

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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COMPANY NAME : SEALINK INTERNATIONAL 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 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	:	<p>The Board is responsible for the stewardship of the Group's business and the creation of long term shareholders' value, whilst taking into account interests of other stakeholders.</p> <p>The Board is aware of the need to clearly demarcate the duties and responsibilities of the Board, Board Committees and Management, in order to provide clarity and guidance to Directors and Management. To achieve this, the Board has adopted a Board Charter, setting out, inter-alia, the roles of the Board, Board Committees, Executive and Non-Executive Directors and Management, taking into consideration principal responsibilities. The Board Charter is subject to annual review to ensure it continues to be relevant.</p> <p>The Board Charter, which serves as a reference point for the Board's activities to enable Directors to carry out their stewardship role and discharge their fiduciary duties towards the Company.</p> <p>The Non-Executive Directors, which comprise exclusively Independent Directors, provide the relevant checks, and balance by reviewing the Group' performance and inquiring from the Executive Director as well as Senior Management personnel explanations, as needed, at scheduled Board and Audit Committee meetings.</p> <p>The Board Charter is available for reference at the Company's website at www.asiasealink.com.</p>
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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 1.2

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

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	<p>The Board is in the midst of identifying a Director to helm the Board Chairman position since the demise of its former Chairman.</p> <p>At each meeting of the Board, the Directors appoint from amongst them a Director to chair the meeting. For the five (5) meetings convened during the financial year under review, the Director who chaired the meetings was an Independent Director. The current composition of Independent Non-Executive Directors in the Board, which comprises a majority of Board members, provides for pertinent checks and balance in the Board such that no one Director has unfettered powers in decision making.</p> <p>The Chairman of the meeting is responsible for ensuring the adequacy and effectiveness of the Board's governance process and acts as a facilitator at the Board meetings to ensure that contributions from Directors are forthcoming on matters being deliberated and that no Board member dominates discussion. Whilst the Chief Executive Officer cum Managing Director implements the Group's strategic initiatives, policies and decision adopted by the Board and oversees the operations and business development of the Group, the Independent Directors bring to bear objective and independent views, advice and judgment on interests, not only of the Company, but also of shareholders and stakeholders.</p>	
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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 1.3

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The separation of functions of the Chairman and CEO is specified in item 6.0 of the Board Charter which is available for reference on the Company’s website at www.asiasealink.com.</p> <p>The separation of function of these roles ensures that there is a clear and proper division of power and authority. The Board Charter provides that the Chairman should be held by Non-Executive Director.</p>	
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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 1.4

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	:	<p>The Company Secretary is a person qualified to act as a Company Secretary to act as a Company Secretary under Section 235(2) of the Companies Act 2016 and holds the practicing license issued by Companies Commission of Malaysia.</p> <p>The Company Secretary, Yeo Puay Huang [SSM PC No. 202008000727 (LS0000577)] is a Licensed and qualified Company Secretary. She is also the Secretary for all Board Committees.</p> <p>The Company Secretary's roles and responsibilities are specified in item 8.0 of the Board Charter which is available for reference on the Company's website www.asiasealink.com.</p> <p>The Company also ensures that the Board is kept well informed on any regulatory requirements and update on the developments in the area of Corporate Governance that affect the duties and responsibilities of the Directors as well as the Company being a public listed company. The Company Secretary constantly keeps abreast of the evolving regulatory changes and developments in Corporate Governance through attendance at relevant conferences and training programmes.</p>
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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 1.5

