# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT**

STOCK CODE : 5398

**COMPANY NAME : GAMUDA BERHAD** 

FINANCIAL YEAR : July 31, 2020

# **OUTLINE:**

# SECTION A - DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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

# SECTION B - DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES PURSUANT TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA

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

# **SECTION A:**

# DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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#### **Intended Outcome**

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

# **Practice 1.1**

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation : on application of the practice	The Board of Directors ("Board") of Gamuda Berhad ("Gamuda" or "Company") recognises the importance of maintaining a high standard of corporate governance practices within Gamuda and its subsidiary companies ("Group") and devotes considerable effort to identify and formalise best practices.
	The Board believes that sound and effective corporate practices are fundamental to the smooth, effective and transparent operation of a company and its ability to attract investment, protect the rights of shareholders and stakeholders, and enhance shareholder value.
	The Board will continuously evaluate the status of the Group's corporate governance practices and procedures with a view to adopt and implement the best practices in so far as they are relevant to the Group, bearing in mind the nature of the Group's businesses and the size of its business operations.
	A framework of delegated authority is in place consistent with the structure of delegation below the Board level. The Board reserves to itself certain key matters to approve, including the Group's strategic plans, major capital expenditure, corporate governance issues, dividend policy and external financial reporting.
	The Board delegates responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the business to the Group Managing Director who recognises his responsibility for ensuring that the Company operates within a framework of prudent and effective controls.

In discharging his duties in leading the Company with due care, skill and diligence, the Company led by the Group Managing Director is driven and guided by the Value Creation Strategy as illustrated below: -



The Gamuda value creation approach encapsulates and integrates the 17 relevant United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) for business and financial aspects of ESG performance. We align the five capitals with performance, value creation and specific standards.

In recognising the COVID-19 pandemic that has brought the world to unchartered and challenging times, we continue to engage our valued stakeholders closely to help support the business value chain and maintain key priorities such as our employees' well-being and keeping the worksites safe.

The aforesaid Value Creation Strategy has been formalised and disseminated to employees and continuously reinforced through their tenure with the Group.

The Group's strategy framework to achieve sustainable growth is based on our 3C's approach i.e. Capacity, Capability and Competitiveness building.

Gamuda's Group-wide Sustainability Framework has been developed by prioritising the identified material matters to streamline our strategy, measure performance and reflect the value creation to Gamuda's overall vision and mission. It is the Company's aspiration for such transparent disclosure to inspire and ensure accountability, identify and manage risks and enable the Group to seize new opportunities.

The Management's performance under the leadership of the Group Managing Director is monitored by the Board. More details affecting business units, ground operations, strategies and performances are usually presented and discussed at the Board Meetings including specific matters that are reserved for the full Board's decision, as follows: -

- key corporate strategies and plan involving acquisitions and disposals of material assets; and
- major investment decisions affecting the Group's direction and policies and approvals of all financial results and announcements.

The relevant members of the Management are always in attendance at Board meetings to present-these updates on the progress of key initiatives, business targets and achievements to date, and to provide clarification on the queries and issues raised by the Board. The Group Managing Director and the Management are neither substantial shareholders nor controlling shareholders of the Company.

The Chairperson of the Audit Committee would inform the Directors at the Board Meetings, of any salient matters raised at the Audit Committee Meetings and which requires the Board's notice or direction.

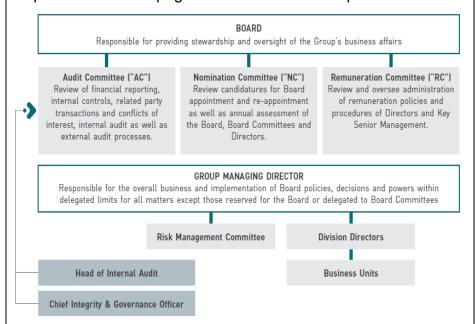
The Head of Legal and Company Secretarial is also in attendance at the Board Meetings to respond to any enquiries by the Board on legal and regulatory matters of the Group.

As depicted in the illustration below, Board Committees have been established to assist the Board in its oversight function with reference to specific responsibility areas. It should however be noted that at all times, the Board retains collective oversight over the Board Committees. These Board Committees have been constituted with clear terms of references and they are actively engaged to ensure that the Group is in adherence with good corporate governance.

All these Board Committees report to the Board on all matters they have considered and recommended.

The Board Committees exercise transparency and full disclosure in their proceedings. Issues deliberated by the Board Committees are presented to the Board with appropriate recommendations. The ultimate responsibility for the final decision on all matters lies with the Board.

The Audit Committee assists the Board in the discharge of its fiduciary duties, overseeing the financial reporting process and ensuring that the results of the Company's operations are fairly presented in its financial statements. A full Audit Committee Report is set out on page 146 of the Annual Report 2020.



The Board is satisfied that risk management policies and procedures designed and implemented by the Management of the Company through the Risk Management Committee is prudent in ensuring that an effective internal control and risk management systems are in place to enable risk to be assessed and managed. A Risk Management Committee Report is set out on pages 144 to 145 of the Annual Report 2020.

Pursuant to its terms of reference, the Nomination Committee was established in 2002 to assist the Board in carrying out the following duties:

 to review, from time to time, the Policy Framework on the nomination and recommendation of candidates to be members of the Board;

- to review annually the Board's required mix of skills, experience and other qualities including the core competencies which non-executive directors should bring to the Board;
- c. to assess annually the effectiveness of the Board as a whole and the Audit Committee respectively;
- d. to identify suitable training programmes for the Directors for each financial year end.

The terms of reference of the Nomination Committee is available for reference on Gamuda's corporate website at www.gamuda.com.my or for easy access, please scan the QR code below with a smartphone:



The Nomination Committee in assessing the performances of the Board as a whole on an annual basis also considers the succession planning for the Principal Officers of the Company.

Across the Group, the Company has put in place a structured Group-wide leadership succession planning review process for key senior management positions, assessing the capacity, level of readiness and aspiration of this leadership pool during the financial year under review.

We have rolled out our Leadership Competency Framework to streamline and formalise our approach to developing our people and strengthen succession planning. One of the main highlights that stemmed from our aim to enhance leadership amongst our people is our Leap to Lead initiative.

Launched in February 2019, Leap to Lead involves series of ongoing leadership talks that address the three pillars of the Leadership Competency Framework – business savvy, self-savvy and people savvy. Taking the first step towards this change of culture, external speakers are brought in to complement the insights provided by our own people. This is done to provide a broader perspective of how to demonstrate leadership in the workplace, regardless of rank.

Gamuda aspires to churn out leaders who can take on important roles, agile and adaptable to constant change. We strongly believe that the Leap to Lead initiative can play a significant role in achieving this. We take pride in our talent pool and believe that Gamudians can leverage each other's strengths to give Gamuda a competitive edge.

The Remuneration Committee's main responsibility is to review and recommend to the Board the framework of Executive Directors' remuneration, in particular, the remuneration packages for the Executive Directors in all its forms, drawing from outside advice, where necessary and fees payable to the Non-Executive Directors. The Remuneration Committee aims to ensure that Directors' remuneration is competitive, motivates good performance and loyalty, and supports growth in shareholder value. The remuneration of the Non-Executive Directors takes the form primarily of fees, which is approved by the Company shareholders.

