

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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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

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SECTION A – DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.1

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>The primary responsibility of the Board is to provide effective leadership to ensure good corporate governance, setting the Group's strategic objectives, values and standards, and ensuring necessary resources are in place to achieve the long-term sustainable success of the Company for the benefit of shareholders and other stakeholders.</p> <p>In discharging its responsibilities effectively, the Board is also guided by the Board Charter, which outlines the Company's Goal; the Board Governance Process including the duties and responsibilities of the Chairman, Board, Independent Directors and matters specifically reserved for the Board as well as be delegated to Board Committees ("Committees"); Board-Management Relationship which spells out the Roles of Chief Executive Officer and his accountability to the Board and Management Limitation; Board-Shareholders Relationship; Stakeholders Relationship; Code of Conduct & Ethics; and Whistleblowing.</p> <p>To ensure the effective discharge of the Board's duties, powers and authority and facilitate effective decision-making, the Board has established 3 Committees as follows with effect from admission to the Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities"), each with delegated responsibilities and duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audit and Risk Management Committee ("ARMC")• Remuneration Committee ("RC")• Nominating Committee ("NC") <p>These Committees oversee the broad strategic areas within the Group such as audit and finance, risk, remuneration, sustainability and ethics, Board renewals, succession planning of the Board and Key Senior Management and related matters. Each of the Committees operates under clearly defined Terms of Reference ("TOR") setting out its duties, authority and reporting</p>

responsibilities, to oversee and deliberate matters within their purview. The TORs for the respective Committees are reviewed regularly by each Committee to ensure they remain appropriate, approved by the Board, and made available on the Company's [website](#). The Chairman and members of each Committee are nominated by the Board. The Chairman of each Committee reports to the Board on the outcome of the Committee's meetings and resolutions, which would also include the key issues deliberated at the Committee's meetings.

In addition to the principal Committees, the Board has established 4 topic-specific Committees to which it has delegated certain powers to review and administer matters – Sustainability Working Group ("**SWG**"), Integrity Working Group ("**IWG**"), Long Term Incentive Plans ("**LTIP**") Committee and Enterprise Risk Management ("**ERM**") Committee.

The functions of the Board and the Management are clearly defined to ensure the effectiveness of the Group's business and operations. The Board provides leadership and direction to the operations of the Group while the Management is accountable for the execution of policies and meeting corporate objectives.

The Board assumes, amongst others, the following principal roles and responsibilities in discharging its leadership function and fiduciary duties:

(i) Reviewing and adopting a strategic plan developed by Management

The Board received regular updates from the Chief Executive Officer ("**CEO**"), Chief Operating Officer ("**COO**")/Chief Project Officer ("**CPO**") and the Chief Financial Officer ("**CFO**") in the Board meeting in respect of all material business matters to the Group concerning strategy, planning, business development, risk management, governance and employees' engagement approach in supporting the Group's culture.

The Board sets the Group strategy and oversees its execution, reviewing business performance, formulating policy on key issues and bringing long-term value to the shareholders and other stakeholders. The Board is made up of a combination of Executive Directors who are involved in strategic formulation and implementation and Independent Non-Executive Directors ("**INEDs**") who are involved in decision evaluation and approval.

The INEDs are persons of calibre and credibility with the ability to exercise independent judgment. Their roles are to constructively challenge Management and monitor the success of Management in delivering the approved targets and business plans within the risk appetite set by the Board. They have free and open contact with Management at all levels, and they engage with external and internal auditors to address matters concerning Management and

oversight of the Company's business and operations. The INEDs provide independent and unbiased views, advice and judgement to ensure a balanced and unbiased decision-making process to safeguard the long-term interests of all stakeholders and the community.

The Executive Directors together with the Key Senior Management team are responsible for developing strategy, monitoring progress against the Group's strategic objectives, reviews day-to-day operations and business performance.

(ii) Monitoring the conduct of business

At its quarterly meetings, the Board monitors the conduct of the Group's business by reviewing a presentation by Management. The presentation usually includes the quarterly financial results, liquidity and other financial highlights, project and operations progress reports, market overview and sales outlook, corporate proposals, sustainability reporting etc, to enable the Board to assess if targeted objectives are being met.

The Board constantly provides guidance and constructive feedback to Management towards the achievement of the Group's objectives.

At each Board meeting, and as and when the need arises, the CEO will brief the Directors on the current operations, challenges, market opportunities and plans of the Group in order for the Board to be kept abreast on the conduct, business activities and development of the Company, and to discuss and advise the Management in its formulation of the Company's business strategies, both short-term and long-term. Discussions would include the deployment of resources efficiently and effectively in achieving the objectives to be met. In making its decisions, the Board would be guided by the Company's values and standards.

During the financial year ("FY") 2023, the Board continued monitoring the impact of macroeconomic uncertainties, and shortage of manpower on the Group's business. Discussions were held with Management to evaluate their impact on cash flows, financial results, and business continuity and put in place mitigation plans as necessary.

(iii) Reviewing the adequacy and integrity of the management information and internal control systems and identifying principal risks and ensuring the implementation of appropriate internal controls and mitigation measures

The Board acknowledges its overall responsibility for the Group's internal control and risk management systems to safeguard shareholders' investment and the Group's assets.

During FY2023, the Board documented the Group's risk appetite in the form of a Risk Appetite Statement to provide clearer guidance across the Group. The Board endorsed a Fraud Risk Assessment programme on various segments of the Group's business.

The Group's risk parameters were revised to better reflect the Group's risk appetite. The Risk Management Policy and Guideline ("**RMPG**") Documents were also revised to incorporate elements of fraud risk management, with updated risk parameters based on the Risk Appetite Statement.

Details of the Company's internal control and risk management systems are set out in the Statement of Risk Management and Internal Control section of the Annual Report 2023.

(iv) Reviewing and adopting a strategic plan that supports long-term value creation and business sustainability

As in the previous year, the Board reviewed business and financial performance and worked closely with the Management in the shared strategic aims to secure the Group's leading market positions in the long term to benefit from growing end markets. The Board monitors the culture of the Company to ensure that it is aligned with the Group's values and strategy.

In addition, informal management groups have been established to review, monitor and take decisions in respect of collaborative partnerships, risk management and environmental, social and governance ("**ESG**") matters. The Group's strong performance demonstrated its financial strength, market leaderships and commitment in sustaining the global supply chain in automation.

The Board is aware of the importance of business sustainability and ensures that sustainability is embedded in the development of the Group's strategies and annual plans, taking into account the ESG aspects of business operations. These strategies seek to balance the needs and expectations of the various stakeholders such as customers, shareholders, regulators, bankers, and the communities in which the Group operates.

The SWG (established in FY2019) oversees the implementation of business sustainability practices within the Group. The Sustainability Policy with the following aims was endorsed by the Board in FY2019:

- Sustaining the Group's growth and exceeding customers' expectations;
- Fostering a culture of sustainability within the Group;

- Managing the Group's operations in a manner that minimises the Group's environmental and social impacts;
- Encourage its people and senior leaders to embrace sustainability principles and practices into the Group's goals, strategies and business decision.

Details of the Company's sustainability efforts are set out in the Sustainability Report section of the Annual Report 2023.

(v) Promoting a good corporate governance culture within the Group to ensure adherence to high standards of integrity, ethics and professional behaviour

The Board is accountable to the shareholders, and it is ultimately responsible for the Group's adherence to sound corporate governance practices and the highest standard of ethics. The Board believes that sound governance is essential to the success of the Group. The robust group governance framework continues to drive the highest level of business standards and best practices. The Board assesses and monitors culture and ensures it aligns with the Group's values and strategy. The Board leads by example, acts constructively and respectfully demonstrating the values that the Group expects across the companies.

The Board has adopted the following codes, policies and programmes to guide the actions and behaviour of Directors, Management and employees of the Group:

- Code of Conduct and Ethics
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Delegation of Authority Policy
- Investor Relations Policy
- Related Party Transaction Policy & Procedures
- Cyber Security Policy
- Safety, Health and Environment Policy
- Share Trading Policy
- Tax Policy
- Whistleblowing Policy
- Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy ("ABC Policy")
- Anti-Fraud Policy
- Business Partner Anti-Corruption Policy

(vi) Succession planning

The NC is entrusted by the Board with the responsibilities to oversee the selection and assessment of Directors and Committees as well as succession planning for Directors and Senior Management personnel.

The work carried out by the NC in FY2023 is set out in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement section of the Annual Report 2023.

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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.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The roles and responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board are clearly specified in Paragraph 4.7 of the Board Charter, which is available on the Company's website. The Chairman of the Board is responsible for instilling good corporate governance practices in the organisation, leading the Board in the adoption and implementation of good governance practices.</p> <p>As Chairman of the Board, Dato' Ooi Boon Chye ("Dato' Ooi") assumes a leadership role on the Board. Dato' Ooi was appointed as Independent Non-Executive Chairman of the Board on 25 August 2023.</p> <p>As can be seen from his profile set out in the Profile of Directors section of the Annual Report 2023, Dato' Ooi has vast experience in a wide range of industries and was responsible for managing worldwide manufacturing, manufacturing engineering, outsourcing, procurement, logistics, central planning and quality programs. His years of experience have enabled him to provide valuable guidance to the other members of the Board to work constructively with Management to formulate strategies.</p> <p>He chairs the meetings of the Board and the shareholders, and thus ensures effective, transparent and regular communication with the shareholders as well as the relevant stakeholders. Dato' Ooi ensures that no Director or group of Directors dominates Board meeting discussion and that the voice of all Directors is heard and respected.</p>
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Practice 1.3

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The positions of the Chairman and the CEO are held by separate individuals who are not related to each other, to ensure a good balance of power and authority, such that no one individual has unfettered powers in decision-making.</p> <p>The distinct and separate roles and responsibilities of the Chairman and CEO as set out in the Board Charter of the Company, which is available on the Company's website.</p> <p>The position of the Chairman is held by Dato' Ooi and the position of CEO is held by Dato' Seri Tan Eng Kee ("Dato' Seri Tan"). Dato' Seri Tan was appointed to the Board on 14 May 2018.</p> <p>As the Board Chairman, Dato' Ooi led the Board to ensure the effectiveness of the Board. Meanwhile, the CEO, Dato' Seri Tan assumes the executive responsibility for focusing on the business, organisational effectiveness and day-to-day management of the Group, and actively reports, clarifies and communicates matters to the Board. The CEO also acts as a link between the Independent Directors and the Management to align management actions to Board decisions and strategies.</p> <p>To better safeguard the interest of our stakeholders, the Board is balanced by a majority of INEDs on the Board to foster greater objectivity in the Boardroom.</p>
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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.

<i>Note: If the board Chairman is not a member of any of these specified committees, but the board 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'.</i>	
Application :	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice :	<p>On 25 August 2023, the Independent Non-Executive Chairman, Ms. Ooi Hooi Kiang was re-designated as Independent Director of the Board and remained as Chairman of the Remuneration Committee.</p> <p>On the same day, the Board approved the appointment of Dato' Ooi as Independent Non-Executive Chairman of the Board.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Board is not a member of any of the Audit Committee, Nominating Committee, or Remuneration Committee.</p>
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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.

