CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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COMPANY NAME: KELINGTON GROUP BERHAD

FINANCIAL YEAR : December 31, 2023

OUTLINE:

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

SECTION B – DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES PERSUANT CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA

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

SECTION A - DISCLOSURE ON MALAYSIAN CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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Intended Outcome

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

Practice 1.1

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: The Board is responsible for the overall performance of the Group and focuses mainly on strategic management, performance monitoring and measurement, risk management, internal controls, standards of conduct, shareholder communication and critical business decisions. The matters reserved for the collective decision of the Board are stated in the Board Charter. Each of the Directors is aware of the obligation to exercise unfettered judgement in good faith and with due care and skill. The Board implements a strategy planning process to oversee the matters delegated to Management and ensure the goals and targets are in line with the Company's strategic plan and long-term objectives, taking into consideration its core values and standards through the vision and mission of the Company as set out in the Board Charter. The Board delegates and confers some of the Board's authorities and discretion on the Executive Directors as well as on properly constituted Committees comprising Non-Executive Directors which operate within their clearly defined Terms and References approved by the Board and report to the Board on matters considered and their recommendations thereon. The ultimate responsibility for the final decision on all matters, however, lies with the Board. The Board Committees consist of the
	however, lies with the Board. The Board Committees consist of the Audit Committee, Risk Management Committee, Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee. The powers delegated to the Board Committees are set out in the Terms of References of each of the committees as set out in the Board Charter.
	The Board Charter and the Board Committees' Terms of Reference are available on the Company's website at www.kelington-group.com .

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Practice 1.2

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice		 The Board is led by Ir. Gan Hung Keng, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, who is responsible for instilling good corporate governance practices, leadership and effectiveness in the Board as well as leading the Board to work towards a high-performance culture. As provided under the Company's Board Charter, the Chairman is responsible for, among others: providing leadership for the Board in creating an effective corporate governance system; managing boardroom dynamics by promoting a culture of openness and debate; setting the board agenda and ensuring the provision of accurate, timely and clear information to Directors; ensure effective communication with shareholders and relevant stakeholders; arranging an evaluation of the performance of the Board, its Committees and individual Directors; facilitating Non-Executive Directors contributions and ensuring constructive relations be maintained between the Executive and Non-Executive Directors; and facilitating the on-going development of all Directors. 	
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Practice 1.3The positions of Chairman and CEO are held by different individuals.

Application	: Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	
Explanation for departure	The roles of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") have not been separated, and both functions continue to be held by Ir. Gan Hung Keng. Although the roles of Chairman and CEO are combined, the Board is of the view that there are sufficient experienced and independent minded Directors on the Board to provide sufficient checks and balances.
	The Company has yet to identify a Chairman who is sufficiently suitable for the role with the right experience, strength and understanding of the Group's business operations as the Group is involved in the high technology industry which provides end-to-end engineering solutions for ultra-high purity gas and chemical delivery systems.
	The Board has established the roles and responsibilities of the Chairman, which are distinct and separate from the duties and responsibilities of the CEO as set out in the Board Charter.
	All decisions of the Board are made unanimously or by consensus. To ensure a balance of power and authority on the Board, the Board comprises half of Independent Directors to provide more effective oversight of Management as well as to support objective and independent deliberation review and decision-making.
	The Board is satisfied and assured that no individual or group of Directors has unfettered powers of decision making that could create a potential conflict of interest. The Board will continue to source for a suitable candidate for the position of Chairman.
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Measure	To facilitate an accountable and high performing board, Ir. Gan Hung Keng has identified the future CEO that fits Kelington's culture and strategy and is in the midst of developing the identified candidates according to the succession plan.

Timeframe	:	Others	The roles of the Chairman and CEO
			shall be separated by end of Year
			2025.

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Practice 1.4

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

Note: If the board Chairman is not a member of any of these specified committees, but the board allows the Chairman to participate in any or all of these committees' meetings, by way of invitation, then the status of this practice should be a 'Departure'.				
Application :	Departure			
Explanation on : application of the practice				
Explanation for : departure	The Chairman of the Board is not a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee.			
	The Chairman's attendance at Board Committee meetings is a testament to his extensive knowledge and experience. The Board firmly believes that this practice does not compromise the Chairman's or the Board's objectivity when considering the observations and recommendations presented by the Committees. Each Director thoroughly examines and discusses matters collectively, ensuring a comprehensive and unbiased decision-making process.			
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Measure :	The Chairman has excused himself from participating and attending the Board Committee meetings since April 2024 onwards in order to promote a higher level of integrity, objectivity and independence of discussion during the Board and Board Committee Meetings in line with the best practice of Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance ("MCCG").			
Timeframe :	Within 2 years			

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Practice 1.5

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	 The Board is supported by two (2) suitably qualified and competent Company Secretaries. The Company Secretaries provide guidance to the Board, particularly on corporate governance issues and compliance with relevant policies and procedures, rules and regulatory requirements, and ensure good information flow within the Board, Board Committees and Management. The roles and responsibilities of the Company Secretaries include, but are not limited to the following: Attending Board and Board Committee meetings as well as General Meetings and ensuring deliberations and decisions at the meetings are properly documented and the minutes are circulated in a timely manner and kept in the minutes books; Ensuring compliance with the Company's Constitution, Listing Requirements, Companies Act 2016, Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance and other regulatory requirements; Providing support and guidance to the Board on issues relating to the Company's Constitution, Companies Act 2016, and best practices on governance matters; and Performing the statutory duties as prescribed under the Companies Act 2016. The Company Secretaries shall continue to guide the Directors on the requirements to be observed arising from new regulations and guidelines issued by the authorities. Further details on the role of the Company Secretaries are set out in the Company's Board Charter which is available on the Company's website
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Practice 1.6

