The Group believes that consistently maintaining a high level of disclosure and extensive communication is vital to shareholders and investors in making informed investment decisions.</p>
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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	:	The Company would consider adopting integrated reporting based on globally recognised framework in the near future.	
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 12.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Notice of Annual General Meeting for year 2019 (“AGM”) to be held on 24 August 2020 was served on 29 June 2020 which is 28 days prior to the date of the AGM.
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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	:	The Audit Committee Chairman, the Risk Management Committee Chairman, the Nomination Committee Chairman and the Remuneration Committee Chairman were being informed that questions relating to the Committee under their purview will be addressed by them accordingly.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 12.3

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

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

Application	:	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:	
Explanation for departure	:	The Board actively monitor the developments in the market in respect of new technologies to facilitate the conduct of General Meetings and may consider implementing the same in the future if there is a strong case to do so.
		In the meantime, shareholders who are unable to attend General Meeting may appoint their respective proxies to vote on their behalf at all General Meeting of the Company.
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

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

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

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