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>The Board is supported by 2 suitably qualified, competent and experienced Company Secretaries, namely Ms. Yeow Sze Min ("Ms. Yeow") and Ms. Low Seow Wei ("Ms. Low"), in discharging its duties and responsibilities.</p> <p>Both the Company Secretaries are qualified Chartered Secretaries under Section 235(2)(a) of the Companies Act 2016 registered with the Companies Commission of Malaysia ("CCM"). Ms. Yeow is a Fellow while Ms. Low is an Associate member of the Malaysian Association of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators ("MAICSA").</p> <p>The Company Secretaries each have more than 16 years of experience in corporate secretarial practice, with working knowledge across a diverse range of industries and government services. They currently also act as Company Secretaries of several other companies listed on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities").</p> <p>The Company Secretaries ensure that all Board and Committees meetings are properly convened, facilitate appropriate information flows between the business and the Board, and all deliberations and decisions are properly minuted and kept.</p> <p>The Company Secretaries support the Board and the relevant Committees to ensure their effective functioning in accordance with their TOR and best practices, and in managing the corporate governance framework of the Company. The Company Secretaries monitor the corporate governance development and assist the Board in applying governance practices to meet the Board's needs and stakeholders' expectations. The Company Secretaries are also responsible to advise and brief the Directors on their fiduciary and statutory duties, as well as corporate disclosures and compliances with the Companies Act 2016, the Company's Constitution, the Bursa Securities Main Market Listing Requirements ("MMLR"), the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance ("MCCG"), adopted policies, and other pertinent regulations governing the Company, including guiding the Board towards the necessary compliances.</p>

The Company Secretaries facilitate the orientation of new directors to familiarise them with the relevant information for discharging their responsibilities as Committees members.

The Company Secretaries are also acting as the official liaison party for the Company to prepare and submit statutory documents to the CCM. They will ensure that any change in the Company's statutory information will be notified to the CCM in the relevant prescribed forms in a timely manner.

During the quarterly Board Meetings of the Company held in FY2023, the Company Secretaries assist the Board, among others receive updates/reviews the following activities:

- Group Corruption Risk Management("CRM") Framework
- Summary of the Directors' Resolution in Writing passed since the previous Board Meeting
- Directors and Key Principal Officers' dealing in shares of the Company since the previous Board Meeting
- Announcements submitted to Bursa Securities during the period from the last Board Meeting
- The appointment of Dato' Ooi Boon Chye as INED of the Company
- Board Charter and revised Conflict of Interest Policy of the Company
- Business Continuity Policy and Plan ("BCP") of the Company
- Sustainability Report assessment from BDO Governance Advisory
- Cyber Security Plan – cyber security measure and backup with tape solution for the Company

The Company Secretaries send a reminder letter to the Board and affected persons before each Closed Period (during the period commencing 30 calendar days fore the targeted date of announcement to the Exchange of the quarterly results, up to the date of announcement of the quarterly results), to alert on the Closed Period and to advise on the procedures set out in Paragraph 14.08 of the MMLR for dealing in the securities of the Company by the affected persons during the Closed Period.

The Company Secretaries attended the Fifth Annual General Meeting held on 12 May 2023 ("**5th AGM**") and all Board and Committees meetings during FY2023. The Company Secretaries ensured that all deliberations at the AGM were minuted for the Board's reference and for action plans to be communicated to the Management to work on and to report back to the Board. During the 5th AGM, the Company Secretaries coordinated with the Management and Share Registrar or Poll Administrator to manage the processes of the meeting and ensured orderly proceedings, including the conduct of the poll taken on all resolutions tabled at the 5th AGM.

	<p>The Company Secretaries had and will continue to constantly keep themselves abreast on matters concerning company law, the capital market, corporate governance, and other pertinent matters, and with changes in the regulatory environment, through continuous training and industry updates. They have also attended relevant continuous professional development programmes as required by MAICSA for practicing Chartered Secretaries.</p>	
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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.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board meets at least, quarterly, to consider all matters relating to the overall controls, operational and financial performances, strategies, major issues and opportunities of the Group. Additional meeting will be convened if and when required.</p> <p>In FY2023, total four (4) Board meetings were held with full attendance from the Board. The meeting were predominantly held in hybrid format, allowing those able to travel to attend in person.</p> <p>Dates of Board and Committees' meeting are determined well in advance to facilitate Directors' time planning. It is our practice to prepare and circulate the annual meeting calendar to Directors during the beginning of each financial year to facilitate the Directors in planning ahead and incorporating the said meetings into their respective schedules.</p> <p>The Notice and meeting material of the Board and Committees meetings are sent to the Directors via email at least seven (7) days prior to the respective meeting. Board and Committees members are provided with pre-circulated meeting materials, or explanatory information analysing all relevant aspects and recommended course of action for each item on the agenda prior to respective meetings to enable them to make informed decisions.</p> <p>All Board and Committees meetings during the financial year followed an approved agenda. It is held over two (2) days enabling the Directors to spend more time together and form an understanding of each other, developing a culture of trust and openness in the Boardroom.</p> <p>The Board believes good decision making is enabled by a deep understanding of the Group's operations and people. At each quarterly Board meeting, Key Principal Officers which comprises of CEO, COO/CPO and CFO will provide the quarterly reports on the Group's performance and financial results and address queries from the Directors. Other Management personnel may be invited to attend Board meetings to provide the Board with detailed explanations and clarifications on certain matters that are tabled to the Board. To keep the Board members abreast of the Group's business, Directors are also updated by the Group CEO of any significant developments or events relating to the</p>

	<p>Group. This included updates on business plan, safety and health, strategy, sustainability, leadership succession and incentives programs, technology, risk, legal and financial matters. There is sufficient time allocated for discussion by the Board, allowing the Directors to discharge their duties effectively. The Board also has unrestricted access to Management and other external advisers enabling it to explore specific issues in more detail; and is entitled to request for additional information and receive presentations by the Management and external advisers, as and when required.</p> <p>To keep the Board's knowledge current and enhance their experience, the Board is also regularly updated and kept informed by the Company Secretaries and the Management on corporate disclosures and compliance with company and securities regulations and MMLR such as restrictions in dealing with the securities of the Company and updates on the latest developments in legislations and regulatory framework affecting the Group issued by the various regulatory authorities.</p> <p>The Company Secretaries are responsible for the proper maintenance of the records of Board and Committees meetings and record of discussions on key deliberations and decisions taken. Minutes of the meeting are circulated to the members of the Board and Committees, and the Management for review and comments in a timely manner. The draft minutes will then be tabled at the following meeting for confirmation. The Company Secretaries will also notify and follow up with the Management of any actions to be taken or further updates to be provided to the Board. The updates and action plans for the items identified as matters arising would be discussed at the next Board and Committees meetings.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 2.1

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

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>The Board is guided by a Board Charter which clearly defines the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board, Committees, individual Directors and Management as well as matters reserved for the Board. It serves as a primary reference and induction literature in providing the Board members and Management insights into the functions, governance and conduct of the Board. The Board Charter is also to promote high standards of corporate governance, ethical behaviour and compliance culture.</p> <p>The core areas of the Board Charter are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) The Group vision, mission and guidance for the Board(b) Board governance process and procedures(c) Board and Management relationship(d) Board and Shareholders relationship(e) Stakeholders' relationship(f) Code of Conduct & Ethics ("the Code")(g) Whistleblowing <p>The Board has adopted a Board Charter which sets out its primary responsibilities as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To review and adopt a strategic plan for the Company, and ensure that the Company's strategic plan supports long-term value creation and includes strategies on economic, environment, social and governance considerations underpinning sustainability;• To establish policies for strengthening the performance of the Group including ensuring that Management is proactively seeking to build the business through innovation, initiative, technology, new products and the development of its business capital;• To identify principal risks, set the risk appetite within which the Board expects the Management to operate and ensure the implementation of appropriate systems to manage the significant financial and non-financial risks and ensure

	<p>there is a sound framework for internal controls and risk management;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that senior management has the necessary skills and experience, and there are measures in place to provide for the orderly succession of board and senior management; • To oversee the development and implementation of an investor relations policy (including investor relations program, corporate disclosure procedures or shareholder communications policy) for the Group; • To review the adequacy and the integrity of the Company's internal control systems and management information systems, including systems for compliance with applicable laws, directives, guidelines, rules and regulations; • To provide assurance to the internal and external stakeholders that the Company is operating in compliance with its policies, and other applicable regulatory requirements. This includes establishing a "tone from the top" and spearheading the Group's effort to improve on its corruption risk management framework, internal control system, review and monitoring as well as training and communication; • To direct and periodically review an anti-corruption compliance programme which includes clear policies and objectives that adequately addresses corruption risk; • To review the development and dissemination of internal and external trainings relevant to its anti-corruption management system, covering areas such as policy, training, reporting channel and consequences of non-compliance; • To approve the Whistleblowing Policy and Procedure to encourage reporting of any legitimate concerns over wrongdoing at the Group on unlawful conduct, financial malpractice or dangers to the public or the environment within as well as any suspected and/ or real corrupted incidents; • To review and/or acknowledge on the investigation outcome of whistleblowing cases involving all employees, Management and Directors; • To decide on necessary steps to protect the Company's financial position and the ability to meet its debts and other obligations when they fall due, and ensure that such steps are taken; • To ensure that the Company's financial statements are true and fair and conform with any applicable laws and/or regulations; • To ensure that the Company adheres to high standards of ethics and corporate behaviour which include managing conflicts of interest, preventing the abuse of power, fraud, bribery and corruption, insider trading and money laundering; • To promote good corporate governance culture within the Company which reinforces ethical, prudent and professional behaviour;
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review, challenge and decide on the Management’s proposals for the Company, and monitor its implementation by the Management; • To supervise and assess Management performance to determine whether the business is being properly managed; and • To ensure that the Company has in place procedures to enable effective communication with the stakeholders. <p>The Board Charter is kept under continuously reviewed and updated to ensure it remain consistent with the Board’s objectives and kept up-to-date with changes in regulations and governance practices. On 12 May 2023, the Board revised its Board Charter to incorporate the updates pursuant to Paragraph 15.01A of the MMLR of Bursa Securities that is effected on 1 July 2023 and revised 2022 MCCG.</p> <p>The Board Charter is available on the Company’s website.</p> <p>The Board has also established 3 Committees with clear TOR to enable the Board to discharge its duties and responsibilities properly and to fulfill its decision-making process more effectively.</p>
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Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 3.1

