

Statement On Risk Management And Internal Control

INTRODUCTION

This Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control is made in accordance with the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control: Guidelines for Directors of “Public Listed Issuers” issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia and pursuant to paragraph 15.26(b) of the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“Bursa Securities”) Main Market Listing Requirements, which requires Malaysian public listed companies to make a statement about their state of risk management and internal control, as a Group, in their annual report.

BOARD RESPONSIBILITY

The Board recognizes the importance of sound risk management and internal control practices to safeguard shareholders’ investment and the Group’s assets and acknowledges its responsibilities for establishing such systems. The Board further affirms its responsibility to embed risk management in all aspects of the Group’s activities and for reviewing the adequacy and integrity of these systems in mitigating risks within the Group’s acceptable risk appetite. Nonetheless, the Board recognizes that the systems of risk management and internal control are designed to manage rather than to eliminate risks of failure to achieve its business objectives. Therefore these systems of risk management and internal control in the Group can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against misstatements, frauds or other consequences.

The Board had received assurance from the Managing Director and the Group Accountant that, to the best of their knowledge and in all material aspects, the Group’s risk management and internal control systems are operating adequately and effectively.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group’s Risk Management function sets out its underlying approach in managing risks while pursuing its business objectives. Risk management is firmly embedded in the Group’s management system through its business units and departmental functions. There is an ongoing process to identify, analyse, evaluate, prioritise and mitigate risks, and has the following attributes:

- Day-to-day risk management residing with respective business units and departments.
- Risk management function is headed by the Managing Director with respective head of business units and departments entrusted to drive the procedures.
- The risk management function includes:
 - Review of business risk during operational meetings with the senior management team to identify, assess and manage risk in an efficient and effective manner
 - Monitor results of key performance indicators
 - Monitor exposure to credit risk to keep at acceptable level and financial capacity to withstand potential losses
 - Monitor market movements against the risk of high costs or loss arising from adverse movements such as prices of commodities, investments and foreign currency exchange rates

KEY INTERNAL CONTROL PROCESSES

Internal controls are embedded in the Group’s operations as follows:

- Clear organisation structure which clear line of responsibility aligned to business and operations requirements.
- Regular management meetings to assess the Group’s performance and controls.
- Internal control requirements are embedded in computerised accounting system.
- Policies and procedures for all key processes are clearly documented and are reviewed at regular intervals.
- Consolidated monthly management accounts allow the management to focus on areas of concern.
- Monthly financial and operational reports from the major operating units are presented to the management. The management team communicates regularly to monitor performance.

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KEY INTERNAL CONTROL PROCESSES *cont'd*

- Quarterly reports are released after being reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board.
- Internal audit findings are communicated to the management and Audit Committee with recommendations for improvements and regular follow ups are performed to confirm all agreed recommendations are implemented.
- Review of major proposals for material contracts and investment opportunities by the management team and approval of the same by the Board prior to expenditure being committed.

INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION

The internal audit function assists the Board and the Audit Committee by providing an independent assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's internal control system.

The scope of works of the internal audit function includes but not limited to the following: -

- Review and assess the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's internal control system.
- Review the extent of compliance of the Group with the policies, standard operating procedures and other laws and regulations which may have significant impact to the business operations of the Group.
- Report significant issues in relation to the business operations and activities of the Group and make recommendations for improvements in the reporting to Audit Committee.
- Highlight any irregularities to the Audit Committee.

During the financial year under review, there were no major/material internal control deficiency that would require further attention.

REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT BY EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The External Auditors have performed limited assurance procedures on this Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control pursuant to the scope set out in Audit and Assurance Practice Guide 3 (AAPG 3): Guidance for Auditors on Engagements to Report on the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control included in the Annual Report issued by the Malaysian Institute of Accountants ("MIA") for inclusion in the Annual Report of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2021, and reported to the Board that nothing has come to their attention that causes them to believe the statement intended to be included in the Annual Report is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the disclosures required by paragraph 41 and 42 of the Guidelines, nor is the Statement factually inaccurate.

AAPG 3 does not require the External Auditors to consider whether the Directors' Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control covers all risks and controls, or to form an opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control system including the assessment and opinion by the Directors and management thereon. The report from the External Auditors was made solely for and directed solely to the Board of Directors in connection with their compliance with the listing requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and for no other purposes or parties. The External Auditors do not assume responsibility to any person other than the Board of Directors in respect of any aspect of this report.

CONCLUSION

For the financial year under review, the Board is satisfied that the existing systems of risk management and internal control are adequate and effective to enable the Group to achieve its business objectives and nothing has to come to the attention of the Board which would result in any material losses, contingencies or uncertainties that would require separate disclose in this annual report.