CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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COMPANY NAME : ANCOM BERHAD

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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 TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA

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

SECTION A – DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.1

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	 The Board of Directors ("Board") has overall responsibility for the proper conduct of the business of the Company and its subsidiaries ("Group" in achieving the Group's objectives and goals. It provides clear and effective entrepreneurial leadership to Management. In addition to its stewardship responsibilities, the Board also ensures that Management has in place an achievable strategic plan and objectives, and the necessary resources to achieve the plan and objectives, and appropriate processes for risk assessment, risk management and internal controls. The principal duties and responsibilities of the Board are, inter alia, as 	
	 Formulate and chart the Group's strategic direction, setting out the Group's short-term and long-term plans and objectives; Review and approve the Group's key operational policies, major investment and funding decisions; Oversee and review the Group's business operations and financial performance; Review the performance of the Board of Directors as well as Key Senior Management; Oversee the development and implementation of the succession plan for the Directors and Key Senior Management; Understand the principal risks of the Group's business; Review/ Monitor the risk management framework and the adequacy and integrity of the Group's internal control system and management information system to ensure compliance with the relevant laws, rules, regulations, directives, guidelines and the Group's business objectives; Ensure that the Company has in place procedures to enable effective communication with stakeholders; 	

	 Formulate and promote ethical and good corporate governance within the Group. The Board is guided by the prevailing legal and regulatory requirements as well as the Company's policies in discharging its fiduciary duties and responsibilities. Each of the Directors is aware of the obligation to exercise unfettered judgement in good faith, with due care and skill.
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Practice 1.2

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on :	The Board is headed by the Executive Chairman ("EC").	
application of the practice	The EC, in addition to his executive role, is also primarily responsible for instilling leadership and ensuring the Board's effectiveness and conduct in discharging its responsibilities. The key responsibilities of the EC include:	
	 Providing leadership for the Board so that the Board can perform its responsibilities effectively; 	
	• Setting the Board agenda and ensuring that Board members receive complete and accurate information in a timely manner;	
	Leading Board meetings and discussions;	
	 Encouraging active participation and allowing dissenting views to be freely expressed at Board meetings; 	
	Managing the interface between the Board and Management;	
	• Ensuring appropriate steps are taken to provide effective communication with stakeholders including the shareholders and that their views are communicated to the Board as a whole; and	
	• Leading the Board in establishing and monitoring good corporate governance practices in the Company.	
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Practice 1.3

The positions of Chairman and CEO are held by different individuals.

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	The positions of the Chairman (held by the EC) and Group CEO (who is not a member of the Board) are held by two (2) persons with different roles and responsibilities. The distinct and separate roles of the EC and Group CEO, with a clear	
	division of responsibilities, ensure a balance of power and authority such that no one individual has unfettered powers of decision-making and execution of the decisions.	
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Practice 1.4

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

Application	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	The Board is supported by two (2) Company Secretaries, each with more than twenty (20) years of experience in company secretarial practices and qualified to act as a Company Secretary under Section 235(2) of the Companies Act 2016.
	The Company Secretaries are responsible, in consultation with the Board, in formulating the Company's Constitution and Board policies and procedures. They are responsible for the efficient administration of the Company's secretarial practices, particularly with regard to ensuring compliance with the Company's Constitution, Board policies and procedures, and statutory and regulatory requirements.
	They are also responsible for regularly updating and apprising the Board of new regulations, including corporate governance practices issued by the relevant authorities.
	One of the key responsibilities of the Company Secretaries is to prepare and organise Board and Committee meetings as well as shareholder meetings.
	The Company Secretaries are also responsible for ensuring that the Company files its various documents/ returns and maintains its statutory records in accordance with the requirements of the law. They are also tasked with facilitating the orientation of new Directors and assisting in such Director's training and development, monitoring corporate governance developments and assisting the Board in applying governance practices to meet the Board's needs and stakeholders' expectations.
	The Company Secretaries work closely with the EC and the Group CEO to ensure timely and appropriate information flow within the Board and to the Committees and Management. They are also the focal point for stakeholder communication.
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Practice 1.5