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

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>The Board is responsible for creating and fostering a culture aimed at long-term value creation for the Group and all of its stakeholders. Directors and employees are committed to observing good corporate governance in business practices in maintaining integrity in the marketplace, workplace, the Group and communities.</p> <p>Accordingly, the Group has adopted the Code, formally approved by the Board, to articulate acceptable practices, which guide the behaviour of directors, management and employees. The Board, the Management, and other employees and stakeholders are clear on what is considered acceptable behaviour and practice in the Company through the Code, which is integrated into company-wide management practices.</p> <p>The Code applies to all the key stakeholders such as Employees, Directors, Management and staffs, on full-time or part-time employment with the Group, and guides as to the ethical conduct to be complied with to uphold the principles of honesty and integrity for the below aspects, to ensure a high standard of ethical and professional conduct is upheld in the performance of their duties and responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Maintaining Integrity in the Marketplace<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Product Quality and Safety• Anti-Trust and Competition Practice(ii) Maintaining Integrity in Workplace<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dignity and Respect in the Workplace• Abuse of Power at Work• Environmental, Health and Safety• Discrimination and Harassment(iii) Maintaining Integrity at our Group<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compliance with Laws and Regulations

- Conflicts of Interest
- Non-Public Confidential Information
- Proper Use of Greatech Assets and Assets owned by Others
- Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption
- Facilitation payments and kickbacks
- Anti-Fraud
- Gifts, Entertainment and Hospitality
- Travel and Sponsored Travel
- Charitable Donation and Sponsorship
- Insider Trading

(iv) Maintaining integrity in our Communities

- Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist-Related Activities
- Forced or Child Labour

The Code is communicated internally and externally, and the importance of ethical behaviour is emphasised in all of the Group's engagements. Mechanisms are in place to report instances of fraud, theft, corruption, unethical behaviour and irregularities. The Management is responsible for the implementation and execution of the Group's Code and ongoing oversight of the management of ethics. The Management will report breaches to the ARMC and to the Board.

During FY2023, there was no known material breaches of our Code by the Directors and employees.

The Group is committed to conducting business ethically, with integrity and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. As such, the Group expects its suppliers to demonstrate the same commitment to the highest standards of business behaviour. The Supplier Code of Conduct & Ethics ("Supplier Code") contains the expectations towards our suppliers in the areas of ethics, integrity, human rights, anti-corruption, harassment and environmental management.

During FY2023, there is no known material breaches of Supplier Code by the suppliers.

In addition to the above, the Group has also adopted the following:-

(a) Conflict of Interest Policy

The Conflict of Interest Policy was approved by the Board in November 2019 and has been revised and approved in May 2023 to ensure appropriate internal controls and processes in place to avoid and manage conflict of interest.

The employees of the Group, including the Directors, whose job responsibilities may give rise to conflict of interest are required to complete and submit an annual conflict of interest declaration to the Group's Human

Resource and Administration ("**HRA**") Department. In addition, Directors are expected to notify the Company Secretaries of any actual or potential conflicts as soon as they arise so the Board can consider them at the next available opportunity. In the Board's view, this procedure operated effectively during the financial year under review.

(b) Directors' Fit and Proper Policy

In May 2022, the Board established the Directors' Fit and Proper Policy, to ensure that any person to be appointed or elected/ re-elected as Director of the Group shall possess the necessary quality and integrity to enable the discharge of the responsibilities required of the position in the most effective manner.

(c) Anti-Bribery and Corruption ("ABC**") Framework & Policy**

The Company has since 2019 implemented a comprehensive ABC Framework to regulate inappropriate behaviour, such as acts of corruption and adopted an ABC Policy. In line with the amendment of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act ("**MACC Act**"), which is the new Section 17A on corporate liability for corruption, the Company has revised its ABC Policy on 29 May 2020. The objective of the ABC Policy is to outline the principles and behaviours required to ensure that the Group and the employees comply with anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws and governmental guidance.

The ABC Policy is distributed and disseminated to all Company's employees and is available on the Company's intranet portal. Each employee of the Group is required to confirm that they are familiarise themselves with the regulations and activities in this area.

The Company's Business Partner Anti-Corruption Policy sets forth the Company's expectations with respect to all suppliers. It prohibits any form of bribery, "kickbacks", or any other improper payment (of cash or anything of value) to a third party to obtain an unfair or improper advantage.

Periodic trainings are conducted on the above policies and procedures.

In FY2023, the Group has regularly provide Corruption Risk Management ("**CRM**") training to identified employees, focusing on the Section 17A of the MACC Act 2009, the 5 guiding principles under the Guidelines on Adequate Procedures and Group's existing ethical framework. Identified employees include those in sales, procurement and other management and administrative functions.

In addition, a CRM assessment which involves the independent assessment of the adequacy, effectiveness

	<p>and integrity of the Group's risk management and internal control systems in relation to corruption risks had been conducted and reported to the ARMC. The assessment was carried out across the Group based on the present and potential corruption risks which took into account of the potential impact and likelihood of occurrence, effectiveness of controls in place and action plans taken to mitigate the corruption risks. Various enhancements were made to the current anti-corruption system, policies and procedures including the development and establishment of Group Corruption Risk Management Framework.</p> <p>In FY2023, no substantiated reports of bribery and corruption were reported to the Company. In addition, internal audit activities did not identify bribery or corruption problems or issues.</p> <p>(d) Share Trading Policy The Share Trading Policy was approved and adopted by the Board in June 2019 and further updated in February 2022, which set out the guidelines on the sales and purchase of securities in the Company by the Directors, Key Principal Officers and Identified Employees of the Company or its major subsidiary who have access or is privy to unpublished price-sensitive information in relation to the Company ("Affected Persons"). The purpose of this Policy is to inform and assist the Affected Persons to avoid committing "Insider Trading" or the appearance of "Insider Trading".</p> <p>(e) Anti-Fraud Policy The Anti-Fraud Policy was established in November 2019 to facilitate the development of controls, which will aid in the detection and prevention of fraud. The Company intends to promote consistent organisational behaviour by providing guidelines and assigning responsibilities for the development of controls and conduct of investigations.</p> <p>(f) Whistleblowing Policy The Group established the Whistleblowing Policy in June 2019 and has been revised and approved by the Board in May 2020. The Whistleblowing Policy provides an avenue for all employees of the Group or members of the public to raise genuine concerns on suspected and/or known improper conduct that they may have observed or is occurring within the Group.</p> <p>(g) Related Party Transaction Policy & Procedures ("RPT Policy & Procedures") The Group has adopted the RPT Policy & Procedures in August 2019. The RPT Policy & Procedures has been updated and approved by the Board in April 2022 and November 2022 to ensure its consistency with the Board's objectives, all applicable laws, rules and regulations as well as best practices.</p>
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	<p>The RPT Policy & Procedures aims to provide guidance in identifying, disclosing and reporting of related party transaction and/or recurrent related party transaction that must be adhered to by all Directors and employees of the Group to ensure that they are fair and conducted at arms' length.</p> <p>Various awareness campaigns have been conducted through training, induction program, email communication and the Group's internal e-portal by the respective entities responsible under the Group to keep abreast of and continuously update the Group's employees on the latest approved or revised policies and procedures.</p> <p>The Code and ABC Policy are available on the Company's website in line with Practice 3.1 of the MCCG and will be reviewed and updated from time to time, by the Board to ensure that it continues to remain relevant and appropriate.</p>
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Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 3.2

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Group is committed to achieving sustainable performance and delivering value to customers and shareholders without compromising ethical standards, behavioural expectation and trusted reputation. The Board recognises that any genuine commitment to detecting and preventing actual or suspected unethical, unlawful, illegal, wrongful or other improper conduct must include a mechanism whereby employees and other stakeholders can report their concerns freely without fear of reprisal or intimidation.</p> <p>In line with this commitment, the Board has formalised a Whistleblowing Policy for the Group since 2019, with the aims to promote a workplace conducive to open communication regarding the Group's business practices. The Whistleblowing Policy provides a mechanism for parties (such as employees, directors, shareholders, consultants, vendors, contractors, outsider agencies, business associates, members of the public or any parties with a business relationship with the Group) to channel their complaints or to provide information on fraud, wrongdoings, improper conduct which may adversely impact the Group or non-compliance to any rule or procedure by employees or Management of the Company. The Whistleblowing Policy outlines when, how and to whom a concern may be properly raised, distinguishes a concern from a personal grievance and allows the whistleblower the opportunity to raise a concern outside their management line and in confidence.</p> <p>The identity of the whistleblower is kept confidential, and protection is accorded to the whistleblower against any form of reprisal or retribution. The unauthorized disclosure of whistleblower's information or the identity of a whistleblower by any employee may constitute misconduct for which, if established, disciplinary measures will be imposed.</p> <p>On 29 May 2020, the Board through its ARMC reviewed and approved the amendments to the Whistleblowing Policy to reflect the changes required to align with the ABC Policy of the Group.</p>

	<p>The whistleblowing report can be made to employee’s immediate superior or CEO or COO or Independent Non-Executive Chairman or the ARMC Chairman, where appropriate.</p> <p>Any concern raised will be investigated by the Investigating Officer appointed by the CEO/COO. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Investigating Officer will submit an investigation report of the findings to the CEO/COO or to the Independent Non-Executive Chairman/Chairman of ARMC when the improper conduct is involving Board of Directors or Senior Management. The CEO/COO or the Independent Non-Executive Chairman/Chairman of ARMC must maintain a record of reports and the outcome will be reported, as necessary, to the ARMC or the Board accordingly. The whistleblower will be notified on the outcome of the disclosure and actions taken or reason(s) should it be decided that no action is to be taken after investigation.</p> <p>There was no incident of whistleblowing received in FY2023.</p> <p>The Whistleblowing Policy is accessible to the public for reference on the Company’ website in line with Practice 3.2 of the MCCG and will be periodically reviewed by the Board to ensure its relevance.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>As one of the world's leading factory automation solutions provider, the Group spares no efforts towards sustaining economic and social growth, at the same time making sure that the environmental impact is minimal and ethical. The Group's primary objective is to achieve optimum equilibrium between achieving business growth and profitability, whilst simultaneously focusing on conducting the business in a socially responsible and ethical manner, creating a conducive working environment for its employees, and fulfilling wherever possible the expectations of its stakeholders in its business activities.</p> <p>As stated in the Board Charter, the Board oversees the sustainability risk and opportunities, in particular setting the Group's sustainability strategies, priorities and targets and ensure these including the performance are communicated to internal and external stakeholders.</p> <p>The Board commitment to sustainability was formalised when the Company became a public listed company. The Board has since 26 August 2019, approved the formation of SWG led by the Group CEO and include the internal experts of key functional group, to promote and oversee the development of strategy towards sustainability with emphasis on environmental program, social stewardship and governance. In furtherance of this strategy, the Board has adopted a Sustainability Policy, with emphasis on 3 key principles namely - People (Social), Planet (Environment) and Profit (Economy) in achieving its sustainability development goals, and embracing the importance of business sustainability as a fundamental element of the Group's culture. In FY2023, SWG conducted regular meetings to discuss on employee's engagement activities, employees' survey results, CSR activities, compensation and benefits structure review as well as health and safety measures to minimise health and safety hazards at work.</p>