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice		The Board recognises that the supply, timeliness and quality of the information affects the effectiveness of the Board in overseeing the of the business and evaluating the management performance of the Group.
		The meetings of the Board and Board Committees, and the Annual General Meeting for the ensuing year is scheduled in advance prior to the end of the current financial year. This enables Management to plan ahead for yearly business and corporate affairs and ensure timely preparation of information for dissemination to the Board so as to achieve meeting effectiveness.
		The Board has a defined schedule of matters reserved for the Board's decision. The Notice of meetings setting out the agenda and the Board papers for meetings will be circulated to the Board at least seven (7) days before the meetings. This is to ensure that Directors have sufficient time to read through the meeting papers and obtain further explanation from Management, where necessary, prior to the meetings and prepared for quality deliberations and effective decision-making during the meetings. Any Director may request that matters be included in the agenda.
		The Company Secretaries are entrusted with recording the Board's deliberations in terms of issues discussed and ensuring that the deliberations at Board and Board Committee meetings are well documented. The minutes of the previous Board and Board Committee meetings are distributed to the Directors prior to the meetings for their perusal before confirmation at the following Board and Board Committee meetings.
		The Directors may comment or request clarification before the minutes are tabled for confirmation as a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting. Management provides Directors with complete and timely information prior to the meetings and on an ongoing basis to enable them to make informed decisions to discharge their duties and responsibilities. Relevant management team is requested to attend Board and Board Committee meetings to present and provide additional information on matters being discussed and to respond to any queries raised by the Directors.

	Any matters requiring the sanction of the Board may be sought by way of Directors' circular resolutions. All circulation resolutions approved by the Board are tabled for notation at the Board Meetings.
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There is demarcation of responsibilities between the board, board committees and management.

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

Practice 2.1

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

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

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Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: The Board is guided by its Board Charter which clearly sets out the Board's strategic intents and outlines the Board's roles and responsibilities in discharging its fiduciary and leadership functions. The Board Charter provides guidance for the Directors and Senior Management regarding the responsibilities of the Board, Board Chairman, Board Committees, Executive Directors, Non-Executive Directors and Independent Non-Executive Directors as well as the requirements of the Directors in carrying out their stewardship role and in discharging their duties towards the Company as well as boardroom activities. The Board Charter also serves as reference criteria for the Board in the assessment of its own performance, individual Directors and the Board Committees. The Board Charter would be periodically reviewed and updated to take into consideration the needs of the Company and any new rules, laws, and regulations that may have an impact on the corporate governance practices of the Company and the responsibilities of the Board in discharging its governance function. A copy of it is available on the Company's website at www.kelington-group.com .
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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	: In keeping with the principles of sound corporate governance, the Board is committed to promoting a culture of integrity and ethical values. The Company has put in place its own set of Code of Ethics and Conduct ("CoEC").
	The CoEC is applicable to all Directors and employees within the Group as well as third parties performing work or services for and on behalf of the Company. It governs the desired standard of behaviour and ethical conduct expected from each individual to whom the CoEC applies.
	The Board has adopted the Anti-Bribery and Corruption ("ABC") Policy in year 2020 which applies to all Directors and employees of the Group as well as the Group's agents and contractors. The ABC Policy makes references to the CoEC, No Gift Policy and Whistleblowing Policy.
	The ABC Policy supplements the CoEC and serve as a control measure to address and manage the risk of fraud, bribery, corruption, misconduct, and unethical practices for the benefit of the long-term success of the Company and provides the basis on which the Company will be able to defend itself against any corruption charges that may be brought against the Company.
	All employees and Directors of the Company are required to declare that they have received, read and understood the provisions of the Codes/Policies, and agreed to observe and adhere to the Code/Policies with complete professionalism and integrity throughout their employment or tenure with the Company.
	In August 2021, the Board approved the conflict-of-interest policy and it has been implemented since September 2021.
	The Risk Management Committee reviews and approves the Group's anti-corruption compliance programme periodically to assess the

	performance, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Group's ABC processes.
	A platform was provided for its employees, business associates, and members of the public who have concerns on suspected misconduct (including fraud, bribery, theft, abuse of power, and violations of laws and regulations) to report the suspected incident directly to the Corporate Compliance and Integrity Department ("CCID").
	Through the policies, the Group can preserve its culture of openness, accountability, and integrity to enable whistleblowers to express their concerns without fear of punishment or unfair treatment. All written reports shall be channelled directly to the CCID via email at ccid@kelington-group.com.
	The ABC Policy, CoEC, Conflict of Interest Policy and Whistleblowing Policy are available on the Company's corporate website.
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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		The Board has adopted a Whistleblowing Policy ("Policy") that can be accessed at the Company's website at www.kelington-group.com .	
practice		The Policy facilitates the disclosure of improper conduct (wrongdoings or criminal offences) within the Group and provides guidance on how disclosures shall be made.	
		The Audit Committee ("AC") and Chief Executive Officer of the Company have overall responsibility for the implementation of the Policy. The administration of the Policy is carried out by the Corporate Compliance and Integrity Department. The AC exercises the oversight function over the administration of the policy.	
		The Policy sets out detailed procedures on how to make a complaint, the procedures after a complaint is received, and provides general information about whistleblowing and whistleblower protection.	
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The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.1

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

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice		The Group has a sustainability governance structure to oversee the implementation of sustainable practices across all the operations of the Group. The Board is responsible for steering the Group in the direction of achieving overall sustainable growth. The Board develops strategies to promote and strengthen a sound health, safety, and environmental (HSE) culture across the Group and supports long-term sustainability. The Board bears the ultimate responsibility for the effectiveness of the health, safety, and environmental risk management practices. The Board has entrusted the Risk Management Committee ("RMC") with the responsibility of risk management oversight and adopted an Enterprise Risk Management Framework to identify, evaluate, and manage principal risks for the Company.
		The RMC is supported by the Executive Management Committee ("EMC"). The EMC reviews quarterly progress to ensure best practices are embedded across the Group and is responsible for approving major sustainability initiatives.
		The EMC evaluates overall sustainability risks and opportunities; oversees implementation of the sustainability strategy; and assists in sustainability oversight by reviewing the Sustainability Statement.
		The Sustainability Working Group ("SWG") oversees the operational aspects in relation to safety, health, social and environmental sustainability. The SWG shares report to the Group Chief Operating Officer on a quarterly basis.
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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.

