## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT**

STOCK CODE : 2771

**COMPANY NAME**: BOUSTEAD HOLDINGS BERHAD

FINANCIAL YEAR : December 31, 2021

#### **OUTLINE:**

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

# SECTION B – DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES 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.

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| Explanation on application of the practice | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | The Board of Directors (the Board) of Boustead Holdings Berhad (BHB or the Company) is committed to exhibit high standards of corporate governance. In fulfilling its role as stewards of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group"), the Board is dedicated to discharge its duties with due care, skill and diligence.  The key responsibilities of the Directors are as follows:  a) Promoting good corporate governance culture within the Group which reinforces ethical, prudent and professional behaviour  The Board is committed to drive the "tone of the top" in terms of ethics and professionalism and expects the employees to conduct themselves with integrity.  The core values of the Group are:  • Respect • Integrity • Teamwork • Excellence  These core values have been formalised and is expressed by the moniker "RITE". These values are disseminated to employees and continuously reinforced throughout their tenure with the Group. The Board ensures that each employee acknowledges that he has received, read and understood the Code of Ethics & Conduct. A copy of this Code of Ethics & Conduct is made available on the Group's website at www.boustead.com.my. |
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# b) Reviewing and deciding on management's proposals for the Company, and monitoring its implementation by management

Management's proposals which are reserved for the Board's approval will be discussed at the Board Meetings, where the Directors have the opportunity to scrutinise the proposal and seek clarification from the Management team. The Managing Director ensure that Management has taken into account all the appropriate consideration before tabling the proposals to the Board. Any significant updates on the proposals would be updated to the Directors either in the next Board Meeting or in follow-up reports distributed.

The day-to-day management of the Group is delegated to the Managing Director and the Senior Management Team. In this respect, the Company is guided by the Limits of Authority which provides the authority limits for corporate, operational, financial and human resource areas. The Limits of Authority determines the respective approving authorities for each transaction, prohibiting unfettered powers for any single individual within the various levels of management.

 c) Ensuring that the strategic plan of the Group supports long-term value creation and includes strategies on economic, environmental and social considerations underpinning sustainability;

The Group's sustainability initiatives reflect its continuous drive towards maximising opportunities for strong fiscal growth and optimising operational efficiency in tandem with the long term-term value creation based on economic, environmental and social considerations. Details of the Group's sustainability efforts for the year ended 31 December 2021 are set out in its Sustainability Statement.

d) Supervising and assessing management performance to determine whether the business is being properly managed

The Board meets at least four (4) times a year, with additional meetings held as and when required by the Board. Prior to the start of the new financial year, the Board will review and discuss the annual budget and strategic business plans presented by Management, before approving for execution. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the Managing Director and Senior Management team are put in place to ensure Management's performance is aligned with the Group's business targets for the year, and also for future medium and long-term basis. By the end of the said financial year, the Nominating and Remuneration Committee will recommend to the Board the appropriate annual increment for Managing Director and Senior Management team,

based on the Group's financial performance and the said executive's individual performance assessment.

# e) Ensuring there is a sound framework for internal controls and risk management

The Board acknowledges its overall responsibility in maintaining a sound system of internal control to safeguard shareholders' investments and the assets of the Group and for reviewing the adequacy and integrity of the system. Notwithstanding this, due to the limitations that are inherent in any system of internal control, the Group's internal control system is designed to manage risks within tolerable and knowledgeable limits, rather than eliminate, the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. Details of the Group's internal controls are set out in its Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control, which is on page 165 to page 170 of the Company's Integrated Report 2021.

# f) Understanding the principal risks of the Group's business and recognising that business decisions involve the taking of appropriate risks

The Board has ensured that the Group has the necessary risk infrastructure encompassing the risk assessment process, organisational oversight and reporting function to instil the appropriate discipline and control for continuous improvement of risk management capabilities. Details of the Group's risk management measures are set out in its Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control, which is on page 165 to page 170 of the Company's Integrated Report 2021.

## g) Ensuring that there is an appropriate risk management framework in place, for management to identify, manage and monitor significant risks

The Board has put in place a Risk Management Framework for Management to identify, evaluate manage and monitor significant risks. Details of the Group's Risk Management Framework are set out in its Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control, which is on page 165 to page 170 of the Company's Integrated Report 2021.

## Ensuring that Senior Management has the necessary skills and experience, and there are measures in place to provide for the orderly succession of Board and Senior Management

The Board seeks to ensure that the members of the Senior Management team are qualified, professional and have sufficient calibre to collectively lead the operations of the Group. The Board

| i)     | takes cognisance that the orderly succession of Senior Management is important to ensure readiness of internal candidates to fill potential positions. In this respect, the Group recognises talent development programmes should be put in place to provide opportunities for employees to hone their capabilities and leadership skills.  Ensuring that the Group has in place procedures to enable effective communication with stakeholders   |  |
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|        | The Board is committed in providing effective and timely communication with its stakeholders. The Group uses a number of formal channels for effective dissemination of information to the public, namely, the Annual Report, announcements to Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and media releases. Regular analyst briefings are conducted for stakeholders, whilst the Group's website at <a href="www.boustead.com.my">www.boustead.com.my</a> provides relevant information for investors and other stakeholders.             |  |
| j)     | Ensuring the integrity of the Company's financial and non-financial reporting   |  |
|        | The Audit Committee has been entrusted by the Board to ensure the Group's financial and non-financial reporting present a true and fair view of its state of affairs. The Audit Committee meets at least four (4) times a year to review the unaudited financial results, and ensures Management prepares the results and statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2016, Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, applicable accounting standards and other relevant regulatory requirements. |  |
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#### Practice 1.2

A Chairman of the board who is responsible for instilling good corporate governance practices, leadership and effectiveness of the board is appointed.

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| Explanation on application of the practice | : | Datuk Seri Mohd Redzuan Md Yusof is the Chairman of the Company His profile can be viewed on page 118 of the Company's Integrate Report. He provides leadership so that the Board can perform it responsibilities effectively.  As provided under the Company's Board Charter, the Chairman responsible for, among others:  |  |
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|  |   | <ul> <li>Leading the Board in setting the values and standards of the<br/>Company;</li> </ul>   |  |
|  |   | <ul> <li>Encouraging all Directors to play an active role in Board activities;</li> <li>and</li> </ul>  |  |
|  |   | • Ensuring the provision of accurate, timely and clear information to Directors.  |  |
|  |   | The Chairman together with the Company Secretary sets the agenda of each Board Meeting. He ensures that Directors receive Board papers in a timely manner and that Directors are properly briefed on issues arising in Board meetings. During Board Meetings, the Chairman leads the discussion, allowing sufficient time for deliberations on key issues and complex matters. He also encourages active participation and allows views including dissent to be freely expressed. The Chairman also ensures that every Board resolution is put to vote and the will of majority prevails. |  |
|  |   | The Chairman plays a key role in the conduct of the General Meetings. Besides ensuring the proper flow of resolutions tabled at the meeting, he manages the communication on the floor. He further encourages active participation from shareholders and allows a generous amount of time during the questions and answers session.   |  |
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**Practice 1.3**The positions of Chairman and CEO are held by different individuals.

