CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

STOCK CODE : 3557

COMPANY NAME: ECOFIRST CONSOLIDATED BHD

FINANCIAL YEAR : May 31, 2023

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
Explanation on	:	The Board of Directors ("Board") is collectively responsible for meeting the objectives and goals of the Company. In order to ensure the
application of the practice		effective discharge of the Board's functions and responsibilities, the Board delegates specific responsibilities and functions to various committees, namely Audit Committee, Nominating Committee, Remuneration Committee, Governance and Risk Management Committee and Employees' Share Option Scheme Committee (collectively referred to as "Board Committees").
		The key responsibilities of the Board as per the Board Charter are as follows:-
		➤ Setting the vision, mission, objectives, goals and strategic plans for the Group with a view to maximising shareholders' value as well as ensuring long term sustainability of the Group's performance;
		➤ Reviews and adopts a strategic plan, as developed by Management, taking into account the sustainability of the businesses of the Group, with attention given to the environmental, economic, social and governance aspects of the operations;
		➤ Oversees the conduct of the Group's businesses, including monitoring the Management's performance to determine whether the business is being properly managed;
		➤ Identifies principal business risks faced by the Group and ensures the implementation of appropriate internal controls and mitigating measures to manage such risks;
		> Succession planning for both the Board and the Senior Management of the Group and ensuring that all candidates appointed to senior management positions are of sufficient calibre, including having in place

programmes to provide for the orderly succession of senior management personnel; > Setting dividend policy for shareholders; > Reviews the adequacy and integrity of the Group's management information and internal control systems, ensuring there is a sound framework of internal controls reporting and regulatory compliance; and ➤ Ensure the integrity of the Company's financial and non-financial reporting. The Board in discharging its responsibilities in meeting the goals and objectives of the Company, had during the financial year under review, performed the following:o Review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's current risk management and internal control system to ensure that the system remains relevant and applicable for the Group. The Board had approved the appointment of Sterling Business Alignment Consulting Sdn Bhd as Internal Audit to assess and review various initiatives and proposals took place in year 2023 for the improvement of the internal controls and risk management of the Group. o The Board via Audit Committee constantly ensures that there is a sound framework on corporate reporting, including financial and nonfinancial reporting, disclosures on corporate governance, sustainability and other non-financial aspects. o Together with the Senior Management, promotes good corporate governance culture within the Group which reinforces ethical. o The Board through the Nominating Committee oversees the management succession planning. o The Board through the Remuneration Committee develops the Executive Directors' performance scorecard based on the strategic objectives which are aligned to the business plan and corporate goals set by the Board. o The Board is guided by its Board Charter which outlines the duties and responsibilities of the Board. The Board Charter is published at the Company's website at www.ecofirst.com.my **Explanation for** departure

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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	:	During the financial year under review, Dato' Syed Ariff Fadzillah Bin Syed Awalluddin, the Chairman / Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company, who retire by rotation pursuant to Clause 110 of the Company's Constitution, had expressed his intention not to seek reelection. Dato' Syed Ariff Fadzillah Bin Syed Awalluddin who had served the Board as Independent Non-Executive Director for more than twelve (12) years was then retired from office at the conclusion of the Forty-Ninth Annual General Meeting ("AGM"). There was no appointment of Chairman since then.
		The key responsibilities of the Chairman are set out below:-
		 (i) To provide leadership to the Board; (ii) To oversee the effective discharge of the Board's supervisory role; (iii) To facilitate the effective contribution of all Directors; (iv) To ensure that quality information to facilitate decision-making is delivered to the Board on timely manner; (v) To ensure Board Meetings and General Meetings are in compliance with good conduct and best practices; (vi) To promote constructive and respectful relations between Board members and between the Board and the Management; (vii) To conduct and chair Board Meetings and General Meetings of the Company; and (viii) To brief all the Directors in relation to issues arising at Meetings.
		He chairs Board meetings and ensures the following:- (i) All relevant issues are on the agenda of Board meetings; (ii) Board debates strategic and critical issues; (iii) Board receives the necessary management reports relating to the Company's businesses on a timely basis; and (iv) All Directors are able to participate openly in discussions at Board meetings.
		 ➤ He ensures that the Board members are properly briefed on issues arising at board meetings and that available information on an issue is presented to the Board. ➤ He will act as facilitator at board meetings to ensure that no Board
		member, whether executive or non-executive, dominates discussion,

	that appropriate discussion takes place and that relevant opinion
	among Board members is forthcoming.
	➤ He provides leadership to the Board and is responsible for the
	developmental needs of the Board.
	➤ He ensures the smooth functioning of the Board and the governance
	structure, and inculcating positive culture in the Board.
	➤ He ensures that procedures and processes are in place to facilitate
	effective conduct of business by the Board.
	➤ He chairs general meetings of the Company.
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Practice 1.3The positions of Chairman and CEO are held by different individuals.