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	:	<p>Timely dissemination of meeting agenda, including the relevant Board and Board Committee papers to all Directors prior to the Board and Board Committee meetings respectively to give effect to Board decisions and to deal with matters arising from such meetings, is observed. Board members are furnished on a timely basis with pertinent explanations and information on relevant issues and recommendations by Management. The issues are then deliberated and discussed thoroughly by the Board prior to decision making, including decisions to defer certain resolutions when the information needed to make informed decision is inadequate.</p> <p>Minutes of a Directors’ meeting would be distributed to all Directors on a timely basis for review and thereafter for confirmation at next board meeting. The signed board minutes are entered in the minutes books kept at the Registered Office of the Company.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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	:	<p>The Company’s Board Charter clearly identifies the respective roles and responsibilities of the board, board committees and individual directors including Executive Director/ CEO and Non-Executive Directors. It also clearly identifies the issues and decisions reserved for the board.</p> <p>The Board will review this charter annually and the charters of Board Committees to ensure they remain consistent with the Board’s objectives and responsibilities, and relevant standards of corporate governance.</p> <p>The Board Charter is available for reference on the Company’s website at www.asiasealink.com.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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	:	<p>The Board recognises the importance of having in place a Code of Conduct / Ethics, setting out the standards of conduct expected from Directors and employees, to engender good corporate behavior. The Board Charter sets out a Code of Ethics to be observed by Directors. As for the conduct of employees, the Board has formalised an Employee Handbook to be observed by employees across the Group.</p> <p>The Company and its group are committed to conduct business dealings with integrity in a fair, honest and transparent manner. The Board has established a set of Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy (“ABC Policy”) in accordance with Section 17A(5) of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009 and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (Amendment) Act 2018.</p> <p>The Code of Conduct / Ethics and ABC Policy are available for reference on the Company’s website at www.asiasealink.com.</p>	
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Practice 3.2

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Board has established and adopted a Whistleblower Policy, to provide an avenue for raising concerns related to possible improprieties in matters of financial reporting, compliance and other malpractices at the earliest opportunity, in an appropriate manner and without fear of retaliation. The Whistleblower Policy, which outline when, how and to whom a concern may be properly raised about the actual or potential corporate fraud or breach of regulatory requirements involving employee, Management or Director in the Group.</p> <p>The Whistleblower Policy provides contact details of Audit Committee Chairman and the Group Company Secretary, as the avenue for stakeholders to raise the above concerns.</p> <p>The Whistleblower Policy is available for reference on the Company's website at www.asiasealink.com.</p>
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Intended Outcome

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 independent directors.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board comprises of majority Independent Directors (“IDs”), of which four (4) IDs out of five (5) directors are IDs.	
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Intended Outcome

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

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 annual shareholders' approval. If the board continues to retain the independent director after the twelfth year, the board should seek annual shareholders' approval through a two-tier voting process.

Application	:	Applied - Annual shareholders' approval for independent directors serving beyond 9 years	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Company will be seeking shareholders’ approval through a two-tier voting process at the forthcoming AGM to retain the two Independent Directors, namely Mr Wong Chie Bin (“Mr Wong”) and Mr Toh Kian Sing (“Mr Toh”) who have served as Independent Directors for a cumulative term of more than twelve (12) years to continue to act as Independent Non-Executive Directors. Mr Wong and Mr Toh were appointed on 20th May 2008 and 23 May 2008, respectively.</p> <p>At the 12th AGM held on 22nd September 2020. The proposal to retain Mr Wong Chie Bin and Mr Toh Kian Sing as an Independent Non-Executive Directors of the Company pursuant to Practice 4.2 of the MCCG 2017 was tabled and approved by Shareholders.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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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.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	<p>The Company has a policy which limits the tenure of its Independent Directors to nine (9) years.</p> <p>Should the Board intend to retain the Independent Director beyond nine (9) years, the policy states that it shall justify and seek annual shareholders' approval. If the Company further intends to retain the Independent Director after twelve (12) years, the policy stipulates that the Board shall seek annual shareholders' approval through two-tier voting process as set out in the MCG 2017.</p> <p>This policy is detailed in the Board Charter which is available for reference on the Company's website at www.asiasealink.com.</p>

Intended Outcome

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

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	:	<p>The Board, through the Nominating Committee , has established the Directors appointment process as set out in the Nominating Committee Terms of Reference.</p> <p>There is no new appointment to the position of senior management in financial year 2020. When appointing senior management in the Group, if any, the assessment will take into consideration criteria point in terms of Reference in determining the overall suitability of the candidate.</p> <p>This terms of Reference is detailed in the Board Charter which is available for reference on the Company’s website at www.asiasealink.com.</p>	
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 4.5