	<p>The Board is dedicated to providing ESG guidance to ensure that the Group is managed ethically and responsibly and enhances the value of its businesses for the benefit of all stakeholders.</p> <p>The Board adopts the Group's policies and guidelines that regulate how the Company is managed and the Company's Management establishes sustainability targets and indicators. The Senior Management team is responsible for regular ESG reporting to the Board. The Board oversees the Group's ESG strategy, initiatives, and performance, which are outlined in the Sustainability Report, and helps drive continuous improvement.</p> <p>In response to the unprecedented challenges in the year, improvements were made to the health and safety at Greatech's main factories in Penang to well support ongoing operations, which is of interest to external stakeholders.</p> <p>The Group's efforts on sustainability are embedded in everything we do. The positive impact that we make through our products and services has been at the core approach to sustainability for decades. Many of the Group's products are aligned with key ESG objectives, including manufacturing for solar, electric vehicle and healthcare applications and greater efficiency including robotics and automation.</p> <p>The Group's commitment to sustainability and ESG practices remains at the core of our business. Since 2022, the Group has set some targets to deliver climate action, customer sustainability, resilient supply chain and stronger communities. This includes sourcing electricity from renewable sources.</p> <p>The Group continues to leverage its expertise to develop new products and technologies which are better suited to the circular economy as well as build a more sustainable future.</p> <p>Since FY2022, the Board started a systematic process of building a sustainability agenda for the Group to ensure value is created through organic growth and acquisition. The key areas of focus during the year include factoring ESG measures into remuneration i.e. CEO's Key Result Area ("KRA") included both ESG and business target, keeping up with changes in the remuneration landscape and assuring there is appropriate transparency on the impact of the Group activities on all stakeholders, including shareholders, employees and the communities in which the Group operates.</p>
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Intended Outcome

The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

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
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>The Board took cognisance that engaging in effective and meaningful dialogues and disclosures, while anticipating and meeting the needs of all stakeholders are fundamental to building trust and confidence and form the foundation of good governance in the Group.</p> <p>The Company's sustainability strategy is guided by a materiality assessment. This assessment defines the sustainability focus areas that are most important to Greatech and its stakeholders that Greatech believes, will have the most impact on its business. Increasing sustainability expectations brings with it both risks and opportunities. As part of the materiality analysis and process of determining the material sustainability topics, the Board also reviewed the external environment with the aim of identifying both sustainability-related risks and business opportunities concerning environment issues, climate change, health & safety, respect for human rights, bribery and corruption.</p> <p>The Group uses a wide range of communication channels with its stakeholders, including digital engagement and face-to-face dialogue. Since 2019, the Company has been publishing its annual sustainability reports with the purpose of ensuring that it remains accountable to all its stakeholders.</p> <p>The Group is committed to staying abreast with and understanding the sustainability issues relevant to the Group and its businesses. The Group constantly works to raise awareness of sustainability strategy among employees through a programme of events, initiatives and good practices implemented within the organisation. In 2023, the Group engaged BDO Governance Advisory Sdn Bhd to deliver a briefing session to the Board, Senior Management and all employees covering corporate governance updates, regulatory changes for sustainability, climate change and ESG. In addition, emphasis is placed on saving energy, reducing waste and resource efficiency through education to embed a sustainability mindset and to take further steps towards effective delivery of the sustainable development strategy.</p> <p>The Group considers sustainability reporting to be important communication channel to update the internal and external stakeholders on the Company's sustainability strategies, priorities</p>

	<p>and progress of the Company's to achieve its sustainability targets and performance. Sustainability-related actions and disclosures has also incorporated into the Company's public announcements for analysts, institutional investors and general public.</p> <p>The details pertaining to the sustainability strategies, priorities, stakeholder groups, engagements and performance are communicated to both internal and external stakeholders through the Company's Sustainability Report in Annual Report 2023.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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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
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>The Company's objectives, strategy and financial targets are evaluated by the Board on an annual basis. The Board also reviews the Group's performance in ESG and evaluates the risk profile and make regular assessments of pertinent processes such as talent attraction and development, supply chain and product quality and safety.</p> <p>During the FY2023, the Group undertook a materiality assessment, engaging with our key stakeholder groups to reassess and prioritise the Group's most material sustainability issues. The following were presented by the CFO in the Board meeting and approved by the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Materiality matrix which has been evaluated by SWG• Sustainability priorities• ESG strategy, plan and activities• Enterprise risks management including climate change risks, opportunities and mitigation plan <p>Stakeholders' views had given valuable insight into economic and ESG topics, which had also formed part of the discussions at the Board meetings and every decision that the Board takes.</p> <p>This materiality matrix forms a foundation for the ongoing development of refreshed ESG strategy, consistent with the Group's mission to deliver technology solutions to advance industrial sustainability.</p> <p>During the year, the Company Secretary and External Auditors presented a paper to the Board and Committees on governance updates, reporting regulations and changes for sustainability, climate change and ESG, and highlighted the Company's obligation.</p> <p>The Board keeps fully abreast of latest regulations and guidance applicable to the business including current and emerging environment problems and develop robust practices around factoring environmental considerations into board decision making. During the year, the Board and managers attended webinars for Sustainability Management and Reporting, Climate</p>

	Change and Human Rights Risk Management for Malaysian Companies.	
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Intended Outcome

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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
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>With effect from FY2023, the contributions and performance of CEO, COO/CPO and CFO to the achievement of the Group's sustainability goals such as economic growth, staff turnover rate and compliance related metrics, were embedded into the performance evaluation and KRAs that are linked to their remuneration.</p> <p>The performance evaluation of the Board for FY2023 included a review of their performance in addressing the Company's material sustainability risk and opportunities and ESG issues. Based on the evaluation carried out by the Board, the below areas required further improvement/action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) enhance ESG learning for the Board through training and development;(ii) enhance the Board's focus on sustainability matters to drive positive outcomes across the Group; and(iii) strengthen the Board's oversight of sustainability policies and performance to ensure alignment with the Company's objectives and commitments. <p>The Board has attended sustainability-related awareness trainings which covered the topics such as Sustainability Management and Reporting, Climate Change and Human Rights Risk Management for Malaysian Companies.</p> <p>The principal and emerging risks are discussed and monitored throughout the year to identify changes to the risk landscape. The Group continues to monitor the ongoing impact and inform the assessment of the principal risks to the Board. The risks relating to climate change and sustainability have now included as a separate principal risk.</p> <p>The Board reviews and approves the sustainability related policies such as updated Code of Conduct & Ethics, Conflict of Interest Policy and Conflict Minerals Policy. The Board was updated on the health, safety and wellbeing matters i.e. injury rates, safety incidents, and risk assessment results.</p>

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Intended Outcome

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.

<i>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.</i>							
Application	: Adopted						
Explanation on adoption of the practice	: The SWG, led by the Group CEO, oversees the planning and execution of sustainability strategies to ensure that our sustainability matters are implemented throughout our business operations. The Group CFO has been designated to manage sustainability strategically including the integration of sustainability considerations in the operations of the Group as well as reporting. Updates will be tabled for discussion at the Executive Management Meeting and ARMC Meeting in line with the risk review cycle. Together, the SWG identifies, evaluates, monitors, and manages risks as well as opportunities in our business operations relating to Economic, Environmental and Social aspects. The roles and responsibilities of the respective parties within the Group's sustainability governance structure are as follows:						
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The NC is responsible for assisting the Board in the development and implementation of the policies on the nomination and appointment of Directors and Committees members in the Company, to achieve long-term sustainability of the organisation in accordance with the TOR of NC.</p> <p>On an annual basis, the NC evaluates, reviews and recommends to the Board the appropriate size of the Board, required mix of skills, experience and other qualities including core competencies which Non-Executive Directors shall bring to the Board to ensure that they are in line with the Company's and the Group's requirements. The effectiveness of the Board as a whole and the contribution of each Director to the effectiveness of the Board and the contribution of the Board's various committees will be assessed on an annual basis.</p> <p>In addition, the Board Charter provides that the tenure of an Independent Director should not exceed a cumulative term limit of nine (9) years to ensure progressive refreshing of the Board.</p> <p>The NC reviewed the tenure of each Director and the annual re-election of retiring Directors has been contingent on a satisfactory evaluation of the Director's performance and contribution to the Board.</p>
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.2

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

Application	:	Applied																											
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board currently comprises 6 Directors, with a majority of Independent Directors, as follows:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>No.</th><th>Directorship</th><th>Name</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>1</td><td>Chairman/ INED</td><td>Dato' Ooi Boon Chye</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>INED</td><td>Ms. Ooi Hooi Kiang</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>CEO/ ED</td><td>Dato' Seri Tan Eng Kee</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>CPO (former COO)/ ED</td><td>Mr. Khor Lean Heng</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>INED</td><td>Puan Mariamah Binti Daud</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>INED</td><td>Dato' Seri Wong Siew Hai</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>INED</td><td>Dr. Michael Dominic Kirk</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>INED</td><td>Dr. Kong Siew Mui</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>The present composition adheres to Paragraph 15.02 of the MMLR and Practice 5.2 of the MCCG as the board comprises a majority of independent directors, in accordance with the Company's classification as a Large Company. Such composition is able to provide an unbiased, independent and objective judgement to facilitate a balanced leadership in the Group as well as providing effective check and balance to safeguard the interest of the minority shareholders and other stakeholders, and ensuring high standards of conduct and integrity are maintained.</p> <p>The Board having reviewed its size and composition is satisfied that its current size and composition is well balanced, with diverse professional backgrounds, skills, expertise and knowledge in discharging its responsibilities for the proper functioning of the Board. Furthermore, the current number of Board members is conducive for efficient deliberations at Board meetings and effective conduct of Board decision-making.</p> <p>The NC reviews the independence of the Directors annually according to the criteria on independence set out in the Bursa Securities MMLR and Practice Notes of the MMLR. In addition to the annual review by the NC of the Directors' independence, each INED also submits an annual declaration regarding his/her independence.</p>	No.	Directorship	Name	1	Chairman/ INED	Dato' Ooi Boon Chye	2	INED	Ms. Ooi Hooi Kiang	3	CEO/ ED	Dato' Seri Tan Eng Kee	4	CPO (former COO)/ ED	Mr. Khor Lean Heng	5	INED	Puan Mariamah Binti Daud	6	INED	Dato' Seri Wong Siew Hai	7	INED	Dr. Michael Dominic Kirk	8	INED	Dr. Kong Siew Mui
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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.4 - Step Up

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

<i>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.</i>	
Application	: Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	: The Company has adopted a policy to limit the tenure of the INEDs to nine (9) years with no avenue for further extension as an INED. The said policy is clearly set out in Paragraph 4.10 of the Board Charter. The renewal of the INED is contingent upon satisfactory results of the individual director's performance during the Board Effectiveness Evaluation. Currently, none of the INEDs have served the Board for more than nine (9) years.