between the roles of Group CEO and Chairman to ensure an appropriate balance of power and authority such that no one individual has unrestricted powers over decision-making, increasing accountability and allowing the Board to make independent decisions. The former leads the Management of the Company and has overall responsibility for the operating units and the implementation of the Board's policies and decisions, whilst the latter is responsible for the orderly conduct and effectiveness of the Board in addition to facilitate constructive deliberation of matters in hand. The responsibilities of the retired Chairman, Dato' Syed Ariff Fadzillah Bin Syed Awalluddin amongst others, are as follows:- (i) To provide leadership to the Board. (ii) To oversee the effective discharge of the Board's supervisory role. (iii) To facilitate the effective contribution of all Directors. (iv) To ensure that quality information to facilitate decision-making is delivered to the Board on timely manner. (v) To ensure Board Meetings and General Meetings are in compliance with good conduct and best practices. (vi) To promote constructive and respectful relations between Board members and between the Board and the Management. (vii) To conduct and chair Board Meetings and General Meetings of the Company. (viii) To brief all the Directors in relation to issues arising at Meetings. The responsibilities of the Group CEO, Dato' Tiong Kwing Hee amongst others, are as follows:- (i) To develop and implement strategic business direction, plans and policies of the Group. (ii) To ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the Group's operations. (iii) To supervise heads of divisions and departments who are	Application :	Applied
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(iv) To oversee the day-to-day management of the Group with all powers, discretions and delegations authorised, from time to time, by the Board. (v) To assess business opportunities which are of potential benefit to the Group. (vi) To bring material matters to the attention of the Board in an accurate and timely manner.	• •	between the roles of Group CEO and Chairman to ensure an appropriate balance of power and authority such that no one individual has unrestricted powers over decision-making, increasing accountability and allowing the Board to make independent decisions. The former leads the Management of the Company and has overall responsibility for the operating units and the implementation of the Board's policies and decisions, whilst the latter is responsible for the orderly conduct and effectiveness of the Board in addition to facilitate constructive deliberation of matters in hand. The responsibilities of the retired Chairman, Dato' Syed Ariff Fadzillah Bin Syed Awalluddin amongst others, are as follows:- (i) To provide leadership to the Board. (ii) To oversee the effective discharge of the Board's supervisory role. (iii) To facilitate the effective contribution of all Directors. (iv) To ensure that quality information to facilitate decision-making is delivered to the Board on timely manner. (v) To ensure Board Meetings and General Meetings are in compliance with good conduct and best practices. (vi) To promote constructive and respectful relations between Board members and between the Board and the Management. (vii) To conduct and chair Board Meetings and General Meetings of the Company. (viii) To brief all the Directors in relation to issues arising at Meetings. The responsibilities of the Group CEO, Dato' Tiong Kwing Hee amongst others, are as follows:- (ii) To develop and implement strategic business direction, plans and policies of the Group. (iii) To ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the Group's operations. (iii) To supervise heads of divisions and departments who are responsible for all functions contributing to the success of the Group. (iv) To oversee the day-to-day management of the Group with all powers, discretions and delegations authorised, from time to time, by the Board. (v) To assess business opportunities which are of potential benefit to the Group.

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Practice 1.4

The Chairman of the board should not be a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee or Remuneration Committee

Note: If the board Chairman is not a member of any of these specified committees, but the board allows the Chairman to participate in any or all of these committees' meetings, by way of invitation,			
then the status of this practice should be a 'Departure'.			
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Explanation on	During the financial year under review, Dato' Syed Ariff Fadzillah Bir		
application of the	Syed Awalluddin, the Chairman of the Board, was not a member of any		
practice	of the Board Committees. In addition, Dato' Syed Ariff Fadzillah Bin Syed		
	Awalluddin did not participate in any of the Board Committees		
	meetings upon ceasing to be a member of the Board Committees until		
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Practice 1.5

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	÷	The Board is supported by two (2) qualified and experienced Company Secretaries. Both of them are qualified to act as Company Secretary under Section 235(2) of the Companies Act 2016. They are Associate member of the Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (MAICSA) and Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA) respectively.
		The Board has unrestricted access to the advice and services of the Company Secretaries to enable them to discharge their duties effectively. The Company Secretaries attended all Board and Board Committees' meetings held for the financial year ended 31 May 2023. The Company Secretaries, together with the Directors, are responsible for the proper conduct of the meetings according to applicable rules and regulations. The Company Secretaries regularly update and advice the Board on new statutes, regulations and directives issued by regulatory authorities as well as corporate disclosures and compliance with the relevant changes to the laws, rules and regulations.
		The Company Secretaries ensure that deliberations at Board and Board Committee meetings are properly documented and subsequently communicated to the relevant management for their further actions.
		The Company Secretaries constantly keep themselves updated of the regulatory changes and corporate governance developments by attending workshops, conferences and training programs. The Board is satisfied with the support rendered by the Company Secretaries in discharging their functions.
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Practice 1.6

