CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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COMPANY NAME: Eco World Development Group Berhad

FINANCIAL YEAR : October 31, 2018

OUTLINE:

SECTION A – DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCEDisclosures in this section are pursuant to Paragraph 15.25 of Bursa Malaysia Listing Requirements.

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

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

SECTION A - DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.1

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

| Application | : | Applied | |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | : | The board of Directors ("the Board") is collectively responsible for the proper stewardship of the Group's business and ensuring the long term success of the Group as well as the delivery of sustainable value to it stakeholders by setting goals, policies and targets within a framewoof prudent and effective controls which enables risk to be assessed armanaged. | |
| | | The Board is guided by its Board Charter ("Board Charter") which outlines the duties and responsibilities of the Board, and matters specifically reserved for the Board as well as to be delegated to Board Committees, the President/Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Management. | |
| | | The Board is assisted by 3 Board Committees, namely, the Audit Committee ("the AC"), Nomination Committee ("the NC") and the Remuneration Committee ("the RC"). | |
| | | The Board assumes, amongst others, the following principal roles and responsibilities in discharging its leadership function and fiduciary duties: | |
| | | (a) Reviewing and adopting a strategic plan | |
| | | The Board plays an active role in the formulation and development of the Group's strategy and monitoring its performance and implementation. | |
| | | Before the end of each financial year, the Board meets with Management to discuss the economic outlook as well as the Group's annual business plan and strategy for the ensuing financial year. The annual business plan sets out the Group's objectives which include performance targets and long-term goals of the business. | |

A Board meeting was held on 11 October 2018 where Management presented the Group's proposed business plan for FY2019. The Board was briefed on the economic outlook and its potential impact on Malaysia and on the Group as well as the proposed Group Business Plan & Strategy for FY2019 together with the Group's budgeted financials, liquidity, cash flows, net debt/equity ratios, capital expenditure and manpower requirements.

At this meeting, the Board discussed at length Management's views and assumptions underlying the business plan and finalised the goals and strategies to be adopted and ensured that the necessary resources would be in place for the Group to meet its objectives. After deliberations, the Board approved the proposed Group Business Plan & Strategy for FY2019.

A formal schedule of matters reserved for the Board is set out in the Board Charter to ensure that the direction and control of the Group are in the hands of the Board.

(b) Monitoring the conduct of business

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

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

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

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

Details of the Company's internal control and risk management systems are set out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control from page 69 through page 75 of the Annual Report 2018.

(d) Reviewing and adopting a strategic plan which supports longterm value creation and business sustainability

The Board is aware of the importance of business sustainability and ensures that sustainability is embedded in the development of the Group's strategies, taking into account the economic, environmental, social, cultural and governance aspects of business operations. These strategies seek to balance the needs and expectations of the various stakeholders such as customers, shareholders, regulators, bankers, joint venture partners and the communities in which the Group operates.

The Board approved the establishment of a Sustainability Committee in FY2017 to formally reinforce the practice of business sustainability within the Group.

(e) Succession planning

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

Matters on the remuneration of Directors and Senior Management are delegated to the RC.

A summary of the activities of the NC and the RC during the financial year under review is set out in the NC Report and RC Report on pages 64 and 66 of the Annual Report 2018.

(f) <u>Ensuring effective communication with stakeholders</u>

The Board maintains transparent and regular communication with stakeholders to facilitate understanding of each other's objectives and expectations.

The Group adopts a policy of comprehensive, timely and continuing disclosure of information to stakeholders via effective communication channels. The Investor Relations Department plays a critical role in facilitating investor-related activities to enable communication of the business and strategic direction of the Group.

An Investor Relations section is available on the Company's website www.ecoworld.my to provide relevant information and materials on the Group, such as annual reports, corporate presentations and quarterly financial results for easy accessibility by the public. The Board also views shareholders' general meetings as ideal opportunities for the CEO to brief shareholders on the Group's projects and developments.

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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.

