# Statement of corporate governance



The Board recognizes the importance of good corporate governance in discharging its responsibilities, protecting and enhancing shareholders' value through promoting and practising high standards of corporate governance throughout the Group. The Board adopts and applies the principles and best practices as governed by the Listing Requirements of the MESDAQ Market of Bursa Securities Berhad and Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance ("Code").

The following statements set out the Company's compliance with the principles of the Code.

#### A. Directors

#### (i) The Board

The Board is primarily responsible for the strategic directions of the Group and is scheduled to meet at least four (4) times a year. However, additional meetings may be convened as and when deemed necessary as determined by the members of the Board.

During the financial year ended 31 December 2008, four (4) board meetings were held and the details of each Directors' attendance are set out as follows:-

Directors	Meeting Attendance
Eg Kah Yee (Chairman)	4/4
Eg Kaa Chee	4/4
Abdul Razak Bin Dato' Hj. Ipap	4/4
Sukhdev Singh A/L Banta Singh	4/4
Thong Kooi Pin	4/4

# (ii) Board Balance & Composition

The current Board has five (5) members comprising two (2) Executive Directors (including the Chairman / Managing Director), one (1) Non-Independent Non-Executive Director and two (2) Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Board is satisfied that the current composition fairly reflects the investment of shareholders and balance in view of the Group's business. Together, the Directors bring a wide range of experience relevant to the direction and objectives of the Group as they come from various different backgrounds ranging from business, marketing, legal and technical. A brief description of the background of each Director is presented on pages 3 to 4 of this Annual Report.

### (iii) Supply of Information

The Board assumes the following responsibilities:-

- reviewing and adopting a strategic plan for the Group;
- identifying risks and assume active role in ensuring the implementation of appropriate systems to manage or mitigate these risks;
- succession planning, including appointing, training, fixing the compensation of the key managements;
- developing and implementing an investor relations programme or shareholder communications policy for the Group; and
- reviewing the adequacy and integrity of the Group's internal control systems and management information systems, including system for compliance with applicable laws, regulations, rules, directives and guidelines.

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All Directors including Independent Non-Executive Directors have full and timely access to information concerning the Company or other external information as they may feel necessary. Board papers and reports which include the Group's performance and major operational, financial and corporate information are distributed to the Directors with sufficient time prior to Board meetings to enable Directors to obtain further explanation, where necessary, in order to be properly briefed before the meeting.

Directors also have direct access to the advice and services of the Group's Company Secretary. The Board is advised and updated on statutory and regulatory requirements pertaining to their duties and responsibilities as well as appropriate procedures for management of meetings.

## (iv) Appointment to the Board and Re-election

In accordance to the Company's Articles of Association, Directors appointed during the year is required to retire and seek election by shareholders at the following Annual General Meeting ("AGM") immediately after their appointment. The Articles also require one-third of the Directors to retire by rotation and seek re-election at each AGM and that each Director shall submit himself for re-election every three (3) years.

## (v) Directors' Training

All Directors have attended conferences, seminar and training during the financial year ended 31 December 2008 in the area of financials, industry and technical update. For newly recruited Board member, the Company has in place an orientation and education programme to acquaint the incumbent with the overall set-up of the Group. All Board members are encouraged to attend any relevant training programme to further enhance their knowledge that enable them to discharge their responsibilities more effectively.

## **B. Director Remuneration**

Director remuneration is evaluated by the Board. The Board has not set up a Remuneration Committee as the Board, as a whole, determines the remuneration of the Directors.

The aggregate remuneration of Directors for the financial year were categorised as follows:-

	Executive Directors (RM'000)	Non-Executive Directors (RM'000)
Basic salary Fees	151 <b>.</b> 9 -	- 18.0
Benefit in kind		-
Total	151.9	18.0

Number of Directors whose remuneration falls within the following bands are set-out below:-

Band of remuneration	Executive Directors	Non-Executive Directors
RM 50,000 and below RM 50,001 - RM100,000	- 2	3 -
	2	3

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# C. Relationship with Shareholders

The Company maintains various methods of dissemination of information important to shareholders, stakeholders and the public at large through timely announcement of events, quarterly announcement of financial results and product information on the Company's various website.

The Company's AGM also provides an effective mean of face to face communication with the shareholders where they are encouraged to participate in the open question and answering session during the AGM. Shareholders are notified of the meeting and provided with a copy of the Company's Annual Report at least 21 days before the AGM in order for them to have sufficient time to read and understand the Company's financial and non-financial performance before the actual event takes place.

## D. Accountability and Audit

#### (i) Financial Reporting

It is the Board's responsibility to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act, 1965 and the applicable approved accounting standards set by Malaysian Accounting Standard Board so as to present a balanced and fair assessment of the Group's financial position and prospects. The Directors are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records, safeguarding the assets of the Company and taking reasonable steps to prevent and enable detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors have taken the necessary steps and actions as follows:-

- (a) selecting suitable accounting policies and then applying them consistently;
- (b) stating whether applicable accounting standards have been followed;
- (c) making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- (d) preparing the financial statements on a going concern basis, having made reasonable enquiries and assessment on the resources of the Company on its ability to continue further business in foreseeable future.

#### (ii) Internal Control

The Board acknowledges its overall responsibility for maintaining a sound system of internal controls to safeguard shareholders' investment and the Group's assets. However, the Board recognizes that such system is structured to manage rather than eliminate the possibility of encountering risk of failure to achieve corporate objectives.

The Statement of Internal Controls is set out on page 12 of the Annual Report providing an overview of the state of internal controls within the Group.

# (iii) Relationships With Auditors

The Board has established a transparent relationship with the external auditors through the Audit Committee, which has been accorded the authority to communicate directly with the external auditors. The auditors in turn are able to highlight matters which require the attention of the Board effectively to the Audit Committee in terms of compliance with the accounting standards and other related regulatory requirements.

### E. Corporate Social Responsibilities

The Company did not undertake any corporate social responsibility activities or practices during the financial year under review.