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Company Secretaries tabled the annual meeting calendar in advance before the end of the calendar year. The schedule of preplanned meetings of the Board and Board Committees, Annual General Meeting ("AGM") as well as closed period for dealing in securities of the Company by Directors.
		The Board normally meets quarterly to review financial, operational and business performances. The meetings are scheduled in advance to allow the Board members to plan their schedules. Notices and agenda of meetings are distributed at least one week prior to the meetings for the Directors via email. The same notification is sent to the Management, which include the deadlines for the submission of the board papers for the Management's easy reference. Upon receipt of all the relevant board papers from the Management, the Company Secretaries will compile all the board papers and circulate them to the Board Members at least three (3) days prior to the date of the meeting to facilitate the Directors to peruse the board papers and review the issues to be deliberated at the Board Meeting and, if necessary, obtain further information or clarification from the Management to ensure the effectiveness of the proceedings of the meetings. Occasionally, Board meetings or Board Committee meetings may be held at short notice, when decisions of a time-critical nature need to be made.
		The board papers provided include inter alia, financial results, business plan and budget, risk management and internal control reports, minutes of meetings of Board and Board Committees, regulatory/statutory updates and other operational and financial issues for the Board's information and/or approval.
		A Director who has an interest in any proposal or transaction, either direct or indirect, which is being presented to the Board for approval, will declare his or her interest and abstain from deliberation and voting of the same at the Board Meeting.
		The meeting minutes will be circulated to the Board and confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings by the Board and Board Committees at their following respective meetings. The Company Secretaries will relay to the Management on the Board's decisions/ recommendations via circulation of draft minutes of meetings for the appropriate actions

	to be taken. The Company Secretaries will also follow up with the Management on status of actions taken with reference to the previous minutes of meetings to be updated to the Board.
	Upon confirmation by the Board or Board Committees at the following meetings, the minutes will be signed by the Chairman of the said meeting as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting. Actionable items would be recorded in the minutes as matters arising until they are eventually resolved.
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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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Application :	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	The Board Charter, which is available on the Company's website, www.ecofirst.com.my sets out the composition and balance, roles and responsibilities, operation and processes of the Board. The Board Charter also incorporated the Code of Ethics and Conduct for the Directors' observations, which are intended to: Codify a standard of conduct by which all Directors are expected to abide; Protect the business interest of the Company; Maintain the Company's reputation for integrity; and Foster compliance with applicable legal and regulatory obligation. To ensure that no conflict of interest situation arise, each Board members is required to complete and confirm via self-declaration form distributed quarterly to them. Where there is an issue involve conflict of interest, the Directors shall abstain from discussion and voting on the matters as well as abstain from any decision-making process in relation to these transactions. The Board Charter will be reviewed from time to time by the Board.
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The board is committed to promoting good business conduct and maintaining a healthy corporate culture that engenders integrity, transparency and fairness.

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

Practice 3.1

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board recognises the importance of adhering to the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics ("Code") and has taken measures to put in place a process to ensure its compliance. The areas covered are as follows:-
		 Adhere to the standards of conduct such as— Honesty, integrity, good faith; Conflict of Interest; Confidential information; Acceptance and Provision of Gifts and Entertainment; and Anti-Corruption and unethical Practices.
		 Compliance with law, rules and regulations; Safeguard company properties; Corporate Social Responsibilities; and Reporting of suspected violation of code of conduct.
		The Board has adopted an Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy ("ABC Policy") to set out some parameters to prevent the occurrence of bribery and corrupt practices in relation to the businesses of the Group to mitigate the bribery or corruption risks. The ABC Policy available on the Company's website, www.ecofirst.com.my .
		The Board constantly observe the Code and uphold integrity in discharging its fiduciary duties. The Code is available on the Company's website, www.ecofirst.com.my .
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The board, management, employees and other stakeholders are clear on what is considered acceptable behaviour and practice in the company.

Practice 3.2

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Board has formalised and adopted a Whistle-Blowing Policy ("Policy") and a copy of which can be viewed at the Company's website, www.ecofirst.com.my. The objective of this Policy is to encourage reporting of any suspected fraud, corruption, conduct or inappropriate behavior of the Group. The Policy will provide an avenue for all employees of the Group and all agents, vendors, contractors, suppliers, consultants and customers of the Group and members of the Group to raise concerns about any improper conduct without fear of retaliation and to offer protection for the reporter who reports such allegations. This will strengthen the accountability and transparency in the business affairs of the Group. Any employee or member of the public who has knowledge or is aware
	of any improper conduct within the Group is encouraged to disclose through the Whistle-Blowing Form via email to the followings:- a. Chairman of the Audit Committee at alexchin@ecofirst.com.my; b. Group Chief Executive Officer at khtiong@ecofirst.com.my The employee may send this form via local postal service if he/she wishes to remain anonymous.
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The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.1