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| Explanation on :          | The roles of the Chairman and Group Managing Director are separate       |  |
| application of the        | and clearly defined and are held by two distinct individuals. At present |  |
| practice                  | Datuk Seri Mohd Redzuan Md Yusof is the Independent Non-Executive        |  |
|                           | Director and Chairman of the Board whereas Dato' Sri Mohammed            |  |
|                           | Shazalli Ramly is the Group Managing Director of BHB.                    |  |
|                           | The Chairman is primarily responsible for the orderly conduct and        |  |
|                           | working of the Board whilst the Group Managing Director has the          |  |
|                           | overall responsibility for the day-to-day running of the business and    |  |
|                           | implementation of Board policies and decisions. The separation of        |  |
|                           | power seeks to facilitate an appropriate balance of power to prevent     |  |
|                           | any single individual from dominating deliberations and the decision-    |  |
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|                           | The respective duties and responsibilities of the Chairman and the       |  |
|                           | Group Managing Director are contained in the Board Charter.              |  |
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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

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| allows the Chairman to participate in any or all of these committees' meetings, by way of invitation, |   |  |  |  |
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| application of the  | is not a member of the Audit Committee and Nominating and               |  |  |  |
| practice  | Remuneration Committee. The previous Chairman of the Board, Dato'       |  |  |  |
| •   | Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin was also not a member of any of Board        |  |  |  |
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|   | The current Chairman, Datuk Seri Mohd Redzuan Md Yusof has never        |  |  |  |
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|   | attended any of these Committees' meetings since the date of his        |  |  |  |
|   | appointment on 3 January 2022.  |  |  |  |
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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.

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| Explanation on application of the practice |   | The Company Secretaries of Boustead Holdings are Encik Affendi Mohd Yob and Puan Juniza Azizan. Encik Affendi Mohd Yob and Puan Juniza Azizan have company secretarial qualifications and are qualified to hold the position under Section 235 of the Companies Act 2016. The Company Secretaries are licenced by the Companies Commission of Malaysia. Encik Affendi Mohd Yob has 20 years of experience whilst Puan Juniza Azizan has 15 years of experience in Corporate Secretarial. Encik Affendi Mohd Yob and Puan Juniza Azizan were appointed as the in-house Company Secretaries of Boustead Holdings on 1 August 2019 and 5 December 2018 respectively.   |
|  |   | The Company Secretaries plays an advisory role in supporting the Board to uphold high standards of corporate governance. As a counsel to the Board, they provide the Board with periodic updates regarding regulatory developments and assists the Board in interpreting and applying pertinent corporate governance promulgations such as Capital Markets and Services Act 2007 (Amendment 2012), Companies Act 2016 and Main Market Listing Requirements (MMLR). The Company Secretaries also provide support in the facilitating the flow of information to Board. The Company Secretaries additionally serve as a liaison for stakeholders' communication and engagement on corporate governance issues. The role and responsibilities of the Company Secretaries are set out in the Board Charter. |
|  |   | The Company Secretaries has a direct functional reporting line to the Chairman and has been accorded with appropriate standing and authority to enable her to discharge her duties in an impartial and effective manner. The appointment or removal of the Company Secretaries are the prerogative of the Board.  |
|  |   | In order to upskill themselves and keep abreast with the latest developments in corporate governance realm, the Company Secretaries have attended relevant training and professional development programmes during the financial year relating to Companies Act 2016, Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance (MCCG) and MMLR.   |

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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.

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| Explanation on application of the practice | The Board recognises the importance of information supply in promoting informed Board discussions and deliberations. The Chairman, together with Management and Company Secretary, are responsible for ensuring Directors receive adequate and timely information prior to Board or Board Committee meetings.  The Board meets regularly during the year, with the annual meeting diary tentatively made in advance to facilitate Directors' planning. There is a formal schedule of matters (including quarterly financial results, strategic business issues, and the annual business plan) reserved for discussion at the scheduled Board meetings.  The notice of the Board meetings is circulated to Board members at |
|  | least 14 days before the meeting and the agenda and Board papers are circulated to the Directors five days before each meeting.  The Directors are supplied with Board papers with necessary information that are accurate, clear and comprehensive to enable informed decision making at the Board meetings. In addition, Board members can seek further advice or clarification from Management when required.   |
|  | The deliberations and conclusions of issues discussed in the Board meetings are duly recorded in the Board minutes, the draft of which is circulated for the Chairman's review within a reasonable timeframe after the meeting. The meeting minutes capture the decisions made, including the key deliberations, rationale for each decision made, and any significant concerns or dissenting views.  The decisions made at the Board meetings are also communicated to Management in a timely manner to ensure appropriate execution.   |
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There is demarcation of responsibilities between the board, board committees and management.

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

#### Practice 2.1

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

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

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| Explanation on application of the practice | The Board is guided by its Board Charter which clearly sets out the Board's strategic intent, roles and responsibilities in discharging its fiduciary and leadership functions. The Board Charter is reviewed periodically and updated in accordance with the needs of the Group to ensure its effectiveness and consistency with the Board's objectives and corporate vision. The Board Charter serves as a primary reference point on governance matters for Directors as well as an induction literature for newly-appointed Directors. |  |
|  | The Board Charter addresses, among others, the following matters:  Role and responsibilities of the Board; Composition, Board balance and Board diversity; The role of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; Supply of information and Board meetings; Matters reserved for the Board; Board effectiveness evaluation; Board Committees; Financial Reporting; General Meetings; and Communication with stakeholders.   |  |
|  | The Board Charter was last reviewed on 28 August 2019. The Board Charter is accessible for reference on the Group's website, <a href="https://www.boustead.com.my">www.boustead.com.my</a> .   |  |
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The board is committed to promoting good business conduct and maintaining a healthy corporate culture that engenders integrity, transparency and fairness.

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

#### **Practice 3.1**

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

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

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|                             | <ul> <li>The Board consistently strives to set the "tone at the top" and instill ethical values and standards across every level of the Group. In this regard, the Board has put in place a Code of Ethics and Conduct which subject employees to a set of values and standards of conduct that is expected of them.</li> <li>The Code of Ethics and Conduct serves as a formal commitment by employees to conduct themselves professionally at all times and to do business in a transparent, appropriate and fair manner. The Code of Ethics and Conduct is available on the Group's website at www.boustead.com.my.</li> <li>The Code of Ethics and Conduct covers the following overarching areas:         <ul> <li>Conducting business ethically, fairly and with honesty;</li> <li>Complying with laws including abuse of power, corruption, insider trading and money laundering;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |
|                             | <ul> <li>Providing quality and safe products;</li> <li>Protecting the Group's assets and information;</li> <li>Maintaining complete and accurate business records; and</li> <li>Respecting others in the workplace and society.</li> </ul> All employees of the Group are required to acknowledge that they have  |  |
|                             | received, read and understood the provisions of the Code of Ethics and Conduct.   |  |
|                             | The Board reviews the Code of Ethics and Conduct periodically or as and when the need arises to ensure it is kept contemporaneous.  |  |
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#### Practice 3.2