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	In consultation with the EC and the respective Committees' Chairmen, the Company Secretaries will prepare the agenda and the relevant meeting papers for the Board's and Committee's meetings. To ensure the Directors are provided with sufficient information and time to prepare for Board/ Committee meetings, the Secretaries will circulate the meeting materials at least five (5) business days in advance of the Board/ Committee meetings, working within the time-constraint in preparing those material and papers which will be presented during the meetings. The Company Secretaries will also attend these meetings and take minutes which accurately reflect the deliberations and decisions of the Board/ Committees, including whether any Directors abstained from voting or deliberating on a particular matter. The Company Secretaries will strive to prepare the minutes within twenty-one (21) days after the	
	Board/ Committee meetings for the Board's and Committee's review and comment.	
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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.

Application	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	The Board is guided by the Board Charter in discharging its duties, The Company's Board Charter, which was approved by the Board on 16 October 2013, is available on the Company's website at www.ancom.com.my. The Board Charter sets out the authorities, roles, functions, composition
	and responsibilities of the Board to clearly outline the Directors' duties and responsibilities to effectively discharge their fiduciary duties in managing the Company's affairs.
	The Board Charter broadly sets out the following:
	 Board composition and duties and responsibilities of the Board members; Roles of the EC and GCEO; The establishment of Board Committees; Processes and procedures for convening Board meetings; Board's access to information and advice; Re-election of Directors; Tenure of Independent Directors; and Code of Conduct and Ethics.
	The Board Charter is updated from time to time to reflect changes to the Board's practices and amendments to the relevant rules, requirements and regulations.
	The Board Charter was last reviewed by the Board on 27 August 2021.
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The Board is committed to promoting good business conduct and maintaining a healthy corporate culture that engenders integrity, transparency and fairness.

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

Practice 3.1

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

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: The Board, in discharging its oversight role, conducts its business according to its Code of Conduct and Ethics, which is available on the Company's website at <u>www.ancom.com.my</u> .
	 The Code of Conduct and Ethics is formulated to enhance the standard of corporate governance and corporate behaviour with the aim of achieving the following objectives: To establish a standard of conduct and ethical behaviour for Directors based on trustworthiness and values that can be accepted and upheld by the Directors; To uphold the spirit of responsibility in line with legislation, regulations and guidelines on administering a company; and To manage conflicts of interest, preventing the abuse of power, corruption, insider trading and money laundering. The Code of Conduct and Ethics will be updated from time to time to reflect changes to the Board's practices and amendments to the relevant rules, requirements and regulations. The Code of Conduct and Ethics was last reviewed by the Board on 27 August 2021.
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The Board, Management, employees and other stakeholders are clear on what is considered acceptable behaviour and practice in the company.

Practice 3.2

The Board establishes, reviews and, together with Management, implements policies and procedures on whistle-blowing.

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	 The Company is committed to upholding sound values and the highest standard of work ethics in line with good corporate governance. All its Directors, managers and employees are expected to conduct themselves with integrity in carrying out their functions. On 25 July 2019, the Board established a Whistle-Blowing Policy, which is accessible on the Company's website at <u>www.ancom.com.my</u>. The Whistle-Blowing Policy provides an avenue for all employees of the Group and other stakeholders to raise concerns about any incidence of improper conduct committed by the Group's Directors and employees without fear of retaliation. Offering protection to those who report improper conduct, the Policy strengthens the Group's accountability and transparency in conducting its business affairs. The Whistle-Blowing Policy will be updated from time to time to reflect changes to the Board's practices and amendments to the relevant rules, requirements and regulations. The Whistle -Blowing Policy was last reviewed by the Board on 29 July 2021. 	
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 4.1

At least half of the Board comprises independent Directors. For large companies, the Board comprises a majority of Independent Directors.

