

OVERVIEW STATEMENT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board is supportive of the adoption of principles and best practices as enshrined in the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance ("MCCG") throughout the Group, for the protection and enhancement of stakeholders' value and the performance of the Group.

This overview statement reports on how the Group has applied the 3 principles below set out in the MCCG, during the financial year ended 31 March 2024 and after consideration of the Group's structure, business environment and industry practices:

- (a) Board leadership and effectiveness;
- (b) Effective audit and risk management; and
- (c) Integrity in corporate reporting and meaningful relationship with stakeholders.

The Corporate Governance Report is accessible on the Company's website at www.sdb.com.my and an announcement made by the Company on the website of Bursa Securities at "<http://www.bursamalaysia.com>".

During the financial year ended 31 March 2024, the Board believes that the practices set out in the MCCG have, in all material respects, been applied to achieve their intended outcomes which are found to be suitable and appropriate to the Group as set out in this statement and the Corporate Governance Report subject to any explanations for any departure disclosed therein.

The Board is pleased to disclose below the manners in which it has applied the principles of good corporate governance and considered that it had complied with the best practices provisions except as stated otherwise.

(A) BOARD LEADERSHIP AND EFFECTIVENESS

Composition of the Board

The present size and composition of the Board is optimum and well balanced. As presently constituted, the Board has the stability, continuity and commitment as well as capacity to discharge its responsibilities effectively.

The Board is of the opinion that the presence of the existing Independent Directors, who constitute half of the Board's composition, sufficiently ensures the element of independence in the Board's composition and conduct, giving the assurance that there is balance of power and authority on the Board. The Board will review its composition from time to time to ensure that such level of independence is not in any way compromised.

Profile of the Board members is as set out on pages 12 to 15 of this Annual Report.

Principal Responsibility of the Board

The Board is entrusted with the stewardship role of the Group. It is responsible for providing oversight of the Group's strategic direction, overseeing the Group's business operations, as well as identifying key risk factors that have significant impact on the Group's operations and performance. In achieving these goals, the Board performs regular reviews over the risk management and internal control system to ensure its integrity and adequacy in providing reasonable assurance of risk mitigation.

The principal responsibilities of the Board are generally summarised as follows:

- review and adopt the overall strategic plans and programmes for the Company and Group;
- establish such committees, policies and procedures to effectively discharge the Board's roles and responsibilities;
- ensure the Company has appropriate corporate governance structures in place including standards of ethical behaviour and promoting a culture of corporate responsibility;
- promote better investor relations and shareholder communications;
- review the adequacy and the integrity of the management information and internal controls systems of the Company and Group; and
- identify principal risks and ensure implementation of a proper risk management system to manage such risks.

Board Independence and Effectiveness

The Board is entrusted for the oversight and overall management of the business affairs of the Company. The Board is responsible for determining all major policies, reviewing the system of internal control, ensuring that effective strategies and management are in place, for assessing the performance of the Company and its management team.

The Board has established clear functions reserved for the Board and those delegated to the management. The Board deliberates business plan and approves the performance targets and the goals of the business to be met by the Company and subsidiary companies.

Managing Director is responsible for the day-to-day business operations of the Group while the Independent Non-Executive Directors provide scrutiny and unbiased and independent views, advice and judgement to decisions and proposals of the Managing Director. The Board collectively is responsible for the effective implementation and monitoring of the Group's strategic plans.

The Independent Non-Executive Directors do not involve in the day-to-day management of the Group's business operations. Therefore, the Independent Non-Executive Directors remain free from conflict of interest and thus enable them to carry out their duties as independent directors effectively. They provide impartial views and insight to the Managing Director in matters relating to financial management, corporate governance, risk management and internal control. Strategies proposed by the Managing Director are deliberated from both quantitative and qualitative aspects, taking into account the interest of various stakeholders as well as the impact of risk factors that exist in the operating environment. Presence of the Independent Directors complements the Board by ensuring there is an effective check and balance in the functioning of the Board.

SEPARATION OF THE POSITIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The position of Chairman and the Managing Director are held by different individuals. There is a division of responsibility between the Chairman who is leading the Board in the oversight of management and Managing Director, who responsible for managing the overall business and day to day operations of the Company to ensure that there is a balance of power and authority, promotion of accountability and facilitation of division of responsibilities between them.

The key duties and responsibilities of the Chairman are to provide leadership to the Board, instill good corporate governance practices, chairing the meetings of the Board and shareholders, ensuring that the Board fully discharges its responsibilities and acting as liaison person between the Board and the management.