Intended Outcome

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

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.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board believes that a truly diverse and inclusive Board will leverage the difference of its members, to achieve stewardship and in turn, retains its competitive advantage. In this respect, the Board endeavours to ensure that it consists of individuals with a diverse background equipped with professional and technical knowledge to effectively carry out its roles as the representative to the interests of shareholders. The qualifications for Board membership are the ability to make sensible business decisions and recommendations, an entrepreneurial talent for contributing to the creation of shareholder value, the ability to see the wider picture, to raise constructive queries, and to promulgate high ethical standards, while at the same time maintaining sound practical sense, and putting in the commitment to furthering the interests of shareholders and the achievement of the Company's goals.</p> <p>In putting the Board and Senior Management Diversity Policy into action, the NC is mindful of its responsibilities to conduct all Board appointments processes through various approaches in a manner that promotes diversity in the Board which can offer greater depth, breadth and lead to better decisions made while taking into account suitability for the role. It includes agreed objectives to improve diversity, and progress against the objectives is regularly monitored, as well as take into consideration a diverse Board balance and composition, the required mix of skills, the candidates' background, knowledge, integrity, competency, experience and potential contribution to the Group. In the case of candidates for the position of Independent Director, the NC will also evaluate the candidate's ability to discharge responsibilities and functions as expected from an Independent Director.</p> <p>The Board had in May 2022 approved the adoption of the Directors' Fit and Proper Policy to ensure a formal, rigorous and transparent process for the appointment and re-election of Directors.</p> <p>The Board reviewed its composition looking at diversity, skills and experience against the Company's requirements of its Board and</p>

is satisfied that the Board composition is well diversified to better reflect the realities of the society, strengthens strategy formulation and the overall credibility of the Company.

Dato' Ooi Boon Chye was appointed as the Chairman of the Company on 25 Aug 2023.

As at the time of writing, the diversity in the gender, age, race/ ethnicity (culture background) and nationality of the existing Board and Key Senior Management is as follows:

	Age Group						Gender	
	35-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	55-60	≥ 61	Male	Female
Number of Directors	0	0	0	3	1	4	5	3
Number of Key Senior Management	3	3	0	3	0	0	7	2

	Race/ Ethnicity			
	Malay	Chinese	Indian	Others
Number of Directors	1	6	0	1
Key Senior Management	0	8	0	1

	Nationality	
	Malaysian	Foreigner
Number of Directors	7	1
Number of Key Senior Management	8	1

The Board, through the NC, considers annually the time commitment expected from each of the director to meet the expectations of their role. This includes making time to familiarise themselves with business priorities and challenges and to prepare for and attend Board and Committees meetings. The Board is also expected to attend the AGM, engage with stakeholders and participate in the Board evaluation process.

Directors are, while holding office, at liberty to accept external appointments, provided the appointment does not present a conflict of interest with the Group's business activities and does not require a significant time commitment which could affect the discharge of their duties as a Director of the Company. Directors are required to notify the Chairman of the Board and/or the Secretary, prior to the acceptance of new Board appointment in other companies. These new appointments are then reported to the Board.

	<p>For INED, the number of external directorships is an important consideration when recruiting and a preferred must reassure the NC that they can allocate sufficient time to the role before they are recommended or appointment</p> <p>Currently, several of the INEDs hold more than two external appointments (some of which are with not-for-profit organisations). The Board has considered these external commitments, taking into account the time commitment required for each role, and is satisfied that they do not hinder the individual Board members' ability to discharge their responsibilities fully and effectively. As evidenced in this statement, all Directors dedicated a considerable amount of time to the Company and its businesses, including full attendance at all scheduled and ad hoc Board and Committees meetings of the Company held in FY2023.</p>	
Explanation for departure		
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Timeframe		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The policies and procedures for Board appointments are set out in the Board Charter. The primary responsibility for screening, evaluating and nominating new Board Member(s) for appointment is delegated to the NC. The nomination process for the appointment of Directors and the criteria used by the NC in the selection process are provided in the TOR of NC.</p> <p>In respect of the appointment of Directors, the Company practices a clear and transparent nomination process, which involves the following 5 stages:</p> <p>Stage 1: Identification of candidates Stage 2: Evaluation of suitability of candidates Stage 3: Meeting up with candidates Stage 4: Final deliberation by the NC Stage 5: Recommendation to the Board</p> <p>The search and nomination process for new Directors, if any, is facilitated through recommendations from the Directors, or external parties, including the Company's contacts in related industries or may engage executive search firms to source for potential candidates.</p> <p>Pursuant to the TOR of the NC, the NC is tasked to identify, nominate and orientate new Directors and to make recommendations to the Board for the appointment of Directors. While the Board is responsible for the appointment of new Directors, the NC is delegated with the role of screening and conducting an initial selection, which includes external and independent searches, before making a recommendation to the Board. The NC reviews the candidate for appointment as Director based on the mix of skills, expertise, working experience, professionalism, integrity and the ability to discharge their expected duties and responsibilities.</p> <p>In sourcing for new Directors, the Board acknowledges the importance of not solely relying on recommendations from existing</p>

	<p>Board members, Management or major shareholders in identifying candidates for appointment of Directors, but trust that the nomination has its merits. The NC meets with the shortlisted Board candidates to assess their suitability and availability before making recommendations to the Board for its consideration and approval.</p> <p>The above processes were applied for the appointment of Dato' Ooi, which took effect on 15 May 2023. The NC did not utilise the external independent sources to identify the new Director appointed as the NC was satisfied that Dato' Ooi was the suitable candidate after assessing his background, professional qualification, knowledge, integrity, competencies, independence, as well as fulfilment of the criteria set out in the Directors' Fit and Proper Policy.</p>	
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Timeframe		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The performance of retiring Directors recommended for re-election at the AGM has been assessed through the Board's annual evaluation process, including an assessment of the independence of INEDs. A statement by the Board and NC expressing satisfaction with the performance and effectiveness of the retiring Directors who offered themselves for re-election at the AGM was included in the notes accompanying the Notice of AGM.</p> <p>The profile of the Directors who were due for retirement and offered themselves for re-election, which included the nature of interest with the Company, whichever applicable, were detailed in the Company's Annual Report for 2023.</p>	
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.8

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>The NC is chaired by Dato' Seri Wong Siew Hai, the INED of the Company.</p> <p>In accordance with the NC TOR, the NC shall consist of no fewer than three (3) members, all of whom must be Non-Executive Directors and a majority of whom are independent. The present NC comprises exclusively of INEDs as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dato' Seri Wong Siew Hai (INED/ Chairman)• Puan Mariamah binti Daud (INED/ Member)• Ms. Ooi Hooi Kiang (INED/ Member) <p>Under the leadership of Dato' Seri Wong Siew Hai, the NC has convened a meeting and carried out, among others, the following activities during the FY2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed the Board's and Committees' effectiveness, deliberated on their findings and reported the outcome in the Board meeting;• Reviewed the re-election of Directors who were up for retirement at the 5th AGM of the Company;• Reviewed the performance of the Executive Directors and CFO of the Company and reported the outcome in the Board meeting;• Assessed the balance of skills, knowledge, and experience of the candidate and recommended the appointment of Dato' Ooi as an INED of the Company for the Board's approval;• Reviewed and recommended the re-designation of Dato' Ooi as an Independent Chairman and re-designation of Ms. Ooi Hooi Kiang as INED pursuant to the recommendation of Practice 1.4 of MCCG for the Board's approval; and• Discussed the Directors' onboarding programme and budget to be allocated by the Company for Directors to attend outside training for relevant topics. <p>The TOR of the NC is available on the Company's website.</p>

Explanation for departure :		
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Measure :		
Timeframe :		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.9

The board comprises at least 30% women directors.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>As per the report date, 3 out of 8 Directors i.e. 38% (2022: 33%) on the Board are females, which demonstrates the Group's commitment to Board gender diversity.</p> <p>The Company had exceeded the prevailing requirement of Practice 5.9 of the MCGG to have at least 30% women Directors on the Board. Each female Director has been appointed based on their core competencies and relevant experience critical to the Company and its businesses.</p> <p>The Board and Senior Management Diversity Policy was updated and approved on 1 November 2022 to encourage Board and senior leadership gender diversity, among others this criterion is included.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 5.10

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Group places great emphasis on diversity principles and believes that a diverse Board and Senior Management Team is one that possesses a balance of skills, experience, age, cultural background and gender.</p> <p>The Board recognises that diversity is an essential element contributing to the sustainable development of the Group and does not discriminate on the basis of ethnicity, age, gender, nationality, political affiliation, religious affiliation, marital status, education background or physical ability. The 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. The Board believes that diversity facilitates multi perspectives resulted in productivity, sustainability and competencies to deliver the business performance of the Company for the benefit of the shareholders over the medium to long-term.</p> <p>The Board and Senior Management Diversity Policy was updated to encourage Board and senior leadership gender diversity.</p> <p>In FY2023, female representation in the Senior Management stood at 33% (2022: 33%). This exceeds the 30% target for women's participation in Senior Management recommended by Practice 5.10 of the MCCG.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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.

<i>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.</i>	
Application	: Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:
Explanation for departure	: <p>For FY2023, the Board conducted an annual assessment facilitated by the Company Secretaries, with the NC reviewing the contribution of each Director. This assessment utilised comprehensive evaluation questionnaires allowing all Directors to score their opinions on various aspects including the performance of the Board as a whole and its 3 Committees, decision-making processes and adherence to procedures or any relevant matters.</p> <p>The evaluation of the Board covers factors such as mix and composition of the Board, quality of information and decision making, Boardroom activities, Board's relationship with the management, ESG issues and the Committees performance evaluation.</p> <p>The Committees were assessed based on their efficiency, effectiveness and members' contribution to Board responsibilities. All Independent Directors confirmed their independence through signed undertaking, which were reviewed by the NC.</p> <p>All assessment results were reviewed by the NC before being presented to the Board for discussion and further improvements.</p> <p>Following the annual review, the NC concluded that the Board and the Committees performed well and operated effectively. The overall composition of the Board in terms of size, mix of skills, experience, core competencies and the balance between the Executive Directors, Non-Executive Directors and Independent Directors, was deemed appropriate. The Independent Directors had also fulfilled their independent role in corporate accountability through their objective participation in Board deliberations during</p>