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

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| Explanation on application of the practice          | The Group is committed in preserving and protecting the interest and reputation at all times. In this respect, the Whistleblowing Policy was established in July 2010 and was recently reviewed in February 2022.  The main objective of the Whistleblowing Policy is to provide an objective point of escalation for employees or stakeholders to disclose in a bona fide manner any suspected acts of wrongdoings without any fear of reprisal. The Whistleblowing Policy provides guidelines for the reporting and the investigation of any wrongdoings. Such misconducts may be reported in writing directly to a dedicated e-mail address, namely, alert@boustead.com.my.  The Whistleblowing Policy makes it clear that concerns can be raised |  |
|   | without fear of victimisation, recrimination, discrimination or disadvantage to the employee or stakeholder that reports the concerns.  The Board together with Management, reviews the Whistleblowing Policy periodically or as and when the need arises to ensure it is kept contemporaneous. The channels for whistleblowing can be accessed at the Group's website at <a href="https://www.boustead.com.my">www.boustead.com.my</a> .  |  |
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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.

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| Explanation on application of the practice | : The Board together with Management takes responsibility for the governance of sustainability in the Group, including setting its sustainability strategies, priorities and targets. A designated senior employee is tasked to focus on the management of sustainability strategically including integration of sustainability considerations in the Group's operations.  Sustainability Governance Sustainability at Boustead Holdings is led by the Board of Directors which has oversight over the Group's sustainability strategy, direction and performance. The Board is supported in carrying out functions by the Sustainability Committee, comprising four Committee members who meet at least twice a year to discuss sustainability matters. At the Management level, Boustead Holdings has established a Sustainability Management Committee comprising representatives from across the Group and chaired by Group Finance Director. The Sustainability Management Committee is supported by the Sustainability Secretariat which works in collaboration with Divisional Sustainability Teams and Champions across the Group to ensure that the Group's sustainability |  |
|  | performance is reported and updated accurately, whilst providing support on corporate sustainability matters.   |  |
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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 4.2

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.

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| Explanation on application of the practice | : The Board ensures that the Group's sustainability strategies, priorities and targets as well as performance against these targets are communicated to all stakeholders. The well-being of customers, employees and other stakeholders as well as the environment is crucial to sustaining our long-term performance.  The Board and Management communicates the Group's sustainability strategies, priorities, targets and performance with internal and external stakeholders through the following channels: |
|  | <ul> <li>Internal stakeholders</li> <li>Employee engagement survey and initiatives</li> <li>Internal communication including emails, posters, cloud-based content collaboration, internal social media channel via BEEP2</li> <li>Whistleblowing channels</li> <li>Corporate induction programmes, one-on-one consultations</li> <li>Joint-management-employee-safety committees</li> <li>Period meetings and consultations</li> </ul>   |
|  | <ul> <li>External Stakeholders</li> <li>Annual Report</li> <li>Annual General Meeting</li> <li>Website</li> <li>Analyst briefings</li> <li>Engagement sessions with various group of external stakeholders.</li> </ul> Further details are contained in the Stakeholder Engagement which is on page 052 to page 055 of the Company's Integrated Report 2021.   |
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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.

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| Explanation on application of the practice |   | The Company incorporated economic, environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks and opportunities into the Group's business decisions given its heightened materiality in decision making considerations of stakeholders. The Company considers the integration of ESG factors as a component of the Board's fiduciary responsibility and accountable therefore to the oversight and management of sustainability.  The Company has implemented various measures to drive sustainability in line with its business values and philosophy including environmental-related risks and opportunities.  Management had identified the sustainability issues related to Company's business and stakeholders with proper assessment to help formulate its sustainability strategies.  The Risk Committee receives quarterly updates on the Risk dashboard from Management. The Management Risk Committee of the Company had included new addition risk with regards to the ESG into the Risk dashboard - residual risk rating, which was presented to the Risk Committee in February 2022.  The Board together with Management had identified the key controls to mitigate the risk on ESG matters, as follows:  • Establishment of a Sustainability Committee to set the tone from the top regarding ESG matters.  • Adoption of an overarching BHB Sustainability Policy which outlines the Company's approach on the matter.  • Establishment of a Sustainability Unit at Company level to assist in managing corporate sustainability matters.  • Conduct of periodical Materiality Review on ESG-related matters to ensure new risks and opportunities are captured and addressed, considering both internal and externa perspectives. |

|                            | <ul> <li>Establishment of an internal Sustainability Reporting Framework which allows for monitoring and tracking of the Company's ESG performance.</li> <li>Disclosure of sustainability performance through the production of annual sustainability reports, that meet regulatory and ESG investors' information requirement.</li> <li>The Board is actively engaged in the governance of the ESG issues, including the Company's strategic approach and performance towards ESG. The Company will encourage for the Board and Senior Management to attend more external and internal training courses on ESG to enhance their understanding on sustainability that are relevant to the Group.</li> </ul> |
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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.

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| Explanation on application of the practice |     | The annual assessment shall include the performance of each Director and the Senior Management Team in relation to material sustainability risks and opportunities. Based on the assessment, the Board and senior management have sufficiently discharged their oversight responsibilities in addressing the Company's material sustainability |  |
|  |     | risks and opportunities during the financial year.   |  |
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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 4.5- 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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| Application   | : | Applied  |
| Explanation on adoption of the practice   | : | Boustead Holdings has established a Sustainability Team to manage sustainability strategically in the operations of the Group, led by Puan Nurafnizar Mohammad, Manager, Sustainability. |

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  |
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| Explanation on : application of the practice | The Nominating and Remuneration Committee (NRC) and the Board, from time to time undertakes a review of the Board and Board Committees' composition to determine areas of strength and improvement opportunities. The NRC regularly assess the skills, experience, independence and diversity required collectively for the Board to effectively fulfil its role.  The NRC is also responsible for recommending to the Board, on the reelection of the relevant Directors at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. |
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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   |  |
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| Explanation on application of the practice  | · · | The Board comprises eleven (11) members, seven (7) of which are Independent Directors, as follows:  Datuk Seri Mohd Redzuan Md Yusof Lieutenant General Dato' Fadzil Mokhtar (R) Dato' Nonee Ashirin Dato' Mohd Radzi Tan Sri Abu Bakar Haji Abdullah Dato' Seri Rosman Mohamed Pauline Teh @ Pauline Teh Abdullah Datuk Maulizan Bujang  With majority of the Board composed of Independent Directors, Boustead Holdings Berhad is able to facilitate greater checks and balances during boardroom deliberations and decision making. This counterweight allows Independent Directors to encourage, support and drive each other in the value creation and sustainability of the business.  The Nominating and Remuneration Committee has assessed the Board composition and is satisfied that the current size and composition of |  |
|   |     | Directors is adequate to provide a balance mix of skills and experience, as well as the objectivity required in the boardroom.  |  |
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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   |  |
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| Explanation on application of the practice  | <ul> <li>The Board has formalised a Board Directorship Policy on 28 August 2019 which shall serve as formal commitment for the Board of Directors regarding their directorship and tenure of Boustead Holdings Berhad Board members.</li> <li>The tenure of the independent directors is stated in Item 6 of the Board Directorship Policy, as follows:</li> </ul>                        |  |
|   | The term of directorship of an Independent Non-Executive Director (INED) shall not exceed a cumulative term limit of nine (9) years. The Board however, upon completion of the nine (9) years, may with a view to add long-term value and in recognition of the INED's contribution to the Company, invite the INED to continue to serve on the Board as a Non-Independent Non-Executive. |  |
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