Board Charter and Code of Conduct

The Board has formally adopted a Board Charter, which provides guidance to the Board in the fulfilment of its roles, duties and responsibilities which are in line with the principles of good corporate governance. The Board Charter provides guidance for Directors and Management on the responsibilities of the Boards, its Committees and requirements of Directors and it is subject to periodical review to ensure consistency with the Board's strategic intent as well as relevant standards of corporate governance.

The Board is mindful of the importance of the establishment of clear roles and responsibilities in discharging its fiduciary and leadership functions as recommended by the Code including those reserved for the Board's approval and those which the Board may delegate to the Board Committees, the Executive Director and the Management. There is a clear division of responsibilities between the Chairman and the Executive Director.

The Board is also committed to conducting business in accordance with the highest standards of business ethics and complying with applicable laws, rules and regulations. The Code of Conduct and Ethics provide guidance for Directors regarding ethical and behavioural considerations and/or actions as they address their duties and obligations during their appointment.

Board reviewed the Board Charter and Code of Conduct in July 2022 and made available for reference in Company's website, www.sdb.com.my.

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Qualified and Competent Company Secretaries

The Board is well supported by qualified and competent Company Secretaries on matters relating to the Company's policies and procedures that require compliance to applicable rules, regulations and the Code.

The Company Secretaries of the Company are experienced, play an important role in advising the Board on issues relating to corporate compliance with the relevant laws, rules, procedures and regulations affecting the Board and the Group, as well as best practices of governance. The Directors have ready and unrestricted access to the advice and services of the Company Secretaries. The Board is regularly kept up to date on and apprised of any regulations and guidelines.

The Company Secretaries also safeguard all statutory books and records of the Company and maintain the statutory registers of the Company. Company Secretaries also ensure all Board meetings are properly convened, and that accurate and proper records of the proceedings and resolutions passed are recorded.

Board Meeting and Supply of Information to the Board

The Board meets regularly, at least once in every quarter, to review the Group's operations and to approve the quarterly reports and annual financial statements. During the financial year, the Board met on seven (7) occasions where it deliberated upon and considered a variety of matters mainly to review the Group's operations and the quarterly and annual financial statements.

The details of the attendance by individual Director during the financial year are as follows:-

Name of Directors	Total Meetings Attended
Mr Eddy Chieng Ing Huong	7/7
Ms Teh Lip Kim	7/7
Ms Teh Lip Pink (<i>Resigned w.e.f. 17 November 2023</i>)	3/7
Puan Selma Enolil binti Mustapha Khalil	7/7
Dato' Christopher Chan Choun Sien (<i>Resigned w.e.f. 1 June 2023</i>)	1/7
Mr Boh Boon Chiang (<i>Appointed w.e.f. 8 June 2023</i>)	6/7

The Board meets to review and discuss matters specifically reserved to itself for decision to ascertain the direction and control of the Group. Key matters tabled at Board meetings include review and adoption of the Group's quarterly and year-end financial results, business plan, annual budget, risk management, assets acquisition and disposal, approval of major capital expenditure projects and consideration of significant financial matters, Group policies and delegated authority limits.

All Directors are provided with agenda and set of Board papers issued prior to Board meetings to allow reasonable time for the Board members to obtain further explanations or clarification, where necessary and to make an informed decision. Senior management is invited to attend these meetings to explain and clarify matters being tabled. The Board has direct access to senior management staff to obtain complete and unimpeded information to assist them in discharging their duties. The proceedings of all board meetings are recorded by the Company Secretary and filed properly in the minute's book of the Company upon confirmation by the Board.

In addition, all Directors have access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary who is a qualified professional with the required experience to advise the Board. When necessary, Directors may also obtain independent professional advice at the Company's expense in furtherance of their duties.

Directors' Training

The Board recognises the needs to attend training to enable them to discharge their duties effectively. The training needs of each Director is assessed and proposed by the individual director.

Newly appointed Director(s) will be provided with a brief induction of the Group for an insight of the Group's business operation and financial performance. In addition, the Board is updated by the Company Secretaries from time to time on changes of statutory requirements such as amendments to Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Main Market Listing Requirements ("MMLR").

During the financial year and as at the date of the issuance of this Annual Report, the Directors have attended training pertaining to the Recent Developments With The LR, Including COI Amendments conducted by Mr. Chee Kai Mun, the Director of CKM Advisory Sdn Bhd, on 20 March 2024.