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 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.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board has adopted a Remuneration Policy for the remuneration of Directors and Key Principal Officers of the Company, with the key objective of attracting and retaining experienced, qualified and high calibre members of the Board and Key Principal Officers to drive the business strategy, objectives, values and long-term interest of the Company.</p> <p>The Remuneration Policy of the Company aims to align the interest of Directors and Key Principal Officers with those of shareholders by linking rewards to the Group's and individual's performance, thereby promoting the Company's long-term sustainability. It seeks to attract, motivate and retain key employees through competitive remuneration packages tailored to individual's responsibilities, expertise, prevailing market conditions and relevant market benchmarks.</p> <p>In determining the level and composition of Director remuneration, the RC consider various factors guided by the Remuneration Policy, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alignment with the Group's objective, culture and strategy;• Remuneration and employment conditions of the industry and market as a whole;• The Group's performance;• Individual's performance against established criteria and performance related elements; his or her responsibilities and accountability;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The remuneration for Non-Executive Directors must be in line to the level of contribution, taking into account factors such as effort and time spent and the responsibilities entrusted; • The remuneration for each Executive Director shall be based on their individual level of expertise, knowledge and experience; and • The policy to cover Directors' fee, salaries, allowances, bonuses, options and benefits-in-kind. <p>The Board and RC regularly review the Remuneration Policy's on-going appropriateness and relevance, with the last update occurring in April 2021. The Remuneration Policy is available on the Company's website.</p>
Explanation for departure	:
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Measure	:
Timeframe	:

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 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	:	<p>The RC, delegated by the Board, is tasked with implementing the Remuneration Policy and reviewing remuneration packages for Directors and Key Principal Officers of the Company. The RC makes recommendations to the Board on the remunerations of the Board and Senior Management based on the guiding principles stated in the Remuneration Policy.</p> <p>The RC comprises exclusively of INEDs of the Company and is governed by its TOR, which is available on the Company's website. The current members of the RC are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Ooi Hooi Kiang (INED/ Chairman)• Puan Mariamah binti Daud (INED/ Member)• Dato' Seri Wong Siew Hai (INED/ Member) <p>The RC is empowered by its TOR to have the necessary resources and full, unrestricted access to any information required to perform its duties.</p> <p>In the FY2023, the RC carried out an annual review of the Executive Directors' and CFO's remuneration, whereupon recommendations were submitted to the Board for approval. Such annual review is to ensure that the remuneration package of the Directors remains sufficiently attractive to retain the Executive Directors and CFO of such calibre to provide the necessary skills and experience and commensurate with their responsibilities to ensure the effective management and operations of the Group to achieve the Group's long-term objectives.</p> <p>The Executive Directors do not participate in the decision in respect of their own remuneration. The remuneration package for all Directors is determined by the Board as a whole following the relevant recommendations made by the RC, with the Directors</p>

	<p>concerned abstaining from deliberations and voting on his/her own remuneration.</p> <p>The level of remuneration for INED generally reflects the effort, time spent, and level of responsibilities undertaken. They are paid a basic fee as ordinary remuneration, a sum based on their respective responsibilities in the Committees, meeting allowance and reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in the course of their duties to ensure the remuneration and incentives for Independent Directors are not in conflict with their obligations to deliver objectivity and independent judgement on matters discussed at Board and Committees meetings.</p> <p>The proposed Directors' fees and benefits for the period from the next day after the forthcoming 6th AGM until the next AGM of the Company will be tabled at the forthcoming 6th AGM for the approval of the shareholders. The interested Directors had abstained from voting on the resolutions approving the Directors' fees and Directors' benefit at the 5th AGM held in year 2023 and will continue this practice at the forthcoming 6th AGM.</p> <p>In addition to the above, the Directors are provided with the Directors & Officers ("D&O") insurance in respect of any liabilities arising from acts committed in their capacity as D&O of the Group. However, the said insurance policy does not indemnify a Director or principal officer if he/she is proven to have acted negligently, fraudulently or dishonestly, or in breach of his/her duty or trust.</p>
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<p>Measure :</p>	
<p>Timeframe :</p>	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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 detailed disclosure on named basis for the remuneration of individual directors, including the breakdown of individual directors on fees, salary, bonus, benefits in-kind and other emoluments received from the Company and its subsidiary for the FY2023 are as disclosed below:

No	Name	Directorate	Company ('000)							Group ('000)						
			Fee	Meeting Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in-kind	Other emoluments	Total	Fee	Meeting Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in-kind	Other emoluments	Total
1	Dato' Seri Tan Eng Kee	Executive Director	88	-	-	-	-	-	88	88	-	540	257	28	97	1,010
2	Khor Lean Heng	Executive Director	87	-	-	-	-	-	87	87	-	397	158	17	68	727
3	Ooi Hooi Kiang	Independent Director	87	12	-	-	-	-	99	87	12	-	-	-	-	99
4	Mariamah binti Daud	Independent Director	87	12	-	-	-	-	99	87	12	-	-	-	-	99
5	Dato' Seri Wong Siew Hai	Independent Director	87	12	-	-	-	-	99	87	12	-	-	-	-	99
6	Dr Michael Dominic Kirk	Independent Director	133	6	-	-	-	-	139	133	6	-	-	-	-	139
7	Dato' Ooi Boon Chye	Independent Director	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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	:	<p>The Company is of the view that it is not in its best interest to disclose the Key Senior Management's remuneration on a named basis in bands of RM50,000 due to the confidentiality and sensitive nature of such information. Greatech requires highly skilled talents given with its nature of business. In view of the competitive market for talents in the industry, the Company would want to ensure that every effort is made in retaining its talents. Furthermore, this information is subject to the Personal Data Protection Act 2010, that requires written consent from the respective Senior Management personnel for disclosure of their personal data to the public at large, and taking into consideration the sensitivity, security, and issue of staff morale.</p> <p>As an alternative, the Company disclosed the details of its top 9 Key Senior Management during the FY2023 on a Group basis as below:</p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Remuneration (Top 9 Key Senior Management)</th><th>RM'000</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Salary and other emoluments **</td><td>3,166</td></tr><tr><td>Statutory contributions by the Company</td><td>305</td></tr><tr><td>Benefits-in-kind</td><td>499</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>3,970</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>** Including salary, bonus, LTIP and allowances chargeable to income tax</p> <p>The performance of Key Senior Management is evaluated on an annual basis and measured against the targets set for the year. The remuneration packages are reviewed annually and adjustments to their remuneration are made based on not only on their individual performance and contributions in the preceding year, but also the Company's performance.</p>	Remuneration (Top 9 Key Senior Management)	RM'000	Salary and other emoluments **	3,166	Statutory contributions by the Company	305	Benefits-in-kind	499	Total	3,970
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Measure	:	The Board will continue to review the application of this practice from time to time and consider the appropriateness of such disclosure.	
Timeframe	:	Other	As and when appropriate.

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.1

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>The Board has established an ARMC, which reports to the Board on all matters requiring audit of the Company. The ARMC is responsible for overseeing financial reporting and disclosure and assists the Board with assessments of the integrity of the Company's financial statements, financial reporting processes and internal controls, risk management and performance of the External Auditors.</p> <p>The ARMC is chaired by Puan Mariamah binti Daud ("Puan Mariamah") who is not the Chairman of the Board. This ensured that the objectivity of the Board's review of the ARMC's findings and recommendations is not impaired. The ARMC members have the overall competence required to fulfill their duties based on the organisation and operations of the Group, at least 1 member of the ARMC is competent in respect of finance and audit. The ARMC comprises wholly of 3 INEDs as of the time of writing.</p> <p>Under the leadership of Puan Mariamah during the FY2023, the ARMC ensured that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• they received an audit report from the External Auditors wherein they reported on matters related to the Company's audit and its financial statements and these matters had been addressed.• the External Auditors met with the ARMC twice during the FY2023 without the presence of the Management. The ARMC received assurance from the External Auditors that there was no issue or concern of fraud, which required to be highlighted to the ARMC.• the Internal Auditors met the ARMC once during the FY2023 without the presence of the Management to discuss relevant issues on internal control of the Group and obtain feedback for improvement.• ARMC's concerns on matters that may have an effect on the financial or audit of the Company were communicated to the External Auditors.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the internal audit function is effective and is able to function independently. Further details are enumerated in Practice 11.1 in this Report. • the audit plans of External Auditors and Internal Auditors had adequate audit coverages. • the compliance by the Directors and Key Senior Management with the enhancement of the MMLR in relation to conflict of interest (“COI”), by requiring disclosure on the nature and extent of any COI or potential COI, including interest in any competing business, that the key person has with the listed issuer or its subsidiaries.
Explanation for departure	:
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Measure	:
Timeframe	:

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 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
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>In line with the recommendation of MCCG, the TOR of ARMC and the External Auditors Assessment Policy have been revised to include the cooling off period of at least 3 years before any former partner of the external audit firm and/or the affiliate firm (including those providing advisory services, tax consulting, etc.) could be appointed as ARMC member to safeguard the independence and objectivity of the External Auditors of the Company.</p> <p>To date, the Company has not appointed any former audit partner to be a member of the ARMC in order to uphold the utmost independence, the Board has no intention to appoint any former key audit partner as a member of the ARMC.</p> <p>The TOR of the ARMC is available on the Company's website for reference.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 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	:	<p>The Group's transparent and professional relationship with the External Auditors is primarily maintained through the ARMC and guided by the principles of MCCG. The ARMC has adopted the External Auditors Assessment Policy which defined the guidelines and procedures to be undertaken by the ARMC to assess, review and supervise the suitability, objectivity, independence and overall performance of the External Auditors. The said Policy was approved by the Board in December 2019 and updated on 1 November 2022 to incorporate the requirements of MCCG published in 2022.</p> <p>This is also in accordance with the TOR of the ARMC, to review the annual performance assessment, including the suitability, objectivity and independence of the External Auditors.</p> <p>In the FY2023, the ARMC conducted an annual assessment of the suitability, objectivity and independence of the External Auditors, Messrs. BDO PLT ("BDO"), in respect of the FY2022. The ARMC was satisfied with the performance and independence of the External Auditors, as well as the fulfilment of criteria based on the followings, as set out in the External Auditors Assessment Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• adequacy of audit scope;• ability of the external audit firm to meet audit deadlines;• timeliness in escalating audit issues to the ARMC;• allocation of resources to significant audit risk areas; and• effectiveness of the external audit firm's recommendations in addressing weaknesses observed during previous audits, particularly on internal controls relevant to the financial reporting process. <p>In respect of the performance of the External Auditors, the ARMC had reviewed the Annual Transparency Report for measures taken by BDO to uphold audit quality and manage risks.</p> <p>The ARMC has taken the following steps to ensure the External Auditor's independence is not impaired:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The External Auditors are precluded from undertaking internal audit services; • Prior approval by the ARMC of non-audit services is required where the cost of the proposed service exceeds or is expected to exceed RM50,000; and • The extent and nature of non-audit services is disclosed in the ARMC report contained in Annual Report 2023. <p>In addition to the Group’s policy, the External Auditors run its own independence and compliance checks, before accepting any engagement, to ensure that all non-audit work is compliant with the relevant ethical standard in force and that there is no conflict of interest. In FY2023, the ARMC has obtained written confirmation from the External Auditor that they are and have been independent throughout the conduct of audit engagement in accordance with the terms of all relevant professional and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>The ARMC has conducted an annual review of all the non-audit services provided by the affiliated firm of the External Auditors for the FY2023, as disclosed in Annual Report 2023 and is satisfied that the nature and extent of such services will not prejudice the independence and objectivity of the External Auditors.</p> <p>Based on the outcome of the assessment, the ARMC was satisfied with the competence and independence of the External Auditors and had recommended the re-appointment of the External Auditors for shareholders’ consideration at the forthcoming AGM.</p> <p>Upon the recommendation of the ARMC, the Board considers the declaration of independence, integrity and objectivity made by the External Auditors in their audit report for each financial year under review sufficient to serve as written assurance of their independence and integrity throughout the audit engagement. This assurance aligns with the independence criteria set out by MIA By-Laws. Based on this recommendation, the Board has proposed the re-appointment of the External Auditors, subject to shareholders’ approval at the AGM.</p>
Explanation for departure :	
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Measure :	
Timeframe :	

