# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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**COMPANY NAME**: GADANG HOLDINGS BERHAD

FINANCIAL YEAR : May 31, 2022

#### **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  |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | : | The Board of Directors ("Board") of Gadang Holdings Berhad (the "Company") is collectively responsible for the proper stewardship of the Group's business and the creation of long-term value of the Company and its Group to its shareholders and other stakeholders. The Board is the ultimate decision-making body of the Group with the exception of matters requiring shareholders' approval. It sets strategic direction and vision of the Group. The Board takes full responsibility in leading, guiding and monitoring the entire performance of the Group and enforces standards of accountability, all with a view to enabling   |
|  |   | Management to execute its responsibilities effectively.  In order to ensure the effective discharge of the Board's functions and responsibilities, the Board has in place the Board Charter and has established Board Committees with clearly defined terms of reference. Together with Senior Management, the Board is committed to promoting good corporate governance culture within the Company which reinforces ethical, prudent and professional behaviour.  The Board assumes, amongst others, the following principal  |
|  |   | a. Reviewing and adopting the strategic plans for the Group  The Board plays an active role in the formulation and development of the strategic planning process by bringing objectivity, experience and breadth of judgment to ensure that the strategic plan for the Group supports long-term value creation. The plan also includes economic, environmental, safety & health, social and governance initiatives underpinning sustainability.  The Board reviews, provides input and monitors the Group's strategic plan which includes addressing the Group's business strategies on growth, operations, cost management, risk management, sustainability and setting of financial goals. |

At least one board meeting each year in the month of May (before the start of the new financial year) is scheduled to deliberate on the Group's Business Plan for implementation in the forthcoming year. Once the Group's Business Plan has been approved for execution by Management, the financial performance and progress of strategies employed by each division are then monitored and supervised by the Board.

b. Overseeing the conduct of Group's business

The Board oversees the performance of Management to determine whether the business is being properly managed. The Board must ensure that there are measures in place against which Management's performance can be assessed.

The Board's responsibilities also include reviewing, assessing and approving investment and capital expenditure proposals by Management and monitoring the implementation of the strategic plan by Management. The Board will deliberate on all proposals presented and recommended by Management, including those proposed by its Board Committees.

c. Identifying principal risks and ensuring the implementation of appropriate internal control systems to manage the identified risks.

With the assistance of the Risk Management Committee and Board Risk Committee, the overall risk profile of the Group and risk mitigation strategies are reviewed on a quarterly basis. A Risk Management Framework is in place to enable the Group to identify, assess and manage/mitigate risks.

d. Succession planning, including ensuring that processes are in place to recruit senior management with the highest standards of integrity and competence, and to train, develop and retain them.

The Board through the Nomination & Remuneration Committee ("NRC"), is responsible in ensuring that there is an orderly succession plan within the Group. The NRC oversees matters related to the nomination of new Directors and Senior Management, annually reviews the required mix of skills, experience and other requisite qualities of Directors and Senior Management, as well as undertakes the annual assessment of the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, its Committees and the contribution of each individual Director.

The NRC, during the financial year under review, recommended to the Board, the appointment of Ms Wong Ping Eng. Further details on the appointment are reflected under Practice 5.6.

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| to the Audit Committee ("AC"). GIA division or subsidiary of the Compar systems at any time and report its fir  | dit (GIA), which reports directly has the authority to audit any and to review projects and |
| Significant findings from the audit deliberated at the AC meetings. effectiveness and integrity of the ensure the implementation of a systems, supported by reports from the by the external auditor. | AC reviews the adequacy, internal control systems to appropriate internal control           |
| The AC also assists the Board to o reporting processes and the integrit ensure that the financial statements and fair view of the state of affairs of   | ty of its financial reporting to s of the Company give a true                               |
| f. Overseeing the development and imparts and stakeholder communications pole   | -   |
| The Company has an Investor Relation to the Board and all employees of disclosing material information to investing public.   | the Group, in handling and  |
| The Company also has a website for i updated information. The Board e website is continuously updated wit the Group to ensure timely dissemi both accurate and complete.                              | ensures that the Company's th the latest developments of                                    |
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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.

| Explanation on application of the practice | The Independent Non-Executive Chairman, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamed Ismail bin Merican, is responsible for instilling good corporate governance practice, leadership and effectiveness of the Board.  As provided under the Company's Board Charter, the Chairman will:  • provide leadership for the Board so that the Board can perform its responsibilities effectively;  • leading the Board in the adoption and implementation of good corporate governance practices in the Company;  • setting the board agenda and ensuring that Directors receive complete and accurate information in a timely manner; |
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|  | <ul> <li>provide leadership for the Board so that the Board can perform its responsibilities effectively;</li> <li>leading the Board in the adoption and implementation of good corporate governance practices in the Company;</li> <li>setting the board agenda and ensuring that Directors receive complete and accurate information in a timely manner;</li> </ul>   |
|  | <ul> <li>leading discussions at meetings and ensure effective conduct of Board meetings;</li> <li>encouraging active participation and allowing dissenting views to be freely expressed;</li> <li>managing the interface between Board and Management; and</li> <li>ensuring appropriate steps are taken to provide effective communication with stakeholders and that their views are communicated to the Board as a whole.</li> <li>During Board Meetings, the Chairman leads the discussion, allowing sufficient time for deliberations on key issues and complex matters. He</li> </ul>                         |
|  | also encourages active participation and allows views including dissent to be freely expressed.  The Chairman also plays a key role in the conduct of the general meetings. Besides ensuring the proper flow of resolutions tabled at the meeting, he manages the communication on the floor. He further encourages active participation from shareholders and allows sufficient amount of time during the questions and answers session.   |
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**Practice 1.3**The positions of Chairman and CEO are held by different individuals.