The Board recognises Investor Relations ("IR") as a key component of its Corporate Governance obligations. To meet the high expectations of the investment community, the Board has set up a dedicated IR unit headed by the Group Managing Director, and assisted by the Senior Group General Manager, Investor Relations, to provide direct access to top management in all matters pertaining to IR. To enhance the effectiveness of the IR unit, the Board has instituted a comprehensive IR policy and programme. Details of the Investor Relations are set out on pages 37 to 39 of the Annual Report 2020.

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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 of the Company, YBhg Dato' Mohammed Hussein is an Independent Non-Executive Director, which provides effective oversight over Management and reflects the Company's commitment to uphold corporate governance.  From the Profile of Directors on page 44 of the Annual Report 2020, it is noted that Dato' Mohammed Hussein was previously with the Maybank Group for 31 years holding various positions before he retires in 2008.  During Board Meetings, the Chairman leads the discussion, allowing sufficient time for deliberations on key issues and complex matters. He also encourages active participation and allows views including dissent to be freely expressed. He also ensures that every Board resolution is put to vote and the will of majority prevails.  Where necessary, the Chairman will conduct separate sessions with the Non-Executive Directors ("NEDs") to allow for discussion on any pertinent issues raised by the NEDs and/or issues from the Management, as may be shared by the Chairman with the other NEDs. For the financial year under review, the Chairman conducted one separate session with the NEDs on 17 October 2019 to deliberate on the Directors' remuneration.  The Chairman plays a key role in the conduct of the General Meetings. Besides ensuring the proper flow of resolutions tabled at the meeting, he manages the communication on the floor. He further encourages active participation from shareholders and allows sufficient amount of time during the questions and answers session.
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# **Practice 1.3**

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	There is a clear division of responsibilities at the helm of the Company to ensure a balance of authority and power, as the roles of the Chairman and the Group Managing Director are distinct and separate.
	As mentioned above, the Chairman of the Company, YBhg Dato' Mohammed Hussein is an Independent Non-Executive Director, who through the Board, provides effective oversight over Management and reflects the Company's commitment to uphold corporate governance.
	The Group Managing Director, YBhg Dato' Lin Yun Ling is responsible for the overall business and implementation of Board policies, decisions and powers within delegated limits for all matters except those reserved for the Board or delegated to Board Committees
	The division of responsibilities between the Chairman and the Group Managing Director is clearly established and agreed by the Board which can be summarised as follows: -
	Chairman (YBhg Dato' Mohammed Hussein): -
	Leadership of the Board and in ensuring its effectiveness on all aspects of its role as well as governance of the Board.
	<ul> <li>The orderly conduct of meetings and that adequate time is available for discussion of all agenda items, in particular strategic issues as well as facilitates matters between the Board and its investors.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Promotes a culture of openness and debate by facilitating the effective contribution of Independent Directors, in particular ensuring constructive relationships between Executive, Non-Executive and Independent Directors.</li> </ul>
	Ensuring that the Directors receive accurate, timely and clear information.

	Group Managing Director (YBhg Dato' Lin Yun Ling): -	
	<ul> <li>manages the day-to-day business operations of the Group and ensures that the appropriate standards of corporate governance permeate throughout the organisation.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>A central part includes recommending key strategies/ policies and implementing those agreed/ approved by the Board, planning the future direction of the Group and allocating decision making and responsibilities accordingly.</li> </ul>	
	acts as the Group's official spokesperson and manages communication with shareholders and employees.	
	takes a leading role in the relationship with all external agencies and in promoting Gamuda Group.	
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# **Practice 1.4**

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	Both the Company Secretaries of Gamuda are qualified to act as Company Secretary pursuant to Section 235 of the Companies Act 2016. One has legal qualification and holds an LLB whilst the other is an Associate member of the Malaysia Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators ("MAICSA").
	The appointment of Company Secretaries is based on the capability and proficiency determined by the Board. The Constitution of the Company permits the removal of Company Secretaries by the Board.
	All members of the Board, whether as a whole or in their individual capacity, have access to the advice and services of the Company Secretaries on all matters relating to the Group to assist them in the furtherance of their duties.
	Both Company Secretaries report directly to the Board through the Chairman on all Board and governance matters and also has an internal reporting line to the Group Managing Director on corporate secretarial and legal matters in respect of the business. Among the duties and responsibilities carry out by the Company Secretaries are as follows: -
	The Company Secretaries ensures that the dates for Board Meeting and Board Committees Meetings are scheduled well in advance and the Board has formal schedule of matters specifically reserved for the Board's discussion and approval. The schedule also ensures that the direction of these meetings are properly controlled and are in the hands of the Board.
	The Company Secretaries manage the logistics of all Board and Board Committee meetings.
	All issues discussed and all decisions made during the Board Meetings as well as attendances will be properly recorded by the Company Secretaries to ensure completeness and accuracy.

	<ul> <li>For annual general meetings which are held at the beginning of December annually, the Company Secretaries play an important role in ensuring that the due processes and proceedings are in place and properly managed.</li> </ul>
	During the meeting, the Company Secretaries will assist the Chairman and the Board to conduct the meeting and ensure the minutes are properly recorded, particularly the questions raised by the shareholders.
	<ul> <li>The Company Secretaries provide support to the Board in fulfilling its fiduciary duties and leadership role in shaping the corporate governance of Gamuda Group.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The Company Secretaries regularly keep the Board updated and informed of the requirements such as restriction in dealing with the securities of the Company and updates as issued by the various regulatory authorities including the latest developments in the legislations and regulatory framework affecting the Group as well as best practices of the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance.</li> </ul>
	While responding to the Board evaluation, the Board did not express any dissatisfaction with the performance and support rendered by the Company Secretaries to the Board in discharging its functions.
	In order to upskill themselves and keep abreast with the latest developments in corporate governance realm, the Company Secretaries have attended relevant training and professional development programmes during the financial year relating to Companies Act 2016, Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance ("MCCG") and the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.
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# **Practice 1.5**

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	Recognising the importance of sound and timely information flow to Board effectively, the Company Secretaries ensures that the dates for Board Meeting and Board Committees Meetings are scheduled well in advance by preparing an annual tentative calendar and a formal schedule of matters specifically reserved for the Board are also included in the tentative calendar. The schedule also ensures that the direction of these meetings is properly controlled and are in the hands of the Board
	Notices of meetings setting out the agenda in particular, financial information are promptly emailed to all Directors in a timely manner prior to meetings and in any case, at least seven days prior to a meeting. The same notification is then sent to the Management, which includes the deadlines for submission of meeting materials. Upon receipt from the Management, the Company Secretaries ensure that the meeting materials are uploaded on iPads as soon as practicable for the Board's review.
	Management presentations are given by the Management to facilitate proper consideration and debate of matters brought before the Board. Progress on key initiative is reported regularly and documented together with routine matters such as financial performance and current progress of project and operation in each of the Group's business activities.
	All issues discussed and all decisions made during the Board Meetings will be properly recorded by the Company Secretaries and reviewed by the Board for completeness and accuracy. The minutes of Board Meetings are circulated to all Directors for their perusal prior to confirmation of the minutes by the Chairman of the meetings to be done at the commencement of the following Board Meetings. Senior Management staff usually attends Board Meetings for purposes of briefing the Board on various matters submitted for their consideration.

