

# **Corporate Governance Policy**

**Premier Technology Public Company Limited** 



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The Company's Board of Directors emphasizes good corporate governance. It believes that good corporate governance and management under the framework of good ethics, transparency, accountability, and fairness to all relevant parties will help promote the Company's stable and sustained growth and help to increase the confidence of the shareholders, investors, and all related parties. Therefore, the Board of Directors has established in writing the principles of good corporate governance as guidance for the management and employees as follows:

- 1. Conduct business with integrity, fairness, transparency, and accountability, and disclose adequate information to all relevant parties.
- 2. Provide appropriate and effective internal control, risk management, and internal audit systems.
- 3. Emphasize on the rights of shareholders and treat shareholders equally with fairness to all parties.
- 4. Comply with the requirements of all relevant laws and regulations and business ethics in order to protect the rights of all groups of stakeholders.
- 5. Organize the structure, duties, and responsibilities of each group of directors clearly.

The Company's good corporate governance policy adheres to the Principles of Good Corporate Governance for Listed Companies B.E. 2012 related to 5 Chapters as follows:

Chapter 1 The Rights of Shareholders

Chapter 2 The Equitable Treatment of Shareholders

Chapter 3 The Role of Stakeholders

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## Chapter 1 The Rights of Shareholders

The Company recognizes and places importance on the various basic rights of the shareholders, both as investors in securities and as owners of the Company, by defining the guidelines to encourage the exercise of shareholders' rights as follows:

## 1. Shareholders' Meeting

- 1.1 The Board of Directors has a policy to facilitate and encourage all groups of shareholders, including institutional investors, to attend the shareholders' meetings and exercise their rights, which covers the basic legal rights, i.e. obtain a share in the profit of the Company; buy, sell or transfer shares; obtain adequate news and information on the Company; and participate and vote in the shareholders' meetings to elect or remove directors, approve the remuneration of directors, determination of the remuneration such as meeting allowances, annual remuneration or other benefits, appoint the external auditor and determine the audit fee, and make decisions on any matter that affects the Company, such as dividend payment, determination or amendment of the Articles of Association and Memorandum of Association, capital decreases or increases, and the approval of extraordinary transactions.
- 1.2 The Company has provided information on the date, time, venue, and agenda, with rationale and explanation for each agenda item or resolution requested, in the notice of the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders or attachments to the agenda. The Company has refrained from any action that limits the opportunity of the shareholders to study the information on the Company. The details of which are as follows:
  - 1.2.1 The Company does not undermine the rights of the shareholders to study the Company's information that must be disclosed according to various requirements and to attend the shareholders' meeting. For instance, the Company does not abruptly distribute documents containing additional important information in the meetings, add new agenda items or alter sensitive information without prior notice to the shareholders, not provide shareholders with the right to pose questions to the Board of Directors in the meeting, restrict the right to attend of shareholders who come late for the meeting etc.
  - 1.2.2 The Company has provided information as to the date, time, venue, and agenda of the meetings. Each agenda item of the shareholders' meeting is set as individual subjects and the objective and rationale of each agenda item are clearly defined. Adequate information is provided for decision-making as follows:
    - a. Agenda for appointment of directors
      - Preliminary information of the nominated person such as title, name, age, type
        of director, education, work history, number of companies holding the position
        of directors.
      - 2) Positions held in other companies with clear details of any Company that may potentially have a conflict of interest with the Company.
      - 3) Nomination criteria and procedures (in the case of appointment of a new director).
      - 4) Date, month, and year of appointment. Meeting attendance data in the past year (In case of appointment of former director)



