CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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COMPANY NAME: SDS GROUP BERHAD

FINANCIAL YEAR : March 31, 2022

OUTLINE:

SECTION A – DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE *Disclosures in this section are pursuant to Rule 15.25 of Bursa Malaysia Listing Requirements.*

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

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

SECTION A - DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.1

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on	: The Board recognises the key role it plays in charting the strategic
application of the	direction of the Group and has assumed the following principal
practice	responsibilities in discharging its fiduciary duties:
	(a) Reviewing and adopting a strategic plan for the Group, addressing the sustainability of the Group's business;
	(b) Overseeing the conduct of the Group's businesses and evaluating
	whether its businesses are being properly managed;
	(c) Identify principal business risks faced by the Group and ensuring the
	implementation of appropriate internal controls and mitigating
	measures to address such risks;
	(d) Reviewing the adequacy and integrity of the Group's internal
	control and management information systems;
	(e) Carrying out periodic review of the Group's financial performance,
	operating results and major capital commitments; and
	(f) Reviewing and approving any major corporate proposals, new
	business ventures or joint ventures of the Group.
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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	The Chairman leads the Board and is responsible for the effective performance of the Board. He ensures that all relevant issues and quality information to facilitate decision-making and effective running of the Group's business are included in the meeting agenda.	
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Practice 1.3The positions of Chairman and CEO are held by different individuals.

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice Explanation for : departure	The positions of the Chairman and Managing Director are held by two (2) different individuals to promote accountability and facilitate the division of responsibilities between them. In this regard, no one individual can influence the Board's discussions and decision-making. Generally, the Chairman would lead the Board in its collective oversight of management, while the Managing Director focuses on the business and day-to-day management of the Company. The distinct and separate roles of the Chairman and Managing Director, with a clear division of responsibilities, ensure a balance of power and authority, such that no one individual has unfettered powers of decision-making, and are clearly defined in the Board Charter.	
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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

_	an is not a member of any of these specified committees, but the board rticipate in any or all of these committees' meetings, by way of invitation,
	ctice should be a 'Departure'.
Application :	Departure
Explanation on : application of the practice	
Explanation for : departure	The Chairman of the Board is also the Chairman of our Nominating and Remuneration Committee ("NRC") and also a member of our Audit Committee ("AC") and Risk Management Committee ("RMC"). The Board took cognisance that having the same person assume the position of Chairman of the Board and member of other Board Committees gives rise to the risk of self-review and may impair the objectivity of the Chairman and the Board when deliberating on the observations and recommendations put forth by the Board Committees. However, the Chairman of the Board is not involved in the management and operational matters of the Group, and he always provides constructive ideas and opinions to the Board and Board Committees respectively based on different perspectives as a Board Chairman and member of the Board Committees.
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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	The Board is supported by suitably qualified and competent Company Secretaries who are qualified secretaries under Section 235(2)(a) of the Companies Act 2016. The Board is regularly updated and kept informed by the Company Secretaries and the Management of the requirements such as restrictions in dealing with the securities of the Company and updates as issued by the various regulatory authorities including the latest developments in the legislation and regulatory framework affecting the	
	Group.	
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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
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Explanation on	:	All meeting materials are circulated to Directors at least five (5) business
application of the		days in advance of Board and Board Committee meetings via email to
practice		allow ample time for Directors to consider the relevant information.
Explanation for departure	:	The Minutes of the Board and Board Committee meetings are circulated to the respective Chairman in a timely manner for review before they are confirmed. All Board members reviewed and confirmed the minutes of meetings to ensure they accurately reflect the deliberations and decisions of the Board, including whether any Director abstained from voting or deliberation on a particular matter.
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There is demarcation of responsibilities between the board, board committees and management.

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

Practice 2.1

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice Explanation for departure	:	The Board is guided by a Board Charter which sets out the principles governing the Board of the Company and adopts the principles of good governance and practice in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations in Malaysia. The Board Charter also sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board, Board Committees, individual directors and the Management and issues and decisions reserved for the Board. The Board will review the Board Charter from time to time to ensure that the Board Charter remains consistent with the Board's objectives, current law and practices. The Board Charter is published on the Company's website at www.sdsgroups.com .
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The board is committed to promoting good business conduct and maintaining a healthy corporate culture that engenders integrity, transparency and fairness.