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| Explanation on application of the practice | : | As Chairman of the board, Tan Sri Dato' Sri Liew Kee Sin (" Tan Sri Liew ") assumes a leadership role on the Board. Tan Sri Liew was appointed Chairman of the Board on 20 March 2015. | |
| | | As can be seen from his profile set out on page 37 of the Annual Report 2018, Tan Sri Liew has had a successful career as a respected property developer for over 32 years. His years of experience has enabled him to provide valuable guidance to the other members of the Board as well as Management. | |
| | | Tan Sri Liew is a strong believer of good corporate governance. He works hand-in-hand with our founder, Tan Sri Abdul Rashid Bin Abdul Manaf ("Tan Sri Rashid") to set the correct tone from the top and guides Management in establishing and monitoring good corporate governance practices within the Group. As Chairman, he sets the board agenda and ensures that Board members receive complete and accurate information in a timely manner to enable robust and informed discussions to take place during Board meetings. Given his vast experience in the property sector he is able to provide effective leadership for the Board to work constructively with Management to formulate strategies as well as address business operations, financial performance and risk management issues. He also sets the direction for the Group to provide effective, transparent and regular communication with stakeholders and ensures that their views are communicated to the Board as a whole. | |
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Practice 1.3The positions of Chairman and CEO are held by different individuals.

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| Explanation on : application of the | The position of Chairman of the Board is held by Tan Sri Liew. | |
| practice | The position of CEO is held by Dato' Chang Khim Wah (" Dato' Chang "). Dato' Chang was appointed as CEO on 12 December 2013. | |
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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.

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| Explanation on | : | The Company has appointed 2 Company Secretaries namely Ms. Chua | |
| application of the | • | Siew Chuan (" Ms. Chua ") and Ms. Mak Chooi Peng (" Ms. Mak "). Both | |
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| practice | | Company Secretaries are qualified Chartered Secretaries under Section | |
| | | 235(2) of the Companies Act 2016. Ms. Chua is a Fellow while Ms. Mak | |
| | | is an Associate member of the Malaysian Institute of Chartered | |
| | | Secretaries and Administrators ("MAICSA"). | |
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| | | Ms. Chua has more than 35 years of experience in corporate secretarial | |
| | | practice, with working knowledge across a diverse range of industries | |
| | | while Ms. Mak has more than 25 years of experience in handling | |
| | | secretarial matters, also with working knowledge of various industries | |
| | | and government services. They currently act as Company Secretaries of | |
| | | several other companies listed on Bursa Malaysia. | |
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| | | By virtue of their experience, the Company Secretaries have been able | |
| | | to competently provide sound advice to the Board on matters relating | |
| | | to the powers, roles and responsibilities of Directors, compliance with | |
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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.

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| Explanation on : application of the practice | An annual calendar of Board meetings, AC meetings and the Annual General Meeting is circulated in advance of each new year in order to facilitate planning by the Directors. Notices of meetings are circulated at least 7 clear days prior to the date of Board meetings. Board papers are circulated at least 5 clear days prior to the date of Board meetings, except for those comprising financial statements which are circulated at least 4 clear days prior to the date of Board meetings. Draft minutes of Board and AC meetings are circulated within one month from the meeting dates for comments. Action items identified during Board and AC meetings are highlighted for follow-up action by Management. | |
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There is demarcation of responsibilities between the board, board committees and management.

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

Practice 2.1

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

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

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| Explanation on application of the practice | The Board is guided by the Board Charter which clearly defines the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board, Board committees, individual Directors and Management as well as matters reserved for the Board. The Board Charter was last reviewed and revised on 20 September 2018 | |
| | align with the practices recommended in rporate Governance ("the MCCG") and the Main Market Listing Requirements of I rhad ("Bursa Malaysia") ("Listing Requirements of Board Charter is available on the ww.ecoworld.my | ne amended provisions in Bursa Malaysia Securities nents"). |
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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.