# Practice 5.4 - 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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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

#### 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   |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | : | The Board acknowledges the importance of diversity in terms of skills, experience, age, gender, cultural background and ethnicity and recognises the benefits of diversity at leadership and employee level.  Having a range of diversity dimensions brings different perspectives to the boardroom and to various levels of Management within the Group.  The Nominating and Remuneration Committee (NRC) is responsible to lead the process for the nomination of new Board appointments and making the necessary recommendations. In this respect, the role of the NRC is detailed in its Terms of Reference, which is accessible for reference on the Group's website at <a href="https://www.boustead.com.my">www.boustead.com.my</a> .  In making its recommendations to the Board, the NRC considers and assess the suitability of a new appointment based on objective criteria, including: |
| Explanation for                            |   | <ul> <li>Qualification;</li> <li>Required competencies, skills, expertise and experience;</li> <li>Specialist knowledge or technical skills;</li> <li>Professionalism and integrity; and</li> <li>Time commitment to the Company.</li> </ul> In order to further reinforce good governance, the Board has put in place the Recruitment and Selection Policy, applicable to all employees of the Group. The aim of the policy is to ensure that the selection process of the candidates is anchored on meritocracy and abilities, and is conducted in a professional, fair and confidential manner.  |
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#### 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.

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| Application                                    | :   | Applied   |
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| Explanation on application of the practice     | :   | The Nominating and Remuneration Committee (NRC) is responsible for recommending suitable candidates for Directorships to the Board. In undertaking this responsibility, the NRC leverages on several sources to "cast a wider net" and gain access to a wide pool of potential candidates. The responsibilities of the NRC in this regard are outlined in its Terms of Reference.  In evaluating potential candidates, the NRC will assess directorship suitability based on objective criteria, including:  • Qualification; • Required competencies, skills, expertise and experience; • Specialist knowledge or technical skills; • Professionalism and integrity; and • Time commitment to the Company.  In searching for suitable candidates, the NRC may receive suggestions from existing Board Members, Management, and major shareholders. |
|  |     | The Committee is also open to referrals from external sources available, such as industry and professional associations, as well as independent search firms.   |
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#### 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   |
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| Explanation on application of the practice     | : | The Board ensures shareholders are provided with the information they require to make an informed decision on the appointment and reappointment of director(s). 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 Group as a whole.  The details on the re-appointment of directors are provided in the Group's Integrated Report. |
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## Practice 5.8

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

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| Explanation on  | :   | The Nominating and Remuneration Committee is chaired by an  |
| application of the                                      |     | Independent Director, Dato' Seri Rosman Mohamed.  |
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| <b>F</b> . 4. 5. 10. 10. 10. 10. 10. 10. 10. 10. 10. 10 |     | The Board understands that an effective recruitment and evaluation process of Directors is the building block of a high-performing Board. The Board therefore believes that the Independent Director is the most suitable and qualified person to lead the conduct of the process in an objective manner. |
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# Practice 5.9

The board comprises at least 30% women directors.

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| Explanation on application of the | •    | During the year under review, the Company has three (3) female Directors, representing 33% of the Board.  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| practice                          |      |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                   |      | The three female Board members are Dato' Nonee Ashirin Dato' Mohd Radzi, Senator Datuk Seri Hajjah Zurainah Musa and Madam Pauline Teh @ Pauline Teh Abdullah. Diversity was considered in tandem with meritocracy (which are based on their qualification, skills and relevant experience). Their appointment is a positive development for the Company in making greater strides towards notable gender diversity on 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 5.10

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

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| Explanation on application of the practice | : | The Diversity Policy (Policy) of Boustead Holdings Berhad sets out to promote diversity for the Board and workforce of the Group. Diversity in this context refers to age, gender, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, cultural background, religious belief, social-economic status, education, life experience, job function, work experience, personality, location, marital status and career responsibilities.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   | rsonality, location, marital status and career responsibilities.  e Diversity Policy is consistent with the Company's business goals, ues and principles.  e purpose of the Diversity Policy is to highlight the Company's mmitment to managing diversity in order to improve the Company's rformance by recognising and utilising the diverse skills and talents its Directors, Officers, and employees.  e Diversity Policy aims to promote standards of good corporate actices; and reassure that diversity will be protected with sound ligment.  Ope of the Diversity Policy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   | The purpose of the Diversity Policy is to highlight the Company's commitment to managing diversity in order to improve the Company's performance by recognising and utilising the diverse skills and talents of its Directors, Officers, and employees.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |   | <ol> <li>The Company's strategic intent for diversity is the attraction,<br/>retention and development of a diverse team of skilled people<br/>who are increasingly engaged towards the delivery of the<br/>Company's strategies.</li> </ol>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   | <ol> <li>A diverse Board and employees will be able to provide the<br/>necessary range of perspectives, experience and expertise<br/>required in promoting better corporate governance to enhance<br/>prudent business decision-making processes and to ensure<br/>sustainable growth.</li> </ol>   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |   | The Diversity Policy is accessible on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.boustead.com.my">www.boustead.com.my</a> .  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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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.

|  | any to qualify for adoption of this practice, it must undertake annual board in independent expert at least every three years to facilitate the evaluation.  |
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| Application  | : Applied  |
| Explanation on application of the practice         | : Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance (MCCG) stipulates that a formal and objective annual evaluation should be conducted to determine the effectiveness of the Board. The Nominating and Remuneration Committee (NRC) is responsible for the Board Effectiveness Evaluation (BEE) process, covering the Board, Board Committees and individual Directors, including Independent Directors.   |
|  | The Board evaluation is conducted yearly and involves Directors completing the BEE questionnaire, covering the Board and Board Committees processes and, the effectiveness and contribution of each of the Directors to the Board and Board Committees.  |
|  | The NRC, upon conclusion of the BEE exercise, was satisfied that the Board and Board Committee composition had fulfilled the criteria required, possess a right blend of knowledge, experience and the appropriate mix of skills. In addition, there was mutual respect amongst individual Directors which contributed to a healthy environment for constructive deliberation and robust decision-making process. Independent Directors were assessed to be objective in exercising their judgement. |
|  | In accordance with MCCG best practice, the Board intends to hire an external consultant to facilitate the BEE exercise every three years.  |
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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  |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | i | The Directors Remuneration Policy and the Senior Management Remuneration Policy sets out the criteria to be used in recommending the remuneration package of the Directors and the Senior Management of Boustead Holdings Berhad and is in line with the best practice provisions of the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance, relevant legislations as well as other applicable regulations.  The aim of the remuneration policies are to attract, develop, retain and  |
|  |   | reward high performing and motivated Board Members and Senior Management with a competitive remuneration package; provide a remuneration package to the Board and Senior Management and ensure that they are paid a remuneration commensurate with the responsibilities of their positions, reflecting their contributions and achievement; ensure that performance measures and targets are aligned with the Company's strategy and shareholders interest; and ensure that the remuneration packages remain competitive with the relevant industry and market via periodical review and assessment. |
|  |   | The Directors Remuneration Policy and the Senior Management Remuneration Policy are accessible on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.boustead.com.my">www.boustead.com.my</a> .   |
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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 7.2