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

Practice 3.1

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice		In discharging its responsibilities, the Board is also guided by a Code of Conduct for Directors in the Board Charter. The Code of Conduct provides guidance for Directors and every employee of the Group regarding ethical and behavioural considerations and/or actions as they address their duties and obligations during the appointment. Directors are expected to conform and observe an appropriate decorum and behaviour that promote honesty and integrity when engaging with both employees and stakeholders.
		The Board Charter is available for reference on the Company's website at www.sdsgroups.com .
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The board is committed to promoting good business conduct and maintaining a healthy corporate culture that engenders integrity, transparency and fairness.

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Practice 3.2

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: The Board has put in place an avenue for employees and stakeholders to report genuine concerns about unethical behaviour, malpractices and illegal acts on failure to comply with regulatory requirements without fear of reprisal.
	The stakeholders may raise their concerns through the whistle-blowing channels as listed below. The whistle-blower may raise concerns by communicating via mail or email and attach any relevant supporting documents, other audio and visual evidence.
	Attention: Chairman of Audit Committee Mail: (mark "Strictly Confidential to be opened by the addressee ONLY") SDS Group Berhad 5, Jalan Selatan 8 (Off Jalan Kempas Lama) Kawasan Perusahaan Ringan Pulai 81200 Johor Bahru, Johor
	Email: phangszefui@sdsgroups.com The whistle-blower may choose to remain anonymous, but the Board reserves the right to decide whether to initiate an investigation depending on the merits and adequacy of initial evidence provided. The Whistleblowing Policy is available for reference on the Company's website at www.sdsgroups.com .
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The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.1

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

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

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice Explanation for :	The Board assumes the ultimate responsibility for the integration of sustainability within the Group and established a Sustainability Working Group ("SWG") to oversee the identification, formulation, implementation, and monitoring of sustainability matters and performance within the Group. The SWG is spearheaded by the Managing Director and assisted by the Executive Directors and the Heads of Departments. Please refer to the Sustainability Statement in the Annual Report for further information.	
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The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.2

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.

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Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice Explanation for : departure	In FYE 31 March 2022, the Company continued to engage with our key stakeholders and established several engagement programmes to gauge the stakeholder's views on its operations and services. Communications with stakeholders are established through its corporate website, social media, meetings and investor briefings which are conducted from time to time. The Company also collects feedback from stakeholders which helps improve our sustainability performance and non-financial reporting processes. Please refer to the Sustainability Statement in the Annual Report for further information.	
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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	The Board through the NRC assesses the training programmes attended by each Director during the FYE 31 March 2022 to ensure that the Directors had and will continue to constantly keep them abreast on the relevant requirements and matters concerning the sustainability, including the latest development in industry as well as the sustainability issues relevant to the Group. During the FYE 31 March 2022, the Directors attended various workshops and seminars including Climate Disclosure Training
	Programme by Bursa Malaysia Berhad.
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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.

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Explanation for	:	For FYE 31 March 2022, the performance evaluations did not include a
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		addressing the Company's material sustainability risks and
		opportunities.
		The Board, through the NRC will ensure that for FYE 31 March 2023, the
		performance evaluations will include a review of the performance of
		the Board and senior management in addressing the company's
		material sustainability risks and opportunities.
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The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.5 - Step Up

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

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

Practice 5.1

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 Explanation for : departure	The NRC oversees and reviews on an on-going basis, the overall composition of the Board in terms of size, the required mix of skills, experience and other qualities and core competencies for the Directors of the Company. The effectiveness of the Board as a whole and the contribution and performance of each individual Director to the effectiveness of the Board and the Board Committees will also be assessed by the NRC on an annual basis.
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Practice 5.2

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

Application	:	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:	
Explanation for departure		For the FYE 31 March 2022, the Board consists of seven (7) members, comprising of four (4) Executive Directors and three (3) Independent Non-Executive Directors. Notwithstanding, the Company is in compliance with the ACE Market Listing Requirements provision of at least 2 directors or 1/3 of the board of directors, whichever is the higher, are independent directors.
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Practice 5.3

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

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

Application	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	None of the Independent Directors has exceeded a cumulative term of nine (9) years in the Company as of the FYE 31 March 2022.
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Practice 5.4 - Step Up