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Company's Board currently comprises one (1) EC, one (1) Non- Independent Non-Executive Director and five (5) Independent Non- Executive Directors. The Board composition complies with Practice 4.1 of the Malaysia Code on Corporate Governance 2017 ("CG Code") where at least half of its Board comprises of Independent Directors.
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Practice 4.2

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

If the Board intends to retain an Independent Director beyond nine years, it should justify and seek shareholders' approval annually. If the Board continues to retain the Independent Director after the twelfth year, the Board should seek shareholders' approval annually through a two-tier voting process.

Application :	Applied - Shareholders' annual approval to retain Independent Directors who have served for more than 9 years.
	Departure – The Board has decided not to adopt the 2-tier voting process to retain Independent Directors who have served for a cumulative period of more than 12 years.
Explanation on :	The Board has decided that it will seek shareholders' approval annually
application of the	to retain the Independent Directors who have served for more than 9
practice	years, to continue serving as Independent Directors in the Company.
	However, the Board has decided not to adopt the 2-tier voting process to re-elect Independent Directors who have served for a cumulative period of more than 12 years.
	The Board is of the view that the length of service of the Independent Directors does not affect a Director's ability to remain independent and to discharge his duties with integrity and competency. More importantly, the Independent Directors must maintain their independence from Management and the shareholders. They must be free from any business and other relationship which could interfere with the exercise of independent judgement or the ability to provide the necessary checks and balances on the affairs and conducts of the Group in the best interests of the Company notwithstanding their long tenure on the Board. The Board believes that valuable contributions can be obtained from Directors who have developed valuable insight and have an in depth understanding of the Group and its business due to their long tenure of directorship in the Company. Their experience enables them to discharge their duties and responsibilities effectively in the Board's decision-making processes.
	Further, the Board had, via the Remuneration and Nomination Committee ("R&N Committee"), conducted an annual performance evaluation and assessment of the Independent Directors of the Company. The R&N Committee is of the opinion that the Independent Directors, who fulfilled the definition of "Independence" in the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad, have demonstrated conduct and behaviour that are essential indicators of

	 independence and they have acted in a manner that provide the necessary checks and balances on the affairs of the Group in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders. The R&N Committee are also satisfied that Tan Sri Dato' Dr Lin See Yan and Edmond Cheah Swee Leng, who have served as Independent Directors of the Company for a cumulative period of more than 12 years, are independent based on the assessment criteria mentioned above. The Board concurred with the R&N Committee's recommendation and will seek shareholders' approval at the forthcoming 52nd Annual General Meeting, to retain both Tan Sri Dato' Dr Lin See Yan and Edmond Cheah Swee Leng, to continue to serve as independent Directors of the Company without the 2-tier voting process.
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Practice 4.3 - Step Up

The board has a policy which limits the tenure of its Independent Directors to nine years.

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Practice 4.4

Appointment of Board and Senior Management are based on objective criteria, merit and with due regard for diversity in skills, experience, age, cultural background and gender.

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The R&N Committee conducts a review of the appropriateness of the Board composition on a yearly basis. Should there be a need for a new Board's appointment, the R&N Committee will conduct a search for appropriate and suitably qualified candidates for appointment to the Board, as guided by the Board Diversity Policy. Its search is based on recommendations from fellow Board members, shareholders and Management. The Group practices non-discrimination in any form, whether based on age, gender, ethnicity or religion, in its selection of Board members and appointment of Senior Management. In addition, the Group believes it is of utmost importance that the Board is comprised of the best-qualified individuals who possess the requisite knowledge, experience, independence, foresight and good judgement to ensure that the Board functions effectively and is able to discharge its duties in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. For the appointment of Senior Management, the main criteria whether a candidate is appointed will be the candidate's qualification and experience that the job requires, rather than age, gender, ethnicity and religion. The Board is however, not involved in the selection process of the Senior Management as this responsibility is delegated to the EC and Group CEO.
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Practice 4.5

The Board discloses in its annual report the company's policies on gender diversity, its targets and measures to meet those targets. For large companies, the Board must have at least 30% women directors.