Application	: Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	: The Board seeks to improve the Company's sustainability performance, transparency, and accountability, and has embedded the sustainability performance measures in the business to manage environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") factors.	
	The following sustainability targets are structured around two pillars: sustainable value creation and managing impacts:	
	Sustainable Value Creation:	
	 To continue generating and distributing economic value to stakeholders by sustaining a resilient financial performance; To achieve an average of 12 training hours per employee per year; and To achieve an average Customer Satisfaction Rate of 90%. 	
	Managing Impacts:	
	 To reduce CO2 emissions (industrial gas division) by at least 5% by FY2024; To reduce electricity intensity (industrial gas division) by 5%; To reduce water intensity (industrial gas division) by 5%; To reduce non recycled waste intensity (engineering division) by 5%; and To maintain zero fatality rate at work. 	
	The Corporate Compliance and Integrity Department ("CCID") leads compliance related initiatives under the direction and supervision of the Group Chief Operating Officer and in collaboration with the Sustainability Working Group and Working Committee across the Group.	
	The objectives of these efforts implemented on a group basis, are to prevent ESG issues by thoroughly raising compliance awareness, including awareness of issues such as bribery and corruption, harassment, and discrimination, improving and strengthening compliance programs, and responding to specific compliance-related matters as they arise.	

	CCID reports integrity and compliance performance assessments to the Risk Management Committee at least once a year. The Company has also reported the Group's stakeholders' engagements, material matters assessment, sustainability strategies, targets as well as performance in the Sustainability Statement 2023 within the Annual Report.
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Practice 4.3

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	To strengthen the Group's sustainable strategy framework, Kelington will ensure the Board comprises Directors with relevant Environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") expertise and experience and will include ESG as one of the criteria to select future candidates for the Board.
	Kelington's Executive Director reports to the Risk Management Committee on ESG risk management, at least once a year. The ESG Risk Register was presented to the Risk Management Committee in November 2023. In financial year 2023 ("FY2023"), the Management focuses on all ESG material topics identified by the stakeholders, the Board concentrates on two strategically important ESG topics, which are governance and ethics and economic growth and profitability — it underscores the imperative to prioritize social risk and cybersecurity risk. Social risk encompasses factors such as workplace safety, human rights, supplier and contractor ethics, talent retention and community relations. Furthermore, cybersecurity risk is acknowledged as a critical component in safeguarding the Company's operations, data, and reputation in an increasingly digital landscape. ESG discussions had been integrated into the boardroom agenda.
	The Board had established ESG related policies and guided the management and business functions in effectively implementing ESG strategies and addressing ESG issues.
	Please refer to page 35 of our Annual Report 2023 for more information on how we manage our sustainability matters.
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Practice 4.4

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board Performance Evaluation Form has been revised to include the assessment of the Board's performance and effectiveness in addressing the Group's material sustainability risks and opportunities.	
		The Board, through the Nomination Committee, has evaluated its performance in addressing the Group's strategic and business plans which promote sustainability materials matters in the financial year 2023.	
		The Board identified the key performance indicators ("KPIs") to monitor executive and senior management's performance. The current set of KPIs enables the Board to evaluate executive and senior management's performance in addressing the Group's material sustainability matters.	
		The KPIs achievement report was presented to the Board in August 2023.	
		Please refer to our progress against the achievement of sustainability targets on pages 33 to 34 of this Annual Report.	
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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.

-	n adoption of this practice should include a brief description of the unated person and actions or measures undertaken pursuant to the role in
Application :	Adopted
Explanation on : adoption of the practice	The Chief Operating Officer of the Group, Mr Ong Weng Leong was nominated by the Board to provide dedicated focus to managing sustainability strategically, including the integration of sustainability considerations into the operations of the Company. Mr Ong provides leadership over implementation of sustainability strategy and oversee departments in ensuring robustness of system of sustainability management.

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

Practice 5.1

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

Application	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	The Nomination Committee ("NC") reviews the composition of the Board, Board Committees, performance of each individual directors and considers the tenure of directors on an annual basis, where annual reelection of a Director would be contingent on satisfactory of the Director's performance and contribution to the Board and an assessment in accordance with the Directors' Fit and Proper Guideline before recommending for re-election at the Annual General Meeting to the Board for consideration.
	On 28 February 2024, the NC after taking into account the satisfactory performance and contributions of the following Directors to the effectiveness of the Board, and recommend their re-election to the Board, for shareholders' approval at the forthcoming 24th Annual General Meeting:
	 i. Ir. Gan Hung Keng (Clause 97) ii. Mr Soo Yuit Weng (Clause 97) iii. Mr Soh Tong Hwa (Clause 97) iv. Ms Chow Meow Luan (Clause 104) v. Mr Chin Wei Min (Clause 104)
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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	Departure
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Explanation for	With effect from 20 December 2021, Kelington was added to the
departure	FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index and FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia
	Shariah Index and thus defined as a Large Company under the
	Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance ("MCCG"). For Large
	Companies, the board shall comprise a majority of Independent
	Directors.
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	The present composition of the Board with half of its members being
	Independent Directors is in compliance with Paragraph 15.02 of the MMLR of Bursa Malaysia, which stipulates that at least 2 Directors or
	1/3 of the Board, whichever is higher, must be Independent Directors.
	1/3 of the Board, Whichever is higher, must be independent Directors.
	Although the Board composition is not in line with recommendation of
	the MCCG 2021 for the boards of large companies to be comprised of a
	majority of independent directors, the Board is of the view that the
	current number of its Independent Non-Executive Directors as
	adequate to provide the necessary check and balance to the Board's
	decision-making process.
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	The NC reviews the composition of the Board periodically, to ensure effective oversight of management as well as to support objective and
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	the Board and has adopted the Directors' Fit and Proper Policy which
	has established fit and proper criteria for the appointment and re-
	appointment of Directors on the Board of the Company and its
	subsidiaries. It also ensures that each Director has the character,
	experience, integrity, competence, and time to effectively discharge
	his/her role as a Director of the Company and/or its subsidiaries.
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	Director has fulfilled the indepe Securities' Main Market Listing Re demonstrate their independence	was satisfied that each Independent ndence criteria set out in the Bursa equirements and they will continue to e through their engagement in all ent judgement to decisions taken by
	candidates for appointment to	inue to explore and identify suitable the Board as Independent Directors and contribution that each potential engthen the Board.
Timeframe :	Within 1 year	