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

Note: To qualify for adoption of this Step Up practice, a listed issuer must have a formal policy which limits the tenure of an independent director to nine years without further extension i.e. shareholders' approval to retain the director as an independent director beyond nine years.		
Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

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Practice 5.5

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice Explanation for	:	The Board is supportive of boardroom diversity as it can offer greater depth and breadth compared to non-diverse board. The Board practices no discrimination in terms of appointment of Directors as well as hiring employees wherein the Directors and Senior Management are recruited based on their merit, skills and experiences and not driven by age, cultural background and gender. For the FYE 31 March 2022, there is one (1) female Director on the Board.
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Practice 5.6

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

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice Explanation for : departure	In searching for suitable candidates, the Board may receive suggestions from existing Board Members, Management, and major shareholders. The Board is also open to referrals from external sources available, such as industry and professional associations, as well as independent search firms. Where and when appropriate, the Board will prioritise the appointment of more female Directors to the Board and senior management, based on needs and merits.
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.7

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	:	The performance of retiring Directors who are recommended for re- election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting ("AGM") would be assessed through the Board and Board Committee evaluations which includes the independence of the Independent Non-Executive Director.
		The profiles of the retiring Directors are included in the Annual Report.
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Practice 5.8

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on :	The NRC is chaired by Dr Lim Pang Kiam, the Independent Director of
application of the	the Board. The NRC Chairman has led the annual review of Board
practice	effectiveness, ensuring that the performance of each individual Director
	is independently assessed and will lead the succession planning and
	appointment of future Board members.
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Practice 5.9

The board comprises at least 30% women directors.

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Explanation for	:	The Board recognises that a gender-diverse Board could offer greater
departure		depth and breadth whilst the diversity at key senior management would
		lead to better decision-making. For the FYE 31 March 2022, the Board
		comprised of one (1) female Director.
		In line with promotion of gender diversity as recommended under the
		Malaysian Code of Corporate Governance ("MCCG"), the Board affirms
		that appointment of more woman representatives to the Board and
		senior management will be prioritised when vacancies arise and when
		suitable candidates are identified.
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Practice 5.10

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on :	Although the Group does not have a written policy on gender diversity,
application of the	the Board is supportive of diversity in gender, ethnicity and age as such
practice	diversification would enlarge the pool of skills, talents, perspective, and
	ideas within the Board. The Group is an equal opportunity employer and
	does not practise discrimination of any form, whether based on age,
	gender, race, and religion, throughout the organisation.
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Stakeholders are able to form an opinion on the overall effectiveness of the board and individual directors.

Practice 6.1

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

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

	ny to qualify for adoption of this practice, it must undertake annual board n independent expert at least every three years to facilitate the evaluation.
Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	 The Board has, through the NRC, conducted the following annual assessments on 27 May 2022: Directors' self and peer assessment; Evaluation on the effectiveness of the Board as a whole and Board Committees; Assessment of Independent Directors; and Review of the term of office and performance of AC and each of its members. Based on the outcome of the evaluation, the NRC is: Satisfied with the performance of the individual Director; Satisfied with the effectiveness of the Board and Board Committees; Satisfied with the level of independence demonstrated by the Independent Directors and their ability to act in the best interest of the Company; and Satisfied with the performance of the AC and each of its members.
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The level and composition of remuneration of directors and senior management take into account the company's desire to attract and retain the right talent in the board and senior management to drive the company's long-term objectives.

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

Practice 7.1

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

Application :	Applied				
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Board has adopted a formal remuneration policies and procedures for its Directors. The remuneration is determined at levels which enables the Company to attract and retain Directors with the relevant experience and expertise to manage the business of the Group effectively. The NRC oversees the remuneration of directors. The remuneration for directors is in line with the Board's aim to retain, attract and reward talent based on industry benchmarks. The remuneration package for Executive Directors is reviewed by the NRC and recommended to the Board for approval. It is then decided by				
	the Board without the respective Executive Directors' participation in determining their remuneration.				
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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 Explanation for departure	:	The remuneration package for executive directors is reviewed by the NRC and recommended to the Board for approval. It is then decided by the Board without the respective executive directors' participation in determining their remuneration. Bonuses payable to executive directors are performance based and related to the individual and the Company's as well as Group's achievement of specific goals. The non-executive directors do not receive any performance related remuneration. The Terms of Reference of the NRC is available at the Company's website at www.sdsgroups.com .
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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 8.1