	This enables the Board to make informed decisions on corporate and business issues under consideration. When Directors are unable to attend a meeting, they are advised to make their views known, if any, to the Chairman of Board prior to the meeting.
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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
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Explanation on application of the practice	The Board articulates its roles and responsibilities in its Directors' Handbook, and describes those areas reserved for the Board's determination. The Board had adopted the Directors' Handbook in 2002.
	The Board believes that the Directors' Handbook, which sets out the roles, duties and responsibilities of the Company Directors and the broader issues of directors' ethics, amongst others, collectively with the various policies, procedures and practices that have been in place for a long time, the Constitution of the Company and statutory and regulatory requirements, have effectively encapsulated the essence of the suggested contents of a Board charter.
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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** The Board has adopted a Directors' Code of Conduct on **Explanation on** application of the 28 September 2016. In addition to the Company Directors' practice Code of Ethics established by the Companies Commission of Malaysia, the Directors' Code of Conduct is the Board's commitment towards establishing a corporate culture which prescribes ethical conduct that permeates throughout the Company and ensuring the implementation of appropriate internal systems to support, promote and ensure its compliance. The Directors' Code of Conduct is available for reference on Gamuda's corporate website at www.gamuda.com.my or for easy access, please scan the QR code below with a smartphone: The Board is committed to ensuring that all its business activities operate with the highest standards of business

ethics and integrity as summarised in the Company's written code on business practices, which are applicable

Group-wide including Group operations overseas.

The Directors' Code of Conduct encapsulated the following measures to reinforce the practices articulated therein and guide the behaviours of the Company Directors: -

- protect and ensure the proper use of the Company's assets:
- ensure compliance with laws, rules and regulations;
- handle actual or potential conflict of interest;
- encourage reporting of unlawful or unethical behaviour;
- prevent corrupt practices which include the offering and acceptance of gifts and benefits.

Among the measures implemented by the Company to reinforce the practices contained in the Directors' Code of Conducts are as follows: -

- Gift and/or Benefits Policy whereby all gifts and benefits received by the Company employees from suppliers/ contractors are required to be declared and handed over to the Human Resource Department for donation to charitable organisation;
- Sexual Harassment Policy in tandem with the Company's belief that all employees should be treated with dignity and respect and that a safe, healthy and supportive work environment should be preserved for all the employees of the Company;
- Social Media Policy & Guidelines which governs proper usage of all forms of social media in the Company; and
- Enterprise Wide Information Security Policy ("EWISP") to preserve Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability and Governance of Gamuda's information assets and to serve the following purposes:
  - a. Employees understand and adhere to the policy statements.
  - b. Acquaint employees with information security risks and the expected way to address these risks.
  - c. Provide guidance to third parties with whom Gamuda exchanges and share information.
  - d. Clarify employees' responsibilities and duties with respect to the protection of information resources.
  - e. Enable managers and other employees to make appropriate decisions in relation to information security.
  - f. Reduce threats and vulnerability caused by improper control.

	•	Drone Use Policy to ensure that all the Company staff are using drones safely, effectively and in compliance with the current regulations in Malaysia.
		A Gamuda Drone Standard Operating Procedures ("SOP") has also been developed and ongoing drone pilot training has also been set up for the Company staff.
	•	Group-wide digital procurement system was implemented where all sourcing, contracting and management of suppliers (vendors, contractors and consultants) for materials and services are done online using SAP Ariba. This improves the procurement cycle time which is now faster for both the suppliers and Gamuda group, plus there is easier access to information. SAP Ariba also has robust e-bidding capabilities that allow multiple suppliers to bid in a more transparent manner, therein promoting fairer competition.
	•	The Anti-Bribery & Corruption ("AB&C") Policy and the Whistleblowing Policy (supersedes the whistleblowing policy adopted by the Group in 2011) were also adopted on 28 July 2020 following the establishment of an Integrity and Governance Unit.
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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 3.2**

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

Application :	Applied
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Explanation on :	Gamuda ensures that the Group's zero-tolerance stance
application of the practice	towards any form of misconduct is strictly adhered to.
	In line with the Strategic Plan of Integrity and Governance Unit (IGU) 2019 - 2021 by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Gamuda has established its very own IGU on 13 December 2019 to showcase its strong commitment towards upholding integrity.
	The Statement by IGU enumerating its activities during the financial year under review are set out on pages 150 to 151 of this Annual Report which encompasses the adoption of the following two policies, namely: -
	The Anti-Bribery & Corruption ("AB&C") Policy; and
	The Whistleblowing Policy (supersedes the whistleblowing policy adopted by the Group in 2011).
	The above two policies are available for reference on Gamuda's corporate website at www.gamuda.com.my or for easy access, please scan the QR code below with a smartphone: -
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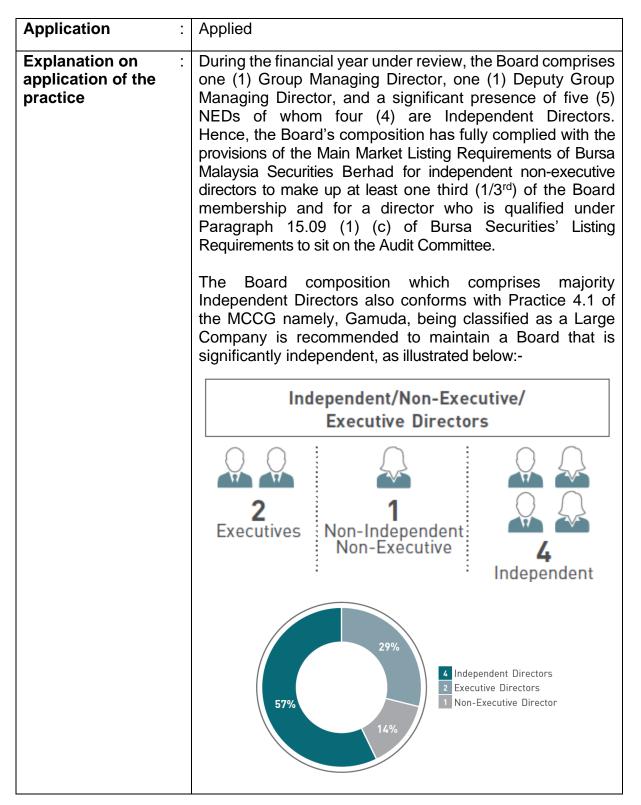
The Group's AB&C Policy guides the Group's Employees, Business Associates and associated parties in the proper conduct of our business dealings and to eliminate and prevent any form of corruption and bribery in the Group. The Group AB&C Policy applies to all Group Directors, Employees, Employees of Controlled Organisations and Business Associates acting on the Group's behalf, within the Group's internal dealings as well as the Group's external dealings with other businesses, organisations, local authorities as well as government. Employees who are to, in the course of their duties at the Group, encounter actual or suspected violations of the AB&C Policy report their concerns using the reporting channels stated in the Whistleblowing Policy and Procedure. Reports should be made in good faith by the employee and should be addressed in a timely manner without incurring fear of reprisal, regardless of the outcome of any investigation. Anonymous reports will not be entertained. The Whistleblowing Policy should be read together with the Group's Anti- Bribery & Corruption Policy and the Code of Business Ethics and other related materials on disciplinary action under the custodian of the Group Human Resource. Provisions in this Policy shall be reviewed and amended whenever necessary to ensure its effective implementation. The main objectives of the Whistleblowing Policy are: > To encourage and guide Employees and members of the public to communicate and disclose any Improper Conduct (as defined) within the Group to the appropriate party within the Group in accordance with this Whistleblowing Policy and Procedure; and > To clarify the protection accorded to Employees and members of the public who report allegations of any Improper Conduct; ➤ To ensure disclosures of improper Conduct is managed in an appropriate and timely manner. **Explanation for** departure Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below. Measure Timeframe

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

#### **Practice 4.1**

At least half of the board comprises independent directors.