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

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

| Application :  | Applied  |
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| Explanation on : application of the practice           | The Nominating Committee was merged with the Remuneration Committee on 11 July 2019 and is now known as Nominating and Remuneration Committee (NRC). The NRC comprises all Non-Executive Directors.  The current membership of the NRC is outlined below:  1) Dato' Seri Rosman Mohamed (Chairman of NRC) 2) Senator Datuk Seri Hajjah Zurainah Musa 3) Tan Sri Abu Bakar Abdullah 4) Dato' Ahmad Nazim Abd Rahman  The NRC responsibilities include reviewing the remuneration packages, reward structure and fringe benefits applicable to Board and Senior Management and making the appropriate recommendations to the Board.  The Terms of Reference of NRC is accessible for reference on the Group's website at <a href="https://www.boustead.com.my">www.boustead.com.my</a> . |
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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   |
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| Explanation on : application of the practice | The Board aims to set remuneration at levels which are sufficient to attract and retain the Directors needed to run the Group successfully, taking into consideration all relevant factors including the function, workload and responsibilities involved.  The remuneration of the Non-Executive Directors is reviewed once in every three years. The remuneration of Non-Executive Directors is approved by shareholders at the AGM of the Company, as prescribed by the Company's Constitution and the Companies Act 2016.  The details for the remuneration of Directors for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 for Boustead Holdings Berhad Group are as follows: |

|    |   |  |                         | Company ('000) |        |       |                      |                     |       |                  |           | Group ('000) |       |                      |                     |       |  |  |
|----|---|--|-------------------------|----------------|--------|-------|----------------------|---------------------|-------|------------------|-----------|--------------|-------|----------------------|---------------------|-------|--|--|
| No | Name  | Directorate                                      | Fee                     | Allowance      | Salary | Bonus | Benefits-in-<br>kind | Other<br>emoluments | Total | Fee              | Allowance | Salary       | Bonus | Benefits-in-<br>kind | Other<br>emoluments | Total |  |  |
| 1  | Dato' Sri<br>Mohammed Shazalli<br>Ramly           | Group Managing<br>Director                       | -                       | -              | 1,864  | -     | 3                    | 315                 | 2,182 | -                | -         | 1,864        | -     | 3                    | 315                 | 2,185 |  |  |
| 2  | Izaddeen Daud                                     | Deputy Group<br>Managing<br>Director             | -                       | -              | 922    | -     | 12                   | 138                 | 1,072 | -                | -         | 922          | -     | 12                   | 138                 | 1,081 |  |  |
| 3  | Lieutenant General<br>Dato' Fadzil Mokhtar<br>(R) | Independent<br>Non-Executive<br>Director         | 148                     | 36             | -      | -     | -                    | 1                   | 184   | 148              | 36        | 1            | -     | -                    | -                   | 184   |  |  |
| 4  | Dato' Nonee Ashirin<br>Dato' Mohd Radzi           | Independent<br>Non-Executive<br>Director         | 128                     | 29             | -      | -     | -                    | 1                   | 184   | 158              | 30        | 1            | -     | -                    | -                   | 188   |  |  |
| 5  | Senator Datuk Seri<br>Hajjah Zurainah<br>Musa     | Non-<br>Independent<br>Non-Executive<br>Director | 126                     | 28             | -      | -     | -                    | -                   | 154   | 126              | 28        | -            | -     | -                    | -                   | 154   |  |  |
| 6  | Tan Sri Abu Bakar<br>Haji Abdullah                | Independent<br>Non-Executive<br>Director         | 143                     | 32             | -      | -     | -                    | -                   | 175   | 143              | 32        | -            | -     | -                    | -                   | 175   |  |  |
| 7  | Dato' Seri Rosman<br>Mohamed                      | Independent<br>Non-Executive<br>Director         | 69                      | 13             | -      | -     | -                    | -                   | 82    | 69               | 13        | -            | -     | -                    | -                   | 82    |  |  |
| 8  | Dato' Ahmad Nazim<br>Abd Rahman                   | Non-<br>Independent<br>Non-Executive<br>Director | 60<br>((pay to<br>LTAT) | 10             | -      | -     | -                    | -                   | 70    | 77 (pay to LTAT) | 11        | -            | -     | -                    | -                   | 88    |  |  |
| 9  | Pauline Teh @<br>Pauline Teh<br>Abdullah          | Independent<br>Non-Executive<br>Director         | 43                      | 8              | -      | -     | -                    | -                   | 51    | 43               | 8         | -            | -     | -                    | -                   | 51    |  |  |
| 10 | Dato' Seri Mohamed<br>Khaled Nordin               | Non-<br>Independent                              | 93                      | 52             | =      | -     | 10                   | -                   | 155   | 154              | 59        | -            | =     | 10                   | -                   | 223   |  |  |

|    | (Resigned w.e.f. 5<br>August 2021)                                     | Non-Executive<br>Director                |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
|----|--|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 11 | Datuk Zainun Aishah<br>Ahmad (Retired<br>w.e.f. 3 September<br>2021)   | Independent<br>Non-Executive<br>Director | 102             | 30              | -               | -               | -               | -               | 132             | 102             | 30              | -               | -               | -               | -               | 132             |
| 12 | Dato' Abdul Hamid<br>Sh. Mohamed<br>(Resigned w.e.f. 16<br>April 2021) | Independent<br>Non-Executive<br>Director | 45              | 11              | -               | -               | -               | -               | 56              | 45              | 11              | -               | -               | -               | -               | 56              |
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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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| Explanation on application of the practice | : |   |  |  |
| • •  |   | Remuneration paid to the top five (5) Sen Holdings for the financial year ended 31 D  Top Five Senior Management (not including Executive Directors)  From RM350,001 to RM450,000  From RM650,001 to RM750,000  From RM750,001 to RM850,000  From RM1,000,001 to RM2,000,000  From RM2,000,001 to RM3,000,000  Total  The remuneration of the top five (5) Company disclosed above is on an aggregiuncture, the Board is of the opinion that Management personnel' names and components (salary, bonus, benefits in-kin not be in the best interest of the Grounsecurity concerns.  The Board ensures that the remuneration security concerns.  The Board ensures that the remuneration security concerns and run the Commensurate with the performance consideration to attracting, retaining Management to lead and run the Commensuration payouts are not made to Security instance. | Number of Senior Management  1 1 1 5 Senior Manage egate basis. At the disclosure of the various report of the Companies and motival pany successful | ment of the his particular of the Senior emuneration ments) would lentiality and enagement is ay, with due ating Senior lly. Excessive |
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| Large companies are requir | The disclosure of the remuneration of the top five Senior Management of the Company is currently made on an aggregate basis and it allows stakeholders to make an appreciable link between remuneration of Senior Management and the performance of the Group. |  |  |  |
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| to complete the columns be | •  | Non-large companies are encouraged   |  |  |
| •                          |  | d displacate of Conjor Managers at   |  |  |
| Measure :                  | The Company will provide detailed disclosure of Senior Management's remuneration if the requirement is made mandatory under the Main Market Listing Requirements (MMLR).   |  |  |  |
|                            |  | n aggregate basis already allows<br>cus between remuneration and value                   |  |  |
| Timeframe :                | Others   | Within 2 years or a prescribed period when the requirement is made mandatory under MMLR. |  |  |