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

Application	:	Applied						
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The detailed disclosure on named basis for remuneration of individual directors including fees, salary, bonus, benefits-in-kind are set out in the table below:						
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		Executive Directors (*):						
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		Tan Kim Chai		-		-	-	
		Tan Yon Haw		-		-	-	
		Tan Kee Jin		-		-	-	
		Non-Executive Directors (#):						
		Dr. Lim Pang Kiam		✓		-	-	
		Phang Sze Fui		-		✓	-	
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		Tan Kim Chai		-		-	✓	
		Tan Yon Haw		-		-	✓	
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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 8.2

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

Application	: 1	Departure					
Explanation on application of the practice	:						
Explanation for departure		The Board is of the view that the disclosure of the Senior Manage remuneration components will not be in the best interest of the given the competitive human resources environment as such disc may give rise to talent recruitment and retention issue. Also proon the confidentiality of the remuneration package of our Management, the Board has adopted a disclosure of our Management remuneration in bands of RM50,000 on an unbasis. The aggregate remuneration paid to the Senior Management Group during the financial year analysed into bands of RM50,000 follows:					
		Remuneration Value	Number of Senior Management				
		RM100,001 - RM150,000	1				
		RM150,001 - RM200,000	-				
		RM201,001 - RM250,000	-				
		RM250,001 - RM300,000	-				
		RM300,001 - RM350,000	1				
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			Company								
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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 8.3 - Step Up

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

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

			Company ('000)									
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There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on	:	The AC is chaired by Ms. Phang Sze Fui, an Independent Non-Executive
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Practice 9.2

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	None of the members of the AC were former key audit partners of the external audit firm of the Group.
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Practice 9.3

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The AC has established policies and procedures to assess the suitability, objectivity and independence of external auditors and such assessment would be carried out annually.
		During the FYE 31 March 2022, the AC and the Board proposed and recommended that Crowe Malaysia PLT be re-appointed as the external auditors of the Company and this was approved by the shareholders of the Company at the 4th AGM of the Company based on the credentials and resources of Crowe Malaysia PLT, as well as their communication with the AC.
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Practice 9.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The AC comprises all Independent Directors.

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	As promulgated by the MCCG, the AC should collectively possess a wide range of necessary skills to discharge its duties, and all members should be financially literate and are able to understand matters under the purview of the AC including the financial reporting process. At least 2 members of the AC are Chartered Accountants and members of the MIA.		
	The members of the AC collectively possess the accounting and related financial management expertise and experience required for the AC to discharge its responsibilities and assist the Board in its oversight over the financial reporting process.		
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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

Practice 10.1

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

Application	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	The Board has ultimate responsibility for reviewing the Company's risks, approving the risk management framework and policy and overseeing the Group's strategic risk management and internal control framework to achieve its objectives within an acceptable risk profile as well as safeguarding the interest of stakeholders and shareholders and the Group's assets.	
	The Board is supported by the RMC which reports to the Board regarding the Group's risk exposures, including a review of risk assessment model used to monitor the risk exposures and the Management's view on the acceptable and appropriate level of risks faced by the Group. The RMC will continue to evaluate, review and monitor the Group's risk management framework and activities on an on-going basis to identify, assess and monitor the key business risks of the Group to safeguard shareholders' investment and Group's assets.	
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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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	The Company also engages the internal auditors to provide independent assessments on the adequacy, efficiency and effectiveness of the Company's internal control system. The internal auditors report directly to the AC and internal audit plans are tabled to the AC for review and approval by the Board to ensure adequate coverage.	
	The process of the risk management and internal control are ongoing, which are undertaken by each department within the Group. The Group will continuously enhance the existing system of risk management and internal control by taking into consideration the changing business environment.	
	Further details on the features of the risk management and internal control framework, and the adequacy and effectiveness of this framework, are disclosed in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control in the Annual Report.	
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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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	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The RMC is chaired by Dato' Albert Ding Choo Earn and comprises a majority of Independent Directors.

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.