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

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

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Board together with the Management, recognises the importance of ensuring sustainability risks and opportunities are considered in the development of the business strategies and plans. The Management team, led by the Group CEO is continuously enhancing the sustainability management framework and processes to ensure effective implementation and execution of the environmental, social and governance (ESG) initiatives.
	Despite challenging economic conditions amidst the uncertain political, the Company continues to monitor its sustainability priorities, including taking the necessary actions to minimise the environmental impact and prioritises safety and an environmentally friendly work space.
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Practice 4.2

The board ensures that the company's sustainability strategies, priorities and targets as well as performance against these targets are communicated to its internal and external stakeholders.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The practices adopted by the Company to engage with the internal and external stakeholders are disclosed in the Sustainability Statement of the Annual Report 2023.
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Practice 4.3

The board takes appropriate action to ensure they stay abreast with and understand the sustainability issues relevant to the company and its business, including climate-related risks and opportunities.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board and the Management takes responsibility addressing sustainability and this is addressed under the training programmes, seminars and/or conferences attended during the financial year as set out in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement and Sustainability Statement.
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Practice 4.4

Performance evaluations of the board and senior management include a review of the performance of the board and senior management in addressing the company's material sustainability risks and opportunities.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on	:	During the financial year under review, the Board has completed the
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Practice 4.5- Step Up

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

Note: The explanation on adoption of this practice should include a brief description of the responsibilities of the designated person and actions or measures undertaken pursuant to the role in the financial year.		
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.1

The Nomination Committee should ensure that the composition of the board is refreshed periodically. The tenure of each director should be reviewed by the Nomination Committee and annual re-election of a director should be contingent on satisfactory evaluation of the director's performance and contribution to the board.

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Nominating Committee had reviewed and evaluated the effectiveness of the Board as a whole based on the summary of results from the performance evaluation completed by the Directors and was satisfied that the experiences, contributions and competencies of the individual directors, as well as their mix of skills were adequate to enable the Board to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively. In addition, the NC also considered and recommended to the Board for the re-election of the Directors who retired by rotation, at the Company's Forty-Ninth AGM held on 23 November 2022.
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Practice 5.2

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Board currently consists of two (2) Executive Directors, three (3) Independent Non-Executive Directors, a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director and an alternate director. The Independent Non-Executive Directors constitute 50% of the Board.
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Practice 5.3

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Dato' Boey Chin Gan had served the Board as Independent Non-Executive Director exceeded his nine (9) years tenure on 1 April 2018 and was retained as an Independent Non-Executive Director by the shareholders of the Company at the Company's AGM and his last retention as Independent Non-Executive Director by the shareholders was obtained through a two-tier voting process at the Forty-Ninth AGM of the Company held on 23 November 2023 . With the amendment to the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad to limit the term of Independent Directors to twelve (12) years, all long-serving Independent Directors affected by this amendment must either resign or be redesignated as Non-Independent Directors on or before 1 June 2023. Following the change in the requirements, Dato' Boey Chin Gan, who had served as an Independent Non-Executive Director for more than 15 years has been redesignated as Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company effective from 31 May 2023. Subsequent to the redesignation of Dato' Boey Chin Gan, there was no Independent Director who served on the Board for more than 9 years for the financial year under review.
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Practice 5.4 - Step Up

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

Note: To qualify for adoption of this Step Up practice, a listed issuer must have a formal policy which limits the tenure of an independent director to nine years without further extension i.e. shareholders' approval to retain the director as an independent director beyond nine years.		
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Practice 5.5

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board has delegated the responsibility for recommending a potential candidate to fill a board vacancy to the Nominating Committee but the ultimate decision on the appointment of a candidate is solely that of the Board as a whole.
		The NC will screen the initial selection of the candidates, performing the requisite assessment of the said candidates before recommending to the Board for approval. This is to ensure that the candidate possesses the appropriate skills, competencies, experience, integrity and time to effectively discharge their role as a director. Besides that, the NC will also take into consideration diversity of the Board's composition which inter alia, their character, experience, integrity, commitment competency, qualification and track record includes gender, ethnicity, age, etc.
		The Group is committed to encouraging diversity and inclusion in the workplace. The Group aims to create a culture that respects and values each other's differences, promotes equality and diversity, and encourages individuals to grow and develop in order to realise their full potential. The Board will also prioritise selection criteria based on an effective mix of competencies, skills as well as relevant experience and knowledge in order to strengthen the Board.
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.6

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

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on	:	In identifying the candidates for appointment as Directors, other than	
application of the		relying on the recommendations from the existing Board members,	
practice		management and/or major shareholders, the Board also explores	
		management and/or major shareholders, the Board also explores independent sources to identify suitably qualified candidates. Such as engage executive search firms and other channels to assist in finding candidates with the relevant skills and background. The candidate must possess high standards of ethics, integrity and professionalism, display independent and sound business judgment and have meaningful experience and expertise in business, corporate, property, accountancy, law, finance or other relevant endeavours. The qualifications of a candidate will be considered in addition to other factors it deems appropriate based on the current needs and requirements of the Board including specific desired business and financial expertise, experience as a director of public listed company, age, gender and ethnic diversity. In addition to the criteria set above, the nominee for an Independent Director's vacancy must fulfill the independence test under the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. The Nominating Committee are responsible to assess the suitability for the candidates before recommending to the Board for appointment.	
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.7

The board should ensure shareholders have the information they require to make an informed decision on the appointment and reappointment of a director. This includes details of any interest, position or relationship that might influence, or reasonably be perceived to influence, in a material respect their capacity to bring an independent judgement to bear on issues before the board and to act in the best interests of the listed company as a whole. The board should also provide a statement as to whether it supports the appointment or reappointment of the candidate and the reasons why.