- 5) Approved by the Board of Directors serving as the Nominating Committee.
- 6) The opinion of the Board of Directors is sufficient and clear for the shareholders to cast their vote.
- b. Agenda to consider the remuneration of directors
  - 1) Amount and form of remuneration by position or responsibilities of the directors.
  - 2) Directors' remuneration policy.
  - 3) Criteria and procedures for determining remuneration.
  - Other benefits received as director (presently the directors do not receive any other benefit apart from meeting allowance and annual bonus).
  - 5) Approved by the Board of Directors serving as the Remuneration Committee.
  - 6) The opinion of the Board of Directors is sufficient and clear for the shareholders to cast their vote.
- c. Agenda to appoint the auditor and determine the audit fee.
  - 1) Name of the auditor and the audit firm.
  - 2) Experience and competence of the auditor.
  - 3) Independence of the auditor.
  - 4) Years of service to the Company (in case of appointment of the current auditor) or reason for the change of auditor (in case of appointment of a new auditor).
  - How the suitability of the audit fee together with other fees of the auditor is determined.
  - 6) Approved by the Audit Committee.
  - 7) The opinion of the Board of Directors is sufficient and clear for the shareholders to cast their vote.
- d. Agenda on dividend payment
  - 1) Dividend policy.
  - 2) The amount of dividends to be paid together with reasons and information for consideration.
  - 3) Reason why dividend payment does not conform to the policy.
  - 4) The opinion of the Board of Directors is sufficient and clear for the shareholders to cast their vote.
- e. Agenda to consider material matters of the Company, such as capital increase / decrease, amendment of regulations, business sale / dissolution / transfer / merger etc.
  - 1) Details of the matter proposed.
  - 2) Objective, reason, or necessity.
  - 3) Impact on the Company and its shareholders.
  - 4) The opinion of the Board of Directors is sufficient and clear for the shareholders to cast their vote.
- 1.3 The Board of Directors facilitates shareholder participation and voting in meetings and refrains from any action that could limit the opportunities of the shareholders to attend the meeting. The procedures for attending and voting should not be complicated or too costly for shareholders, and the meeting location should have sufficient size and easily accessible.



- 1.4 The Company provides the shareholders with an opportunity to send their questions about the Company prior to the meeting date, by clearly determining the criteria for submission of questions in advance and duly informing the shareholders along with the delivery of the notice to the shareholders' meeting. In addition, the Company also disseminates the criteria for submission of questions in advance on its website. The Board of Directors has prescribed the procedure for screening the questions submitted in advance and requires that the Company to provide answers to the shareholders in advance, as well as inform the shareholders' meeting. The details of the procedure are as follows:
  - 1.4.1 The Company provides shareholders with the opportunity to submit questions related to the meeting agenda to the Board of Directors in advance throughout the submission period. As for the general meeting of shareholders, the Board will gather the questions until 7 days before the meeting date. The Company adheres to the following guidelines:
    - 1) Clearly determine the criteria for submission of questions in advance.
    - Inform the shareholders along with the delivery of the notice to the shareholders' meeting.
    - 3) Prescribe procedures for advance submission of the questions, such as allowing the shareholders to send the questions through the Company's website, by email or by post to the Board of Directors.
    - 4) Set the submission period for advance submission of the questions prior to the date of the shareholders' meeting.
    - 5) Prescribe the procedure for screening the questions submitted in advance by the shareholders for consideration of the Board of Directors in answering those questions.
    - 6) The Company answers the questions for the shareholders in advance of the meeting date.
    - 7) The Company answers the questions for the shareholders on the day of the meeting.
    - 8) The Company informs the shareholders' meeting of the questions submitted in advance by the shareholders and the answers to such questions.
- 1.5 The Board of Directors encourages shareholders to use proxy forms on which they can specify their votes and proposes as an option at least 1 independent director for shareholders to appoint as their proxy.

Shareholders can download proxy through the Company's website and the Company also provides a stamp duty to shareholders. Moreover, the shareholders have rights to attend the meeting after the Chairman opened the meeting and vote on the remaining agenda which is still under consideration and no vote and to be counted the attendance since that agenda except the shareholders would have seen otherwise.

## 2. Procedures on the Shareholders' Meeting Date

2.1 The Board of Directors encourages the use of technology with the Shareholders' Meetings, including registration of the attending shareholders and vote counting and reporting, so that the meeting can be conducted quickly, accurately and precisely.