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| Explanation on application of the practice | The Board together with Senior Management oversees the Group's adherence to high standards of ethics and corporate behaviour. To this end, the Board has established a policy to guide Directors and employees that engenders integrity, transparency and fairness. The Directors' Code of Conduct and Ethics ("the Code for Directors") and the Code of Conduct and Business Ethics for employees ("the Code for Employees") have been in place since 2014. The Board last reviewed | |
| | and amended the Code for Directors at its meeting held on 20 September 2018 to incorporate the latest practices fostered by the MCCG. | |
| | The Code for Directors, which is annexed to the Board Charter, and the Code for Employees are available on the Company's website at www.ecoworld.my | |
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Practice 3.2

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

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| Explanation on application of the practice | : | The Board established and implemented a Whistle Blowing Policy on 16 March 2017 to enhance corporate governance practices across the Group. | |
| | | Reports of any misconduct must be made in writing using the prescribed Whistleblower Reporting Form. All written reports should be sent directly either by hand to the Company's registered office or by email to the dedicated whistleblowing email address at whistleblow.new.gov/mbc/mbc before it is being channelled to the Whistleblowing Committee ("WBC") for investigation. All reports and information provided are treated as confidential. | |
| | | The WBC assists the Board to investigate reports of misconduct received on an independent and confidential basis. Upon completion of each investigation, WBC updates the Board on the action taken. | |
| | | The Whistleblowing Policy is available on the Company's website at www.ecoworld.my . | |
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 4.1

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

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| Explanation on application of the practice | : | |
| Explanation for departure | : | At 26 April 2017, the date on which the MCCG came into effect, the Board comprised 12 Directors, of whom 4 were Independent Directors. Following the retirement of Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye (who was a Non-independent Director) at the annual general meeting held on 28 March 2018, the Board took the opportunity to appoint an Independent Director, Madam Low Mei Ling, as his replacement. The Board now comprises 12 Directors, of which 5 are Independent Directors. From a practical point of view, Practice 4.1 is not a practice that may be easily implemented within a short time. The Board considers its current size of 12 to be optimum. Without increasing the current Board size, the Board is required to replace 2 existing Non-independent Directors with Independent Directors in order to meet the requirement of Practice 4.1. The Board values the contributions of all its Non-independent Directors as much as those of its Independent Directors, and would be |
| | | constrained to lose the services of 2 out of the 3 Non-independent Directors if they were to be replaced. Additionally, highly competent persons have to be readily available for appointment as replacement Independent Directors. The implementation of Practice 4.1 is also complicated by the need to replace 2 male Directors with female Directors under Practice 4.5. The Board needs to be satisfied that upon complying with Practice 4.1, the Board as a whole would be an improved Board in all material respects. Please provide an alternative practice and explain how the alternative practice meets the intended outcome. |

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| Measure | : | The Board through the NC will continuously monitor the current situation by: 1. searching for suitable and well qualified candidates to join the Board as Independent Directors. 2. rigorously evaluating the performance of the Independent Directors to ensure that they continue to be effective in spite of being in the minority. | |
| Timeframe | : | Others | By FY2021 |

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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 |
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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 | : | |

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

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.

| Application | : | Applied | | | |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | : | The Board has formalised and adopted a Board Diversity Policy on 14 December 2017 which sets out the approach to diversity on the Board that comprises talented and dedicated Directors with a diverse mix of skills, expertise, experience, gender, age and independence. The diversity collectively represented on the Board should reflect the diverse nature of the business environment in which the Group operates. The Board Diversity Policy is available on the Company's website at www.ecoworld.my . | | | |
| | | The Board has delegated to the NC the responsibility for assessing candidates for appointment to the Board and making recommendations to the Board on the appropriate Board size and composition with the ultimate decision being made by the Board as a whole. | | | |
| | | In assessing candidates for Senior Management positions, the Board and the NC take into account the challenges and opportunities facing the Group, the leadership needs of the Group and the candidate's technical capabilities, experience and professional qualifications and potential for appointment to the Board in future. The Group ensures women candidates are sought and considered as part of the recruitment exercise. Presently women make up 47% of the Senior Management team. | | | |
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Practice 4.5