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	<p>In accordance with the ARMC's TOR, the ARMC shall consist of at least three (3) members. All the ARMC members must be non-executive directors, with a majority of them being independent.</p> <p>The present ARMC of the Company comprises solely of INEDs, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Puan Mariamah (INED/ Chairman)• Ms. Ooi Hooi Kiang (INED/ Member)• Dato' Seri Wong Siew Hai (INED/ Member)

Intended Outcome

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 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	:	<p>All the members of the ARMC are suitably qualified and possess sufficient financial management expertise, have vast working experience with requisite skills and knowledge from various industries, as determined by the Board in its business judgement, to discharge their responsibilities as ARMC members. One (1) member of the ARMC namely Ms. Ooi is a member of the MIA.</p> <p>All ARMC members are financially literate and have sufficient understanding of the Group's business and matters under the purview of the ARMC including the financial reporting process. They are able to apply a critical view of the Company's financial reporting process and information and to effectively challenge and direct probing questions to the management on the Company's financials to ascertain whether the financial reporting reflects the Company's operations and performance.</p> <p>In FY2023, the NC carried out an annual assessment of the effectiveness of the ARMC and its individual ARMC members. Following the annual review, the NC agreed that the overall composition of the ARMC in terms of size, mix of skills, experience, core competencies and the balance between the ARMC members was appropriate.</p> <p>All members of the ARMC have also undertaken and will continue to undertake continuous professional development to keep themselves abreast of the latest developments and changes in the regulatory environment and ensure that they are equipped with the relevant knowledge and skills to discharge their duties effectively.</p> <p>The details on training programmes, seminars and forums attended by ARMC members in the FY2023 are disclosed in the</p>

	<p>section of "Corporate Governance Overview Statement" of the Company's Annual Report 2023.</p> <p>The ARMC is kept up to date by the Management, Company Secretaries, External and Internal Auditors on changes to accounting and auditing standards, MMLR and other codes and regulations which can have an impact on the Group's business and financial statements.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:	
<p><i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i></p>		
Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 10.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board is responsible to ensure there is a sound framework for internal controls and risk management. The Board is also responsible for managing risks in order to limit potential adverse effects on the implementation of its strategy, its financial performance and the interests of shareholders.</p> <p>The Board delegates oversight of the Group's risk management processes and control environment to ARMC. The Board through the ERM Committee, monitors risk and internal control through comprehensive report tabling the current status, action taken and conclusion of the key risks identified.</p> <p>The Group has in place an ERM Framework which is aligned with ISO 31000:2018 Risk Management Standards. The ERM Framework enables the Group to identify the risks and address internal control to mitigate or eliminate the risk. These risks are prioritised based on risk appetite and risk tolerance levels that the Board has adopted. The Board conducts bi-yearly review of the Company's risk exposure areas and internal control arrangements of such areas. Key risks identified are discussed at the ARMC meeting while all other risks are managed by respective department head and reported to the Board on an exceptional basis. Sustainability risks concerning climate change, environmental issues, health & safety, forced labour, bribery and corruption had also been reported to the Board during the year. The Board has also been updated by the Management on the Company's financial situation and continuously evaluating if the Company's capital or liquidity are adequate in terms of business continuity.</p> <p>The Management and the outsourced Internal Auditors, Sterling Business Alignment Consulting Sdn. Bhd. ("Sterling") conduct reviews and audits regularly to evaluate and test the adequacy and effectiveness of internal control systems on key risks. Any material non-compliance or lapses in internal controls and its corresponding mitigating actions are reported to the ARMC. BDO has also highlighted internal control weaknesses which have come to their attention in the course of their statutory audit. All external and internal audit findings and recommendations were reported to the ARMC.</p>

	<p>In FY2023, the risk reports of the Group on strategic risks, financial risks, operational risks and compliance risks were presented to the ARMC, where internal controls and risk mitigation strategies were highlighted. The Group has regularly provide ERM awareness sessions to all employees, focusing on the introduction of risk, the importance of risk management and ERM methodology.</p> <p>Based on the ERM Framework established, reviews carried out by the ARMC, and work performed by the Internal and External Auditors, the Board, with the concurrence of the ARMC, is of the opinion that the internal controls and risk management systems in place are adequate and operating effectively for FY2023.</p> <p>The above is also set out in the "Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control" ("SORMIC") of the Company's Annual Report 2023.</p>	
<p>Explanation for departure</p>		
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<p>Measure</p>		
<p>Timeframe</p>		

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 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
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board has disclosed the overview of the risk management framework and internal control system within the group and the adequacy and effectiveness of the framework in the SORMIC of the Annual Report 2023.</p> <p>The Board approves the risk management strategies, whereas the authority of managing day to day risk management decisions are delegated to the ARMC and ERM Committee, with the responsibilities in assisting the Board in:</p> <p><u>The ARMC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Review the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control system instituted within the Group;b) Review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Risk Management Policy and Procedure ("RMPP") and ongoing activities with the aim of identifying, evaluating, monitoring and mitigating risks; andc) Provide reasonable assurance to the Board on adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's internal control system and that the assets of the Group are safeguarded against loss from unauthorised use or disposition. <p><u>The ERM Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Communicate the Board's vision, strategy, policy, responsibilities to all personnel across the Group;b) Identify present or potential risks and management action plans in managing such risks;c) Perform risk oversight and review risk profile and organisation's performance;d) Aggregate the Group's risk position and report to the Board on a half yearly basis;

	<p>e) Provide guidance to respective departments on the Group's risk appetite;</p> <p>f) Review effectiveness of the ERM framework;</p> <p>g) Overseeing the outstanding action plans needed to be performed by the risk owners for internal controls requiring improvement; and</p> <p>h) Review the risk management process.</p> <p>The Group has a formalised and structured risk management process, from defining processes, determining risk parameters, identifying risk, determining causes, determining consequences, determining likelihood, determining risk rating, identifying controls, determining control effectiveness, challenging or revising rating, determining current residual risk rating, and developing risk profile.</p> <p>The SORMIC was reviewed by the Company's External Auditors.</p>
<p>Explanation for departure</p>	<p>:</p>
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<p>Measure</p>	<p>:</p>
<p>Timeframe</p>	<p>:</p>

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 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.

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 11.1

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>Greatech outsourced its internal audit ("IA") function to an independent professional service provider, Sterling, to assist the ARMC and the Board in discharging their responsibilities. The outsourced Internal Auditors shall provide the Company with its independent, objective assurance and advisory services in enhancing the Group's overall operational controls' efficiency and effectiveness.</p> <p>The Internal Auditors perform their audit engagements according to the annual audit plan 2023 as approved by the ARMC. Throughout the engagement period, the Internal Auditors cover the conduct of the audit planning, execution, documentations, communication of findings, consultations, and follow up on the action items with key stakeholders regarding the audit concerns, with reference to the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors. Secondly, the Internal Auditors are granted with unrestricted access to any information, records, physical properties, and personnel as well as the reporting workflow to execute its agreed-upon objectives and responsibilities.</p> <p>The IA function reports directly to the ARMC members and provides the Board with reasonable assurance of the effectiveness of internal controls in the Group. In accordance with Paragraph 15.15(3)(e) of MMLR, the detailed activities conducted by the internal auditors are disclosed in the Annual Report 2023, under the ARMC Report.</p> <p>In ensuring that the duties and responsibilities of Internal Auditors are fully discharged, the TOR of the ARMC stipulates that the ARMC is responsible for evaluating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The adequacy of the scope, competency and resources of the IA function, and that it has the necessary authority to perform its work;b) The audit plan, processes the results of the IA assessments, investigation undertaken and monitors the implementation progress of audit recommendations;c) The appraisal and assessment of the member of Internal Auditors, to ensure that the IA function is effective and able to perform independently; and

	<p>d) The remit of the IA function.</p> <p>Internal Auditors adopts a risk-based approach to carry out its activities based on an IA annual plan approved by the ARMC. The ARMC reviews annually the adequacy of the scope, functions and resources of Internal Auditors to ensure that the responsibilities of Internal Auditors can be fully discharged.</p> <p>The IA annual plan for FY2023 was prepared based on a risk-based approach considering materiality of transactions and balances, management concerns (including company risk profiles), regulatory requirements and an evaluation of past audit results. The IA annual plan for FY2023 was reviewed and approved by the ARMC on 1 November 2022.</p>	
Explanation for departure		
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Measure		
Timeframe		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>The IA team have unfettered access to the Company's documents, records, properties and personnel, including access to the ARMC. The Internal Auditors has staffed the IA team with persons who possess the relevant qualifications and experience and use the Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") Internal Control – Integrated Framework as a basis for evaluating the effectiveness of the internal control system. The IA work carried out is guided by International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors.</p> <p>During FY2023, the ARMC assessed and reviewed the adequacy of the scope, functions, resources, competency and independence of the Internal Auditors. Findings and related action plans from IA reviews and/or internal control assessments are reported to the Management; summary report including follow-up matters arising from the previous cycle audit and its implementation of action plans, audit recommendations, where applicable, along with a conclusion statement on the opinion given for the scope of works performed are provided to the ARMC at every meeting. The ARMC is satisfied that the Internal Auditors have sufficient resources, staffed by suitably qualified and experienced personnel to undertake its role, and have to the best of its ability, maintained its independence in carrying out the IA function.</p> <p>Sterling is a corporate member of the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia ("IIAM"). The number of audit staff deployed by Sterling for each IA review ranges from 2 to 3 internal auditors per visit depending on the areas of audit. The IA staff are professionally guided and trained to develop the appropriate competencies to perform their duties during the IA review. For the year under review, the following lead Internal Auditors were in charge of the IA reports for FY2023:</p> <p>a. So Hsien Ying, a Certified Internal Control Professional (US), Master in Business Administration (Finance) (Hull), BSc Economics (Hons) (London), permanent member of The</p>

	<p>Internal Control Institute (US), Member of Malaysian Alliance of Corporate Directors and Associate Member of IIAM. Ms So has 28 years of experience in business process improvement, internal control review, internal audit and risk management.</p> <p>b. Cheng Chean, a Chartered Member of the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia ("CMIIA") and a Fellow Member of the Chartered Certified Accountant ("FCCA"). Mr Cheng has nineteen (19) years of hands-on experience in the fields of External Audit, IA and Internal Control Review.</p>	
<p>Explanation for departure</p>		
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<p>Measure</p>		
<p>Timeframe</p>		