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| Explanation on : application of the practice  | The roles of the Chairman and Group Managing Director cum Chief Executive Officer (" <b>Group MD/CEO</b> ") which are separate and clearly defined are provided in the Board Charter and is available on the Company's website.   |  |
|   | The positions of the Chairman and Group MD/CEO are held by two different individuals. The Chairman, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamed Ismail bin Merican, leads the Board and is responsible for ensuring its effectiveness. The Group MD/CEO, Tan Sri Dato' Kok Onn, is responsible for the day-to-day running of the business, satisfactory execution of the policies and decision-making on operational matters.  The clear division of responsibilities between the Chairman of the Board and the Group MD/CEO is to ensure a balance of power and authority, so no one individual has unrestricted decision making power. |  |
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# Practice 1.4

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

| Note: If the board Chairman is not a member of any of these specified committees, but the board       |      |  |  |  |
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| allows the Chairman to participate in any or all of these committees' meetings, by way of invitation, |      |  |  |  |
| then the status of this practice should be a 'Departure'.   |      |  |  |  |
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| Explanation on  | :    | The Chairman of the Board, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamed Ismail bin |  |  |
| application of the  |      | Merican is not a member of the Audit Committee ("AC") and            |  |  |
| practice  |      | Nomination & Remuneration Committee ("NRC").                         |  |  |
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|   |      | He does not attend nor participate in any meetings of the AC or the  |  |  |
|   |      | NRC, by way of invitation or in any other capacity.                  |  |  |
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# Practice 1.5

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

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| Explanation on application of the practice          | The Board is supported by a suitably qualified, experienced and competent Company Secretary who is an Associate member of the Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and is also qualified under the Companies Act, 2016. Ms Tan Seok Chung, Sally is currently the Company Secretary and has been with the Group since 1997. She has over 35 years of experience in corporate secretarial practice. |  |
|   | She is responsible for advising the Board on issues relating to sound governance and compliance with laws, rules, procedures and regulations and advocates adoption of corporate governance best practices.   |  |
|   | All Directors have full access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary, especially on the procedural and regulatory requirements.   |  |
|   | The Company Secretary undertakes continuous professional development to keep herself abreast with the current regulatory changes in laws and relevant regulatory requirements and corporate governance and to be able to provide the relevant advisory role to the Board.   |  |
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# Practice 1.6

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

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| Explanation on application of the practice | : | The Board meets at least quarterly with additional meetings convened as and when necessary.  |
|  |   | To facilitate the Directors in planning their attendance at the Board and Board Committees meetings as well as the Annual General Meeting, an annual tentative meeting calendar with the scheduled meeting dates is prepared and confirmed in the last quarter of the calendar year (before the beginning of each year).   |
|  |   | The notice of Board and Board Committees meetings together with meeting materials are furnished to the Directors at least five (5) working days in advance to enable the Directors to have sufficient time to review the documents and obtain further information or clarification from Management to expedite the decision making process. Any Director may request for matters to be included in the agenda. Urgent papers may be presented and tabled at the meetings under the last item "Any other business", subject to the approval of the Chairman and/or Group MD/CEO. The meeting agenda and board papers are distributed in hard copy and/or electronically to the Directors for deliberations during Board meetings. Reminders are also sent in advance electronically to the Directors prior to the meetings. |
|  |   | At the Board meetings, presentations and briefings by Management and relevant external consultants, where applicable, are also held to advise the Board. Relevant information is furnished and clarifications are given to assist the Board in making a decision.  |
|  |   | The Company Secretary ensures the deliberation and decision of the meetings are properly minuted and confirmed by the respective Chairmen at the subsequent meetings. The Company Secretary will also follow up with Management on status of actions taken with reference to the previous Minutes of meeting for updating the Board. Items with action would remain as matters arising in the minutes until they are resolved. The minutes of the Board Committee meetings are included in the Board meeting papers.   |
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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.

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| Explanation on : application of the practice          | The Board is guided by its Board Charter which outlines the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Directors, Board Committees, Chairman, CEO, Non-Executive Directors and the individual Directors. The Board Charter also stipulates the following matters that are reserved for the Board's deliberation and decision:  (a) Strategic/business plans and annual budget;  |
|   | <ul> <li>(b) Risk management policies;</li> <li>(c) Financial reporting, related party transactions and capital financing;</li> <li>(d) New investments, divestments, corporate restructuring, including the establishment of subsidiaries or joint ventures;</li> <li>(e) Major capital expenditure; and</li> <li>(f) Appointment of new Directors, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and other senior positions based on recommendations of the Nomination &amp; Remuneration Committee.</li> </ul> |
|   | The Board Charter and Terms of Reference ( <b>TOR</b> ) for Board Committees are reviewed and updated from time to time to reflect relevant changes to the policies, procedures and processes as well in tandem with the changes in regulations and recommended best practices.   |
|   | The revised Board Charter was approved by the Board on 27 July 2022. The Board Charter is available on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.gadang.com.my">www.gadang.com.my</a> .   |
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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   |
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| Explanation on application of the practice        | : The Board is mindful of its role to create a corporate culture which promotes ethical conduct in all aspects of the Group's business operations.  |
|   | The Board has in place a Code of Ethics and Conduct ("Code of Ethics"), setting out the principles and standards of business ethics and conduct of the Group. The purpose of the Code of Ethics is to ensure that all employees and Directors maintain and enforce the highest standards of professional conduct in the performance of their duties and throughout the Group. |
|   | The Code of Ethics covers all related areas for good governance and best practices such as matters on conflicts of interest, anti-bribery & corruption, insider trading, anti-money laundering, fair competition, discrimination and harassment, confidentiality, improper use of company assets, and compliance with laws, rules and regulations.                            |
|   | All new employees are briefed on the Code of Ethics during their induction into the Group. All employees, including Board members, are required to declare that they have received, read and understood the provisions of the Code of Ethics and agreed to comply with its terms throughout their employment.   |
|   | Details of the Code of Ethics can be found on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.gadang.com.my">www.gadang.com.my</a> .  |
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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.

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| Explanation on : application of the practice | The Company has established a Whistleblowing Policy & Procedure ("WPP") in line with the Company's commitment in achieving and maintaining the highest standards of openness, ethics, and accountability.  |
|  | The WPP is aimed to provide a mechanism for employees, other external stakeholders and members of the public to report concerns about any suspected and/or known misconduct, wrongdoing or inappropriate behaviour relating to corrupt practices, fraud and/or abuse. An employee who makes a report of improper conduct in good faith shall be protected against reprisal, retaliation, punishment and/or unfair treatment (including intimidation, harassment, discrimination, demotion and termination of employment) for his/her disclosure. |
|  | The Whistleblowing Committee, which comprises Chairman of Audit Committee, Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") and Head of Group Internal Audit, is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the WPP. The CFO and Chairman of Audit Committee are responsible for receiving whistleblower report(s) made by the employees or external parties as prescribed under the WPP.   |
|  | The WPP is accessible to the public for reference on the Company's website at <a href="www.gadang.com.my">www.gadang.com.my</a> .  |
|  | During the financial year 2022, there were no whistleblowing cases reported.   |
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The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

#### **Practice 4.1**

The board together with management takes responsibility for the governance of sustainability in the company including setting the company's sustainability strategies, priorities and targets.