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

Practice 5.3

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board noted the recommendation of the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance 2021 that the tenure of an independent director ("ID") should not exceed a cumulative term of nine (9) years. Upon completion of nine (9) years, the ID may continue to serve on the board as an ID, subject to the following:
		 a) assessment by the Nomination Committee ("NC"), regarding the independence and contributions; and b) shareholders' approval in a general meeting via a two-tier voting process, where the Board must provide its justification on the recommendation.
		If the tenure of an ID exceeds 12 years, the ID must resign or be redesignated as non-ID. Details of which have set out in the Board Charter which is available at the Company's website.
		The Board, through the NC, had assessed Mr Soo Yuit Weng ("Mr Soo"), Senior Independent Non-Executive Director ("SINED") of the Company who has served the Company for a cumulative term of more than 9 years and concluded that he has fulfilled the criteria under the definition of Independent Director as stated in the MMLR, and the NC was satisfied his performance and contribution to the Board.
		Accordingly, the Board concurred with the NC to seek shareholders' approval to retain Mr Soo as SINED at the forthcoming 24th Annual General Meeting, and the justifications are set out on page 292 of the Annual Report 2023.
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Practice 5.4 - Step Up

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

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

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

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board has entrusted the Nomination Committee with the responsibility to consider, review, and recommend the appointment of potential candidates to the Board as proposed by Management or any Director, major shareholder taking into consideration the candidates' skills, knowledge, expertise, experience, time commitment, character, professionalism, and integrity based on the Fit and Proper' Guidelines for key responsible persons as prescribed in the Board Charter. The appointment of Key Senior Management of the Company is based on merit and with due regard for diversity in skills, experience, age, cultural background and gender. The Directors' Fit and Proper Guidelines is subject to be reviewed by the Board periodically and a copy of which is embedded in the Board Charter, can be accessed on the Company's website.	
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.6

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board has a procedure for recruitment and appointment of Director, and does not solely rely on the recommendations from the existing Board members and Management in the process of appointing new Director of the Company. The Board also considers external sources such as the Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia (ICDM) and other business network unless no suitable candidates were identified.
		The Board and Nomination Committee ("NC") shall be guided by the broad Fit and Proper, and Independence criteria as set out in the Board Charter which had been published on the Company's website to review and assess the new candidate that is to be appointed onto the Board. The selection criteria for an independent Non-Executive Director which may include:
		 Required skills, knowledge, expertise and experience; Time commitment, character, professionalism and integrity; Ability to work cohesively with other members of the Board; Specialist knowledge or technical skills in line with the Kelington's strategy; Diversity in age, gender and experience/background; and Number of directorships in companies outside the Group.
		In FY2023, Mr. Tan Chuan Yong (a Senior Independent Non-Executive Director) and Ms. Ng Lee Kuan (an Independent Non-Executive Director) had resigned on 1 March 2023 and 31 August 2023 respectively. Consequently, three (3) new Independent Non-Executive Directors, Puan Rahima Beevi Binti Mohamed Ibrahim, Mr. Chin Wei Min and Ms. Chow Meow Luan ("New Directors") were appointed to the Board ("Appointments"). The Appointments followed the aforementioned procedure. The Appointments were nominated by a Board member.

	The NC satisfied that both new Directors are suitable and fit into the long-term business strategy and growth of the Group going forward after assessment of their background, professional qualification, knowledge, integrity and competencies, independence, as well as fulfilment of criteria set out in the Fit and Proper Guidelines.
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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
Explanation on application of the practice	The information of the Board of Directors and their respective profiles, position or relationship are included in the Board of Directors' Profile in the Annual Report whereas their interest is included in the Analysis of Shareholdings.
	During the financial year 2023, the Board through the Nomination Committee ("NC") had undertaken an annual assessment on the Directors whose are seeking for re-election pursuant to Clause 97 of the Company's Constitution at the 24th AGM of the Company.
	The details of the directors who will retire and being eligible for re- election at the upcoming 24th AGM, as well as the statement by the Board and NC that they are satisfied with the performance and effectiveness of the retiring directors, are included on page 137 of the Corporate Governance Overview Statement.
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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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Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Nomination Committee ("NC") comprises 3 members, all of whom are independent non-executive Directors. The NC is chaired by a senior independent Director. The specific responsibilities of the NC Chairman are set out in the Terms of Reference of the NC which is available on the Company's website. Based on the assessment performed for the financial year 2023, the Board was satisfied that the NC has fulfilled its roles and discharged its	
		duties effectively.	
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Practice 5.9

The board comprises at least 30% women directors.