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.

| Application | : | Departure |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | : | |
| Explanation for departure | : | At 26 April 2017, the date on which the MCCG came into effect, the Board comprised 12 Directors, of whom 1 was a woman. |
| | | Following the retirement of Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye at the annual general meeting held on 28 March 2018, the Board took the opportunity to appoint Madam Low Mei Ling as his replacement. |
| | | The Board now comprises 12 Directors, of which 2 are women. |
| | | In order to meet the 30% requirement under Practice 4.5, the Board is required to replace 2 male directors with female directors, assuming the Board is to be maintained at its optimum size of 12. The Board finds that from a practical point of view, Practice 4.5 cannot be easily implemented within a short period of time. The implementation of Practice 4.5 is also complicated by the need to replace 2 Non-independent Directors with Independent Directors under Practice 4.1. |
| | | Notwithstanding the above, the Board believes in the benefits of gender diversity within the Group. This is evident from the fact that currently 47% of the Senior Management team comprises women. |
| | | The Board has formalised and adopted a Board Diversity Policy on 14 December 2017 which sets out the approach to diversity on the Board that comprises talented and dedicated Directors with diverse mix of skills, expertise, experience, gender, age and independence. The Board Diversity Policy is available on the Company's website at www.ecoworld.my . |
| | | Please provide an alternative practice and explain how the alternative practice meets the intended outcome. |
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| Measure | : | The Board through the NC, will continue to search for suitable and well qualified women candidates to join the Board. |

| Timeframe | : | Others | By FY2021 | |
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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.

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| Explanation on application of the practice | •• | Although Madam Low Mei Ling was recommended for appointment by existing Board members, the NC does utilise multiple channels such as major shareholders, independent consultants as well as external organisations such as Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia (ICDM) to identify suitably qualified candidates. |
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Practice 4.7

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

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| Explanation on application of the practice | : The NC is chaired by Dato' Idrose Bin Mohamed who is an Independent Director. |
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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 | | |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | : | The NC carries out an annual assessment and evaluation of the Board as a whole, the Board Committees, the Chairman of the Board, Independent Directors and individual Directors. | | |
| | | The assessment and evaluation are carried out by way of self- and peer-evaluation through the completion of questionnaires on a confidential basis. The questionnaires, drafted by the NC with the assistance of the Company Secretaries, are updated annually to continuously engage the Directors' perspectives on fresh and relevant areas and to ensure that they continue to be pertinent to the requirements of the Board and the Group. | | |
| | | The following 4 evaluation forms are used: | | |
| | | (i) Independent Director's Self-Assessment Checklist; (ii) Director's Self Performance Evaluation; (iii) Board and Board Committees Performance Evaluation; and (iv) Evaluation of the Audit Committee. | | |
| | | The Board and Board Committees were assessed as a whole, while Directors were assessed individually. A scoring mechanism was used to provide respondents with context. Some responses are anonymised where appropriate. | | |
| | | The criteria for Director's self-performance covers areas such as contributions to matters discussed, roles and responsibilities and overall quality of input to Board effectiveness. | | |
| | | For Board and Board Committee assessments, the criteria cover structure and operations, their roles and responsibilities, succession planning and Board governance. | | |
| | | Independent Directors are assessed based on their relationship with the Group and whether they have been involved in any significant transactions with the Group. In assessing their independence, the Board considers the individual Independent Directors' ability to exercise | | |

| | independent judgement at all times and based on the criteria set out in the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia. The evaluation results were presented to the Board on 24 January 2019 During the aforesaid Board meeting, the Board reviewed the evaluation results and concluded that: The Board was satisfied with the level of independence demonstrated by the Independent Directors and their ability to provide unbiased, impartial and objective opinions during | | | |
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| | meetings and to act in the best interest of the Group. All Directors were of the view that each of them had performed their respective roles and functions effectively and responsibly. The Directors were satisfied with the performance of the Board as a whole. | | | |
| | Each Director was satisfied with each other's contribution in terms of sharing their insights and actively participating in Board and Board Committee discussions. All the Board Committees have discharged their roles and responsibilities as per their terms of reference. The Board is generally satisfied with its current size, composition as well as the mix of skill sets. | | | |
| | The Board will adopt the recommendation to appoint independent experts periodically to facilitate objective and candid board evaluations. | | | |
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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.