The board takes into account sustainability considerations when exercising its duties including among others the development and implementation of company strategies, business plans, major plans of action and risk management.

Strategic management of material sustainability matters should be driven by senior management.

| Application :                                | Applied   |
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| Explanation on : application of the practice | The Company's sustainability governance structure has clear lines of accountability starting from the tone set by the Board in directing the business strategies and its commitment in ensuring Key Result Areas ("KRAs") and Key Performance Indicators ("KPIs") are aligned to the Group's Business Plan and objectives to ensure business continuity and long-term stakeholder value creation.   |
|  | The Board is responsible to review and approve overall strategic business plans for the Company whilst maximising stakeholders' value through the management of financial (business growth, profitability, etc) and non-financial indicators, including economic, environmental and social ("sustainability") related arising from its business activities.   |
|  | The Risk Management Committee, which is chaired by the Group MD/CEO, is accountable for the development and implementation of short, medium and long-term sustainability strategies for the Company, based on the direction set by the Board. This is aligned with the Group MD/CEO's responsibility to ensure the process of identifying, evaluating, managing and monitoring the key risks (including sustainability risks) is integrated into day-to-day operations.                                 |
|  | At the next level, the Company's Sustainability Working Group which is chaired by the Chief Financial Officer and represented by risk owners i.e. Heads of Departments and representatives from various departments across all business divisions in Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore, sets the scope of sustainability management measures and drives the implementation and monitoring of sustainability management, across all business divisions whilst promoting interdepartmental collaboration. |
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# Practice 4.2

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

| Application  | Applied  |
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| Explanation on application of the practice         | The Company's sustainability strategies, priorities, targets and performance are reported in its Sustainability Statement and approved by the Board before inclusion in the Annual Report. The Company's stakeholder groups (internal and external), engagement channel, sustainability targets and performance are published in the Sustainability Statement, which can be found on the Company's website at www.gadang.com.my. |
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# Practice 4.3

The board takes appropriate action to ensure they stay abreast with and understand the sustainability issues relevant to the company and its business, including climate-related risks and opportunities.

| Application :                                      | Applied   |
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| Explanation on : application of the practice       | The Board members attend trainings to stay abreast with and understand the sustainability issues relevant to the Company and its business, including climate-related risks and opportunities. The Board is fully cognizant of the climate-related risks and opportunities and since 2020 had directed the Company to embark on a journey to reduce carbon footprint progressively by supporting initiatives such as climate reality talk, tree planting, solar panel installation at Gadang HQ, proper handling of waste management and disposal of e-waste, etc. |
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# Practice 4.4

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

| Application                                     | : | Applied  |                                  |
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| Explanation on application of the practice      | : | The Board and Senior Management have performed their respective roles in addressing material sustainability riks and opportunities.  |                                  |
| •   |   | The performance evaluation of the Board in addressing material sustainability was evaluated through the a Evaluation. Whereas for the Senior Management team, it yearly KPIs.  | nnual Board's                    |
|   |   | Sustainability KPIs for all business units, including Finan Safety and Environment (HSE) are presented to the Board basis. The Board reviews the Senior Management's paddressing the Company's material sustainabilit opportunities. | d on a biannual<br>erformance in |
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The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

# **Practice 4.5- Step Up**

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

| Note: The explanation on adoption of this practice should include a brief description of the responsibilities of the designated person and actions or measures undertaken pursuant to the role in the financial year. |   |  |
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| Application   | Adopted   |  |
| Explanation on adoption of the practice   | The Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") is the chairperson for the Sustainability Working Group, which is represented by the risk owners i.e. Heads of Departments ("HODs") and representatives from various departments across all business divisions in Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore. Assisted by the Sustainability Facilitator, the CFO provides dedicated focus to lead and manage sustainability strategically, including the integration of sustainability considerations in the operations of the Company. |  |

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

#### Practice 5.1

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

| Application                       | :   | Applied  |  |
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| Explanation on application of the | :   | The Nomination & Remuneration Committee (NRC) reviews the Board Succession Plan i.e. the composition, tenure, skills and experience  |  |
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| practice                          |     | matrix of the Board annually.  |  |
|                                   |     | During the year, the Board has put in place the nine (9) years term limit for Independent Directors to ensure progressive refreshing of the Board.   |  |
|                                   |     | The NRC assessed the performance of the Directors standing for re-<br>election at the Company's 29 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting via the Board<br>Evaluation. Amongst others, the Board Evaluation assessed the<br>Directors' competencies, contribution, performance, calibre,<br>personality, independence and their ability to act in the best interest of<br>the Company. |  |
|                                   |     | The Directors' rotation list was presented to the NRC for endorsement prior to recommendation to the Board for approval and the retiring Directors are required to give their consent on their re-election prior to the Company's Board meeting.   |  |
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# Practice 5.2

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

| Application                                | : | Applied   |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | : | As at 31 May 2022, the Board comprises six (6) Directors whereby two are Executive Directors and four (4) are Independent Non-Executive Directors ("INEDs").  |
|  |   | The Company therefore complies with Paragraph 15.02 of the Main Market Listing Requirements ("MMLR") of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") which requires at least two (2) Directors or one-third (1/3) of the Board, whichever is higher, are Independent Directors. The INEDs also make up a majority of the Board, as recommended by the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance which was further updated on 28 April 2021 ("MCCG 2021"). |
|  |   | The independence of the INEDs is assessed during the annual Board's Evaluation exercise and all the INEDs satisfy the independence test under the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities.   |
|  |   | The Board was satisfied with the level of independence demonstrated by all the INEDs and was of the view that they could continue to bring sound independent and objective judgement to Board deliberations.  |
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# Practice 5.3

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

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

| Application :                                | Not applicable - Step Up 5.4 adopted                                   |
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# Practice 5.4 - Step Up

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

| Note: To qualify for adoption of this Step Up practice, a listed issuer must have a formal policy which limits the tenure of an independent director to nine years without further extension i.e. shareholders' approval to retain the director as an independent director beyond nine years. |   |  |  |
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| Application   | : Adopted   |  |  |
| Explanation on adoption of the practice   | <ul> <li>In line with the recommendation by the MCCG 2021, the Board has approved the revised Board Charter on 27 July 2022 which includes the limit on the tenure of its independent directors to nine (9) years without further extension.</li> <li>Currently, none of the Independent Non-Executive Directors have served the Board for more than nine years.</li> </ul> |  |  |