Application	:	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	:	
Explanation for departure	:	The Board acknowledges the importance of Boardroom diversity and will endeavour to achieve 30% female directors. The Company shall at any point of time have at least one female representation on the Board.
		During the financial year ended 31 December 2023, the Board had 2 women Directors, Puan Rahima Beevi Binti Mohamed Ibrahim and Ms. Chow Meow Luan. This equates to 18% of the women directors on a board of 11 directors. Following the resignation of Vice Admiral (Retired) Datuk Haji Jamil bin Haji Osman as a Director of the Company on 29 February 2024, the Board now comprises 20% women Directors (FY2022: 10%). The Board is mindful of the target of at least 30% women directors and has already taken the step to increase women Director.
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Measure	:	The Board is of the view that whilst promoting boardroom diversity is essential, the ultimate decision should be based on the merit and the contribution that the selected candidates will bring to the Board. The Board is mindful of the target of at least 30% women directors and has taken the step to increase female Director. The Board now comprises 20% women Directors (FY2022: 10%).
Timeframe	:	Within 1 year

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

Practice 5.10

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice Explanation for departure	:	Kelington had a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy in placed to create a work environment that is premised on gender and diversity equity which encourages and enforces: (i) respectful communication and cooperation between all employees and stakeholders; (ii) teamwork and employee participation; (iii) work/life balance through flexible work schedules to accommodate employees' varying needs. (iv) fairness and equal access to opportunities and resources within the organisation; and (v) employer and employee contributions to the communities we serve to promote a greater understanding and respect for the diversity. Please refer to pages 94 to 97 of this Annual Report for more information about our diverse and inclusive workplace.
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Stakeholders are able to form an opinion on the overall effectiveness of the board and individual directors.

Practice 6.1

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

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

Note: For a Large Company to qualify for adoption of this practice, it must undertake annual board evaluation and engage an independent expert at least every three years to facilitate the evaluation. **Application Applied** The Nomination Committee ("NC") undertakes annual evaluation to **Explanation on** application of the access the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, the Board Committees practice and the contributions of each individual Director. The Board evaluation comprises Board Assessment, Individual Director Assessment and Assessment of Independence of Independent Directors. The assessment of the Board is based on specific criteria, covering areas such as the Board structure, Board operations, roles and responsibilities of the Board, the Board Committees and the Chairman's role and responsibilities. For Individual Director Assessment, the assessment criteria include contribution to interaction, quality of inputs, and understanding of the role. In assessing the independence of Independent Non-Executive Directors for the financial year under review, the criteria set out in paragraph 1.01 of the Listing Requirements was deployed. The results of the assessment would form the basis of the NC's recommendation to the Board for the re-election of Directors at the next Annual General Meeting ("AGM"). Based on the annual assessment conducted, the NC was satisfied with the existing Board composition and concluded that each of the Directors has the requisite competence to serve on the Board and has sufficiently demonstrated their commitment to the Company in terms of time and participation during the year under review. The NC recommended to the Board the re-election of retiring Directors and continuance in office of the Independent Non-Executive Director who has served beyond 9 years as the Company's independent Non-Executive Director, for shareholders' approval at the Company's forthcoming AGM.

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

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

Practice 7.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Remuneration Committee ("RC") and the Board ensure that the Company's remuneration policy remains supportive for the Company's corporate objectives and is aligned with the interests of shareholders, and further that the remuneration packages of Directors and key Senior Management Officers are sufficiently attractive to attract and to retain persons of high calibre.
		The remuneration policy is available on the Company's website at www.kelington-group.com .
		The remuneration of Directors is reviewed by the RC and determined by the Board as a whole. The remuneration package for Executive Directors has been structured to link rewards to corporate and individual performance.
		The remuneration of Independent Non-Executive Directors' is in the form of Directors' Fees which reflects the diverse experience, skill sets, and level of responsibilities. In addition, the Independent Non-Executive Directors are also paid a meeting allowance based on their attendance.
		The remuneration for Non-Executive Directors who are Non-Independent and are representatives of the Kelington Group is not paid by the Company but are paid by the Kelington Group.
		The Directors' fees and benefits payable to the Independent Non- Executive Directors of the Company is subject to the shareholders' approval at the Company's Annual General Meeting.
		Directors do not participate in decisions regarding their own remuneration packages. The remuneration of Senior Management

	which is not covered under the Group's Remuneration Policy are determined jointly by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer, taking into consideration the role, skills, competency, and performance of the individual.
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Practice 7.2

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice		The Board has established a Remuneration Committee ("RC") which comprised exclusively Non-Executive Directors.
		The RC reviews and recommends to the Board annually the Board's remuneration package and/or reward payments that reflect their respective contributions for the year, and which are dependent on the performance of the Group, achievement of the goals and/or quantified organisational targets as well as strategic initiatives set at the beginning of each year.
		To facilitate the RC to discharge duties and responsibilities, the Company has adopted a Remuneration Policy, serving as a guide in evaluating the Directors and Senior Management's remuneration package, and ensuring that their contributions are fairly and adequately rewarded.
		The RC is governed by written Terms of Reference which deals with its authority and duties. The Terms of Reference of the RC is set out in the Board Charter and is available on the Company's website at www.kelington-group.com .
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Stakeholders are able to assess whether the remuneration of directors and senior management is commensurate with their individual performance, taking into consideration the company's performance.

Practice 8.1

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

Application :	Applied
Explanation on : application of the practice	Details of the Board's remuneration of the Company and the Group on a named basis for the FY2023 are set out below.