|    |                 |                 | Company         |                 |                 |                 |                  |                 |  |
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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. |
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| Explanation on adoption of the practice | : |              |

|    |                 |                 | Company ('000)  |                 |                 |                 |                  |                 |
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| No | Name            | Position        | Salary          | Allowance       | Bonus           | Benefits        | Other emoluments | Total           |
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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   |
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|   |   |   |
| Explanation on application of the practice      |   | The Board of Directors has established an Audit Committee (AC) which is currently chaired by an Independent Director, Pauline Teh @ Pauline Teh Abdullah. The Chairman of the Board meanwhile is Datuk Seri Mohd Redzuan Md Yusof.  |
|   |   | As such, the Chairman of the AC is distinct from the Chairman of the Board. Having the positions of Board Chairman and Chairman of the AC assumed by different individuals allows the Board to objectively review the AC's findings and recommendations.  |
|   |   | The possession of sound financial understanding and experience equips the Chairman of the AC with the ability to lead discussions and deliberations and ultimately be satisfied that the end result fairly reflects the understanding of the Audit and Compliance Committee. Her full profile can be viewed on page 127 of the Company's Integrated Report. |
|   |   | The duties and responsibilities of the Chairman of the AC are outlined in the Terms of Reference of the AC, which is available on the Group's website at <a href="https://www.boustead.com.my">www.boustead.com.my</a> .  |
| Explanation for departure                       | : |   |
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| Measure   | : |   |
| Timeframe                                       | : |   |

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

## Practice 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           | The Audit Committee (AC) comprises of four (4) members, all of whom are Non-Executive Directors and with all being independent. At present, none of the AC members were former key audit partners of the Company's external auditors. |  |  |
|  | As a measure to safeguard the independence and objectivity of the audit process, the AC has incorporated a policy stipulation that governs the appointment of a former key audit partner to the AC.                                   |  |  |
|  | The policy, which is codified in the AC's Terms of Reference, requires a former key audit partner to observe a cooling-off period of at least three (3) years before he can be considered for appointment as a Committee member.      |  |  |
| Explanation for : departure                            |   |  |  |
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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 9.3

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   |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | The Audit Committee (AC) is responsible for assessing the capabilities and independence of the external auditor and to make subsequent recommendations to the Board on the appointment, re-appointment or termination of the external auditor.  |
|  | Under its Terms of Reference, the AC reviews the suitability, objectivity and independence of the external auditor of the Company on an annual basis. The review process covers the assessment of the independence of the external auditor, the evaluation of the external auditor's performance, quality of work, audit fees and the adequacy of resources.  |
|  | During the financial year, the AC met with the external auditor namely, Messrs. Ernst & Young PLT (EY), twice during the year in the absence of Management. The AC has also monitored and reviewed the performance and independence of EY and satisfied itself that the external auditor has been independent throughout the conduct of the audit process and the audit services rendered have met the quality expected by the Committee. |
|  | For the audit of the financial year ended 31 December 2021, the AC was further assured by EY by way of written confirmation that its personnel were and have been, independent throughout the conduct of the audit engagement in accordance with the terms of all relevant professional and regulatory requirements.  |
|  | Pursuant to the assessment on the suitability and independence of the external auditor, the AC made its recommendation to the Board on the re-appointment on the external auditor alongside the accompanying audit fees.  |
| Explanation for departure                  |   |
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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 :                             | Applied   |
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| Explanation on : adoption of the practice | The Audit Committee (AC) comprises of four (4) members, all of whom are Non-Executive Directors and with all being independent.  1) Pauline Teh @ Pauline Teh Abdullah (Chairman of the AC and Independent Non-Executive Director)  2) Lieutenant General Dato' Fadzil Mokhtar (R) (Independent Non-Executive Director) |
|   | <ul> <li>3) Tan Sri Abu Bakar Haji Abdullah<br/>(Independent Non-Executive Director)</li> <li>4) Dato' Seri Rosman Mohamed<br/>(Independent Non-Executive Director)</li> </ul>  |

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.

| The Audit Committee (AC) comprises of four (4) members as follows:  1) Pauline Teh @ Pauline Teh Abdullah |
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| auditor, EY on the following key areas:   |
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|                           | <ul> <li>Financial Reporting developments;</li> <li>Adoption of Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards;</li> </ul> |
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|                           | Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance; and   |
|                           | Other changes in regulatory environment.  |
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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

## Practice 10.1

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

| Application :   | Applied  |
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| Explanation on application of the practice            | The Board has established the necessary risk and internal control infrastructure encompassing the risk assessment process, internal control measures, organisational oversight and reporting function to instil the appropriate discipline to continuously improve risk management and internal control capabilities.  Accordingly, the Group has undertaken the following:  1) Adoption of a structured and systematic risk management, monitoring and reporting framework;  2) Heightened risk awareness culture in the business process;  3) Fostering a culture of continuous improvement in risk management through risk review meetings; and  4) Providing a system to manage the central accumulation of risk profiles data.  Details of the Group's Risk Management and Internal Control Framework are set out in its Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control, which is on page 165 to page 170 of the Company's Integrated Report.  The internal control mechanisms established by the Board are embedded within the organisation structure in all its processes. The |
|   | internal control system is independently reviewed by the Group Internal Audit (GIA) to assess its adequacy and effectiveness.  |
| Explanation for : departure                           |  |
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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## Practice 10.2

to complete the columns below.