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#### Practice 5.5

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

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

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| Explanation on application of the practice | The Board has adopted a formal policy on diversity of the Company by considering the number of aspects in designing the Board's composition, including but not limited to skills, experience, age, gender, culture and educational and professional background, ethnicity, knowledge and length of service. All Board appointments are based on merit, and candidates are considered against objective criteria, having due regard on the benefits of diversity on the Board. |  |  |  |  |
|  | The current composition of the Board includes a diverse mix of skill sets, expertise, knowledge and experience to direct the Group. Following is the collective skills & competence of the Board:-  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Skill/Competence Description  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Leadership Overall stewardship of the Group, business leadership, public listed company experiences   |  |  |  |  |
|  | Strategy and Business development, assessment of existing and emerging opportunities  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sustainability and Governmental relations, community and investor relations, corporate governance and banking   |  |  |  |  |
|  | Technical Engineering, real estate and property development, construction and other related skills  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Finance and corporate  Accounting, audit, financial reporting, taxation, legal, corporate financing, risk management and human capital development & management   |  |  |  |  |
|  | The Nomination & Remuneration Committee has a vital role in achieving diversity on the Board and considers the following before making its recommendations of suitable candidates to the Board:   |  |  |  |  |
|  | a) To take into consideration the benefits from boardroom diversity and to appoint candidates based on merit and without prejudice, when reviewing the Board's composition;   |  |  |  |  |
|  | <ul> <li>b) To consider the balance of skills, experience, independence, knowledge and the diversity of representation on the Board, as part of the annual performance evaluation on the effectiveness of the Board, Board Committees and individual Directors; and</li> <li>c) To implement and monitor the progress of the Diversity Policy towards the achievement of such objectives.</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |  |

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#### Practice 5.6

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

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

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| Explanation on application of the practice            | Pursuant to the Terms of Reference of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC), the NRC may search/recommend for potential board candidates by utilising independent sources or external parties to identify suitably qualified candidates, other than relying on recommendations from the fellow directors, management and major shareholders  During the financial year (FY) 2022, the Board appointed Ms Wong Ping Eng as an Independent Non-Executive Director on 25 May 2022 to fill the position vacated following the demise of the late Mr Boey Tak Kong in October 2021.  Ms Wong Ping Eng was identified through the Company's contact in the construction industry. Her qualification, relevant experience and |
|   | expertise (i.e. with 10 years of top management experience in the fields of property development, construction, highways and infrastructure, which are also the core businesses of the Group) would help to strengthen the skills/expertise in the Company's Board composition.  |
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#### Practice 5.7

The board should ensure shareholders have the information they require to make an informed decision on the appointment and reappointment of a director. This includes details of any interest, position or relationship that might influence, or reasonably be perceived to influence, in a material respect their capacity to bring an independent judgement to bear on issues before the board and to act in the best interests of the listed company as a whole. The board should also provide a statement as to whether it supports the appointment or reappointment of the candidate and the reasons why.

| Application                                | : Applied   |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | : The profiles of Directors are published in the Annual Report and the Company's website. These include their age, gender, tenure of service, directorship in other companies (listed entities and public companies), working experience and any conflict of interest as well as their shareholdings in the Company, if any.  |
|  | In accordance with Clause 108 of the Company's Constitution, at each Annual General Meeting (AGM), one-third (1/3) of the Directors for the time being shall retire from office. All Directors shall retire from office once in each three (3) years but shall be eligible for re-election.   |
|  | Based on the schedule of retirement by rotation determined by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC), Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamed Ismail bin Merican and Ms Kok Pei Ling are due to retire at the 29th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company in accordance with Clause 108 of the Company's Constitution. Ms Wong Ping Eng, who was newly appointed to the Board on 25 May 2022, will also retire pursuant to Clause 115 of the Company's Constitution.   |
|  | For the purpose of determining the eligibility of the Directors to stand for re-election at the 29th AGM, the Board through the NRC, had assessed each of the retiring Directors, and considered the following:  1) The Directors' performance and contribution, based on the Self and Peer Assessment results of the Board Evaluation 2022.  2) The Directors' level of contribution to the Board deliberations through his/her skills, experience and strength in qualities.  3) The level of independence demonstrated by the Independent Director and the ability to act in the best interests of the Company in decision-making.  4) The Directors have the character, integrity, experience and competence to discharge their role effectively.  5) The Directors' ability to commit and devote adequate time to fulfil |
|  | their responsibilities effectively.   |

|                           | Based on the aforesaid assessment, the Board and the NRC were satisfied that the said retiring Directors have met the Board's expectations by continuously discharging their duties diligently as Directors of the Company. Accordingly, the Board would recommend their re-election to the shareholders at the forthcoming 29 <sup>th</sup> AGM. |
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# Practice 5.8

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

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| Explanation on          | :    | The Nomination & Remuneration Committee ("NRC") is chaired by Mr       |
| application of the      |      | Huang Shi Chin, who is the Senior Independent Non-Executive Director   |
| practice                |      | of the Company.  |
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|                         |      | The profile of Mr Huang Shi Chin is available on page 14 the Company's |
|                         |      | Annual Report 2022.  |
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# Practice 5.9

The board comprises at least 30% women directors.

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| application of the      |     | currently has two women Directors out of a total of six Directors,   |
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| practice                |     | representing 33% of the full Board.                                  |
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# Practice 5.10

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

| Application                                       | : | Applied  |
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| Explanation on application of the practice        | : | The Board sees diversity as an essential element to ensuring the achievement of its strategic objectives. The Company endorses the principle that there should be diversity to ensure effective decision making and governance of the Company and its businesses. The Board Diversity Policy is formulated to ensure adequate diversity in its Board. All Board appointment will be made based on merit against objective criteria, taking into account the skills, experience, independence and knowledge that the particular director can bring to the Board and without compromising on the diversity of the Board.  The Board had achieved its target of 30% women representation on the Board (i.e. two women Directors out of a total of six Directors) before the financial year ended 31 May 2022.  As at 31 May 2022, women constituted approximately 30% of the Group's total workforce of 467 employees, and 18% of managerial positions were held by women employees.  The Board Diversity Policy is accessible on the Company's website at www.gadang.com.my. |
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Stakeholders are able to form an opinion on the overall effectiveness of the board and individual directors.