- 2.2 Directors' Attendance at Shareholders' Meetings
  - 2.2.1 All directors should attend the shareholders' meetings.
  - 2.2.2 In the case where nor all the directors can attend, at least the following persons must attend the shareholders' meetings:
    - 1) Chairman
    - 2) Managing Director
    - 3) Chairman of the Audit Committee
  - 2.2.3 The shareholders are presented with the opportunity to pose questions to the chairpersons of the various committees on matters in which they are involved.
- 2.3 In the Shareholders' Meeting, voting is made separately for each item in the case of several items in an agenda, such as the election of directors.
- 2.4 The Company has in place a process for vote counting, storage of voting papers for every agenda item and full video recording of the meetings, which is disclosed on the Company's website. The meeting and vote counting for every agenda item are conducted with transparency and accountability.
- 2.5 The Chairman has allocated adequate time for discussion and encourages the shareholders to express opinions and pose questions related to the Company to the meeting.

# 3. Preparation and Disclosure of the Minutes of the Shareholders' Meetings

- 3.1 The minutes of Shareholders' Meetings records the explanation of the voting and vote counting procedures used to the meeting prior to commencement of the meeting, as well as the opportunity provided for the shareholders to raise issues and questions. It also records the questions and answers, the voting results for each agenda item of the number of shareholders approving, dissenting and abstaining, and the list of directors who attended or missed the meetings.
- 3.2 The Company discloses to the public the voting results and the minutes of the meeting on its website. The details of the practice are as follows:
  - 3.2.1 Disclose the resolutions of the meeting separated into approving, dissenting or abstaining votes on the next working day.
  - 3.2.2 Disseminate the minutes of the meeting within 14 days from the shareholders' meetings to serve as a channel for shareholders to express an opinion without having to wait for the next meeting.
  - 3.2.3 Post the videos of the shareholders' meeting on the Company's website.
- 4. The Company provides more care to the shareholders than their legal rights by providing current important information on its website.



# **Chapter 2** The Equitable Treatment of Shareholders

The Board of Directors supervises and protects the fundamental rights of all shareholders whether major shareholders, minority shareholders, institutional investors or foreign investors equally, including the process that facilitate the shareholders to attend the meeting without too much hassle, shareholders are protected from acts of exploiting and controlling shareholder. The measures of protection directors, management and employees from using the inside information for the benefit of the whole, including directors and management have to disclose information regarding their interests and their related parties.

The Company has established guidelines for the equitable treatment of shareholders as follows:

# 1. Release of Information Prior to the Shareholders' Meeting

- 1.1 The Company informs the Stock Exchange of Thailand of the meeting schedule together with the agenda and opinions of the Board of Directors and disseminated this information on the Company's website. The details of the procedures are as follows:
  - 1.1.1 The Company provides an opportunity for the shareholders to review the supporting information of the meeting on its website at least 30 days prior to the date of the shareholders' meeting.
  - 1.1.2 The supporting information of the meeting posted on the Company's website contains the same information that the Company will send to the shareholders in the form of hard copy documents.
  - 1.1.3 The Company sends the notice of the meeting and the supporting documents to the shareholders for more days in advance than that stipulated by law (at least 30 days prior to the meeting date).
- 1.2 The Company informs the shareholders of the various meeting rules and procedures for voting, including the voting rights attached to each class of shares, both in the notice of the meeting and at the shareholders' meeting.
- 1.3 The above notice of the shareholders' meeting is fully translated into English and disseminated at the same time as the Thai version.

# 2. Protection of the Rights of Minority Shareholders

- 2.1 The Board of Directors has clearly pre-determined the criteria for minority shareholders to propose additional agenda items in advance of the Shareholders' Meeting date. In order to demonstrate fairness and transparency in considering whether the agenda items proposed by the minority shareholders should be included, the Company has the following criteria:
  - All shareholders have the right to propose agenda items.
  - 2) Details of the supporting information for consideration.
  - 3) Criteria to determine inclusion/non-inclusion of the matter proposed as an agenda item.
  - 4) Channels through which to propose agenda items, such send a letter to the Board of Directors that may be sent in advance through the Company's website, by email etc.
  - 5) Nomination period is from 1 January to 31 December of every year