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

| Application                                | :      | Applied   |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | :      | Risk assessment, monitoring and review of the various risks faced by the Group are continuous processes within the key operating units, with the Risk Committee (a Board level Committee) which sit on a quarterly basis playing a pivotal oversight function as delegated by the Board of Directors. |
|  |        | The Group's Risk Management Policy and Framework was developed in alignment with the ISO 31000 international standard, which is an internationally accepted risk management framework, and was revised during the year to ensure alignment with the second edition of the standard.                   |
|  |        | The Board has further received assurance from Risk Officer of the respective operating units on the effectiveness of the system on internal control, highlighting any weaknesses and changes in the risk profile.   |
|  |        | The Group's key risks have been identified as follows:  Financial and Liquidity Risks;  Human Capital Management Risk;  Reliance on Key Customers;  Cybersecurity Risk; and  Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Risk.   |
|  |        | Further details are contained in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control which is on page 165 to page 170 of the Company's Integrated Report 2021.  |
| Explanation for departure                  | :      |   |
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| Measure   | : |  |
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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 10.3 - 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                             | : 4 | applied  |
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| Explanation on adoption of the practice | t   | The Board has established Risk Committee (RC) on 16 July 2019 to assist the Board in fulfilling the oversight responsibilities with respect to the Group's risk management processes and internal control systems. |
|   | Т   | he RC comprises all independent directors, as follows:   |
|   | 1   | ) Lieutenant General Dato' Fadzil Mokhtar (R) (Independent Non-Executive Director) (Chairman of the RC)  |
|   | 2   | ) Tan Sri Abu Bakar Abdullah<br>(Independent Non-Executive Director)   |
|   | 3   | ) Pauline Teh @ Pauline Teh Abdullah<br>(Independent Non-Executive Director)   |
|   | c   | The role of the RC is to provide holistic oversight on Risk Management of the Group, which will include but will not be limited to the following esponsibilities:  |
|   | i)  | Oversee Enterprise Risk Management and Business Continuity Management implementation and practices within the Group;   |
|   | ii  | ) Provide timely input to management on critical risks;  |
|   | ii  | <ul> <li>i) Engage management in an ongoing risk appetite dialogue as<br/>conditions and circumstances change and as new opportunities<br/>arise;</li> </ul>   |
|   | iv  | <ul> <li>Oversee and provide additional precautions and plans for the<br/>management of specific risks, with regard to their complexity and<br/>significance;</li> </ul>   |
|   | v   | <ol> <li>Oversee the conduct, and review the results of group-wide risk<br/>assessments, including the identification and reporting of critical<br/>risks;</li> </ol>  |

- vi) Provide advice to the Board on risk strategies and coordinate the activities of the standing of the various Board Committees within the Group for risk oversight; and
- vii) Promote a healthy risk culture and watch for dysfunctional behavior that could undermine the effectiveness of the risk management process (e.g. excessive risk-taking due to misaligned key performance indicators and remuneration scheme).

The RC's Terms of Reference is accessible for viewing on the Company's official website at <a href="https://www.boustead.com.my">www.boustead.com.my</a>

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.

| Application                                | :    | Applied   |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | :    | The internal audit function is carried out by the Group Internal Audit (GIA) of Boustead Holdings Berhad, which reports directly to the Audit Committee (AC) and has direct access to the Board through the Chairman of the AC and is independent of the activities it audits. GIA's authority, scope and responsibilities are governed by an Internal Audit Charter which is approved by the AC.  The AC reviews and subsequently approves the Annual Internal Audit |
|  |      | Plan and ensures the GIA is accorded with appropriate standing, resources and authority to facilitate the discharge of its duties.  |
|  |      | Comprehensive audits of the practices, procedures, expenditure and internal controls of all business and support units and subsidiaries are undertaken on a regular basis. GIA provides assurance and recommendations to the AC on the Group's governance, risk management and internal control systems.  |
|  |      | The AC holds regular private meetings with the Head of GIA without the presence of Management to discuss on significant internal audit matters. These private meetings provide an avenue for the GIA to surface any pertinent issues or concerns that it has gathered.  |
|  |      | The AC has access to the Head of GIA and is able to discuss significant internal audit matters in private if required.  |
| Explanation for departure                  | :    |   |
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| Measure                                    | :    |   |
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Companies have an effective governance, risk management and internal control framework and stakeholders are able to assess the effectiveness of such a framework.

#### Practice 11.2

The board should disclose-

to complete the columns below.

- 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 | : The Internal Audit Charter states that the GIA personnel shall have impartial, unbiased attitude and avoid conflicts of interest in carrying out their duties. If independence or objectivity is impaired in fact or appearance, the details of the impairment should be disclosed to the Audit Committee (AC). The Head of GIA, along with other internal audit personnel, are free from any family relationship with any Directors and/or major shareholder and do not have any conflict of interest with the Group. |
|  | GIA adopts internal audit standards and best practices based on the International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF), promulgated by the Institute of Internal Auditors.  |
|  | At present, there are 26 internal auditors within the GIA. The number of resources in the GIA is reviewed by the AC on a quarterly basis to ensure adequacy of resources to undertake the internal audit function.   |
|  | The Head of GIA updates the name and qualification of GIA personnel to the AC on quarterly basis to ensure competency of the internal audit function. GIA personnel are also encouraged to pursue the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) examination.  |
|  | The total expenses incurred for the internal audit work of BHB during the financial year end 31 December 2021 was 4.3 million (2020: RM3.9 million).   |
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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  |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | : | As stewards of the Company, Directors are accountable to shareholders as well as other stakeholders of the Company for the performance and operations of the Company. As such, the Board endeavours to ensure that communication with stakeholders is conducted in a regular and forthcoming manner.   |
|  |   | The Board aims to maintain a positive relationship with the different group of stakeholders through active two-way communication, and to promote and demonstrate a high standard of integrity and transparency through timely, accurate and full disclosure and to enhance the stakeholders' understanding of the Group, its core businesses and operations, thereby, enabling investors to make informed decisions in valuing the Company's shares.   |
|  |   | The Group leverages on a number of formal channels for effective dissemination of information to shareholders and other stakeholders, particularly through the Annual Report, announcements to Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, media releases, quarterly results analyst briefings, Annual General Meeting and the Group website.  |
|  |   | The Group Managing Director and Senior Management meet regularly with analysts, institutional shareholders and investors. Interested parties may contact the Investor Relations function at <a href="mailto:ir@boustead.com.my">ir@boustead.com.my</a> , for enquiries regarding investor relations matters of the Group.  |
|  |   | Boustead Holdings is also of the view that the AGM is an important opportunity to address shareholders' concerns. At the AGM, the Group Managing Director will provide a presentation of the Group's annual operating and financial performance, followed by a Questions and Answers session during which the Chairman encourages shareholders' active participation, including clarifying and questioning the Group's strategic direction, business operations, performance and proposed resolutions. Senior Management of the Group are also present to handle other enquires from the shareholders. |