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| Explanation on application of the practice | The Board has in place a Directors' Remuneration Policy and a C-Suite Remuneration Policy for Senior Management personnel who are in the C-Suite category. The objective of these remuneration policies is to set the appropriate | | |
| | levels of remuneration that allows the Group to attract and retain talented and well-qualified people in line with the Group's long-term business strategies. Both the remuneration policies are periodically reviewed by the RC to ensure their effectiveness and continued relevance. | | |
| | The Directors' Remuneration Policy and the C-Suite Remuneration Policy are available on the Company's website at www.ecoworld.my . | | |
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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 | |
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| Explanation on : application of the practice | The Board has a RC to assist on matters relating to the remuneration of Directors and Senior Management personnel in the C-Suite category. The RC is charged with the duties for developing, establishing and implementing competitive remuneration policies and packages for Directors and C-Suite Management personnel. The composition and activities of the RC during the year under review are set out in the RC report on page 66 of the Annual Report 2018. The RC has written Terms of Reference ("TOR") to set out the authority, roles and responsibilities of the RC. The TOR was last reviewed and revised on 17 January 2018 by the RC to align with the practices recommended in the MCCG. It was thereafter approved by the Board at its meeting held on 25 January 2018. The TOR of the RC are available on the Company's website at www.ecoworld.my . | |
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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.

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| Explanation : | The details of the Directors | s' remunerat | ion receive | ed for FY2018 ar | e set out as | below: |
| on application of the practice | NAME | SALARY AND BONUS (RM) | FEES (RM) | ALLOWANCE (RM) | BENEFITS IN KIND (RM) | TOTAL (RM) |
| | Executive Directors ¹ | | | | | |
| | Dato' Chang Khim Wah | 3,989,662 | _ | 207,085 | 204,461 | 4,401,208 |
| | Dato' Voon Tin Yow | 8,106,260 | _ | 304,536 | 501,625 | 8,912,421 |
| | Datuk Heah Kok Boon | 1,717,424 | _ | 123,476 | 25,880 | 1,866,780 |
| | Liew Tian Xiong | 698,285 | - | 69,678 | - | 767,963 |
| | Non-Executive Directors ² Tan Sri Abdul Rashid Bin | | | | | |
| | Abdul Manaf Tan Sri Dato' Sri Liew | | 247,170 | 90,000 | 80,812 | 417,982 |
| | Kee Sin | | 247,170 | 95,000 | 3,255,247 | 3,597,417 |
| | Dato' Leong Kok Wah | | 247,170 | 95,000 | 128,231 | 470,401 |
| | Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye ³ | | 247,170 | 70,000 | - | 317,170 |
| | Tang Kin Kheong Dato' Idrose Bin | | 327,170 | 165,000 | - | 492,170 |
| | Mohamed Dato' Haji Obet Bin | | 247,170 | 165,000 | - | 412,170 |
| | Tawil Dato' Noor Farida Binti | | 247,170 | 145,000 | - | 392,170 |
| | Mohd Ariffin | | 247,170 | 155,000 | - | 402,170 |
| | Low Mei Ling ⁴ | | - | 30,000 | - | 30,000 |
| | Note: ¹ Paid by certain subsidiaries ² Paid by the Company ³ Retired on 28 March 2018 ⁴ Appointed on 29 March 2018 | | | | | |

| Explanation : for departure | | | | | |
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| Measure : | | | | | |
| Timeframe : | | | | | |