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	The profiles of Directors are published in the Annual Report and on Company website, disclosing information such as their age, gender, directorships in other companies, membership in Board Committees, working experience, shareholding in the Company and conflict of interest (if any).
	In addition, the Nominating Committee and the Board have considered and assessed the performance of retiring directors seeking re-election, before recommending them to shareholders for approval.
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.8

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

Application	:	Applied		
Explanation on	:	The No	minating Committee ("NC") is chaired by Mr Chir	n Wing Wah, an
application of the		Independent Non-Executive Director.		
practice		independent Non Executive Director.		
		The Co	ompany has adopted the best practice of	appointing an
			ndent Director to chair the NC. The members of	
		follows		i the ive are as
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		No.	NC	Membership
		1	Mr Chin Wing Wah	Chairman
			(Independent Non-Executive Director)	
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			(Redesignated as Chairman of the NC w.e.f. 31	
			May 2023)	
		2	Datuk Ng Hock Heng	Member
			(Independent Non-Executive Director)	
		3	Dato' Boey Chin Gan	Member
			(Non-Independent Non-Executive Director)	
			(Redesignated as Member of the NC w.e.f. 31	
			May 2023)	
		The te	rms of reference of the NC are available fo	r reference at
		www.e	cofirst.com.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 5.9

The board comprises at least 30% women directors.

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Explanation on application of the practice	Currently, the Company has one (1) female Director out of six (6) members on the Board, i.e. 16.7% female Board representation.	
Explanation for departure	ile the Company takes cognisant of the best pract at 30% female representation on the Board, the Conersity to also include other factors such as age, eth sonal factors. addition, every Board member, irrespective only by the coners of the company of the coners and decision-making process.	npany embraces nicity and other f gender, 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 5.10

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

Application	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice		
Explanation for departure	The Company has not set specific policies on gender diversity for the Board and senior management. However, the Board is supportive of the recommendation of MCCG 2021 to the establishment of boardroom and workforce gender diversity.	
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Stakeholders are able to form an opinion on the overall effectiveness of the board and individual directors.

Practice 6.1

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

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

Note: For a Large Company to qualify for adoption of this practice, it must undertake annual board evaluation and engage an independent expert at least every three years to facilitate the evaluation. **Application Applied Explanation on** The Directors are required on a yearly basis to complete a selfapplication of the assessment checklist and the Nominating Committee ("NC") carries out practice the annual evaluation to determine the effectiveness of its board, board committees and the individual directors by way of self evaluation. The criteria used, amongst others:-1) for the annual assessment of individual Directors include an assessment of their roles, duties responsibilities, competency and contribution considering conflict if any. 2) for the Board and Board Committees include composition, structure, accountability, responsibilities and compliance as well as governance. In respect of the assessment for the financial year ended 31 May 2023, the NC reviewed the annual evaluation, its Committees and each individual director. The Board was satisfied with the outcome of the evaluation and was of the view that the evaluation was adequate to determine the overall effectiveness of the Board and individual directors. Generally, the Directors were satisfied with the performance of the Board as a whole. The Director's peer review indicated that all the Directors were of the view that each of them had performed their respective roles and functions effectively and responsibly during the financial year ended 31 May 2023. Each member was satisfied with each other's contribution in sharing their insights and active participation in Board and Board Committees' discussions. All the Board Committees were assessed to be effective in discharging their roles and responsibilities as per the terms of reference.

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

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

Practice 7.1

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: The Remuneration Committee is responsible to annually review the performance achievement of the Executive Directors and guided by the Remuneration Policy, makes recommendations to the Board on the framework of the Executive Directors' remuneration package that reflects the market value, individual performance, job responsibilities and the Group's performance against financial objectives.
	The Group recognises that in order to attract and retain Directors, it is important to have a fair and competitive remuneration package that commensurate with their experience, skills, responsibilities, performance, contribution as well as industry benchmark. In view of this, framework and guidelines provided by independent consultant and market data on the remuneration practices of comparable peers are taken into consideration in determining the remuneration package for Executive Directors.
	The total remuneration package of Executive Directors is made up of various components, primarily consisting of fixed monthly salary, performance bonus, incentive pay, employee share option as well as benefits-in-kind. Executive Directors are not entitled to directors' fees and meeting allowances for his/her services.
	The remuneration of the Executive Directors is structured on the basis of linking rewards to corporate and individual performance.
	For Independent Non-Executive Directors, the level of remuneration reflects their experience, level of responsibilities and industry's benchmark as well as complexity of the Group's businesses. The remuneration of Non-Executive Directors consists of fixed directors' fees per annum and meeting allowances for every Board or Board Committee meeting attended.