For Large Companies, the board comprises a majority independent director.



The Board current size of seven members enable effective and independent oversight by the Board and the Board composition with majority Independent Directors does fairly represent the investment of the majority and minority shareholders in the Company. The current Board brings with it a broad range of business, financial, technical and public service background. The biographical particulars of the Directors are set out in the Profile of Board of Directors on pages 44 to 52 of the Annual Report 2020. An updated list of the Board members of the Company and their respective roles and functions are also maintained on the corporate website. For easy access, please scan the QR code below with a smartphone: **Explanation for** departure Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below. Measure Timeframe

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#### Practice 4.2

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

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

# Application Not applicable - No independent director(s) serving beyond 9 years **Explanation on** The Board is mindful of the recommendation of the MCCG application of the on limiting the tenure of independent directors to nine (9) practice years of service irrespective of whether it's a consecutive service of nine (9) years or a cumulative service of nine (9) years with intervals. The length of tenure of each of its Independent Director is illustrated below and none of the Independent Directors' tenure has exceeded a cumulative term of nine (9) years: -Length of tenure of Independent Directors 0 to 2 Years 3 to 4 Years 6 to 7 Years 8 to 9 Years 1 Director 1 Director 1 Director 1 Director In addition, the Board assesses the independence of its Independent Directors through a Self-Assessment of Independence of Independent Directors on an annual basis under the annual Board evaluation process. The assessment of independence is based on the criteria prescribed under the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and the Corporate Governance Guide issued by Bursa Malaysia Berhad. During the financial year under review, none of the Independent Directors disclosed any relationships and/or transactions that could materially interfere with their independent judgements and decisions.

The Board is satisfied with the level of independence

demonstrated by all Independent Directors.

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# Practice 4.3 - Step Up

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

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Explanation on adoption of the practice	

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# **Practice 4.4**

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

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	The Company Directors are professionals in the fields of construction & engineering, finance, accounting, legal and toll infrastructure and experienced senior public administrators. Together, they bring a wide range of competencies, capabilities, technical skills and relevant business experience to ensure that the Group continues to be a competitive leader within its diverse industry segments with a strong reputation for technical and professional competence.  The Board composition in terms of each of the Director's industry and/or background experience, age and ethnic composition is illustrated as follows: -												
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	Dato' Lin Yun Ling	✓						✓			✓	<b>✓</b>	
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	the Nomination Committee a and match the criteria of the skills, competencies, knowl	for appointment to the Board, and the Board will always evaluate candidate based on experience, edge, potential contribution and age gender, ethnicity and age).
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

#### Practice 4.5

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

**Applied** 

# Explanation on application of the practice

Recognising the benefits of diversity in its broad spectrum, the Board has adopted a Diversity and Inclusion Policy on 28 September 2016. The said policy is available for reference on Gamuda's corporate website or for easy access, please

scan the QR code below with a smartphone:



The Board has consistently maintained the 30% women directors on its Board as it believes that women directors will add value to Board discussions by bringing new perspectives, approaches and ideas to help the Group succeed.

Under the Board composition mentioned under Practices 4.1 and 4.4 of this CG Report, women representation on the Board is now 43%, which has exceeded the 30% requirement. These women Directors are professionals in the fields of construction & engineering, banking, & finance and legal.

Besides women representation on Board, Gamuda Women Empowerment Network (GWEN), introduced in 2018 continue to explore solutions for our women's economic empowerment, build on-the-ground accountability mechanisms to help drive impact, as well as better ways to measure success.

Through GWEN, we hope to encourage more women participation especially at managerial and senior levels.

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

# Practice 4.6

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

Application	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	The Board, through the Nomination Committee, will review the suitability of an individual to be appointed on the Board taking into account the skills, expertise, background, experience and boardroom diversity (including gender, ethnicity and age). The decision as to who shall be nominated remains the responsibility of the full Board after considering the recommendations of the Nomination Committee.  In undertaking this responsibility, the Nomination Committee leverages on several sources to gain access to a wide pool of potential candidates. The responsibilities of the Nomination
	Committee in this regard are outlined in its Terms of Reference which is available Gamuda's corporate website at www.gamuda.com.my or for easy access, please scan the QR code below with a smartphone:
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	The Nomination Committee shall evaluate the candidates on the aspect of their: -
	skills, knowledge, expertise and experiences;
	<ul><li>professionalism;</li></ul>
	<ul><li>integrity; and</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>for position of independent non-executive director, the candidates' abilities to discharge such responsibilities/ functions independently as expected from the independent non-executive director;</li> </ul>

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# Practice 4.7

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Nomination Committee of the Company was established by the Board on 1 February 2002 comprising entirely Independent Directors, namely: -
	Chairman: YBhg Dato' Mohammed Hussein (Independent Non-Executive Chairman)
	Members: YM Tunku Afwida Tunku A.Malek (Independent Non-Executive Director)
	Puan Nazli Mohd Khir Johari (Independent Non-Executive Chairman)
	Hence, the Nomination Committee is chaired by an Independent Director namely, YBhg Dato' Mohammed Hussein.
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Stakeholders are able to form an opinion on the overall effectiveness of the board and individual directors.

# **Practice 5.1**

The board should undertake a formal and objective annual evaluation to determine the effectiveness of the board, its committees and each individual director. The board should disclose how the assessment was carried out and its outcome.

For Large Companies, the board engages independent experts periodically to facilitate objective and candid board evaluations.

Application :	Applied				
Explanation on application of the practice	During the financial year 2020, an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board as a whole and the Audit Committee were conducted internally. The evaluation process is led by the Nomination Committee's Chairman and supported by the Company Secretaries.				
	The evaluation results are considered by the Nomination Committee, which then make recommendations to the Board and are aimed at helping the Board to discharge duties and responsibilities. The evaluation is based of specific criteria, covering areas such as the Board composition and structure, principal responsibilities of the Board, the Board process and Board governance.				
	The 2019/2020 Evaluations of the Board's Performance and the 2019/2020 Audit Committee Self-Assessment have been structured to ensure a balanced and objective review by the Directors and the Audit Committee, respectively for the above key areas.				
	Following the two (2) evaluations, the Board concluded that the Board as a whole and its Board Committees have been effective in their overall discharge of its function and duties. The following-matters were highlighted during the course of the aforesaid evaluations: -				
	<ul> <li>Future Board candidate to have background in engineering, infrastructure development, construction or property development;</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Allow sufficient time for Board to review major investment proposals; and</li> </ul>				
	Need for a special Board meeting to discuss on the Group's broad strategy on an annual basis.				