				Company ('000)								Group ('000)					
No	Name	Directorate	Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in- kind	Other emoluments	Total	Fee	Allowance	Salary	Bonus	Benefits-in- kind	Other emoluments	Total	
1	Gan Hung Keng (Note: At the 23 rd AGM held on 21 June 2023, the Company obtained approval from the shareholder of the Company to grant a performance-based retirement gratuity payment to Mr Gan Hung Keng. The amount included in other emoluments is the provision amount as at 31 December 2023.)	Executive Director	-	-	795	735	28	3,336	4,894	-	-	795	735	28	3,336	4,894	
2	Ong Weng Leong (Note: At the 23 rd AGM held on 21 June 2023, the Company obtained approval from the shareholder of the Company to grant a performance-based retirement gratuity payment to Mr Ong Weng Leong. The amount included in other emoluments is the provision	Executive Director	-	-	764	707	28	2,708	4,207	-	-	764	707	28	2,708	4,207	

	amount as at 31 December 2023.)															
3	Tan Chuan Yong (resigned on 1 March 2023)	Independent Director	10	-	-	-	-	9	19	10	-	-	-	-	9	19
4	Vice Admiral (Retired) Datuk Haji Jamil bin Haji Osman	Independent Director	50	-	-	-	-	9	59	50	-	-	-	-	9	59
5	Soo Yuit Weng	Independent Director	57	-	-	-	-	9	66	57	-	-	-	-	9	66
6	Ng Lee Kuan (resigned on 31 August 2023)	Independent Director	34	-	-	-	-	9	43	34	-	-	-	-	9	43
7	Ng Meng Kwai	Independent Director	51	-	-	-	-	9	51	51	-	-	-	-	-	51
8	Cham Teck Kuang	Non-Executive Non- Independent Director	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	673	168	-	230	1,071
9	Hu Keqin	Non-Executive Non- Independent Director	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	677	168	-	241	1,086
10	Soh Tong Hwa	Non-Executive Non- Independent Director	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	690	545	28	277	1,540
11	Rahima Beevi Binti Mohamed Ibrahim (appointed on 1 March 2023)	Independent Director	43	-	-	-	-	-	43	43	-	-	-	-	-	43
12	Chin Wei Min (appointed on 31 August 2023)	Independent Director	17	-	-	-	-	-	17	17	-	-	-	-	-	17

,	13	Chow Meow Luan (appointed on 31 August 2023)	Independent Director	17	-	-	-	-	-	17	17	-	-	-	-	-	17
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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				
Explanation : on application of the practice Explanation :	The Board has considered the ne	ed for trans	narency in the di	sclasure of it	s Key Senior
for departure	Management remuneration as a Governance 2021 and is of the opidetrimental to its business interewith the requisite knowledge, Company's business activities, challenge. Accordingly, the disclostorecruitment and talent retention. The Key Management Personnel disclosed on an unnamed basis in December 2023, as detailed below. Other Key Management Personnel	recommender inion that the sts, given the technical exwhere intersure of specion issues. I Compensation Note 36(b) ov:	ed by the Malay edisclosure of rerective land work and work are headhunting fic remuneration ion of the Grou	rsian Code or nuneration de dscape for ke rking experie is a comm information n	n Corporate stails may be by personnel ence in the on industry may give rise
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	Salaries, bonuses	2023 (RM'000) 7,396	2022 (RM'000) 5,576	2023 (RM'000) 1,062	2022 (RM'000) 872
	and other benefits Defined contribution benefits	313	220	62	56
	Share-based payments	495	74	141	25
		8,204	5,870	1,265	953
	The estimated monetary value of the other key management person			•	

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Measure :	The performance of Senior Management is evaluated on an annual basis and measured against the targets set for the year. The remuneration packages are reviewed annually, and adjustments to their remuneration are made based on their role, skills, competency, and the performance of the individual. The Company is of the view that the interests of the shareholders will not be prejudiced as a result of such non-disclosure on the basis of the remuneration of the Senior Management personnel who are not Directors.							
Timeframe :	Others	Not applicable						

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

Practice 8.3 - Step Up

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

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

			Company ('000)						
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
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Audit Committee ("AC") consisted of three (3) members, all of whom are Independent Non-Executive Directors. The AC is chaired by Mr Soo Yuit Weng, a Senior Independent Non-
		Executive Director who is distinct from the Chairman of the Board. The profile of Mr Soo is set out on page 110 of the Annual Report 2023. The responsibilities of the AC are outlined in the Terms of Reference ("ToR") of the AC, including but not limited to review the Group's risk management and internal control, financing reporting, and the appointment and performance of External Auditors and Internal Audit Function. The ToR of the AC is available on the Company's website at www.kelington-group.com .
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Practice 9.2

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

Application	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	The Group recognises the importance of independence of its External Auditor and that no possible conflict of interest whatsoever should arise.
	The Audit Committee ("AC") had an External Auditor Policy ("Policy") that no former partner of the external audit firm of the Company shall be appointed as a member of the Committee before first observing a cooling-off period of at least 3 years and the said policy has been incorporated in the Terms of Reference ("ToR") of the AC. The said Policy and ToR of AC are available at the Company's website at www.kelington-group.com . The ToR of the AC provides a cooling-off period for a former key audit partner to be appointed as a member of the AC for at least three (3) years as recommended by the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance 2021. Currently, no former partner of the External Auditors of the Company is appointed as a member of the AC.
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Practice 9.3

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

Application	:	Applied				
Explanation on application of the practice	:	An annual assessment of the competency and independence of the External Auditors was conducted by the Audit Committee ("AC") via a set of assessment questionnaires. In assessing the External Auditors' performance and suitability, the AC considered, inter-alia, the independence, objectivity, professionalism, quality of services, sufficiency of resources and communication and interaction with the External Auditors. The AC received assurance from the External Auditors confirming that they are, and have been, independent throughout the conduct of the audit engagement with the Company in accordance with the independence criteria set out in the By-Laws (On Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accounts. Based on the outcome of the annual assessment conducted in April 2024 on the External Auditors' performance, technical competence, and professional independence, the AC was satisfied with the External Auditors' performance and recommended to the Board the reappointment of Messrs. Crowe Malaysia PLT as the External Auditors of the Company for the financial year ending 31 December 2024, a resolution of which will be tabled at the forthcoming 24th for shareholders' approval.				
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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		Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	The Audit Committee comprises all Independent Directors and none of them are alternate 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 9.5