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The internal audit function of the Group is carried out by an outsourced
professional consulting firm that assists the AC and the Board in
managing the risks and monitoring of the internal control system and processes of the Group by providing an independent assessment on the adequacy, efficiency and effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control system and processes.
The internal auditors report directly to both the AC and the Board. The internal auditors have and will continue to keep abreast with developments in the profession, relevant industry and regulations.
The internal audit function is independent of the operations of the Group and provides reasonable assurance that the Group's system of internal control is satisfactory and operating effectively. Further details of the internal audit function are set out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control and the Audit Committee Report in the Annual Report.
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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	 The internal audit function is outsourced to Sterling Business Alignment Consulting Sdn. Bhd. ("Sterling") and the internal audit staff on the engagement are free from any relationships or conflicts of interest, which could impair their objectivity and independence. Sterling is a corporate member of the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia. The Engagement Partner has a diverse professional experience in internal audit, risk management and corporate governance advisory. The internal audit was conducted using the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") – Internal Control Framework. 		
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There is continuous communication between the company and stakeholders to facilitate mutual understanding of each other's objectives and expectations.

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

Practice 12.1

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

Application	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice Explanation for	Through the Company's website at www.sdsgroups.com and its announcements on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad's website, the Group shares mandatory public announcements as well as publishes its quarterly and annual results. The quarterly financial results as well as other material announcements are submitted and announced via Bursa LINK after the Board's approval. This is important in ensuring equal and fair access to information by the investing public.	
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Practice 12.2

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

Application	Not applicable	
Explanation on application of the practice		
Explanation for departure	The Group is not categorised as "Large Company" under the Malaysian Code of Corporate Governance and hence, the Company has not adopted the integrated reporting based on globally recognised framework.	
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.1

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

Application :	Applied		
Explanation on :	The Notice for the 4th AGM that was held on 27 August 2021 was issued		
application of the	on 29 July 2021 which is at least 28 days before the date of AGM. This		
practice	gave shareholders sufficient time to read and consider the resolutions		
	to be resolved and enable shareholders to make an informed decision		
	in exercising their voting rights.		
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.2

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the	:	All the Directors of the Company attended the 4th AGM of the Company held on 27 August 2021 and Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM")
practice		held on 9 June 2022 on a fully virtual basis to engage with shareholders and proxies proactively.
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.3

Listed companies should leverage technology to facilitate-

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

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

Application :	Applied			
Explanation on : application of the practice	The 4th AGM held on 27 August 2021 and EGM held on 9 June 2022 were conducted as fully virtual meetings.			
	The Company had leveraged on technology to facilitate remote shareholders' participation and electronic voting for the conduct of poll on the resolutions set out in the Notice of AGM and EGM.			
	For shareholders who were unable to attend the meetings, they may appoint proxy/proxies to vote on his/her behalf.			
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.4

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

Note: The explanation of adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures				
undertaken to ensure the general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficient				
opportunity to pose ques	stic	ons and the questions are responded to.		
Application	:	Applied		
Explanation on	:	At the 4th AGM held on 27 August 2021, the Chief Financial Officer had		
application of the		presented to the audience, information of the Group's financial and		
practice		non-financial performance as well as the Group's long-term strategies.		
		The Chairman of the Board ensured that sufficient opportunities were		
		given to shareholders and proxies to raise questions relating to the		
		affairs of the Company and that adequate responses were given.		
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.5

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

Note: The explanation 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.						
Application	:	Applied				
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board had ensured that the required infrastructure and tools were in placed to enable the smooth broadcast of the 4th AGM and meaningful engagement with the shareholders. The questions posed by the shareholders were responded by the Directors and Senior Management. The Board would consider questions posed by shareholders are made visible to the participants for future general meetings.				
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.6

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

Note: The publication of Key Matters Discussed is not a substitute for the circulation of minutes of general meeting.				
Application	:	Applied		
Explanation on	:	The Minutes of the 4th AGM, which includes the questions raised by		
application of the		shareholders together with the responses by the Company and		
practice		outcome of the voting results, was made available to the shareholders		
		within thirty (30) business days after the 4th AGM at the Company's		
		website at <u>www.sdsgroups.com</u> .		
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SECTION B – DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES PERSUANT CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA

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

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