The Board has also undertaken an annual assessment of the independence of its Independent Directors. The criteria for assessing the independence of an Independent Director were developed by the Nomination Committee with the support of the Company Secretaries which include the relationship between the Independent Director and the Company and his involvement in any significant transaction with the Company.

The aforesaid evaluations for the year 2019/2020 were conducted internally, facilitated by the Company Secretaries. The evaluations were conducted using questionnaires that were administered by the Company Secretaries which employ a self and peer rating assessment model. The Board, if it deems necessary, will engage independent consultant to facilitate the assessment process.

Retiring Directors who are seeking re-election are subjected to Directors' assessment overseen by the Nomination Committee. The Board, on the recommendation of the Nomination Committee, makes a determination as to whether it will endorse a retiring Director for re-election.

Upon the recommendation of the Nomination Committee, the Board has confirmed that the following Company Directors who are retiring pursuant to Clause 105 of the Constitution of the Company and standing for re-election at this year's 44<sup>th</sup> AGM continue to perform effectively and demonstrate commitment to their roles: -

- a. YBhg Dato' Mohammed Hussein;
- b. YTM Raja Dato' Seri Eleena Almarhum Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah Al-Maghfur-lah; and
- c. YBhg. Tan Sri Dato' Setia Haji Ambrin Buang.

As a policy, the Board itself would also assess, evaluate and determine the independence of an Independent Director when he is due for retirement and/or re-appointment at the annual general meeting of the Company.

The Board has established a policy that the mandatory retirement age of Directors shall be 75 years.

The Nomination Committee met two times during the financial year ended 31 July 2020 i.e. on 27 September 2019 and 20 June 2019, with full attendance 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 6.1

The board has in place policies and procedures to determine the remuneration of directors and senior management, which takes into account the demands, complexities and performance of the company as well as skills and experience required. The policies and procedures are periodically reviewed and made available on the company's website.

Application	•••	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	•••	The Board has in place a Remuneration Policy for Directors and Key Senior Management which is clear and transparent, designed to support and drive business strategy and long-term objectives of the Gamuda Group.
		In this regard, the Remuneration Committee is responsible to formulate and review the remuneration policies for the Directors and Key Senior Management of the Company to ensure the same remain competitive, appropriate, and in alignment with the prevalent market practices. The said policy was approved by the Board for adoption on 27 June 2018 and is available for reference on Gamuda's corporate website at www.gamuda.com.my or for easy access, please scan the QR code below with a smartphone:
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Remuneration policies and decisions are made through a transparent and independent process.

#### Practice 6.2

The board has a Remuneration Committee to implement its policies and procedures on remuneration including reviewing and recommending matters relating to the remuneration of board and senior management.

The Committee has written Terms of Reference which deals with its authority and duties and these Terms are disclosed on the company's website.

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Remuneration Committee was established by the Board on 1 February 2002 and comprises mainly Non-Executive Directors, namely: -
	Chairman: YBhg Dato' Mohammed Hussein (Independent Non-Executive Chairman)
	Members: YTM Raja Dato' Seri Eleena Almarhum Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah Al-Maghfur-lah (Non-Executive Director)
	YBhg Dato' Lin Yun Ling (Group Managing Director)
	The Remuneration Committee's main responsibility is to review and recommend to the Board the framework of Executive Directors' remuneration, in particular, the remuneration packages for the Executive Directors in all its forms, drawing from outside advice, where necessary and fees payable to the Non-Executive Directors.
	The Remuneration Committee aims to ensure that Directors' remuneration is competitive, motivates good performance and loyalty, and supports growth in shareholder value.
	The Remuneration Committee met one time during the financial year under review i.e. on 20 January 2020, with full attendance of its members. At this meeting, the Remuneration Committee undertook the following reviews of the remuneration packages prepared by the Human Resource Department: -

	The Group Managing Director's and Deputy Group Managing Director's remuneration;	
	The Non-Executive Directors' (include Independent Director) remuneration; and	
	3. Group Senior Management's remunerations.	
	The objective of the aforesaid reviews was to align the Executive Directors' remuneration packages with the remuneration of Executive Directors from peer companies in the same industries.	
	After due consideration on market trends together with the Company's performance and given market uncertainties, the Board on the recommendations of the Remuneration Committee has decided that:	
	the total remuneration of the Executive Directors remained unchanged except for a slight adjustment to the remuneration of one of the Directors;	
	<ul> <li>no salary increments and bonus were awarded for all Group senior management of the Company except for bonus payment to two senior management;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>the total remuneration (Directors' fee and meeting fee) of the Chairman and the NEDs (including Independent Directors) remain unchanged for the financial year ended 31 July 2020 since their remuneration was revised in financial years 2018 and 2019 respectively.</li> </ul>	
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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 7.1**

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Board aims to set remuneration at levels which are sufficient to attract and retain the Directors needed to run the Group successfully, taking into consideration all relevant factors including the function, workload and responsibilities involved.
	The performance of Directors is measured by the Directors' contribution and commitment to both the Board and the Group. The Executive Directors' and senior management's remuneration depend on the performance of the Group during the financial year, which is determined based on the individual Key Performance Indicator ("KPI") and aligned to the Division level performances. The KPIs comprise quantitative and qualitative targets. The quantitative targets included annual revenue, profit before tax, and EBITDA, and the qualitative targets included stakeholders' engagement, leveraging on technology and human capital development.
	The Remuneration Committee, whilst establishing the appropriate levels of the Directors' remuneration package for the financial year 2020, has considered the information in the salary survey of comparator listed companies provided from external sources and information from sources within the Company, taking into account external market data, conditions within the business and performance of the Group.
	The remuneration of Non-Executive Directors is approved by shareholders at the AGM of the Company, as prescribed by the Company's Constitution and the Companies Act 2016. The remuneration philosophy of Non-Executive Directors is to establish a remuneration structure that commensurate with the contribution and level of responsibilities undertaken by a particular Non-Executive Director.

Detailed information on named basis of the Directors' remuneration are disclosed under Note 6 of the Financial Statements section on page 233 of the Annual Report 2020 and is also illustrated below:

2020	Salaries, bonus and EPF RM'000	Fees RM'000	Other emoluments* RM'000	Total RM'000
Directors				
Executive:				
Y Bhg Dato' Lin Yun Ling	5,414	-	291	5,705
Y Bhg Dato' Ir. Ha Tiing Tai	3,063	-	247	3,310
Encik Mohammed Rashdan bin Mohd Yusof	3,740	-	175	3,915
Y Bhg Dato' Ubull a/l Din Om	654	-	119	773
	12,871	-	832	13,703
Non-executive:				
Y Bhg Dato' Mohammed bin Haji Che Hussein YTM Raja Dato' Seri Eleena binti Almarhum Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah	-	189	122	311
Al-Maghfur-lah	_	117	12	129
Y Bhg Tan Sri Dato' Setia Haji Ambrin bin Buang	-	117	12	129
YM Tunku Afwida binti Tunku A.Malek	-	149	31	180
Puan Nazli binti Mohd Khir Johari	-	144	26	170
	-	716	203	919

<sup>\*</sup> Included in other emoluments are allowances and benefits-in-kind.