#### Practice 6.1

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

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

Note: For a Large Company to qualify for adoption of this practice, it must undertake annual board

evaluation and engage an independent expert at least every three years to facilitate the evaluation. **Application Applied Explanation on** The process of assessing the Directors is an ongoing responsibility of the application of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee ("NRC"). The NRC has a formal evaluation process to annually assess the effectiveness of the Board as practice a whole and the Board Committees, as well as the performance of each individual Director, including the independence of the Independent Non-Executive Directors. The criteria used for the annual assessment of Board include the assessment of board mix and composition, quality of information and decision making, boardroom activities and board's relationship with Management whereas for Board Committees, the criteria used include composition, effectiveness, support, contribution and communication. The annual assessment of individual Directors include competency, contribution and performance and calibre and personality. The evaluation for this FY2022, which was carried out in May 2022, involved individual directors and Committee members completing separate evaluation questionaires regarding the processes of the Board and its Committees, their effectiveness and where improvements could be considered. They also undertook a self-review and peer review in which they assessed their fellow Directors' performance. The results

at board meeting.

were compiled and analysed by the Company Secretary and presented

Based on the 2022 Board evaluation findings, the Board was satisfied and acknowledged that the Board has continued to perform effectively in discharging its responsibilities with most areas rated in the range of "4" (Good/Competent) to "5" (Strong/Outstanding). The Board Committees have discharged their functions and duties adequately in accordance with their respective terms of reference. The individual Directors have also met the standards expected of them, with each

|                           | making strong contributions, generally and through the knowledge derived from their specialised areas of expertise, skills and experience.   |
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|                           | The Board viewed the current evaluation process is adequate to provide an objective assessment on the effectiveness of the Board, the Committees and each individual Director. The use of an external consultant is not necessary at this stage. |
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The level and composition of remuneration of directors and senior management take into account the company's desire to attract and retain the right talent in the board and senior management to drive the company's long-term objectives.

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

#### Practice 7.1

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

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| Explanation on application of the practice | pri                            | e Board has established a Remuneration Policy to outline the nciples for the Company to determine and propose an appropriate el of remuneration for the Directors and Senior Management.  |
|  | Co<br>rer<br>Ma<br>to          | e Board has delegated to the Nomination & Remuneration mmittee ("NRC") the responsibility to review and recommend the nuneration and other benefit packages for the Directors and Senior anagement of the Group to ensure they remain competitive in order attract, motivate and retain talent to lead and drive the Company's siness in achieving its objectives and long-term goals.  |
|  | Sei<br>of                      | e remuneration package for the individual Executive Directors and nior Management is reflective of their skills and experience and level responsibilities and it is structured to link to individual performance of the Group.  |
|  | ref<br>inc<br>ma<br>Dir<br>sha | for Non-Executive Directors (NEDs), the level of remuneration lects the experience and level of responsibilities undertaken by the lividual non-executive director concerned based on industry or trket practices. The remuneration of NEDs consisting of fixed vectors' fees and other benefits, is subject to the approval of the areholders at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM"). The fees of the Ds are paid to all NEDs on a quarterly basis. |
|  | Fra<br>and<br>Fra              | e NRC had, in May 2022, reviewed the NED Remuneration imework and opined that it was still current and relevant to attract d retain Directors. Details of the Directors' Remuneration imework for the financial year under review are provided in the planatory Note B of the Notice of 29 <sup>th</sup> AGM.   |

|  | The Remuneration Policy is periodically reviewed and is available on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.gadang.com.my">www.gadang.com.my</a> . |
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| Explanation for : departure                        |   |
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The level and composition of remuneration of directors and senior management take into account the company's desire to attract and retain the right talent in the board and senior management to drive the company's long-term objectives.

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

#### Practice 7.2

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 Nomination & Remuneration Committee (NRC) is responsible to formulate and review the remuneration policies and packages for the Directors as well as the Senior Management to ensure that they remain competitive, appropriate and commensurate with their experience, skills, level of responsibilities and in alignment with the prevalent industry or market practices. The responsibilities of the NRC in relation to remuneration matters are set out in the Terms of Reference ("TOR").  As at 31 May 2022, the NRC comprised 3 members, all of whom are Independent Non-Executive Directors. The NRC Chairman is the Senior Independent Director of the Company. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | The NRC's TOR had been revised on 27 July 2022 to be in line with the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance 2021. The TOR of the NRC and the Remuneration Policy for Directors and Senior Management are available for reference at <a href="https://www.gadang.com.my">www.gadang.com.my</a> .  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Explanation for : departure                            |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

# **Practice 8.1**

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

| Application                                | : | Applied   |
|--|---|---|
| Explanation on application of the practice | : | The Board has established a Directors' Remuneration Framework which sets out Directors' fees, meeting allowances and benefit-in-kind.   |
|  |   | The remuneration breakdown of individual Directors which includes the fees received by the Non-Executive Directors (as approved by the shareholders at the 28 <sup>th</sup> AGM held on 3 November 2021), salary, bonus, benefits-in-kind and other emoluments for the financial year ended 31 May 2022 is enumerated in the table below. |

|    |  |   |                 | Company ('000)        |                    |                       |                       |                       | ('000) Group ('000) |                 |                       |                    |                       |                       |                       |                    |  |
|----|--|---|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--|
| No | Name   | Directorate                             | Fee             | Allowance             | Salary             | Bonus                 | Benefits-in-<br>kind  | Other<br>emoluments   | Total               | Fee             | Allowance             | Salary             | Bonus                 | Benefits-in-<br>kind  | Other<br>emoluments   | Total              |  |
| 1  | Tan Sri Dato' Kok<br>Onn                                     | Executive<br>Director                   | 0               | 0                     | 1,254.000          | 78.375                | 49.600                | 0                     | 1,381.975           | 0               | 0                     | 1,254.000          | 78.375                | 49.600                | 0                     | 1,381.975          |  |
| 2  | Kok Pei Ling   | Executive<br>Director                   | 0               | 0                     | 491.400            | 61.425                | 31.150                | 66.339                | 650.314             | 0               | 0                     | 491.400            | 61.425                | 31.150                | 66.339                | 650.314            |  |
| 3  | Tan Sri Dato' Seri<br>Dr. Mohamed<br>Ismail Bin Merican      | Independent<br>Director                 | 110.000         | 18.000                | 0                  | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 128.000             | 110.000         | 18.000                | 0                  | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 128.000            |  |
| 4  | Boey Tak Kong<br>(Demised on 14<br>October 2021)             | Non-Executive Non- Independent Director | 30.000          | 5.000                 | 0                  | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 35.000              | 30.000          | 5.000                 | 0                  | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 35.000             |  |
| 5  | Huang Shi Chin   | Independent<br>Director                 | 80.000          | 18.000                | 0                  | 0                     | 0                     | 3.524                 | 101.524             | 80.000          | 18.000                | 0                  | 0                     | 0                     | 3.524                 | 101.524            |  |
| 6  | Sherman Lam<br>Yuen Suen<br>(Appointed on 16<br>August 2021) | Independent<br>Director                 | 63.334          | 15.000                | 0                  | 0                     | 0                     | 2.081                 | 80.415              | 63.334          | 15.000                | 0                  | 0                     | 0                     | 2.081                 | 80.415             |  |
| 7  | Wong Ping Eng<br>(Appointed on 25<br>May 2022)               | Independent<br>Director                 | 1.505           | 0                     | 0                  | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 1.505               | 1.505           | 0                     | 0                  | 0                     | 0                     | 0                     | 1.505              |  |
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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