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	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	<p>The Company does not set any specific target for gender diversity in the Board but will work towards having a female director on the Board.</p> <p>The Board took cognizance of Nominating Committee's suggestion to appoint female director to comply with the corporate governance and would proceed with it when deem necessary. Nevertheless, the Board was satisfied with the current boardroom diversity which is adequate in terms of skills, experience and professionalism.</p> <p>Currently, the composition of the Board does not include any female director but shall appoint additional women director as and when suitable candidates are available.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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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	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Nominating Committee is primarily responsible for recommending suitable appointments to the Board, taking into consideration the Board structure, size, composition and the required mix of expertise and experience which the Director should bring to the Board. It assesses the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, the Board Committees and the contribution of each Director. Where considered appropriate, the Nominating Committee considers recommendation of candidate for directorship by shareholders or existing Directors. Based on its terms of reference, the Nominating Committee carries out the assessment process regardless of whether the candidate is for new appointment or re-appointment.</p> <p>The final decision on the appointment of a candidate recommended by the Nominating Committee rests with the Board. The Company Secretary ensures that all appointments are properly made upon obtaining all necessary information from the Director.</p> <p>However, there was no new appointment of Directors in 2020.</p>
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Intended Outcome

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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 Nominating Committee is chaired by an Independent Director, Mr Eric Khoo Chuan Syn @ Khoo Chuan Syn.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Intended Outcome

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	:	<p>The Nominating Committee is responsible for the Board Effectiveness Evaluation process, covering the Board, Board Committees and individual Directors, including Independent Directors.</p> <p>The Nominating Committee, upon conclusion of the 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 judgment.</p> <p>The evaluation for the year 2020 was conducted internally, facilitated by the Company Secretary. The evaluation was conducted using questionnaires that were administered by the Company Secretary which employ a self and peer rating assessment model.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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 Board has established a formal and transparent process for approving the remuneration of directors and senior management. This terms of Reference is detailed in the Board Charter which is available for reference on the Company’s website at www.asiasealink.com .	
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Remuneration policies and decisions are made through a transparent and independent process.

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 board and senior management.

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Remuneration Committee, established by the Board with specific terms of reference, comprises the following members as at the date of this Statement, who are exclusively Independent Directors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toh Kian Sing (Chairman); • Wong Chie Bin; • Eric Khoo Chuan Syn @ Khoo Chuan Syn; and • Datuk Sebastian Ting Chiew Yew. <p>The Terms of Reference of Remuneration Committee is available for reference on the Company's website at www.asiasealink.com.</p>
Explanation for departure	:	
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Intended Outcome

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 7.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The disclosure of the remuneration of the Directors is made on a named basis in the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year 2020.</p> <p>Details of the Directors’ Remuneration on named basis comprising remuneration received from SIB Group or subsidiary companies during 2020 are disclosed in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement and Audited Financial Statements of the Annual Report 2020.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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 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.

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	<p>The Board ensures that the remuneration of Senior Management is commensurate with the performance of the Company. Excessive remuneration payouts are not made to Senior Management personnel in any instance.</p> <p>The disclosure of the remuneration of the top five Senior Management of the Company is currently made on aggregate basis in the employee benefits expense note to the accounts.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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 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	:	

Intended Outcome

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 Mr Wong Chie Bin.	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Practice 8.2

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	No former key audit partners of the present and former external auditors have been appointed to the Board or employed by the Company.	
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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	:	The Audit Committee reviewed the performance of the external auditors in terms of their capability, professionalism, and independence before recommending them to the Board to be considered for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.	
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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.

Intended Outcome

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	:	<p>All members of the Audit Committee have undertaken continuous professional development to keep themselves abreast of relevant developments to keep them abreast of relevant development in accounting and auditing standards, practices and rules.</p> <p>The training attended by each members are disclosed in Directors’ Training and Education of the Corporate Governance Overview Statement as set out in the Annual Report 2020.</p>	
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Intended Outcome

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	:	The Board acknowledges and affirms its overall responsibility for the Group's risk management and internal control framework to safeguard shareholders' investment and the Group's assets. The Board has formalized in writing an Enterprise Risk Management framework, which incorporates a structured risk management process to identify, evaluate and manage business risks, comprising strategic, financial and operational risks as well as a system of internal control to mitigate such risks.	
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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 Board via the Risk Management Committee was established to provide risk oversight and ensure prudent risk management matters relating to the Group. The features of its risk management and internal control framework and the adequacy and effectiveness of this framework are disclosed in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control in the Annual Report 2020.	
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Intended Outcome

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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 Risk Management Committee comprises a majority of Independent Directors, to oversee the Company's risk management framework and policies.