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Board has taken note of the recommendation in the CG Code pertaining to the establishment of a policy on boardroom diversity including gender diversity. On 26 July 2018, the Board formulated a formal Board Diversity Policy which is available on the Company's website at <u>www.ancom.com.my.</u>
	The Board Diversity Policy was last reviewed by the Board on 28 August 2021.
	The Board currently consists of 5 Directors who are Chinese and 2 Directors who are Malay. The Board does not have any female director.
	The Board is supportive of gender diversity in the boardroom as recommended by the CG Code to promote the representation of women on Boards of Directors.
	Selection of female candidates will be, in part, dependent on the pool of women candidates with the necessary skills, knowledge and experience relevant to the Group's main businesses. The ultimate decision to appoint female candidates will be based on merit and contribution that the chosen candidates will bring to the Board. Where suitable candidates are found in future, the Board will increase representation from female members.
	However, the Board has not set any deadline on this matter.
	The Board takes cognisant that the Agricultural and Industrial Chemicals and the Logistics industries, the Group's main businesses, are predominantly male-dominated industries.
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Practice 4.6

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

Application	Departure
Explanation on : application of the practice	
Explanation for : departure	The R&N Committee conducts a search for appropriate and suitably qualified candidates for appointment to the Board when necessary, as guided by the Board Diversity Policy. Its search is based on recommendations from fellow Board members, shareholders and Management. During the current financial year, the Board did not appoint any new Director. The R&N Committee does not utilise independent sources to identify suitably qualified candidates as the R&N Committee felt that due to the specialised industries the Group operates in, the Board is in a better position to identify the type of candidates whose background fits the criteria of the candidate that the Board is looking for.
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Measure :	The Board will consider using independent sources to identify new Board candidates in future when the need arises.
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Practice 4.7

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

Application	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	The Board has combined the functions of the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee into an R&N Committee. The Chairman of the R&N Committee is an Independent Non-Executive Director.
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Stakeholders are able to form an opinion on the overall effectiveness of the Board and individual directors.

Practice 5.1

The board should undertake a formal and objective annual evaluation to determine the effectiveness of the Board, its committees and each individual director. The Board should disclose how the assessment was carried out and its outcome.

For large companies, the board engages independent experts periodically to facilitate objective and candid Board evaluations.

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	 The R&N Committee conducted an assessment of the Board's effectiveness as a whole on a yearly basis. In the current financial year, it evaluated the Board's composition and the Directors' skills and understanding of: Strategy and Entrepreneurship; Legal and Regulatory Requirements; Corporate Governance, Risk Management and Internal Control; Audit, Accounting, Financial Reporting and Taxation; Human Capital; Sales and Marketing; Strategy and Planning; Government Relations; Marketing and Communication; and Information Technologies and Digital Skills. In addition, the Board also assessed the following: The Board Structure, Operations and Dynamics; Board Chairman's Roles and Responsibilities; Strategy Planning; Risk Management and Internal Control; Measuring and Monitoring Performances; Management Evaluation, Compensation and Succession Planning; and Shareholders Communication and Investor Relations. Taking into consideration the Board's structure, size, composition and the required mix of expertise and experience which the Directors should bring to the Board, the R&N Committee assessed each Board member's qualifications, skills, knowledge, expertise and experience, time availability, and in the case of Independent Non-Executive Directors, their ability to discharge such responsibilities and functions independently as expected of them. The R&N Committee was satisfied with the results of the assessment and is of the opinion that the current size and composition of the Board is appropriate and well-balanced, with members comprising individuals of high calibre, credibility and with the necessary skills and qualifications to enable the Board to discharge its responsibility effectively.

	During the financial year, the R&N Committee did not perform any evaluation on the individual Director's performance. The R&N Committee was of the view that the evaluations done in the previous financial years were adequate and reflective of the current state of affairs as far as the Board and Directors' performance are concerned.
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The level and composition of remuneration of Directors and Senior Management take into account the company's desire to attract and retain the right talent in the Board and Senior Management to drive the company's long-term objectives.

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

Practice 6.1

The Board has in place policies and procedures to determine the remuneration of Directors and Senior Management, which takes into account the demands, complexities and performance of the company as well as skills and experience required. The policies and procedures are periodically reviewed and made available on the company's website.