# Practice 8.2

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

| Application :                                | Departure   |   |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Explanation on : application of the practice |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Explanation for : departure                  | The Company has not disclosed on a named basis for the top five Senior Management's remuneration in bands of RM50,000 due to confidentiality and sensitivity of each remuneration package as well as the competitive market for talents in the businesses of the Group. |   |  |  |  |  |
|  | (including salary, bonus, allowa  | denior Management's remuneration inces, benefits in-kind and other r 2022 are disclosed in the bands of   |  |  |  |  |
|  | Remuneration bands  | No. of Senior Management  |  |  |  |  |
|  | RM400,001 to RM450,000  | 1   |  |  |  |  |
|  | RM450,001 to RM500,000  | 3   |  |  |  |  |
|  | RM600,001 to RM650,000  | 1   |  |  |  |  |
|  | Management against the industry market practices. In addition,  | e remuneration package of Senior and is aligned with the industry or Senior Management are paid a ith their responsibilities of their individual and the Group. |  |  |  |  |
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| Timeframe :                                  | Choose an item.   |   |  |  |  |  |

|    |                 |                 |                 | Company         |                 |                 |                  |                 |  |  |  |  |  |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| No | Name            | Position        | Salary          | Allowance       | Bonus           | Benefits        | Other emoluments | Total           |  |  |  |  |  |
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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

# Practice 8.3 - Step Up

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

| Application                             | : | Not Adopted |
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| Explanation on adoption of the practice | : |             |

|    |                 |                 |                 | Company ('000)  |                 |                 |                  |                 |  |  |  |  |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| No | Name            | Position        | Salary          | Allowance       | Bonus           | Benefits        | Other emoluments | Total           |  |  |  |  |
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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 9.1**

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

| Application                                |      | Applied  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Application                                | •    | Applied  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | :    | The Audit Committee ("AC") is led by Mr Sherman Lam Yuen Suen, who was appointed as the Chairman of the AC since 16 August 2021, whilst the Chairman of the Board is Tan Sri Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamed Ismail bin Merican.  The AC comprises three (3) members who are Independent Non-Executive Directors. The composition of the AC as at the date of this report is as follows:- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |      | No. Name   | Membership   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |      | 1. Mr Sherman Lam Yuen Suen  | Chairman   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |      | 2. Mr Huang Shi Chin   | Member   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |      | 3. Ms Wong Ping Eng  | Member   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |      | (appointed on 25 May 2022)   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Evaluation for                             |      | The Chairman of the Board, Tan Sri Dato' See Merican relinquished his position as a men Committee and Nomination & Remunerati 2022 to ensure there is check and balance by the Board. Ms Wong Ping Eng was appoint in replacement thereof.  The Terms of Reference of the AC has refl Practice 9.1 of the MCCG that "The Chairma of the Board".                                  | nber of the AC, Board Risk<br>on Committee on 25 May<br>as well as objective review<br>ited as a member of the AC<br>ected the requirements in |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Explanation for departure                  | :    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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# Practice 9.2

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

| Application                                | :    | Applied   |  |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | :    | None of the members of the Board is a former key audit partner. Hence, there is no such person being appointed as a member of the Audit Committee ("AC").                   |  |
|  |      | The Terms of Reference of the AC requires a former key audit partner to observe a cooling-off period of three (3) years before being appointed as AC member by the Company. |  |
| Explanation for                            |      |   |  |
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# Practice 9.3

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

| Application                                | : | Applied  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| Explanation on application of the practice | : | The Board has approved and adopted an External Auditors Policy to outline the guidelines and procedures for the Audit Committee ("AC" to review, assess and monitor the performance, suitability and independence of the Company's external auditor.   |  |
|  |   | Each year, the AC will evaluate the external auditors in fulfilling their duty to make an informed recommendation to the Board whether to retain the auditors. The annual review and assessment of the quality of audit is carried out through an assessment checklist based on four (4) key areas covering quality of service provided; sufficiency of audit firm resources; quality of the communication and interactions with the external auditors and the independence, objectivity and professional scepticism as set out in the Company's External Auditors Policy.   |  |
|  |   | As guided by the External Auditors Policy, the AC had on 7 September 2022 undertaken an assessment on the suitability, effectiveness and independence of the external auditors, Crowe Malaysia PLT ("Crowe Malaysia") based on the feedback from the Chief Financial Officer and the finance personnel (who had substantial contact with the external audit team throughout the year). The AC also took into account the openness in communication and interaction with the lead engagement partner and engagement team through discussions at private meetings, which demonstrated their independence, objectivity and professionalism. |  |
|  |   | In July 2022, the external auditors in its presentation of External Auditors' report to the AC provided a written assurance that they had been independent throughout the audit engagement in accordance with the terms of all relevant professional and regulatory requirements in respect of the audited financial statements of the Group for the financial year 2022.  |  |
|  |   | The AC was satisfied with the suitability of Crowe Malaysia based on the quality of audit, performance, competency and sufficiency of resources the external audit team provided to the Group. The AC was also satisfied in its review that the provision of non-audit services by Crowe Malaysia to the Company for the financial year 2022 did not in any way  |  |

|                             | impair their objectivity and independence as external auditors of the   |
|-----------------------------|---|
|                             | Company.  |
|                             |   |
|                             | Being satisfied with the External Auditors' performance, the Board had in September 2022, approved the AC's recommendation for the shareholders' approval to be sought at the 29 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting |
|                             | on the re-appointment of Crowe Malaysia as external auditors of the Company for the financial year ending 31 May 2023.  |
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# Practice 9.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

| Application                             | : Adopte         | ed   |          |  |  |
|---|------------------|--|----------|--|--|
| Explanation on adoption of the practice | Indepe<br>indepe | The Audit Committee comprises three (3) members, all of whom are Independent Non-Executive Directors, who have satisfied the independence test under the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, as follows: |          |  |  |
|   | No.              | No. Name Membership  |          |  |  |
|   | 1.               | Mr Sherman Lam Yuen Suen   | Chairman |  |  |
|   | 2.               | 2. Mr Huang Shi Chin Member  |          |  |  |
|   | 3.               | Ms Wong Ping Eng<br>(appointed on 25 May 2022)   | Member   |  |  |