Intended Outcome

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	:	<p>The Company outsourced its internal audit function to an independent professional firm, which reported directly to the Audit Committee. The activities of the internal auditors during the financial period are set out in the Audit Committee Report in the Annual Report 2020.</p> <p>Upon expiry and pending renewal of contract at the end of the financial year, the Audit Committee shall evaluate the performance of the outsourced internal audit service provider.</p>	
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Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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	:	The internal audit function assists the Board, via its reporting to the Audit Committee, in assessing the adequacy and operating effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems established by Management based on an agreed scope of work as outlined in an Annual Internal Audit Plan tabled to, and approved by the Audit Committee during the financial year.	
Explanation for departure	:		
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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 believes in embedding a culture in the Group that seeks to balance compliance requirements with the need to deliver long term strategic value to shareholders and stakeholders with due consideration towards ethics and integrity. Apart from disclosures in the Annual Report 2020, the Company has also established a corporate website at www.asiasealink.com that houses, inter-alia, documentation on the Group's corporate governance practices like the Board Charter, Whistleblower Policy, Anti- Bribery and Corruption Policy, Code of Conduct / Ethics for Directors and employees of the Group and Sustainability Policy that are useful for investors as well as potential investors to be apprised on how the Board views corporate governance and engagement with investors.
Explanation for departure	:	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	
Timeframe	:	

Intended Outcome

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 11.2

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

Application	:	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice	:		
Explanation for departure	:	The Company is not required to comply with this requirement.	
		Please provide an alternative practice and explain how the alternative practice meets the intended outcome.	
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:	Please explain the measure(s) the company has taken or intend to take to adopt the practice.	
Timeframe	:	Choose an item.	

Intended Outcome

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	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	<p>The Notice of AGM of the Company dated on 25 May 2021 has been issued at least twenty eight (28) days prior to the meeting. The additional time given to shareholders allows them to make the necessary arrangements to attend or participate through a proxy. More importantly, it allows shareholders ample time to consider and make informed decisions on the resolutions proposed.</p> <p>The Company also issues an AGM administrative guide with the Notice of the AGM, which provides information to the shareholders regarding the details of the AGM, their entitlement to attend the AGM, their right to appoint a proxy and information as to who may count as a proxy. The Company allows a member to appoint a proxy who need not be a member of the Company.</p> <p>The Notes to the Notice of the 13th AGM dated 25 May 2021 had been provided to enable shareholders to make informed decision in exercising their voting rights.</p>	
Explanation for departure	:		
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>			
Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

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	:	At the 12 th AGM held on 22 nd September 2020, all the Directors, the Chair of the Audit, Nominating, Remuneration Committees and Senior Management were present in person to engage directly with shareholders and be accountable for their stewardship of the Company.	
Explanation for departure	:		
Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.			
Measure	:		
Timeframe	:		

Intended Outcome

Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

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	:	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:	
Explanation for departure	:	<p>The voting at the 12th AGM was conducted on a poll in accordance with Paragraph 8.29A of the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. The Company had appointed Securities Services (Holdings) Sdn. Bhd. as Poll Administrator to conduct the polling process, and Commercial Quest Sdn. Bhd. as Scrutineer to verify the Poll Results.</p> <p>Shareholders who are unable to attend personally are allowed to appoint proxy/proxies to attend, participate, speak and vote on their behalf</p> <p>The Company will explore the necessities to facilitate voting in absentia and remote shareholders' participation at General Meetings.</p>
<i>Large companies are required to complete the columns below. Non-large companies are encouraged to complete the columns below.</i>		
Measure	:	Please explain the measure(s) the company has taken or intend to take to adopt the practice.
Timeframe	:	Choose an item.

SECTION B – DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES PURSUANT 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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