The remuneration breakdown of the individual directors includes fees, salary, bonus, benefits in-kind and other emoluments.

Due to the unprecedented Movement Control Order ("MCO") followed by the Restricted MCO triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Group has implemented staff pay cuts, Employees Separation Scheme, digital transformation to reduce manpower, etc. In line with these measures, the Executive Directors, Group Senior Management and affected staff (based on salary range bracket) have given their consent to a salary reduction up to 30% with effect from May 2020 for Executive Directors & Group Senior Management and the rest in June 2020. To demonstrate support of the initiatives taken by the Company in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NEDs (including Independent Directors) have also voluntarily agreed to take a 10% reduction in their fees for the financial year under review.

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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 7.2

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice		Gamuda has adopted the Step Up to Practice 7.2. The detailed information on the Company's top five Group Senior Management on a named basis are disclosed under Practice 7.3 below.
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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 7.3 - Step Up

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

Application	:	Adopted				
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	Detailed information on the Senior Management on a na follows: -	-	-	-	-
		Group Senior Management Remuneration FYE 2020	Salaries, bonus and EPF RM'000	Fees RM'000	Other Emoluments RM'000	Total RM'000
		Y. Bhg. Dato' Goon Heng Wah     Y.Bhg. Dato' Haji Azmi Mat Nor     Mr. Ngan Chee Meng     Mr. Soo Kok Wong     Dato' Haji Abdul Sahak Safi	1,573 1,313 722 628 655 <b>4,891</b>	- - - - -	155 140 117 126 93 631	1,728 1,453 839 754 748 <b>5,522</b>

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 8.1
The Chairman of the Audit Committee is not the Chairman of the board.

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	The Audit Committee comprises <b>entirely</b> of Independent Directors.	
	The composition of the Audit Committee is also in line with Practice 8.1 of the MCCG i.e. the Audit Committee Chairman and the Board Chairman are held by different Independent Director of the Company.	
	The composition of the Audit Committee is now as follows:-	
	YM Tunku Afwida Tunku A. Malek     Chairperson	
	YBhg Dato' Mohammed Hussein     Member	
	Puan Nazli Mohd Khir Johari     Member	
	YM Tunku Afwida holds a Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree in Economics and Accountancy from City University London, UK; qualified as a Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and is a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants. The possession of sound financial understanding and experience equips the Chairman of the Audit Committee with the ability to lead discussions and deliberations and ultimately be satisfied that the end result fairly reflects the understanding of the Audit Committee. Her full profile can be viewed on page 49 of the Annual Report 2020.	
	The duties and responsibilities of the Chairman of the Audit Committee are outlined in the Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee, which is available on Gamuda's corporate website at www.gamuda.com.my or for easy access, please scan the QR code below with a smartphone:	

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#### **Practice 8.2**

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	As a measure to safeguard the independence and objectivity of the audit process, the Board through the Audit Committee has adopted an External Auditor Policy on 28 September 2017 which delegates the responsibility to assess the suitability, objectivity and independence of the external auditor to the Audit Committee.  A review of the said policy was carried out on 23 September 2020 by the Audit Committee to streamline the policy with the By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants ("MIA By-Laws").  Under the External Auditor Policy, a former key audit partner is required to observe a cooling-off period before he can be appointed as a member of the Audit Committee.  The External Auditor Policy is available on Gamuda's corporate website at www.gamuda.com.my or for easy access, please scan the QR code below with a smartphone:
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# **Practice 8.3**

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Audit Committee is responsible for assessing the capabilities and independence of the external auditor and to make subsequent recommendations to the Board on the appointment, re-appointment or termination of the external auditor.
	The effectiveness, performance and independence of the external auditor i.e. Ernst & Young PLT ("EY") is reviewed annually by the Audit Committee. The lead audit partner is required to rotate after a maximum of years specified in the By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants ("MIA By-Laws"). If it becomes necessary to replace the external auditor for performance or independence reasons, the responsibility for the selection, appointment and removal of the external auditor has been delegated to the Audit Committee by the Board pursuant to the aforesaid External Auditor Policy.
	EY has provided the required confirmation of their independence to the Audit Committee that they are and have been independent throughout the conduct of the audit engagement during the financial year ended 31 July 2020 in accordance with:
	MIA By-Laws; and
	<ul> <li>the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants' Independence requirements</li> </ul>
	The Audit Committee has on 18 June 2020 and 25 September 2020, reviewed the suitability and independence of EY and is satisfied that EY has met the relevant criteria prescribed under Paragraph 15.21 of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad's Main Market Listing Requirements. Thus, the Audit Committee has recommended that the Board endorses EY's re-appointment for the ensuing financial year and recommends that the shareholders of the Company approves EY's re-appointment at the 44 <sup>th</sup> AGM.

During the financial year, EY has attended four (4) out of the five (5) Audit Committee Meetings of the Company held to discuss their audit plan, audit findings and the financial statements. EY also briefed on their findings on the external quality assurance review ("QAR") conducted on the Internal Audit function during the financial year under review. The QAR was conducted upon the request of the Audit Committee. EY will highlight to the Board through the Audit Committee matters that require the Audit Committee's or the Board's attention together with the recommended corrective actions thereof. The Management of the Company is held responsible for ensuring that all these corrective actions are undertaken within an appropriate time frame. The Audit Committee also meets EY without the presence of the Executive Directors and Management as this allows for free and honest exchange of views and opinions on matters related to external auditors' audit and their findings. For this purpose, the Audit Committee and the external auditors met twice (September 2019 and June 2020) during the financial year under review. The Audit Committee has considered the provision of the non-audit services by EY during the financial year under review and concluded that the provision of these services did not compromise their independence and objectivity. The total amount of audit fees paid/payable to the external auditors is RM1,478,000/- (2019 : RM1,541,000.00). The non-audit fees incurred for services rendered to the Group by the external auditors and its affiliates for the financial year ended 31 July 2020 was RM1,079,000 (2019 : RM146,000.00). The non-audit fees are mainly in relation to the provision of the following services: -Company taxation services and tax advisory; sustainability reporting services; and advisory services on proposed sale of toll highways. **Explanation for** departure Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below. Measure Timeframe

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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# Practice 8.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The <b>entire</b> Audit Committee members are Independent Directors, namely: -
process		YM Tunku Afwida Tunku A. Malek     Chairperson / <b>Independent</b> Non-Executive Director
		YBhg Dato' Mohammed Hussein     Member / <b>Independent</b> Non-Executive Chairman
		3. Puan Nazli Mohd Khir Johari Member / Independent Non-Executive Director