	The directors' fees for the Non-Executive Directors are not determined based on the financial results of the Company but the experience and level of responsibilities undertaken by the individual Non-Executive Directors concerned. Non-Executive Directors are not entitled to any performance bonus or any incentive arrangements. The Board as a whole resolves on the directors' fees for the Independent Non-Executive Directors with individual Directors abstaining from decisions in respect of their individual remuneration. The directors' fees payable to the Non-Independent and Independent Non-Executive Directors are subject to the approval of shareholders at the AGM.
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Practice 7.2

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

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	that remuneration arrangements support the stra Group's businesses and to enable the recruitmen retention of Executive Directors and Senior Manager	tegic aims of the t, motivation and
	No Director/Designation	Membership
	Datuk Ng Hock Heng (Independent Non-Executive Director)	Chairman
	2 Mr Chin Wing Wah (Independent Non-Executive Director)	Member
	3 Ms Chan Kim Hong (Independent Non-Executive Director) (Appointed w.e.f. 15 February 2023)	Member
	The RC also reviews the remuneration package Directors to ensure that it commensurate with responsibilities and performance achieved. The RC meets as and when required and at least or met once during the financial year ended 31 May 202	n their scope of nce a year. The RC
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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 8.1

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The remuneration in nearest thousands of Ringgit Malaysia (RM'000) received/to be received by each of the Directors for the financial year ended 31 May 2023 is set out in the tables below:

					Co	ompany ('00	00)					,	Group ('000)		
No	Name	Directorate	Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in- kind	Other emoluments	Total	Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in- kind	Other emoluments	Total
1	Mr Chin Wing Wah	Independent Director	70.0	11.5	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	81.5	70.0	11.5	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	81.5
2	Dato' Boey Chin Gan	Non-Executive Non- Independent Director	68.0	12.0	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	80.0	68.0	12.0	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	80.0
3	Datuk Ng Hock Heng	Independent Director	54.0	8.5	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	62.5	54.0	8.5	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	62.5
4	Chan Kim Hong	Independent Director	18.0	1.5	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	19.5	18.0	1.5	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	19.5
5	Dato' (DR) Teoh Seng Foo	Executive Director	Input info here	Input info here	578.0	Input info here	32.7	23.1	633.8	Input info here	Input info here	578.0	Input info here	32.7	23.1	633.8
6	Dato' Tiong Kwing Hee	Executive Director	Input info here	Input info here	561.0	Input info here	28.4	22.4	611.8	24.0	Input info here	561.0	Input info here	28.4	22.4	635.8
7	Dato' Syed Ariff Fadzillah Bin Syed Awalluddin	Independent Director	21.0	5.0	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	26.0	21.0	5.0	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	26.0
8	Dato' Amos Siew Boon Yeong	Independent Director	39.0	8.0	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	47.0	39.0	8.0	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	Input info here	47.0
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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 8.2

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

Application	:	Departure				
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practice						
praedice						
Explanation for departure	:	The Board is of the view that due to the highly competitive industries which the Group is operating, the Group faces challenges in tale management and retention. Therefore, the Board is of the opinion th disclosing the remuneration of senior management would be disadvantage to the Group.				
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Measure	:	The Board has decided not to discremuneration	close the top 5 senior management's			
Timeframe	:	Others	Not disclosing.			

					Com	pany		
No	Name	Position	Salary	Allowance	Bonus	Benefits	Other emoluments	Total
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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 8.3 - Step Up

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

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

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There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.1

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

Application :	Applied						
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Audit Committee ("AC") is led by Mr Chin Wing Wah, the Independent Non-Executive Director who is not the Chairman of the Board.						
p. uomoc	The AC members are as follows:-						
	No. AC Membership						
	1 Mr Chin Wing Wah (Independent Non-Executive Director) (Redesignated as Chairman of the AC w.e.f. 19 January 2023)						
	2 Dato' Boey Chin Gan (Non-Independent Non-Executive Director) (Redesignated as Non-Independent Non-Executive Director w.e.f. 31 May 2023)						
	3 Ms Chan Kim Hong Member (Independent Non-Executive Director) (Appointed w.e.f. 15 February 2023)						
	The detailed report of the Audit Committee is set out in the Company's Annual Report 2023.						
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Practice 9.2

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	Currently, none of the members of the Audit Committee is a former key audit partner of the Company who required a cooling-off period of at least three (3) years.
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Practice 9.3