Board Committees

The Board has set up five Board Committees, i.e. Investment, Audit, Nominating, Remuneration Committees and Risk Management and Sustainability Committee to delegate specific powers and responsibilities to support the role of the Board to provide assurance and accountability to its shareholders, all of which have their own terms of reference.

The Committees have been granted with full authority to investigate any matter within their scope of responsibility and to obtain satisfactory information as it may require from directors and/or employees of the Group. In the event where independent professional advice are needed to discharge their duties, the Committees are entitled to engage external professionals and/or consultants at the cost of the Group after due consultation with the Board.

The Investment Committee was established on 23 August 2001 with the responsibilities of approving Group acquisitions and disposals of investment up to RM15 million and manage risk of the Group in order to maximise return to the shareholders.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee was established to ensure that the Board has an appropriate balance, size and the required mix of skills, experience and core competencies to govern the organization towards achieving its intended goals and objectives. The Nominating Committee shall propose new candidates for the Board and assess Directors on an on-going basis.

The Terms of Reference of the Nominating Committee can be viewed at the Company's website at www.sdb.com.my.

The summary functions of the Nominating Committee are as follows:

- To recommend candidates for all directorships.
- To recommend appointments to the Board Committees.
- To annually review the required mix of skills and experience and other qualities, including core competencies that the Non-Executive Directors should bring to the Board.
- To implement a process, to be carried out annually for assessing the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, the committees of the Board and for assessing the contribution of each individual Director.

During the financial year, the Nominating Committee has undertaken the following activities:-

1. Annual assessment to evaluate the performance of each individual Director, the effectiveness of the Board and the Board Committees. The effectiveness of the Board and Board Committees are assessed in the areas of board structure/mix, decision making and boardroom participation and activities, meeting administration and conducts, skill and competencies and role and responsibilities whilst the performance of the individual Directors are assessed in the areas of contribution and interaction with peer, quality of the input of the Director, understanding of role, etc.
2. Conducted the fit & proper assessment in accordance with the Fit & Proper Policy as set out in the Board Charter in the process of assessing retiring director of the Company.

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Board Nominating Process

The Nominating Committee is responsible to identify candidate to the Board if there is vacancy arise from resignation, retirement or any other reasons or if there is a need to appoint additional director with the required skill or profession to the Board in order to close the competency gap in the Board identified by the Committee. The potential candidate may be proposed by existing director, senior management staff, shareholder or third party referrals.

Upon receiving of the proposal, the Committee is responsible to conduct assessment and evaluation on the proposed candidate.

The Nominating Committee would consider the criteria set out in the Directors' Fit and Proper Policy, including character, expertise and experience, integrity, competencies and time to effectively discharge his/her role as a Director, with due regard to the benefits of diversity in skills, experience, age, gender and cultural background that would suit the Company's strategic goals to join the Board.

The assessment/evaluation process may include, at the Committee's discretion, reviewing of the candidate resume, curriculum vitae and other biographical information, confirming the candidate's qualifications and conducting legal and other background searches as well as formal or informal interview at the Committee's discretion.

Upon completion of the assessment and evaluation of the proposed candidate, the Committee would make its recommendation to the Board. Based on the recommendation of the Committee, the Board would evaluate and decide on the appointment of the proposed candidate.

The Chairman of the Board would then make an invitation or offer to the proposed/potential candidate to join the Board as a director. With the acceptance of the offer/invitation, the candidate would be appointed as director of the Company.

Annual Assessment of Existing Directors and Board Committees

An assessment of the Board's performance is carried out for the year under review, including the Independent Directors' performance and role of chairman.

The assessment criteria include of Board structure, operation and interaction, dynamics and functioning, governance, risk management and sustainability.

The Board is satisfied with the existing number and composition of its members and is of the view that with the current mix of skills, knowledge, experience and strengths, the Board is able to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.

Assessment of Independent Directors

The existing independent directors are independent from management and free from any business or other relationships which may interfere with the exercise of their independent judgement. The Board has undertaken an annual assessment on the Independent Directors via disclosed interests and the criteria of "independence" as prescribed under Chapter 1 of the MMLR.

Re-election

In accordance with the Company's Constitution, all Directors shall retire from office at least once in each three (3) years and a retiring Director is eligible for re-election and the election of each Director is voted on separately. This re-election process provides an opportunity for the shareholders to renew their mandates. In order to assist the shareholders in their decision, sufficient information such as personal profiles, meeting attendance and their shareholdings in the Company for each Director is furnished in the Annual Report.