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 | : | The remuneration of top Senior Management personnel received for FY2018 in bands of RM50,000 are set out as below: | | |
| | | Total Remuneration In Bands of RM50,000 | Name | |
| | | RM1,800,001 to RM1,850,000 | Phan Yan Chan | |
| | | RM1,750,001 to RM1,800,000 | Dato' Sundarajoo A/L Somu Datuk Hoe Mee Ling | |
| | | RM1,200,001 to RM1,250,000 | Ho Kwee Hong | |
| | | RM1,150,001 to RM1,200,000 | Yap Yoke Ching | |
| | | RM1,100,001 to RM1,150,000 | Low Thiam Chin | |
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| Explanation for departure | : | | | |
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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 7.3 - 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 | : | |

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 |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | • | The Chairman of the AC is Mr. Tang Kin Kheong, who is not the Chairman of the Board. |
| Explanation for departure | •• | |
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| to complete the columns | be | elow. |
| Measure | • | |
| Timeframe | •• | |

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 8.2

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

| Application : | Applied | |
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| Explanation on : application of the practice | The AC has a policy that requires a former key audit partner to observe a cooling-off period of at least 2 years before being appointed as a member of the AC. This policy is included in the TOR of the AC which is available on the Company's website at www.ecoworld.my . | |
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| Explanation for : departure | | |
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| to complete the columns i | | |
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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 8.3

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

| Application | Applied | |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | It is the duty of the AC to annually assess the suitability, objectivity and independence of the external auditors, as set out in its TOR which is available on the Company's website www.ecoworld.my . During its meeting held on 13 November 2018, the AC formally assessed the suitability, effectiveness and independence of its external auditors, namely Messrs Baker Tilly Monteiro Heng ("BTMH"). During the aforesaid meeting, the AC collectively went through and deliberated on each criterion set out in an External Auditors Performance and Independence Evaluation Form which covered areas such as calibre, quality of processes and services, competency, independence and objectivity, audit scope and planning, fees, communication and interaction, adequacy of experience and resources and the provision of non-audit services. | |
| | The AC concluded that they were satisfied with the independence and performance of BTMH and accordingly recommended the reappointment of BTMH as the external auditors of the Company for the ensuing year. | |
| Explanation for : departure | | |
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| Measure : | | |
| Timeframe : | | |

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 8.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

| Application : | Adopted |
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| Explanation on adoption of the practice | All 4 members of the AC are Independent Directors. The composition of the AC is set out in the AC Report on page 60 of the Annual Report 2018. |

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 |
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| Explanation on : | The Board is satisfied that the AC members possess the necessary skills |
| application of the | to discharge its duties and are financially literate and have the ability to |
| practice | understand matters under the purview of the AC including the financial reporting process. The profiles of the AC members are set out in the Annual Report 2018. |
| | The AC members do attend training programmes and seminars to keep themselves abreast of relevant developments in standards and practices in accounting and auditing, listing requirements, corporate law, risk management and changes in the business environment. |
| | Details of the trainings or seminars attended by the AC members during financial year 2018 are set out on page 56 of the Annual Report 2018. |
| Explanation for : departure | |
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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 9.1The board should establish an effective risk management and internal control framework.

| Application : | Applied |
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| Explanation on : application of the practice | The Board has established a risk management framework that outlines the Group's risk management system, defines Management's responsibilities and sets out the risk appetite and risk tolerance of the Group. The framework is incorporated into the Risk Management Policy and Guidelines ("RMPG") which was last reviewed and revised on 28 June 2018. |
| | The RMPG embeds the Group's system of risk management and internal control into an Enterprise Risk Management framework which establishes the context of the Group's business. It sets out the process for risk identification, measurement and treatment with continuous monitoring, review and communication in order to provide reasonable assurance regarding the achievement of the Group's objectives. |
| | The Board has delegated the overall responsibility for the adequacy and integrity of the Group's risk management and internal control framework to the AC. The AC is supported by the Risk Management Committee ("RMC") and Group Corporate Governance ("GCG"). |
| | The RMC and GCG ensure that the implementation of RMPG is properly carried out by Management throughout the Group. |
| | Details of the risk management framework and internal control systems are set out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control from page 69 through page 75 of the Annual Report 2018. |
| Explanation for : departure | |
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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 9.2