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The R&N Committee is responsible for recommending the remuneration of the Non-Executive Directors, including Directors' fees and benefits as per the Board Remuneration Policy which maintains strong linkage between the Directors' remuneration and performance, value and sustainability of the Company as well as the skills and experience required. The Board Remuneration Policy is available on the Company's website at www.ancom.com.my. The R&N Committee also assumes the task of recommending to the Board the remuneration package for the EC. The remuneration of the EC comprises a monthly salary, bonuses, benefits-in-kind and other benefits that the Board approves from time to time. The EC is not entitled to the Director's fee and attendance allowance for the Board and Board Committee meetings that they attended. In the last financial year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board has instituted a range of austerity/ cost-control measures, including salary cuts, designed to place the Group in good stead to face the economic uncertainty and an intensely challenging market environment in the coming months. In this respect, the Non-Executive Directors have agreed to a 30% reduction in their Directors' fee from April 2020 to May 2020 in the last financial year. Due to the prolonged pandemic, the Non- Executive Directors have agreed to the same 30% reduction in their Directors fee for the months of June 2020 until March 2021. As in the previous financial year, the Executive Chairman has also agreed to a 30% cut in his total remuneration from the Group in the current financial year.
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Practice 6.2

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

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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of Directors and Senior Management commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 7.1

There is detailed disclosure on a named basis for the remuneration of individual Directors. The remuneration breakdown of individual Directors includes fees, salary, bonus, benefits inkind and other emoluments.

Application	: Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	: The detailed disclosures of the remuneration of the individual Directors are in the R&N Committee Report in the Company's 2021 Annual Report.	
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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of Directors and Senior Management commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 7.2

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

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	The Board is of the opinion that disclosure of such information will not add significant value or understanding of the Company's corporate governance practices.
	Instead, the disclosure of such information could possibly give rise to recruitment and talent retention issues. It may create unnecessary staff rivalry and affect the harmonious working relations amongst Senior Management staff. It would also encourage poaching by other organisations of the Group's Senior Management. This will have a negative impact on the Group's continuous operation, since top talents are hard to come by in the current competitive human resource market.
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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of Directors and Senior Management commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 7.3 - Step Up

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

Application :	Not adopted
Explanation on : adoption of the practice	

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 8.1

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

Application	: Applied		
Explanation on application of the practice	: The Chairman of the Audit Committee is not the Chairman of the Board. He is an Independent Non-Executive Director.		
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Practice 8.2

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	 It is a policy in the Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee that former key audit partners of the Company's External Auditors shall observe a cooling-off period of at least 2 years before they can be appointed as members of the Audit Committee. This is to avoid potential conflict of interest, which puts a former key audit partner in a position to exert significant influence over the audit and preparation of the Company's and of the Group's financial statements. Currently, none of the members of the Audit Committee are former key audit partners of the Company's External Auditors.
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Practice 8.3

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the ; practice ; Explanation for ; departure ;	As stated in the Company's External Auditors Assessment Policy, which is available on the Company's website <u>www.ancom.com.my</u> , the Audit Committee has been delegated by the Board to assess the suitability, objectivity and independence of the External Auditors. The assessment is carried yearly based on the following assessment criteria: Performance and competency; Audit quality; and Independence. Please refer to the Company's External Auditors Assessment Policy for more details.	
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Practice 8.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application :	Adopted
Explanation on : adoption of the practice	The Audit Committee comprises solely of Independent Non-Executive Directors.