The Constitution further provides that all newly appointed Directors shall retire from office but shall be eligible for re-election in the next Annual General Meeting subsequent to their appointment.

Board Diversity Policy

The Board Diversity Policy adopted by the Company recognises the benefits of having a diverse Board as an important element in supporting the attainment of the Group's strategic objectives and maintaining the Group's competitive advantage. The Group believes that a diverse Board will leverage differences in thoughts, perspectives, knowledge, skill, age, ethnicity, race and gender which will ensure that the Group remains current and retains its competitive advantage.

The Group practices the selection of suitable candidates as new Board members based on the candidates' competency, knowledge, skills, experience, character, time commitment and other qualities in meeting the needs of the Group. The ultimate decision will be based on merit and contribution that the selected candidates could bring to the Board. The Group is in support of and adopts the policy of non-discrimination on the basis of gender, age, race and religion.

Despite no specific targets being set in relation to boardroom gender diversity, the Board is committed to improving boardroom diversity to create a diverse Board in terms of race, religion, gender, regional and industry experience, cultural and geographical background, ethnicity, age and perspective.

Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee was established on 23 August 2001 and is entrusted with the role of reviewing and recommending the annual bonus and salary increment of the Executive Directors and members of the Senior Management of the Company. Executive Directors' remuneration is decided by the Board with the Directors concerned abstaining from deliberations and voting accordingly.

Remuneration Policy

The remuneration of the Executive Director shall be reviewed by the Remuneration Committee and for their recommendation to the Board for approval.

Executive Director shall also be entitled to other benefits provided to employee of the Company and other additional benefits if so proposed by the Remuneration Committee for their consideration and recommendation to the Board for approval.

Non-Executive Directors' remuneration is based on a standard fixed fee and meeting allowance, with the Chairman receiving higher amount in recognition of his additional responsibilities. An additional fee is also paid to Non-Executive Directors sitting on Board Committees.

Fees payable to the Directors of the Company are subject to yearly approval by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. The aggregate Director's remuneration paid or payable to the Directors of the Company for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 is as follows:

Received on Company Basis

	Directors' Fee RM	Meeting Allowances RM	Salaries & Other Emoluments RM	Benefit-in-Kind RM
Eddy Chieng Ing Huong	88,000	3,500	-	-
Teh Lip Kim	40,000	-	930,544	-
Teh Lip Pink (<i>resigned w.e.f. 17 November 2023</i>)	25,000	1,500	-	-
Selma Enolil Bt Mustapha Khalil	48,000	3,500	-	-
Dato' Christopher Chan Choun Sien (<i>Resigned w.e.f. 1 June 2023</i>)	9,333	500	-	-
Boh Boon Chiang (<i>Appointed w.e.f. 8 June 2023</i>)	45,500	3,000	-	-

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Received on Group Basis

	Directors' Fee RM	Meeting Allowances RM	Salaries & Other Emoluments RM	Benefit-in-Kind RM
Eddy Chieng Ing Huong	92,000	3,500	-	-
Teh Lip Kim	85,443	-	1,861,088	-
Teh Lip Pink (<i>resigned w.e.f. 17 November 2023</i>)	27,500	1,500	-	-
Selma Enolil Bt Mustapha Khalil	48,000	3,500	-	-
Dato' Christopher Chan Choun Sien (<i>Resigned w.e.f. 1 June 2023</i>)	9,333	500	-	-
Boh Boon Chiang (<i>Appointed w.e.f. 8 June 2023</i>)	45,500	3,000	-	-

The remuneration of the top five key senior management of the Company for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 is follows:-

Key Senior Management Remuneration	Number
RM1,000,000 – RM1,050,000	1
RM400,000 – RM450,000	1
RM350,000 – RM400,000	1
RM300,000 – RM350,000	2

Further details on the other Board Committees are contained in the Audit Committee Report and the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control.

Financial Reporting

The Board has a general responsibility for taking the necessary steps to safeguard and enhance the value of shareholders in the Company. The Company, through the accounts, maintains an appropriate and transparent relationship with the external auditors.

The Board is responsible to present a balanced, clear and comprehensive assessment of the Group's financial performance through the quarterly and annual financial statements to shareholders. The Board and the Audit Committee have to ensure that the financial statements are drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2016 and applicable approved accounting standards in Malaysia. In presenting the financial statements, the Board has reviewed and ensured that appropriate accounting policies have been used, consistently applied and supported by reasonable judgements and estimates.