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

#### **Practice 8.5**

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

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	As reiterated in Practice 8.4, the Audit Committee comprises entirely of Independent Directors.  Collectively, the Audit Committee possesses a wide range
	of necessary skills to discharge its duties.
	All members of the Audit Committee are financially literate, whilst the Chairperson of the Audit Committee is a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accounts, and thus, fulfilling paragraph 15.09(1)(c) of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, which calls for one member of the audit committee to be a member of a professional accountancy body. The biographical particulars of the Audit Committee members are set out in the Profile of Board of Directors section (pages 44 to 52) of this Annual Report.
	All members of the Audit Committee have undertaken continuous professional development to keep themselves abreast of relevant developments in accounting and auditing standards, practices and rules.
	During the reporting year, the Audit Committee members has attended numerous training courses, the details of their training are as set out on page 141 of the Annual Report 2020 which can be easily access by scanning the QR code below with a smartphone:

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	During the Audit Committee Meetings, the members were briefed by the external auditors, Ernst & Young PLT on the following key areas: -					
	Financial Reporting developments;					
	Adoption of Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards and					
	Other changes in regulatory environment.					
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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 9.1**

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

Application :	Applied				
Explanation on application of the practice	The Board is satisfied that risk management policies and procedures designed and implemented by the Management of the Company through the Risk Management Committee is prudent in ensuring that an effective internal control and risk management systems are in place to enable risk to be assessed and managed.				
	The Risk Management Committee's focus is on the Group's key operational risks and policy issues that could have an impact on the Group's viability and sustainability. The work of this Committee forms an important part of the Group's control function. Significant risks faced by the businesses are identified and evaluated based on the likelihood and potential impact of each risk and where necessary, actions to mitigate the risks were also identified.				
	In addition to the regular monthly and quarterly management reviews of projects and business operations, an Independent Director and Executive Directors, together with the divisional managing directors and relevant Group functional heads meet at least once a year as the Risk Management Committee under the chairmanship of the Group Managing Director.				
	The Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control of the Group which provides an overview of the state of internal control within the Group, is set out on pages 142 to 143 of the Annual Report 2020 which can be easily access by scanning the QR code below with a smartphone:				

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# **Practice 9.2**

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Statement of Risk Management and Internal Control is set out on pages 142 to 143 of the Annual Report 2020 which can be easily access by scanning the QR code below with a smartphone:
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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 9.3 - Step Up

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

Application	: Not Adopted					
Explanation on adoption of the	However, the Board has established a Risk Management Committee which is chaired by the Group Managing Director and comprises the following members: -					
practice	YBhg Dato' Lin Yun Ling Chairman/Group Managing Director  YM Tunku Afwida binti Tunku A.Malek Member/Independent Non-Executive Director					
	72 YBhg Dato' Ir Ha Tiing Tai Member/Deputy Group Managing Director  76 Mr Saw Wah Theng Member/ Group Executive Director					
	VBhg Dato' Haji Azmi bin Mat Nor Member/Executive Director, Head of Infrastructure Concessions  VBhg Dato' Chow Chee Wah Member/Chairman, Property Development					
	YBhg Dato' Goon Heng Wah Member/ Group Executive Director  Wember/Managing Director Engineering and Construction					
	The Chairperson of the Audit Committee namely, YM Tunku Afwida Tunku A.Malek is a member of the Risk Management Committee.					
	As a step up on overall responsibility for risk oversight, the Boa will continue to assess whether this oversight is to be carried of either by the full Board or through delegation to one or mostanding committees comprising majority of independent directors.					

The Risk Management Committee ("RMC") Report of the
Company which provides an overview of the RMC's terms
of reference, risk management framework and risk identification,
evaluation and ranking is set out on pages 144 to 145 of the
Annual Report 2020.

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

# Practice 10.1

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

Application :	Applied			
Explanation on application of the practice	The Internal Audit function of the Company is performed by an in-house Internal Audit Department ("IAD"), which reports directly to the Audit Committee and maintain its impartiality, proficiency, and due professional care.  On the request of the Audit Committee, an external quality assurance review ("QAR") was conducted on the Internal Audit function by Ernst & Young ("EY") during the financial year under review.  The role and functions of the IAD including the audit scope and audit coverage are detailed in the Statement of Internal Audit set out on page 147 of the Annual Report 2020 which is easily access by scanning the QR code below with a smartphone:			
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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 10.2

The board should disclose-

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

Application	Applied				
Explanation on application of the practice	As disclosed in Practice 10.1, EY was engaged to conduct a QAR and from the QAR conducted, no issues were raised by EY on the independence and objectivity of the Internal Audit Department ('IAD") personnel.				
	The Head of IAD will assist the Audit Committee in ensuring that the internal audit personnel are free from any family relationship with any Directors and/or major shareholders and that they do not have any conflict of interest with the Group. The Head of IAD's performance review is submitted to the Audit Committee on an annual basis.				
	Among the key enhancement areas arising from the QAF are as follows: -				
	Increase the use of audit tools for audits and data analysis;				
	<ul> <li>Implement job rotation between IAD and business units and vice versa as an option to enhance operational knowledge.</li> </ul>				
	The Internal Audit Charter defines the authority, duties and responsibilities of IAD. IAD is also guided by the internal policies and procedures as well as the Professional Practices Framework and the Internal Control Framework of the Committee of Sponsoring Organisation of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in assessing and reporting on the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control, governance and risk management processes.				

Explanation for : departure				
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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 11.1**

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

Application :	Applied	Applied				
Explanation : on application of the practice	on application identified as groups that have a significant impact on, and keen					s regular uda listed that they agements stainability
	Stakeholders	Type of Engagement	Frequency of Engagement	Area of Interest	Outcomes	Addressed by Material Sustainability Matters
	Customers	Social media     Newsletter     Circulars and email     SnagR/FieldView     Gamuda Land mobile application     Customer portal     Events and campaigns     Loyalty programme	Weekly     Quarterly     As needed     As needed     Ongoing     Ongoing     Ongoing     Ongoing     Ongoing	Product quality Customer service and experience Product/services Safety and health Smart and sustainable cities	Understand the Group's aspiration and current policies on sustainability, especially on delivering quality product/services	Customer Satisfaction Customer Privacy Marketing and Labelling Stakeholder and Community Relations
	Employees	Town hall Meetings SHE committee meetings Irainings and workshops Focus group discussions Surveys Internal communications Newsletter Workplace by Facebook	As needed	Company direction and performance Career development and training opportunities Workplace safety and health Well-being of employees Effective communication between employees Fair and competitive remuneration practices Work-life balance Climate action	Good understanding of the Group's sustainability direction and efforts, that include updated policies and plans.     Being part of management's forward-looking ideation process.	Safety and Health     Employee Management     Governance     Economic Performance
	Suppliers and Contractors	E-procurement system     Supplier training     programmes     Supplier evaluation     Email	Ongoing As needed  Annual/ Biennial As needed	Transparency in procurement processes Knowledge sharing and capacity building Implementation of e-Procurement (SAP Ariba and BuildSpace)	Improve awareness on Group's sustainability direction and commitment while understanding the policies, culture and values	Supply Chain Management     Governance