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

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

Practice 8.5

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

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee specifically requires all members of the Audit Committee to be financially literate and are able to understand matters under the purview of the Audit Committee including the financial reporting process.
	All members of the Audit Committee are to undertake continuous professional development to keep abreast with relevant developments in accounting and auditing standards, practices and rules, either on their own accord or through courses, workshops and seminars arranged by the Company.
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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

Practice 9.1

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	There is an ongoing process of identifying, assessing and managing the risks that could impede achievement of the Group's objectives. The Board has established and maintained a sound risk management and internal control system covering not only financial controls but also operational and compliance controls to identify risks in operations and finance, and to design measures to manage those risks affecting the Group's operation. This system is designed to manage, rather than eliminate, the risk of failure in achieving the Group's corporate objectives, as well as to safeguard shareholders' investments and the Group's assets.
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Practice 9.2

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Group Risk Management and Internal Control Framework involves the process of risk identification and measurement of possible risk exposures arising from changes in the internal and external environment as well as operational conditions. The risk measurement guidelines consist of qualitative measures to determine the financial and non- financial consequences of the different risks based on their likelihood and impact.
	As part of the risk management process, a Registry of Risks and a Risk Management Handbook have been adopted. The Registry of Risks identifies principal business risks and is updated according to changes in the risk profile as well as the identities of the risk owners. The Risk Management Handbook summarises the risk management methodology, approach and processes; the roles and responsibilities of the risk owners; and various risk management concepts. It is the responsibility of risk owners to ensure that adequate control systems are implemented to minimise and control risks faced by the Group.
	The Management has been empowered with the responsibility to manage the risks and internal controls associated with the Group's operations and to ensure compliance with the applicable laws and regulations. A Risk Manager (assumed by the Internal Auditors) has been appointed to review, update and report on key risk factors of the main operating subsidiaries at the Audit Committee's quarterly meetings.
	The Group, in its efforts to provide an adequate and effective internal control system, had appointed an independent consulting firm to review the adequacy and integrity of its system of internal control and perform the role of Internal Auditors.
	The Internal Audit reviews address critical business processes, identify risks and internal control gaps, assess the effectiveness and adequacy of the existing state of internal control of the Group and recommends possible improvements to the internal control process. This is to provide reasonable assurance that such systems continue to operate satisfactorily and effectively within the Group. Quarterly Internal Audit

	Reports and Status Reports on follow-up actions are tabled to the Audit Committee during its quarterly meetings.
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Practice 9.3 - Step Up

The Board establishes a Risk Management Committee, which comprises a majority of Independent Directors, to oversee the company's risk management framework and policies.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The Audit Committee has been entrusted by the Board to ensure that an effective and adequate risk management and internal control system is in place at all times. A Risk Management Working Group ("RMWG") comprising the EC, the Group CEO, Chief Financial Officer and the Risk Manager (assumed by the Internal Auditors) has been set up to report on matters relating to risk management and internal control to the Audit Committee, which consists of solely Independent Directors.

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

Practice 10.1

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	 The Audit Committee has been empowered to ensure that the Internal Audit function, which is outsourced to a firm of independent consultants, Sterling Business Alignment Consultants Sdn Bhd ("SBAC"), reports directly to the Audit Committee, that it is independent of the functions it audits and has the authority, necessary resources and qualified personnel to carry out its responsibilities effectively. In the Audit Committee's yearly assessment of the Internal Audit function, the Audit Committee assessed the Internal Audit function based on the following criteria: the assessment of independence focuses on whether there exists any relationship between the Internal Auditors and the Directors, Senior Management and major shareholders of the Group as well as any conflict of interest arising from such relationships; the assessment of performance and competency focuses on the Internal Auditors' experience, resources of the firm, the quality of the staff assigned; and the Management's and the Audit Committee's opinion on the quality of the quarterly Internal Audit Reports on whether findings in the Reports add value to the Group's operations. The Audit Committee was satisfied with the Internal Auditors' competence and independence. The Internal Auditors have given written assurance to the Audit Committee that they have complied with the relevant ethical requirements regarding their professional independence.
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Companies have an effective governance, risk management and internal control framework, and stakeholders are able to assess the effectiveness of such a framework.