In discharging its responsibilities, the Board is assisted by the Audit Committee to ensure accuracy and adequacy of information to be disclosed.

Succession Planning

The Board reckoned the importance of succession planning to ensure the sustainability and continuity of the Group. The Board ensuring that all candidates appointed to senior management positions are of sufficient caliber. Succession planning also includes appointing, assessing, training, fixing the compensation of and where appropriate, replacing senior management when necessary.

Whistleblowing Policy and Procedure

A Whistleblowing Policy and Procedure has been implemented to provide a channel to enable Directors, Employees, Shareholders, Vendors or any parties with a business relationship with the Company with an avenue to report suspected wrongdoings that may adversely impact the Group.

The Whistleblowing Policy and Procedure is published on the Company's website.

Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy

An Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy was established to set out the Group's approach against all forms of bribery, corruption and politicking and the Group takes a strong stance against such acts.

The Group's practices are in accordance to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009 and its amendments. The Anti-bribery and Corruption Policy is published on the Company's website.

(B) EFFECTIVE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Audit

The role, functions, responsibilities and activities of the Audit Committee are reported under the Audit Committee Report on page 74 of this Annual Report.

Relationship with External Auditors and Assessment of their Suitability & Independence

The Company has established a formal and transparent arrangement for maintaining appropriate relationships with the Group's auditors. Liaison and unrestricted communication exist between the Audit Committee and the external auditors.

In addition, the external auditors will be invited to attend the Company's Annual General Meeting and will be available to answer any questions from the shareholders on the conduct of the statutory audit and the contents of the audited financial statements as well as any corporate exercise undertaken by the Group where the external auditors are involved.

The Audit Committee had obtained confirmation from the external auditors, BDO PLT that they are independent in accordance with the Bylaws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.

An annual assessment which taking into consideration of several criterial like Fees, Service quality, Sufficiency of resources, Independence and professionalism, will be conducted on the suitability of the external auditors.

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Risk Management and Internal Control

The Board recognises the importance of a sound system of internal control for the Group including risk assessment and acknowledges its ultimate responsibilities in maintaining the same. In recognition of the importance of having in place a structured and organised approach to identify and manage appropriately risk factors affecting the Company, a risk management and internal control framework has been established to set out principles of the Company's risk identification and management culture, which provide input of its internal control system.

Another check-and-balance measure in the Company's internal control system is through the conduct of internal audit. The internal audit function is outsourced to an independent professional internal audit services firm which reports directly to the Audit Committee.

Some internal control weaknesses were identified during the financial year under review, all of which have been or are being addressed by the Management. None of these weaknesses has resulted in any material loss that would require disclosure in the Group's financial statement. The Group's state of risk management and internal control is spelt out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control on pages 65 to 70 of this Annual Report 2024.

The cost incurred for the internal audit function for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 is RM40,000.

(C) CORPORATE REPORTING AND RELATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS AND INVESTORS

Communication with Shareholders

Communication between the Company and its shareholders are done in the following manner:-

Relationship with Shareholders and Investors

The Board recognises the value of good investor relation and the importance of disseminating information in a fair and equitable manner, the participation of shareholders and investors, both individual and institutional, at Annual General Meeting is encouraged. Such information is disseminated via the Company's annual reports, quarterly financial results and various prescribed announcements made to Bursa Securities from time to time in the Bursa Securities' website at www.bursamalaysia.com.

The Group also maintains a website at www.sdb.com.my which provides information, qualitative and quantitative, on the Group's operations and corporate developments.

General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting represents the principal forum for dialogue and interaction with all the shareholders of the Company. The Company values feedback from its shareholders and encourages them to actively participate in discussion and deliberations.

The Company convened a virtual AGM last year and has adopted online remote voting for the conduct of poll on all resolutions. All shareholders were briefed on the voting procedures by the poll administrator prior to the poll voting and an independent scrutineer was appointed to validate the votes cast and announce the poll results. In the event that shareholders are unable to virtually attend the AGM in person, they are encouraged to appoint proxies to virtually attend and vote in his/her stead. The outcome of the meeting is announced to Bursa Securities on the same day, which is also accessible on the Company's website.

(D) COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE

This Statement is prepared in compliance with the MMLR and it is to be read together with the Corporate Governance Report 2024 of the Company, which is available at website, www.sdb.com.my.