	Stakeholders	Type of Engagement	Frequency of Engagement	Area of Interest	Outcomes	Addressed by Material Sustainability Matters
	Local Community	Community development programmes Info centres for MRT Putrajaya Line Company website and social media Collaboration with partners for community development Events and roadshows	Ongoing	Community development and support Quality, safety, health and environment (QSHE) Communication on our development plans and projects	Strengthening the relationship with communities where businesses are present while making a meaningful impact on the societies	Stakeholder and Community Relations Safety and Health Biodiversity Governance
	Shareholders and Investors	In-house, one-to-one and small group meetings with stakeholders Annual General Meeting (AGM) Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of Shareholders Financial results announcements Dialogue/teleconference between the Group and investors Non-Deal Roadshows Plan visits/business showcase	Continuous     Annually     As needed     Quarterly     Continuous      As needed     Annually	Operational and financial performance     Shareholder returns     Business strategy, risk management and corporate governance     Sustainability performance	Strengthening relationships with shareholders and investors, and improve corporate credibility	Economic     Performance     Governance
	Regulators	Industry workshops     Meetings and consultations     Reporting     Inspections     Collaboration and partnerships     Events	Ongoing	Regulatory compliance Improving construction sector productivity National Housing Policy Climate action Smart and sustainable cities Community development and support	Ensure strong compliance with regulations through regular reporting and communication with regulators	Climate Action Biodiversity Safety and Health Effluents and Waste Governance Water Management Land Remediation, Contamination and Degradation
	The above illustrations are set out on pages 72 to 73 of th Annual Report 2020 which can be easily access by scanning th QR code below with a smartphone:					
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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 11.2

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

Application :	Applied		
Explanation on application of the practice	The Annual Report 2020 has made progress in applying some of the content elements and guiding principles of the IIRC's Integrated Reporting Framework. Based on the Group's unique business model, the Board has provided a clear and concise articulation of the Group's long-term business value and stewardship to enable capital providers and other key stakeholders to make decisions.  This is also the first year the Group's Sustainability Report (SR) has been prepared in accordance with the GRI standards [where applicable] that focuses on its material matters, reflecting its most significant sustainability impacts. We have also made an effort to indicate where information is relevant to action on the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The 2020 Sustainability Report is assured by EY.  The Board is aware of proliferation of conflicting frameworks, the lack of comparability and consistency for investing analysts. While the lack of data is one problem, the growing challenge is how best to validate and interpret the data being produced.  The Board is committed in communicating value creation in		
	a transparent method as a key element in the Group' effectiveness in corporate governance practices.		
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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 12.1

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	The Board seeks to encourage shareholders attendance and active participation at its annual general meeting ("AGM") to raise any pertinent issues. The Chairman of the Audit, Remuneration and Nomination Committees, together with other Directors will attend the AGM to interact with the Company shareholders.
	The notice for AGM outlines the resolutions to be tabled during the AGM and is accompanied with detailed explanatory notes and background information where applicable to shed clarity on matters that will be decided at the AGM.
	Given the significance of AGM, it is essential for the notice of AGM to be provided to shareholders in a timely manner to accord them with sufficient time to consider the resolutions that will be discussed and decided at the AGM.
	In this regard, more than 21 days' notice has always been given for AGMs every year. For this year's 44 <sup>th</sup> AGM scheduled for 8 December 2020, the Notice is issued on 9 November 2020. The notification of the publication of the Annual Report 2020 and the Notice of 44 <sup>th</sup> AGM are published on the Company's website and on Bursa Malaysia's website respectively. For easy access to the Company's website, please scan the QR code below with a smartphone: -
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		o advertised in at least one vspaper and in writing to Bursa	
	Act 2016 and paragraph Requirements by Bursa Mala	Section 316(2) of Companies 7.15 of Main Market Listing aysia Securities Berhad which riod for public companies or	
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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 12.2

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Board acknowledges its responsibility as steward of the Company to continuously engage with shareholders and provide meaningful responses to their questions since shareholders regards general meetings as one of the available avenues for them to communicate directly with the Board.
	The AGM was scheduled well in advance to encourage full attendance of the Board i.e. before commencement of each new calendar year to facilitate booking of Directors' schedule. All members of the Board were present at the 43 <sup>rd</sup> AGM to respond to the questions raised by the shareholders or proxies.
	Besides presenting the Group's operation review and business outlook of the core businesses to the shareholders, the Deputy Group Managing Director also presented the Company's responses to the questions raised by the Minority Shareholders Watch Group. A "Question & Answer" ("Q&A") session is always allocated before the laying of the Audited Financial Statements of the Company and of the Group at the AGM.
	During the Q&A session, there are active Directors' participation at the AGM since questions raised were answered collectively by the Board according to their areas of responsibilities, as follows: -
	Operational matters are answered by the Group Managing Director and/or the Deputy Group Managing Director.
	Financial matters are answered by the Deputy     Managing Director and the Group Executive Director.
	Corporate governance matters are handled by the Chairman.

The Chairman of the Nomination and Remuneration Committees namely, YBhg. Dato' Mohammed Hussein and the Chairperson of the Audit Committee namely, YM Tunku Afwida Tunku A. Malek, were present at the 43<sup>rd</sup> AGM. Before attendance of external auditors was made mandatory by the Companies Act 2016, the Company has always ensured that the partner of the Company's external auditor is present at every AGM to answer relevant questions raised by the Company shareholders on the audit process. The minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> AGM (including the list of attendance of Directors, the pertinent questions raised by shareholders and the respective responses, and outcome of the voting results) were made available to the shareholders and public for reference at the Company's website. For easy access to the Company's website, please scan the QR code below with a smartphone: -**Explanation for** departure Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below. Measure Timeframe

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

#### Practice 12.3

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

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

Application :	Departure
Explanation on : application of the practice	
Explanation for : departure	The 43 <sup>rd</sup> AGM of the Company was held physically at Kota Permai Golf & Country Club, No. 1, Jalan 31/100A, Kota Kemuning, Section 31, 40460 Shah Alam on 5 December 2019.
	The Company's shares are currently held by about 16,961 central depository system (CDS) account holders, of which about 20% shares are held by foreigners.
	To encourage greater shareholders participation at AGM, the Board has ensured the following: -
	<ul> <li>venue or location of the AGM is easily accessible and is able to cater to the comfort and the welfare of the shareholders;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>the venue has also remained unchanged for more than 20 years, i.e. held at Kota Permai Golf &amp; Country Club which is located in the Klang Valley and is accessible by shareholders;</li> </ul>
	the venue has sufficient parking space and is free; and
	AGM is usually scheduled in the first two weeks of December every year which is not a peak AGM season.
	A shareholder of the Company can vote in person or appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote on his/her behalf.
	The Company utilises an electronic voting system using either handheld devices or mobile application to expedite poll voting and facilitate the tabulation process in a seamless manner. From the past two years' AGM, polling results were announced within 15 minutes after the voting was conducted.

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Measure	In view of the Covid-19 pandemic and as part of the Company's precautionary measures, the Company will leverage on technology by holding a fully virtual AGM i.e. through live streaming and using Remote Participation and Voting Facilities to enhance the quality of engagement with its shareholders and facilitate further participation by shareholders at the forthcoming 44th AGM.			
Timeframe	: 44 <sup>th</sup> AGM 8 December 2020			

# SECTION B - DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES PURSUANT TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA

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