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 Group's risk management and internal control framework are disclosed in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control set out from page 69 through page 75 of the Annual Report 2018. |
| Explanation for departure | : | |
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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 |
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| Explanation on : adoption of the practice | |

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 |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | : | The internal audit function is performed in-house by GCG. GCG is an independent function within the Group to assess the adequacy of internal controls and to monitor if established controls are operating as intended by applying standards on internal auditing promulgated by the Institute of Internal Auditors ("IIA"). |
| | | Functionally, GCG reports directly to the AC. The GCG team has unrestricted access to the AC. |
| | | All internal auditing activities are guided by the Internal Audit Charter which defines the roles and responsibilities, scope of work, independence and objectivity of the internal audit function. The Internal Audit Methodology serves as a guide to the internal audit team to ensure uniformity of approach in undertaking internal audit engagements. |
| | | The Internal Audit Charter and Internal Audit Methodology were last reviewed and revised on 25 June 2018 to align with the IIA's revised International Professional Practices Framework. |
| | GCG carried out its activities based on a risk-based approach based on an annual plan approved by the AC. The AC reviews the adequacy of the scope, functions and resources of GCG to that the responsibilities of GCG are fully discharged. | |
| | | The internal audit annual plan for FY2018 was reviewed and approved by the AC on 13 December 2017. |
| | | The AC ensures that the responsibilities of GCG are properly discharged through: |
| | | reviewing the adequacy of the scope, functions, competency and resources of GCG; |
| | | reviewing the annual internal audit plan, processes and the results of all internal audit assignments undertaken and ensuring that appropriate actions are taken based on the recommendations; |

| | reviewing the budget and ensuring sufficient resources are allocated to GCG; |
|---|---|
| | ensuring that GCG is independent of the activities it audits and that the head of GCG reports functionally to the AC directly; |
| | appraising the performance of GCG on an annual basis; and |
| | reviewing the appointment or termination of senior GCG staff members. |
| | On 13 November 2018, the AC completed its annual assessment of GCG and was satisfied with the overall performance of GCG in FY2018. |
| | In FY2018, the AC also engaged the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia to perform an external Quality Assessment Review ("QAR") on GCG. Based on the QAR, GCG has been assessed to have generally conformed with all applicable IIA Standards. GCG will continue to meet or strive to exceed the IIA Standards in all key aspects. The functions and activities of GCG during FY2018 are set out in the AC |
| | Report on page 63 of the Annual Report 2018. |
| Explanation for : departure | |
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| Measure : | |
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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 |
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| | |
| Explanation on application of the practice | The head of GCG is Mr Lee Choong Yin who is a permanent affiliate of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants ("ACCA"). He is also a professional member of the IIAM. |
| | GCG comprises 8 auditors who are either degree holders or who have passed the profession examinations of Certified Public Accountants Australia or ACCA. |
| | The Head of GCG and the internal auditors confirmed on an annual basis that they are free from any relationships or conflicts of interest which could impair their objectivity and independence. |
| | GCG adopts the IIA's International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing laid down in its International Professional Practices 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 11.1

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

| Application | : | Applied |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Evalenation on | | Effective Communication with Stakeholders |
| Explanation on application of the | • | Effective Communication with Stakeholders |
| practice | | The Company recognises the value of transparent and effective communication with the investment community and aims to build long-term relationships with shareholders and investors through appropriate channels for disclosure of information. |
| | | The Company mainly communicates with shareholders, other stakeholders and the public through press releases, press conferences, timely announcements and disclosures made to Bursa Malaysia. |
| | | Annual Report |
| | | The annual report is also a key communication channel between the Company and its shareholders as well as stakeholders. It provides insightful explanations about the Group's performance, operations, prospects as well as activities undertaken by the Group. The annual report in the form of CD-ROM would be sent to shareholders. |
| | | Corporate Website |
| | | The Company's website www.ecoworld.my serves as another communication platform. The website comprised dedicated sections that provides investors with detailed information on corporate, business and governance related matters. It also incorporates an Investor Relations section which provides all relevant information on the Group such as annual reports, corporate presentations, company announcements, including the quarterly results, press releases and summary of the questions and answers brought up at general meetings. All the information is easily accessible by the public. |
| | | Investor Relations |
| | | The Investor Relations Department also plays a critical role in facilitating investor-related activities to enable better understanding of the business and strategic direction of the Group. Discussions, interviews and dialogues are held with fund managers, financial analysts, |