Practice 10.2

The Board should disclose:

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	As disclosed in the Audit Committee's Terms of Reference, one of the roles of the Audit Committee is to deal with the review and assessment of the Company's Internal Audit function. SBAC has confirmed that their personnel are free from any relationships or conflict of interest with the Company, the Board, the Senior Management and the major shareholders of the Company, which could impair their objectivity and independence of the Internal Audit function. SBAC has also confirmed that it does not have any direct operational responsibility or authority over any of the activities SBAC audited and it has the necessary resources and qualified personnel to carry out its Internal Audit responsibilities. SBAC is a Corporate member of The Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia. It uses the Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission's ("COSO") Internal Control – Integrated Framework as a basis for evaluating the effectiveness of the internal control systems.
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There is continuous communication between the Company and stakeholders to facilitate mutual understanding of each other's objectives and expectations.

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

Practice 11.1

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Board acknowledges the importance of timely and thorough dissemination of material information about the Group's business to its shareholders and investors for informed investment decisions in line with the Listing Requirements and best practices as recommended by the CG Code. The Board regards regular communication with the public via various announcements and the issuance of Annual Reports, circulars and press releases as key to building good relationships with its shareholders and investors.
	The Board strives to disclose such information to the public as soon as practicable through Bursa Securities, the media and the Company's website at <u>www.ancom.com.my</u> . The Board will take reasonable steps to ensure that all investors have equal access to material information. Selective disclosure is not allowed.
	The Company shall disclose all material information required to be disclosed under applicable securities laws, regulations and requirements as per the disclosure principles listed below:
	 Material information will be announced immediately to Bursa Securities, and later be made available on the Company's website; Material information will be kept confidential temporarily if the immediate release of such information would be detrimental to the interests of the Company and/ or its shareholders; The disclosure must be factual and non-speculative; If the Company learns that an earlier disclosure contained material error(s), such disclosures must be corrected immediately; and The Company will not comment, affirmatively or negatively, on rumours including those on the Internet. Should Bursa Securities request that the Company make a definitive statement in response to any market rumour that is causing significant volatility in the price of the Company's securities, the EC/ Group CEO will respond appropriately, after consulting with the Board or Advisors if time permits, before a reply is given to Bursa Securities.
	Information is considered material if it can be reasonably expected to have a material effect on the price, value or market activity of the

	Company's securities or the decision of a holder of security or an investor in his/ her actions.
	The Company releases all material information publicly through Bursa Securities' website at <u>www.bursamalaysia.com</u> and via the Company's website at <u>www.ancom.com.my</u> .
	Minutes on the proceedings at the general meetings are recorded by the Company Secretaries and are available for inspection by the Company's shareholders at the Company's registered office at:
	Unit 30-01, Tower A, Vertical Business Suite, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No 8 Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan, Malaysia
	A summary of key matters discussed at the general meetings is also posted on the Company's website at <u>www.ancom.com.my</u> .
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Practice 11.2

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

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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the Board and Senior Management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 12.1

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 Notice of the 52nd Annual General Meeting was circulated at least 21 days prior to the date of the general meeting. This notice period of 21 days is in compliance with Section 316(2) of the Companies Act 2016 and paragraph 7.15 of the Listing Requirements. The Notice of Annual General Meeting was also posted on the Company's website www.ancom.com.my on the same day as the Notice issued to the shareholders. It was also advertised in a major nationally-circulated newspapers alongside an announcement on the Bursa Securities' website. The Board is of the opinion that the notice period is adequate for the shareholders to go through the Annual Report and the Circulars/Statements.
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the Board and Senior Management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 12.2

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Board and top Management attended the Company's Annual General Meeting ("AGM") which was conducted fully virtual. The EC, Group CEO, the Chief Financial Officer, the Company Secretary were present at the broadcast venue. The Chairmen of the Audit Committee and R&N Committee, and the External Auditors attended the AGM via teleconferencing facilities. The EC and the Group CEO have provided answers to questions raised by the shareholders at the AGM.
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Practice 12.3

Listed companies with a large number of shareholders or which have meetings in remote locations should leverage technology to facilitate:

- including voting in absentia; and
- remote shareholders' participation at General Meetings.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Company has leveraged on Information Technology in conducting its general meetings fully virtual by live streaming of the meeting proceedings from the broadcast venue to facilitate voting in absentia and remote shareholders' participation at the meetings.
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SECTION B – DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES PERSUANT TO 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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