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	 The Audit Committee had undertaken an assessment on the suitability of the external auditors for the financial year under review. During the financial year ended 31 May 2023, the Audit Committee assessed the suitability, effectiveness and independence of the External Auditors and ensured that the provision of non-audit services by the External Auditors was not in conflict with their audit function. The annual assessment of the External Auditors encompassed areas such as objectivity and independence, competency, quality of services, communication and interaction, audit planning, delivery, fees and adequacy of resources. On 7 September 2023, Russell Bedford LC PLT ("Russell") in its presentation on External Auditors' report to the Audit Committee,
	declared its independence from the Group in relation to its engagement as External Auditors of the Group in accordance with the terms of all relevant professional and regulatory requirements in respect of the audited financial statements of the Group for the financial year 2023. The Audit Committee was satisfied with the independence and performance of the External Auditors for the financial year ended 31 May 2023. As such, the Audit Committee had recommended the reappointment of Russell as the External Auditors of the Company for the financial year 2024 for the shareholders' approval at the forthcoming AGM of the Company to be held on 26 October 2023. The Board at its meeting held on 7 September 2023, approved the Audit Committee's recommendation.
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There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 9.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

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 9.5

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Audit Committee has a mix of suitably qualified and experienced professionals in the fields of accountancy, economy, legal, real estate development, property management and human capital development.
		Mr Chin Wing Wah, the Chairman of the Audit Committee, is a member of Malaysian Institute of Accountants. Accordingly, the Company complies with Paragraph 15.09(1)(c)(i) of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.
		All the members of the Audit Committee are financially literate and are able to understand and grasp complex issues brought to its attention including the financial reporting standards and processes.
		The members of the Board including the Audit Committee members, had during the financial year, attended various training programmes and seminars organised by the relevant regulatory authorities and professional bodies to broaden their knowledge and to keep abreast with the relevant changes in law, regulations, risk management and business environment. Details of the trainings or seminars attended by the members of the Audit Committee during the financial year ended 31 May 2023 are set out in the Corporate Governance Statement under "Directors' Training" in the Annual Report 2023 of the Company.
		The members of the Audit Committee had also been briefed on the relevant changes in the financial reporting standards by the External Auditors at the Audit Committee meetings held in the financial year.
		During the financial year under review, the Board through the Nominating Committee, had assessed the performance of the Audit Committee and its members and was satisfied with the performance of

	the Audit Committee and its members in discharging their duties and responsibilities.
	The detailed report of the Audit Committee's activities for the financial year ended 31 May 2023 is set out in the Audit Committee Report of the Company's Annual Report 2023.
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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

Practice 10.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board acknowledges its responsibility for maintaining a sound risk management framework and internal control system to safeguard the stakeholders and shareholders' investment and group's assets. The Board has a stewardship responsibility to understand the risk of the Group, provide guidance on dealing with these risks and to ensure risks are managed proactively, in a structured and consistent manner.	
		The Board has put in place a risk management framework to safeguard the Group's interests and assets. The Board will continually assess the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's system of internal control and to strengthen it, as and when necessary.	
		The risk management and internal audit functions has been outsourced to an independent professional consultancy firm entrusted with the role of providing independent and systematic review on the system of internal control of the Group.	
		The risk management and internal audit functions provides an independent and objective feedback to the Audit Committee and the Board on the adequacy, effectiveness and efficiency of the internal control system within the Group.	
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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Practice 10.2

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on :	The features of the risk management and internal control framework
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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Practice 10.3 - Step Up

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

Application :	Adopted	
Explanation on : adoption of the practice	The Board has established a Governance and Risk Management Committee ("GRMC") to ensure that effectiveness of corporate governance and risk management functioning appropriately and efficiently. The GRMC comprises as follows:	
	No Director/Designation	Membership
	Dato' (Dr) Teoh Seng Foo (President/Executive Director)	Chairman
	Dato' Boey Chin Gan (Non-Independent Non-Executive Director) (Change of Directorate w.e.f. 31 May 2023)	Member
	recommendation, succession planning and organisal corporate exercise planning, overall planning/controcoordinate with board/committee. The GRMC meets as and when required and at least organisal committee.	position and ation structure, ol policies and
	GRMC met two (2) times during the financial year ender On 27 July 2023, the Board has resolved to dissolve immediate effect and the functions of risk manager handled by the Audit Committee.	the GRMC with
	The terms of reference of the GRMC are available for www.ecofirst.com.my .	or reference at

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

Practice 11.1

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

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Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	•••	The Internal Audit ("IA") function has been outsourced to an independent professional consultancy firm. The IA function reports directly to the Audit Committee at least twice a year to provide feedback regarding the adequacy and integrity of the Group's system of internal control.	
		The IA plan is designed to address the critical business processes and internal control gaps, gauge the effectiveness and adequacy of the existing state of internal control and recommend continuous improvements to the internal control system. The Audit Committee reviews the audit plan, together with IA reports to obtain the necessary level of assurance with respect to the adequacy of the internal controls as required by the Board.	
		All internal control deficiencies identified were reported to the appropriate levels of management. During the financial year under review, the Audit Committee has received two audit reports from the IA on audit reviews carried out, management's responses to the findings and progress in addressing the identified issues. The relevant management members were made responsible for ensuring that corrective actions on reported control deficiencies were taken within the required timeframes.	
		A summary of the IA's activities during the financial year ended 31 May 2023 is set out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control in the Annual Report 2023.	
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Companies have an effective governance, risk management and internal control framework and stakeholders are able to assess the effectiveness of such a framework.