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 12.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board recognises that timely, high-quality and effective disclosure is a key component in upholding the principles and best practices of corporate governance within the Group. As such, maintaining efficient communication between members of the public and the Company is important to build and sustain common understanding and trust between the Company and our stakeholders.</p> <p><u>Shareholders</u></p> <p>The Group has in place Investor Relations ("IR") Policy which spells out guidelines and practices that it applies when communicating with shareholders and prospective investors with appropriate information necessary to make well-informed investment decisions. The IR Policy outlines the Company's approach toward the dissemination of material information, response to market rumours, unwarranted promotional activities closed periods and restriction on insider trading with reference to Chapter 9 of the MMLR.</p> <p>The Company currently handles its IR matter internally. The Company's IR team is led by the CEO to facilitate effective communication with shareholders, prospective investors and other financial community. During the year, the Group CEO, CFO and Corporate Affair Manager maintain constructive dialogue and regular meetings with shareholders, prospective investors, investment analysts, fund managers and media to ensure that the Group understand the views and opinions of current and prospective investors, and are also able to give updates on the Group's management strategies, corporate direction and operational developments. This includes analyst briefings, site tours, shareholders briefings during AGM, conference calls, ad-hoc meetings, 1-to-1 meetings with brokerage houses and analysts and small group meetings with shareholders and prospective investors. The Chairman and INEDs are available to speak with investors.</p>

The outcomes of stakeholder discussions, including any concerns raised by them, are reported to the Board and Committees on a regular basis. Analyst reports are shared regularly with the Board. The Board attends the AGM which gives individual shareholders the opportunity to engage directly with them and raise questions about the Company. In 2023, the Company held a physical AGM and also allowed shareholders to submit questions by email ahead of the meeting.

The Company's corporate website serves as a resource centre from which the financial community can access information of the Group. In addition, the Company's corporate website has a dedicated investor relations section containing stock information and all material information reported to the Bursa Securities, together with copies of annual and quarterly results announcements and trading updates. Contact details of the IR are also listed on the website to facilitate dialogue and queries from shareholders. Shareholders are also able to register for the Group's news alert at the corporate website to receive the Company's latest news and announcement via email.

The Board reviews and approves material communications to investors, such as financial result announcements, Annual Report, and significant business events. The Annual Report remains a vital and convenient source of essential information for investors, shareholders and stakeholders. All Annual Report of the Company are made available at the corporate website.

One of the most effective platform for disseminating messages of the Company is social media network. The growth in the direct followers of social media platform of the Company provided the assurance that communication was received by the target market intended for.

Employees

The Group provides an effective platform for clear and open communication with employees. Regular employee engagement events were held through the Group internet platform during the year due to the geographically dispersed nature of the Company's workforce. The CEO regularly holds local employee "town hall" meetings. Feedback from employees during one-to-one performance reviews, through line manager, suggestions box or dialogue with HR function were relayed through HR function to the Executive Board. During the year, a group-wide employee survey was conducted to gain a better understanding of the employee satisfaction and engagement. Outcome of the employee satisfaction and engagement level together with workforce concerns that has been raised have also been reported to the Board via the Management through Board presentations and site visits in our open culture.

	<p><u>Other Stakeholders</u></p> <p>The Board's considers other stakeholder groups in its decision-making and interaction with key stakeholders is set out in the Company's Sustainability Report.</p>	
<p>Explanation for departure</p>	<p>:</p>	
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<p>Measure</p>	<p>:</p>	
<p>Timeframe</p>	<p>:</p>	

Intended Outcome

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

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

Practice 12.2

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

Application	:	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:	
Explanation for departure	:	<p>The Company has yet to adopt integrated reporting based on a globally recognised framework as prescribed under MCCG.</p> <p>The Board acknowledges that integrated reporting would improve the quality of information available to investors and promote greater transparency and accountability.</p> <p>The information disclosed in Annual Report 2023 provides comprehensive financial and non-financial information of the Group and contains components such as Management Discussion and Analysis, Corporate Governance Overview Statement, Sustainability Report and SORMIC that form an integral part of the non-financial information which underpin integrated reporting.</p> <p>Further, the present Sustainability Report has incorporated in-depth overview of the Group's governance policies and stakeholder initiatives. During the year, the Company has embarked on the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures ("TCFD") by assessing the Group's risk and opportunities. These represent the Board's commitment towards sustainability and a more comprehensive reporting at all time.</p> <p>Recognising that integrated reporting is a journey which requires cross functional efforts, the Company will gradually build upon the necessary processes and systems to support the development towards integrated reporting.</p>

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Measure	:	The Company would consider adopting integrated reporting if the Board opined that the benefits arising from the adoption of integrated reporting outweigh the related costs.	
Timeframe	:	Others	As and when appropriate.

Intended Outcome

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.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The AGM represents the principal forum for dialogue and interaction with shareholders. At every meeting, the Board sets out the progress and performance of the Group.</p> <p>The Annual Report 2022, Share Buy-Back Statement and Notice of AGM were issued on 12 April 2023 for the 5th AGM of the Company held on 12 May 2023, which furnished useful information regarding the conduct of the AGM 28 days before the meeting, well in advance of the 21-days requirements under the Companies Act 2016 and 28-days requirement under MMLR.</p> <p>The additional time provides the shareholders sufficient time to consider the proposed resolutions that will be discussed and decided at the AGM. Where the shareholders are not able to attend the AGM, they may appoint proxies to attend, vote and ask question on their behalf.</p> <p>The Company had commenced using electronic communications to transmit Annual Report and other documents such as the Notice of AGM to all shareholders by uploading such documents via the Bursa Securities' website and publishing on the Company's website. The Shareholders of the Company received the Annual Report with an accompanying notice of AGM either electronically or hard copy by post depending on their preference.</p> <p>The notice of AGM was also published in the nationally circulated daily newspaper within the mandatory period. The notice of AGM provides further explanation beyond the minimum contents stipulated in MMLR for the resolution proposed along with any background information and reports or recommendations that are relevant, where required and necessary, to enable shareholders to make an informed decision in exercising their voting rights.</p> <p>Alternative arrangements relating to attendance at the AGM via electronic means, submission of questions ahead of the AGM, addressing of substantial and relevant questions prior to or at the AGM and voting by appointing the Chairman of the meeting as proxy at the AGM were set out in the notice of AGM.</p>

Explanation for departure :		
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Measure :		
Timeframe :		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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.

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	<p>The Board regards its AGM or other general meetings as an opportunity to communicate directly with shareholders and encourage shareholders to participate in these meetings.</p> <p>At the 5th AGM held on 12 May 2023, all 6 Directors, the incoming new Director, the Company Secretary, External Auditors and the Senior Management attended the AGM.</p> <p>The proceedings of the 5th AGM included the Group CEO's and CFO's presentation of the Group's performance, key developments and financial results for the reporting year and commentary on the outlook for the following year and a question & answer ("Q&A") session during which the Chairman invited shareholders to raise questions pertaining to the Company's financial statements and other items, before putting the resolutions to vote.</p> <p>Shareholders are encouraged to participate in the Q&A session wherein the Directors, Company Secretary, CFO, as well as the Group's External Auditors are available to respond to the queries raised. In the event an answer cannot be readily given at the meeting, the Chairman will undertake to provide a response that is subsequently uploaded onto the corporate website.</p> <p>The Board ensures that sufficient opportunities are given to shareholders to raise issues relating to the affairs of the Company and that adequate responses are given. Outcome of the AGM on all resolutions proposed at the 5th AGM is submitted to Bursa Securities immediately after the 5th AGM. The minutes of AGM including the attendance of Directors, questions raised by shareholders and the respective responses and outcome of the voting results are made available to the shareholders and public for reference at the Bursa Securities' website and the Company's website.</p> <p>The Board is satisfied with the current programme for the AGM. During 2023, there were no major contentious issues noted with shareholders/investors.</p>

Explanation for departure	:	
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Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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.

Application	:	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:	
Explanation for departure	:	<p>The 5th AGM of the Company was conducted physically at Macalister Ballroom, Eastern & Oriental Hotel, 10, Lebuhraya Farquhar, 10200 George Town, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia on 12 May 2023.</p> <p>This is the first physical AGM of the Company since its listing on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities. The Company conducted its AGMs virtually from the year 2020 to 2023. The Company takes this opportunity to meet and interact with its shareholders in person.</p> <p>The Company leveraged the technology by conducting poll voting for all the resolutions tabled at the 5th AGM through electronic devices for greater efficiency and accuracy.</p> <p>An independent scrutineer was appointed to validate the votes cast and results of each resolution put to vote were announced at the meeting. The poll results were instantaneously displayed on-screen which could be seen by shareholders who joined the meeting, confirmed by the Chairman.</p> <p>All resolutions at the 2023 AGM were passed, with approximately 71.1% of the total number of issued shares of the Company voted, indicating high levels of engagement.</p> <p>The Company will conduct its forthcoming 6th AGM on 24 May 2024 virtually to facilitate remote shareholders' participation at the AGM.</p>

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Measure :		
Timeframe :		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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.

<i>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.</i>	
Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: The AGM is a valuable opportunity for the Board to engage with shareholders directly. All shareholders are encouraged to participate in the AGM and pose questions in the period leading up to the AGM through the dedicated email address enquiry@greotech-group.com . The Chairman of the 5 th AGM ensured that sufficient opportunities were given to shareholders to raise issues relating to the affairs of the Company by providing ample time for the Q&A session during the 5 th AGM. The Group CEO and CFO presented on the overview of the Group's business, financial performance for FY2022 and make comment on strategy and current business activity respectively. The Chairman of the Board, Group CEO and CFO had actively responded to relevant questions addressed to them during the 5 th AGM. The answers were recorded in the minutes of the 5 th AGM which are available on the Company's website . In addition, written queries raised by the Minority Shareholders Watch Group were presented to shareholders during the 5 th AGM together with the responses of the Company.
Explanation for departure	:

Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.

Measure :		
Timeframe :		

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 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.

<i>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. Further, a listed issuer should also provide brief reasons on the choice of the meeting platform.</i>		
Application	:	Not applicable – only physical general meetings were conducted in the financial year.
Explanation on application of the practice		
Explanation for departure	:	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

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

Practice 13.6

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

<i>Note: The publication of Key Matters Discussed is not a substitute for the circulation of minutes of general meeting.</i>	
Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: The Minutes of the 5 th AGM recording of the general meeting detailing proceedings and issues or concerns raised by shareholders, and the responses by the Company were available on the Company's website within 30 business days after the conclusion of the 5 th AGM, to provide useful information to shareholders and investors especially for the absentee shareholders to keep track with the AGM that they are unable to attend.
Explanation for departure	:
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Measure	:
Timeframe	:

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

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

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