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

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: Based on the outcome of the annual performance evaluation on peer and self-assessment carried out on the financial literacy of the members of the Audit Committee ("AC") for the financial period, the Board was satisfied that all members of the AC are financially literate and assist the Board in overseeing and scrutinising the process and quality of the financial reporting and ensuring accuracy, adequacy and completeness of the report, as well as compliance with the relevant accounting standards.
	The AC members had during the financial year, attended webinars, seminars and/or training programmes organised by the relevant regulatory authorities and professional bodies to broaden their knowledge and to keep abreast with the relevant changes in law, regulations, risk management and business environment. Details of which have disclosed in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement in the Annual Report 2023.
	The AC members undertake continuous professional development and have an annual discussion with the external auditors on financial reporting development to keep themselves abreast of the relevant developments in accounting and auditing standards, practices, and rules.
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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

Practice 10.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board oversees, reviews, and monitors the operation, adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's system of internal control. The Board is responsible to define the level of risk appetite, approving and overseeing the operations of the Group's Risk Management Framework, assessing the effectiveness and reviewing any major or
		To assist the Board in maintaining a sound system of internal controls, the Board has established a Risk Management Committee comprising wholly Non-Executive Directors and chaired by an Independent Director, to assist the Board in identifying, assessing, managing,
		monitoring and reporting underlying risks within the Group. The Risk Management Committee shall oversee the risk management process of the Group, review the Group's risk management framework and major risk policies and make relevant recommendations to Management to update the Group Risk Profiles.
		The Board has been integrating the risk issues into their decision making process whilst maintaining the flexibility to lead the business of the Group through the ever-changing internal and external environments.
		The Company continues to maintain and review its internal control procedures to ensure the protection of its assets and its shareholders' investment.
		The Board has outsourced the internal audit function to an independent assurance provider, namely GRC Consulting Services Sdn. Bhd. to provide an independent appraisal on the system of internal controls of the Group to the AC.
		Key policies and frameworks, such as the Risk Management Framework, are reviewed by the Risk Management Committee before they are approved by the Board for application.
		For detailed information, please refer to the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control in the Annual Report 2023 of the Company.

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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 10.2

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 acknowledges that the Group's business activities involve some degree of risk, and thus, key management staff and heads of departments are delegated with the responsibility to manage identified risks within defined parameters and standards.			
		Features of the risk management and internal control framework of the Company are set out in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control.			
		Amongst others, these include:			
		 The Executive Management Committee supports the Board in the operations of the Group and manages all the Group's business divisions in accordance with corporate strategies and business objectives, policies, key performance indicators and annual budgets as approved by the Board. The Audit Committee, with the assistance of the Risk Management Committee ("RMC"), has oversight over the Group's risk management framework, and obtains assurance, through the independent consultant appointed, on the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems. The Audit Committee also consults the independent external auditors of the Group, whenever required. The RMC oversees and performs regular reviews on the risk management processes of the Group's business and operations to ensure prudent risk management. 			
		 The Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee assist the Board, including but not limited to review and recommend appropriate remuneration policies for Directors, review succession plans, recommend candidates to the Board, and evaluating the performance of the Board as a whole and 			

	the contributions of each individual Director (including Board Committees) on an annual basis.
	The General Manager of the respective business divisions of the Group manages their operations and reports to the Executive Management Committee at the Group Level.
	 Corporate Compliance and Integrity Department ("CCID") ensure business processes follow all relevant legal and internal guidelines; and review internal process, developing company policies, and responding to policy violations.
	 Sustainability Working Group oversees the operational aspect in relation to the environment, social (including health & safety) and governance.
	The Group's Internal Audit Function assists the Board and the Audit Committee by providing an independent assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's internal control system.
	The Board received assurance from the Group Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer that the Group's risk management and internal control systems have operated adequately and effectively, in all material aspects, to meet the Group's objectives during the financial year under review.
	The Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control as included in the 2023 Annual Report provides an overview of the internal control framework adopted by the Company during the financial year 2023.
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Companies make informed decisions about the level of risk they want to take and implement necessary controls to pursue their objectives.

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

Practice 10.3 - 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 :	Not Adopted
Explanation on : adoption of the practice	

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	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board has outsourced the internal audit function to an independent assurance provider, namely GRC Consulting Services Sdn. Bhd. to provide an independent appraisal of the system of internal control of the Group to the Audit Committee ("AC").	
		The main role of the Internal Audit Function is to review the effectiveness and adequacy of the Group's existing internal control policies and procedures and to provide recommendations, if any, for the improvement of the control policies and procedures. The Internal Auditors have direct access and report all matters of internal control to the AC. The AC had, in April 2024, conducted an evaluation of the Internal Audit Function, in terms of competence, quality, and timeliness of reporting as well as independence for the financial year 2023. Based on the results of the evaluation, the AC is satisfied that the Internal Audit Function is effective and able to function independently.	
		During the financial year under review, the internal auditors conducted a review of the Group in accordance with the Internal Audit Plan, which has been approved by the AC.	
		The Internal Auditors attended all meetings of the AC held during the financial period. A more detailed description of the activities carried out by the Internal Audit Function throughout the financial period is provided in the Audit Committee Report in the 2023 Annual Report.	
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Companies have an effective governance, risk management and internal control framework and stakeholders are able to assess the effectiveness of such a framework.

Practice 11.2

The board should disclose-

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice		The Company has outsourced the Internal Audit ("IA") Function to GRC Consulting Services Sdn. Bhd. to assist the Board and the Audit Committee ("AC") in providing an independent assessment on the adequacy, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Group's internal control system and make recommendations for improvement.
		The Engagement Executive Director is Mr. Affeiz Abdul Razak who has diverse professional experience in internal audit, risk management and corporate governance advisory.
		He is currently one of the Governors on the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia's (IIAM) Board and had served previously as the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary of IIAM. He is a Chartered Member of the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia – CMIIA, Certified Financial Services Auditor – CFSA (US) and has Accreditation in Internal Audit Function Assessment Validation by IIA (US), Associate Member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (US), Member of the Business Continuity Institute (UK) – MBCI (UK), Affiliate Member of the Institute of Risk Management (UK), Certified Business Continuity Institute (UK) Professional - CBCI with Merit (UK), Member of the Institute of Corporate Directors Malaysia and Associate Member of the Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers.
		The number of staff deployed for the IA reviews range from 3 to 4 per visit including the engagement Executive Director. The staff involved in the IA review possess professional qualifications and/or a university degree. Most of them are members of the IIAM.
		The AC was satisfied that, based on the annual evaluation carried out for the financial period, the IA staff on the engagement are free from any relationships or conflicts of interest that could impair their objectivity and independence. The IA was conducted using a risk-based approach and was guided by the International Professional Practice Framework.