| Explanation for departure                           | ••• |   |                                    |
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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                                | : Applied   |
|--|---|
| Explanation on application of the practice | : As part of Reinventing Boustead Holdings Berhad (Boustead Holdings) has embarked on a journey to 'reinvent' our reporting process. Beginning 2021, Boustead Holdings will be presenting our financial and non-financial performance in an integrated reporting format which enable the Company in providing greater clarity on what we do, our values, strategies and the risks and opportunities faced in achieving the Company's goals.  The report has been guided by the following principles and |
|  | <ul> <li>requirements:</li> <li>International Integrated Reporting Framework issued by the International Integrated Reporting Council</li> <li>Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Berhad</li> <li>Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance 2021 issued by the Securities Commission Malaysia</li> <li>Companies Act 2016</li> <li>Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards</li> <li>International Financial Reporting Standards</li> </ul>   |
|  | <ul> <li>The Sustainability Statement meanwhile, has been guided by the following principles:</li> <li>Global Reporting Initiative Standards</li> <li>Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Berhad</li> <li>FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index's Environmental, Social and Governance indicators</li> <li>United Nations Sustainable Development Goals</li> </ul>  |
| Explanation for departure                  |   |
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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 :                                | Departure  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Explanation on : application of the practice |  |  |
| Explanation for : departure                  | The Board recognises the Annual General Meeting (AGM) as an invaluable platform for shareholders to engage both the Board and Senior Management in a productive dialogue and provide constructive feedback that contributes to the overall performance of the Group. The Board therefore endeavours to provide shareholders with adequate time to consider the resolutions that will be discussed and decided upon during the AGM and to facilitate informed decision-making by the shareholders.  In this regard, the notice for the 59 <sup>th</sup> AGM in 2021 was provided to shareholders on 24 May 2021, at least 21 days before the meeting, which was held on 31 May 2021. The Board is of the opinion that the notice period, which complies with the provisions of the Main Market Listing Requirements, which call for a 21-days' notice period for public companies or listed issuers respectively, provides sufficient time for the shareholders to make the necessary arrangements to attend the meeting. |  |
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| Measure :                                    | The Notice for the 60 <sup>th</sup> AGM in 2022 will be provided to shareholders at least 28-days before the meeting.  |  |
| Timeframe :                                  | 2022   |  |

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  |
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| Explanation on application of the practice | The Board acknowledges its responsibility to engage shareholders and provide meaningful responses to their questions. In demonstrating this commitment to shareholders, all Directors have attended the previous three (3) Annual General Meetings (AGM). This is aided by ensuring any general meeting is scheduled in advance to ensure full attendance of the Board.  The Chairman of the Board encourages shareholders' active participation during AGMs and other general meetings by giving sufficient time to the floor during the questions and answers session. |
| Explanation for departure                  |  |
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| Measure                                    |  |
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

## Practice 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                                | : Applied   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Explanation on application of the practice | As an initiative to leverage on technology to broaden its channel of dissemination of information, enhance the quality of engagement with its shareholders and facilitate further participation of shareholders at the Company's general meetings as well as to promote environmental sustainability and cost efficiency, Boustead Holdings has established an e-communication platform with shareholders for the following:  |  |
|  | <ol> <li>Integrated Report 2021 together with Circular to Shareholders.</li> <li>E-Lodgement of proxy forms by shareholders for Boustead<br/>Holdings' 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM).</li> </ol>   |  |
|  | The Company at its 59 <sup>th</sup> AGM held on 24 June 2021 had enabled remote shareholders' participation and online remote voting by leveraging technology in accordance with Section 327(1) and (2) of the CA 2016 and Article 63 of the Constitution of the Company. The Company experienced to conduct using Remote Participation and Voting ("RPV") facilities with online attendance and voting by shareholders. Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn Bhd ("Tricor") was appointed as Poll Administrator to conduct the polling process, and Deloitte Risk Advisory Sdn Bhd ("Deloitte") as Scrutineers to verify the poll results. |  |
|  | The Company had conducted a fully virtual 59 <sup>th</sup> AGM on 24 June 2021 at the Broadcast Venue by leveraging technology in accordance with Section 327(1) and (2) of the CA 2016, Article 63 of the Constitution of the Company and SC's Guidance and FAQs on the Conduct of General Meetings for Listed Issuers dated 18 April 2020, 19 February 2021, 5 March 2021, 6 May 2021 including any amendment that made from time to time.  |  |
|  | Boustead Holdings will also enable remote shareholders' participation and online remote voting at the 60 <sup>th</sup> AGM to be held on 16 June 2022 by leveraging on technology in accordance with Section 327 (1) and (2) of the Companies Act 2016. Shareholders who attend the 60 <sup>th</sup> AGM via remote participation are encouraged to submit their questions to the Board in advance via Tricor's TIIH Online, in order to enhance the efficiency of the proceedings of the 60 <sup>th</sup> AGM.   |  |

| Explanation for :          |                                    |                                    |
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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         |  |  |
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| 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  |  |
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| Explanation on :   | At the fully virtual 59 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company  |  |
| application of the   | held on 24 June 2021, the Company had leveraged on technology to   |  |
| practice   | hold its AGM virtually in its entirety via Remote Participation and Voting   |  |
| practice   | (RPV) facilities. The virtual AGM was streamed on Tricor's website for   |  |
|  | shareholders to attend, speak (in the form of real time submission of  |  |
|  | typed texts) and vote (collectively, "participate") remotely at the AGM.   |  |
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|  | The detailed procedures to participate the meeting remotely were   |  |
|  | provided to the shareholders in the Administrative Notes of the AGM  |  |
|  | which were sent through email and/or by ordinary post and the same   |  |
|  | were also published in the Company's website. At the 59th, a total   |  |
|  | number of 701 shareholders and proxies logged in through the RPV.  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  | The Chairman of the Board, Group Managing Director (GMD), Deputy Group Managing Director, Group Finance Director (GFD) and the Company Secretary attended physically at the Broadcast venue whereas other Board members, Senior Management, External Auditors and Shareholders attended the AGM virtually. The Company's Moderator read the questions posed by the shareholders and the Chairman of the Board and/or GMD/DGMD as well as GFD answered the questions accordingly. To ensure effective communication, each question was also displayed on the screen as and when responses were provided to the respective questions accordingly in an orderly manner. |  |
|  | The 59 <sup>th</sup> AGM proceeding went smoothly with the choice of RPV   |  |
|  | facilities.  |  |
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| Explanation for :  |  |  |
| departure  |  |  |
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| Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below. |  |  |
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to complete the columns below.

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.

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. Further, a listed issuer should also provide brief reasons on the choice of the meeting platform. **Applied Application** The 59th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Boustead Holdings Berhad **Explanation on** application of the was successfully conducted by way of live streaming from the Broadcast practice Venue on 24 June 2021 without any disruption. The Company has considered reliability of meeting platform and ensured that there was sufficient internet bandwith to support smooth live streaming and participation remotely. The Company also worked with its share registrar, Tricor Investor & Issuing House Services Sdn Bhd to ensure that there was adequate mitigation plan for any disruption to access the meeting platform. During the proceedings of the AGM, participants were given opportunity to pose questions in the form of typed texts on https://tiih.online. Questions received prior to meeting were presented during the Q&A session. The Chairman of the Board and Senior Management also attended to the live questions as many as possible at the AGM itself, within the allocated timeframe. After the AGM, the list of questions and answers was published on the Company's website, including questions which were not addressed at the AGM itself due to time constraint. **Explanation for** departure Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged

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# 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                   |
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| Application                                | :       | Applied  |
| Explanation on application of the practice | :       | The Company has made available the Minutes of 59 <sup>th</sup> AGM on the Company's website. |
| Explanation for departure                  | :       |  |
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| Large companies are                        | requir  | red to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged                        |
| to complete the colu                       | nns be  | elow.  |
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| Timeframe                                  | :       |  |

# 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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