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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#### Practice 9.5

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

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

| Application                                    | : | Applied   |
|--|---|---|
| Explanation on application of the practice     | : | All members of the Audit Committee ("AC") who are Chartered Accountants and members of MIA, possess a considerable understanding of financial reporting and auditing processes. They also collectively have a wide range of relevant skills, knowledge and corporate experience to meet their responsibilities and provide an effective level of challenge to the Management.   |
|  |   | The members attend relevant training and continuous professional development programs from time to time in order to keep themselves abreast of the latest developments in financial reporting, accounting and audited practices, standards and regulations. In addition, the members are briefed by the external auditors on key changes in accounting standards, practices and rules. The various trainings attended by the AC members are listed under the Continuing Development Programme for Directors in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement of the Annual Report 2022. |
|  |   | An annual assessment on the performance of the AC during the term of office was undertaken by the Nomination & Remuneration Committee for financial year 2022. Based on the results of the assessment, the Board was generally satisfied that the AC collectively and its members individually, had discharged their functions, duties and responsibilities effectively in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the AC.  |
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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

# Practice 10.1

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

| Application :   | Applied  |
|---|--|
| Explanation on : application of the practice          | management framework and internal control system to safeguard shareholders' interests and the Group's assets.  The Company has established its risk management framework that is designed to identify, assess and manage significant risks that may impede the achievement of business objectives whilst the internal  |
|   | control systems are designed to manage, rather than eliminate occurrences of material misstatement, financial loss or fraud.  At the management level, the Risk Management Committee (RMC) is responsible for implementing the Group's policies and procedures on risk to identify, analyse, evaluate, treat, monitor and report risks. The RMC meets on a quarterly basis to review the significant risks faced by the Group and reports to the Board Risk Committee (BRC) on a quarterly basis where key risks and mitigating actions are deliberated. |
|   | The Board via the BRC oversees the Group's significant risks through its quarterly review and presents a summary of their deliberations and decisions to the Board. The Board evaluates the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management system.  Details on the risk management framework and internal control are set out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control on pages 49 to 56 of the Company's Annual Report 2022.   |
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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

# Practice 10.2

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

| Application :             | Applied  |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| , application             | Applied  |  |  |
|                           |  |  |  |
| Explanation on :          | The key features of the Company's risk management and internal   |  |  |
| application of the        | control framework, which cover their adequacy and effectiveness, are   |  |  |
| practice                  | disclosed in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control   |  |  |
| •                         | on pages 49 to 56 of the Company's Annual Report 2022.   |  |  |
|                           | The Board has received assurance from the Group MD/CEO and Chief Financial Officer that the Group's risk management and internal control system is operating adequately and effectively in all material aspects, |  |  |
|                           | based on the risk management and internal control system framework implemented by the Group.   |  |  |
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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

# Practice 10.3 - Step Up

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

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| Explanation on adoption of the practice | 2018, of Execut framework compliance of the model of the | pard Risk Committee (BRC), which was comprises three (3) members, all of whive Directors. The BRC oversees the Cowork and policies, environmental, so ance and sustainability matters.  The BRC are as follows:-  When the BRC are as follows:-  Name  Mr Huang Shi Chin  Mr Sherman Lam Yuen Suen  Ms Wong Ping Eng  (appointed on 25 May 2022)  The Terms of Reference of the any's website at www.gadang.com.my. | Membership Chairman Member Member Member Member Member Member |

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

# Practice 11.1

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

| Application                                | : | Applied   |  |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | : | The Board has established an in-house internal audit ("IA") function for the Group. The Group IA ("GIA") is led by the Head of GIA who reports functionally to the Audit Committee ("AC") and administratively to Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer.  The GIA is responsible to undertake independent, regular and systematic reviews of the financial and operating systems and internal controls so as to provide reasonable assurance that such systems continue to operate satisfactorily and effectively.  The GIA reports quarterly to the AC on the internal audit's objective, operation, authority and responsibility, relative to the approved audit plan together with a rating score on the internal control environment |  |
|  |   | <ul> <li>implemented to safeguard the Group's assets and investments.</li> <li>To ensure the responsibilities of GIA are fully discharged, the AC reviews: <ol> <li>the appointment and removal of the Head of GIA;</li> <li>the adequacy of scope, function, competency and resources of the GIA; and</li> <li>the appraisal or assessment of the performance of the staff of the IA function.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>  |  |
|  |   | IA reports are issued to Management of the operating units audited, highlighting the findings on any systems and control weaknesses together with recommendations for improvement. Management implements the corrective and preventive actions based on agreed deadlines. These reports, together with follow-up audit reports, are tabled to the AC for deliberations and process improvement. A summary of the activities carried out by the GIA during the FY ended 31 May 2022 are provided in the AC Report on pages 47 to 48 in the Company's Annual Report 2022.   |  |
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# Practice 11.2

The board should disclose-

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

| Application  | :  | Applied  |
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| Explanation on application of the practice   | :  | In accordance with the Audit Charter of the Group Internal Audit ("GIA"), the GIA will not be involved in day-to-day control procedures in order to maintain its independence and objectivity. Instead, each business unit is responsible for its own internal controls and procedures. GIA is not involved in the implementation of internal control systems but may be consulted on the adequacy of controls when the systems and processes are to be implemented.                     |
|  |    | The GIA has two personnel comprising the Head of GIA and one staff. The Head of GIA, Mr Alan Tham Wing Hoong holds a degree in Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) and Certified Information System Auditor and has over 20 years of internal audit and financial management experience, covering insurance industry, hospitality sector and FMCG business.  |
|  |    | The GIA adopts Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission (COSO)'s Internal Control Integrated Framework to assist in the design and recommendations for internal controls in business and operating environments. The audit engagement is performed in accordance with the Institute of Internal Auditors International Professional Practices Framework ("IPPF") and Supplemental Guidance to govern code of ethics and to sustain internal audit effectiveness. |
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There is continuous communication between the company and stakeholders to facilitate mutual understanding of each other's objectives and expectations.