	The information on the IA function is available in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control in the 2023 Annual Report.
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There is continuous communication between the company and stakeholders to facilitate mutual understanding of each other's objectives and expectations.

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

Practice 12.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Group recognises the importance of prompt and timely dissemination of information to the shareholders and the investors, in order for these stakeholders to be able to make informed investment decisions. Towards this, the Company's website at www.kelingtongroup.com incorporates a corporate section which provides all relevant information on the Company and is accessible by the public. This corporate section enhances the investor relations function by publishing all announcements made, annual reports as well as the corporate and governance structure of the Company. The Company has put in place a Corporate Disclosure Policy with the objective of ensuring communications to the public are timely, factual, accurate, complete, broadly disseminated and, where necessary, filed with regulators in accordance with applicable laws and a disclosure committee comprised Executive Directors and Chief Financial Officer. The Board and Management have at all times ensured timely dissemination on the Company's performance and other matters affecting shareholders' interests to the shareholders and investors through appropriate announcement (where necessary), quarterly announcements, relevant circulars, press releases, and distribution of	
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There is continuous communication between the company and stakeholders to facilitate mutual understanding of each other's objectives and expectations.

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Practice 12.2

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	We support the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and, like many other businesses, we have identified which of those goals our business aligns with. We discuss this alignment and our activities in support of the SDGs in the Annual Report 2023.
	The non-financial performance of the Group's operating units during the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 has been disclosed in the Sustainability Statement of the 2023 Annual Report in accordance with Bursa Malaysia Sustainability Reporting Guidelines (3rd Edition) and Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) Recommendations as the Principal Guidelines; and also FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index Rating Guide and Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards as the Supplementary Guidelines
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Measure :	As mentioned above.
Timeframe :	Within 3 years

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

Practice 13.1

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

Application	:	Applied		
Explanation on application of the practice	:	In 2023, the Notice of the 23rd Annual General Meeting ("AGM") was sent to the shareholders at least 28 days before the AGM, in advance of the 21-day requirement under the Company's Constitution, the Companies Act 2016 and the Listing Requirements, which provides additional time to the shareholders to allow them to make the necessary arrangements to attend and participate in person or by corporate representatives or proxies, and consider the resolutions that will be discussed and decided at the AGM. The Notice of the AGM was also published on a major local newspapers and the Company's website. The Company also provides details of the AGM to the shareholders with regard to the eligibility of the shareholders, their rights to appoint proxies and other relevant information pertaining to the AGM. In addition, there are explanatory notes providing detailed explanations of the resolutions to be tabled at the AGM to enable the shareholders to make informed decisions in exercising their voting rights.		
		The Notice for the forthcoming 24th AGM was given to the shareholders 28 days before the 24th AGM and at the same time, published on a major local newspaper and the Company's website.		
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.2

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

Application	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	All Directors attended virtual 23rd Annual General Meeting held on 21 June 2023. The Directors, Chief Financial Officer and External Auditors were in attendance to answer questions raised by the shareholders.
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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		The 23rd AGM of the Company held on 21 June 2023 was conducted on a virtual basis through live streaming and online remote voting at the Broadcast Venue, Lot 9-11 Menara Sentral Vista, No. 150 Jalan Sultan Abdul Samad Brickfields, 50470 Kuala Lumpur via the Dvote Online website at https://www.DigitalVote.my using the Remote Participation and Voting Facilities ("RPV") in accordance with Section 327(1) and (2) of the Companies Act 2016 and Clause 59 of the Company's Constitution. Dvote Services Sdn. Bhd. ("Dvote") was appointed as the Poll Administrator for the 23rd AGM of the Company to facilitate the RPV via its Dvote Online website at https://www.DigitalVote.my . The RPV allowed shareholders to participate and pose questions through the Dvote Online website during the Meetings, and to cast their votes remotely. The Shareholders were also allowed to pose questions prior to the 23rd AGM via email. The Company has engaged Dvote to provide the RPV. Dvote has confirmed with the Company that it has implemented an IT policy and Information Security policy, endpoint controls, and data classification for cyber hygiene practices of its staff. Dvote Online has gone through penetration and stress test throughout the years 2020 to 2023, and they have performed numerous meetings throughout these years. Dvote Online is hosted in a secure cloud platform and the data center is ISO27001 certified.
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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 o	f adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures			
undertaken to ensure the general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficient				
opportunity to pose questions and the questions are responded to.				
Application :	Applied			
Explanation on :	All the shareholders could raise questions, including but not limited to			
application of the	the Company's financial and non-financial performance and long-term			
practice	strategies. With respect to the 23rd AGM held in June 2023,			
	shareholders submitted their questions prior to the conduct of the			
	meetings via email to ccid@kelington-group.com			
	Besides, shareholders were also allowed to submit their questions via			
	the RPV during the 23rd AGM. Directors and senior management			
	answered the questions raised by shareholders during the meeting.			
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.5

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

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

Practice 13.6

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

Note: The publication of Key Matters Discussed is not a substitute for the circulation of minutes of general meeting.		
Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	The minutes of the 23rd AGM of the Company was made available on the Company's website at www.kelington-group.com within 30 business days from the date of the 23rd AGM.	
Explanation for : departure		
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SECTION B – DISCLOSURES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES PERSUANT CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES ISSUED BY BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA

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

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