shareholders and the media to convey information about the Group's performance, corporate strategies and other matters affecting shareholders' interests. During the financial year under review, the Group conducted press, analyst and investor updates and held meetings with fund managers and research analysts in December 2017 and June 2018.

The Group also participated in domestic and overseas roadshows, and investor conferences in Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong. The following were the key investor-related activities held during FY2018:

| Month | Key Investor Relations Activities |
|--------------|---|
| Dec 2017 | Full year 2017 results briefing and press |
| | conference |
| January 2018 | Investor roadshow, Kuala Lumpur (2) and |
| | Singapore |
| April 2018 | Investor roadshow, Hong Kong |
| June 2018 | Half year 2018 results briefing and press |
| | conference |
| July 2018 | Investor roadshow, Kuala Lumpur |
| August 2018 | Investor roadshow, Singapore |
| Throughout | Site visits and regular meetings with institutional |
| FY2018 | investors, fund managers and analysts |
| | |

General Meetings

The Board also views shareholders' general meetings as ideal opportunities to communicate with shareholders where the CEO briefs shareholders on the Group's projects and development. The meetings provide a forum for dialogue and interaction between the Board and shareholders, both individuals and institutional.

While the Company endeavours to provide as much information as possible to its shareholders and the investment community, it is also mindful of the legal and regulatory framework governing the release of material and price-sensitive information.

Shareholders and investors may forward any queries to the Company via email to corp@ecoworld.my.

| Explanation for | |
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| Timeframe | : | |
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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 : | Departure | |
|--|--|---|
| Explanation on : application of the practice | | |
| Explanation for : departure | of information with detailed narra | current disclosures and dissemination ative of the Group's financial and non- rious stakeholders are sufficient for |
| | non-financial information such a prospects, Management's Dis | contains comprehensive financial and as the financial performance, future cussion and Analysis, Corporate, Statement on Risk Management and |
| | adoption of integrated reporting | edges that the MCCG encourages the ng based on a globally recognised of information available to investors by and accountability. |
| | functional efforts, the Company w | rting is a journey which requires cross will gradually build upon the necessary the development towards integrated |
| | | |
| Large companies are requi to complete the columns b | • | Non-large companies are encouraged |
| Measure : | The Company will take steps to a on the globally recognised frame. | adopt the integrated reporting based work. |
| Timeframe : | Others | By FY2023 |

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 Company has already applied this Practice. For its 44 th Annual General Meeting held on 28 March 2018, the Company issued the notice on 23 February 2018, which represents a notice period of 32 clear days. The Company will continue to comply with this Practice. |
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| Measure | : | |
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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 Company is already applying this practice. At the Company's 44 th Annual general Meeting held on 28 March 2018, all the Directors were present to take questions addressed to them. A summary of the questions raised at the 44 th Annual General Meeting and the answers provided by the Directors are published on the Company's website at www.ecoword.my . |
| 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 Annual General Meeting of the Company have always been held in in accessible locations within the Klang Valley. | |
| | The Board acknowledges that the MCCG encourages companies to enable shareholders to remotely participate in and vote at general meetings without being physically present. However, the Board is of the view that the technology to support remote participation and voting in absentia may not be cost effective. | |
| | The Board will continue to monitor developments in the market on the use of new and more cost effective technologies to facilitate remote participation and voting in absentia by shareholders and may consider implementing the same in future. | |
| Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below. | | |
| Measure : | Please explain the measure(s) the company has taken or intend to take to adopt the practice. | |
| Timeframe : | Choose an item. | |

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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