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

# Practice 12.1

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

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| Explanation on application of the practice          | The Company has adopted the Investor Relations Policy, which is applicable to the Board and all employees of the Group, in handling and disclosing material information to the shareholders and the investing public.  |
|   | Various announcements and disclosures to the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad made during the year, including the timely release of financial results on a quarterly basis and the distribution of annual reports and circulars, provide shareholders and the investing public with an overview of the Group's performance and operations. |
|   | The Group Managing Director cum Chief Executive Officer and/or Chief Financial Officer will meet with institutional shareholders and analysts on ad-hoc basis to promote better understanding of the Group's financial performance and operations.   |
|   | The Company's website, <a href="www.gadang.com.my">www.gadang.com.my</a> provides an avenue for providing information about the Company and the Group and receiving feedback from the stakeholders.  |
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# Practice 12.2

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

| Application             | :   | Not applicable – Not a Large Company                                 |
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

# Practice 13.1

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

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| Explanation on application of the practice  | At the 28 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (" <b>AGM</b> ") held on 3 November 2021, the Company sent out the notice of AGM to the shareholders on 30 September 2021, which is in advance of the 28-day requirement.   |  |
|   | The notice of the forthcoming 29 <sup>th</sup> AGM which will be held on 9 November 2022 will be given to the shareholders on 29 September 2022, effectively serving 40 days of notice.  |  |
|   | The additional time given to the shareholders allows them to make the necessary arrangements to attend and participate in person or through corporate representatives or proxies. The notice is also published in a nationally circulated newspaper as required under the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and is made available on the Company's website. |  |
|   | The explanatory notes to the Notice of the AGM had provided explanations for each resolution proposed to enable shareholders to make informed decisions in exercising their voting rights.   |  |
|   | An Administrative Guide which furnished useful information regarding the conduct of the AGM together with the explanatory guide on remote participation and voting were circulated to the shareholders together with the Notice of the AGM.  |  |
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

# Practice 13.2

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

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| Explanation on application of the practice |  | In line with the Government's initiative and the Securities Commission Guidance Note, the Company's 28 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ("AGM") was held on 3 November 2021 as a fully virtual meeting conducted through live streaming and online remote voting using Remote Participation & Voting ("RPV") facilities provided by Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn Bhd ("Tricor") via its TIIH Online website at https://tiih.online.  All Directors, Company Secretary and Key Senior Management together with external auditors were present at the 28 <sup>th</sup> AGM to provide responses to questions raised by the shareholders.  At the 28 <sup>th</sup> AGM, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) provided shareholders with a presentation on the Group's performance for the year and its business outlook. The CFO also shared with the shareholders the Company's responses to the questions submitted in |  |
|  |  | advance by the Minority Shareholders Watch Group ("MSWG").  In order to enhance the efficiency of the proceedings of the 28 <sup>th</sup> AGM, shareholders were encouraged to submit questions to the Board in advance via Tricor's TIIH Online website. During the proceedings of the 28 <sup>th</sup> AGM, shareholders were encouraged to post their queries in the query box in order to transmit their questions online. Questions and clarifications, where appropriate, were provided by the Directors and the Key Senior Management of the Company.   |  |
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

# Practice 13.3

Listed companies should leverage technology to facilitate-

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

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

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

#### Practice 13.4

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

Note: The explanation of adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures undertaken to ensure the general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficient opportunity to pose questions and the questions are responded to.

#### **Application**

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# Explanation on application of the practice

The Company's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**") was held as a fully virtual meeting on 3 November 2021. The Company had issued the Annual Report 2021 for the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM together with the Administrative Guide which provided the guidance on the conduct of the virtual meeting, on 30 September 2021.

The shareholders were allowed to submit their questions electronically through the online platform provided by the share registrar, Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn Bhd ("**Tricor**") via its TIIH Online website at https://tiih.online prior to the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM (from 30 September 2021), or used the query box to transmit questions to the Board of Directors via Remote Participation and Voting (RPV) facilities during live streaming of the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM.

The Chairman of the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM had also informed the shareholders during the live streaming of the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM that they could submit their questions to the Board during the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM via the RPV facilities. The questions posed by shareholders were displayed on the screen for the participants of the meeting whilst the questions were read by the Chief Financial Officer and responded to accordingly, before the commencement of the poll voting.

As the shareholders were allowed to submit questions from 30 September (the notice of 28<sup>th</sup> AGM), they were given sufficient opportunity to pose their questions before the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM and during the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM. The Company had ensured that all the questions were answered. Questions received after the close of 28<sup>th</sup> AGM were answered via emails.

The questions raised and responses given for the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company were uploaded on the Company's website. Questions that were received after the Q&A session ended were responded to by the Company via e-mail after the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM.

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

#### Practice 13.5

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

| Note: The explanation o     | f adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures   |
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| undertaken to ensure the    | general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficient   |
| opportunity to pose questi  | ons and the questions are responded to. Further, a listed issuer should also  |
| provide brief reasons on th | ne choice of the meeting platform.  |
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| Explanation on :            | In view of the health and safety concerns relating to Covid-19, the   |
| application of the          | Company's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in 2020 and 2021 were held   |
| practice                    | as virtual meetings.  |
|                             | The Remote Participation and Voting (RPV) facilities provided by the share registrar, Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn Bhd via its TIIH Online website at <a href="https://tiih.online">https://tiih.online</a> allowed shareholders to pose questions to the Board via typed text in the query box. The shareholders submitted their questions at any time from the day of the Notice of AGM and up to the time when the meeting was in progress.  During the "Questions and Answers" session, the TIIH Online platform had the facilities to live broadcast the questions and answers, and the shareholders had experienced real time interaction with the Board during the AGM.  Each question posed by the shareholders was also displayed on the |
|                             | screen as and when the Chief Financial Officer provided her responses   |
| Explanation for : departure | to the respective questions accordingly in an orderly manner.   |
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

# Practice 13.6

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

| Note: The publication of Key Matters Discussed is not a substitute for the circulation of minutes of general meeting. |        |  |  |
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| Explanation on  | :      | The Minutes of the 28 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ("AGM") held on 3 |  |
| application of the  |        | November 2021 were posted on the Company's website at                        |  |
| practice  |        | www.gadang.com.my on 17 November 2021, which is within 30                    |  |
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|   |        | business days from the date of the 28 <sup>th</sup> AGM.                     |  |
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