Practice 11.2

The board should disclose-

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	For the function of internal audit, the Group had outsourced its internal audit role to an independent professional firm of consultants, i.e. Sterling Business Alignment Consulting Sdn. Bhd. who is a corporate member of The Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia (IIAM), to provide the Board with the assurance it requires regarding the adequacy and integrity of the Group's system of internal control. With the engagement, the internal auditors have disclosed that there are no relationships or conflict of interest in the discharge of its responsibilities and that they remained independent and have no direct operational responsibility or authority over any of the activities audited. The internal audit exercises are carried out based on the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) Internal Control – Integrated Framework in assessing the effectiveness of the Group's internal control system. Each audit is engaged by approximately 2 to 5 audit personnel depending to the areas of audit. From the review, opportunities for improvement to the system of internal control were identified and presented to the Audit Committee via internal audit reports, whilst the management formulated the relevant action plans to address the issues noted. The Internal Auditors are free from any relationships or conflicts of interest, which could impair their objectivity and independence. Further details of the risk management, internal control and internal audit function are disclosed in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control as contained in the Annual Report 2023.
Explanation for departure	:	

Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.		
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There is continuous communication between the company and stakeholders to facilitate mutual understanding of each other's objectives and expectations.

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

Practice 12.1

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Board recognises the importance of being transparent and accountable to the Company's shareholders and prospective investors. By maintaining consistent and extensive communication with its shareholders, its mutual relationship with its shareholders would be strengthened. This would also enhance the shareholders' understanding of the Group as well as their ability in making informed investment decisions.
	One of the platforms used is announcements released through Bursa LINK which can also be accessed via the Company's website, www.ecofirst.com.my .
	The Company has incorporated a section for "Investor Relations" in its website, which provides all relevant information on the Group such as quarterly results and audited financial statements, general announcements, circulars, minutes of general meetings, investor alert, change in shareholdings and corporate governance. The information is easily accessible by the public. Annual reports and circulars to shareholders are also made available at this website for review.
	The Group has a dedicated electronic mail, corpcomm@ecofirst.com.my to which shareholders can direct their queries or concerns.
	The Board values constant dialogue and is committed to clear communication with its shareholders and investors. In this respect, as part of the Group's active investor relations programme, discussions 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.
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 12.2

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

Application	:	Not applicable – Not a Large Company
Explanation on application of the practice	•	
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.1

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

Application	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	Notice for the Company's Forty-Ninth AGM was sent out to shareholders on 30 September 2022, which was at least 28 days prior to the date of the AGM on 23 November 2022.	
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.2

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

Application	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	All the Directors have attended the Forty-Ninth AGM held by the Company on 23 November 2022 except for Mr Chin Wing Wah who was unable to attend the AGM due to unforeseen circumstances. The Chair of the Audit, Nominating and Remuneration Committees were presence at the aforesaid general meeting to provide meaningful response to questions addressed to them. There was an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") held by the Company on 14 December 2022 and all the Directors have attended the EGM.	
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.3

Listed companies should leverage technology to facilitate-

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

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

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	The Forty-Ninth AGM of the Company was held physically at a strategic, easily accessible and familiar location to the shareholders of the Company. The Board agreed that physical general meetings could facilitate effective face-to-face communication between the shareholders and the Board as there is better flow of communication on the business plan and performance of the Company.	
		The Board took cognisance and will consider leveraging technology to facilitate voting in absentia and remote shareholders' participation at general meetings of shareholders of the Company.	
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.4

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

Note: The explanation of adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures		
undertaken to ensure the general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficient		
opportunity to pose questions and the questions are responded to.		
Application	Applied	
Explanation on	During the Forty-Ninth AGM and EGM, sufficient time was provided for	
application of the	the shareholders to pose their questions during the meetings and the	
practice	Board had ensured that all questions were given a meaningful response.	
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.5

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

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		ons and the questions are responded to. Further, a listed issuer should also
provide brief reasons of	า th	e choice of the meeting platform.
Application	:	Not applicable – only physical general meetings were conducted in the
		financial year
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.6

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

Note: The publication general meeting.	n of Ke	ey Matters Discussed is not a substitute for the circulation of minutes of
Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Minutes of the Forty-Ninth AGM held on 23 November 2022 were made available on the Company's website at www.ecofirst.com.my within 30 business days after the conclusion of the Forty-Ninth AGM.
Explanation for departure	:	
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SECTION B – DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES PERSUANT CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA

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

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