- 6) The Board of Director informs the shareholders via the Company's website of the criteria for proposing agenda items.
- 7) There is a screening process of the matters proposed by the shareholders for consideration by the Board of Directors in the Board meeting.
- 8) Inform the shareholders of the Board of Directors' decision together with the reasoning by informing the shareholder who proposed the agenda item and informing the shareholders' meeting.
- 2.2 The Board of Directors established procedures for minority shareholders to nominate candidates to serve as directors and to provide supporting information regarding the candidates' qualifications and their consent in advance of the Shareholders' Meeting date. The rules for nomination are as per the following topics:
  - 1) Nomination channel is by submitting a letter to the Board of Directors.
  - 2) Nomination period is from 1 January to 31 December of every year.
  - 3) Supporting information for consideration, such as detailed information on the qualifications of the proposed candidates, the candidates' letters of consent, etc.
  - 4) The Board of Directors informs the shareholders of the rules for nomination candidates through the dissemination channels of the Stock Exchange of Thailand and through the Company's website.
  - 5) The Board of Directors considers the qualifications of the candidates proposed by the minority shareholders according to the criteria set by the Company.
  - 6) The Company Secretary informs the shareholders who proposed candidates of the Board of Directors' decision and its reasoning and the Chairman informs the shareholders' meeting.
- 2.3 Shareholders in a management position may not add an agenda item without prior notice unless necessary, especially important agenda items that the shareholders require time to review before making a decision.
- 2.4 The Board of Directors provides the opportunity for the shareholders to exercise their rights to elect directors individually.

#### 3. Prevention of the use of insider information

- 3.1 The Board of Directors sets policies for keeping and preventing the use of inside information of the Company in writing, and inform such guidelines to everyone in the organization to follow, including the guideline on the trading of the Company's securities for directors, executives and employees with internal information to use as a guideline. Directors, executives and employees with internal information must not trade, transfer or accept the transfer of securities of Company during the period of 1 month before the financial statements were disclosed and within 2 working days after the said disclosure.
- 3.2 All directors and executives who have a duty by law to report on their securities holding of the Company are required to regularly send such report to the Board of Directors and this information must be disclosed in the Company's Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report).



#### 4. Conflicts of Interest of Directors

- 4.1 The Board of Directors has a policy for the directors and executives to report any conflict of interest regarding each agenda item prior to consideration and that such conflict must be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting as follows:
  - The Board of Directors has set the guideline for the directors and executives to disclose their interests and those of their related persons to the Board so that it can make a decision for the benefit of the Company as a whole.
  - 2) This guideline is consistent with the nature of the business and the regulations of the relevant authorities, such as the Bank of Thailand, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Stock Exchange of Thailand, etc.
  - 3) The Company Secretary has been assigned as the recipient for information on any interest of the directors, executives and their related persons.
  - 4) The Company Secretary has the duty to report any interest of the directors and executives, together with related persons to the Board of Directors, especially when the Board has to consider any transaction between the Company and the director or executive who have an interest or is connected.
- 4.2 The Board of Directors supervises that directors with material interest in a manner that may impede the said directors from providing an independent opinion shall not participate in the meeting to consider the agenda item in which he has an interest.



#### Chapter 3 The Role of Stakeholders

The Company believes that the private sector is a significant factor of the economic and social of the country and the Company is deemed responsible for taking care of the survival and the sustainability of the social. Therefore, the Company and its Subsidiary adhere to their intention to operate business by recognizing the significant of all stakeholders under the Premier Group's business philosophy of "The Premier Business, The Premier People, The Premier Society" The Company believes that maintaining a balance between business, employees and society will encourage the growth of the Company, society and environment at the same time strongly and sustainably.

The Company has established guidelines on the role of stakeholders as follows:

# 1. Setting Policies Affecting Stakeholders

1.1 The Board of Directors has set the policy and practice on the treatment of each stakeholder group together with implementation measures that are in effect. The policy has been announced and there are measures related to fair treatment that ensures that the Company and its value chain are responsible for the stakeholders as follows:

# 1) Shareholders

Perform duties with integrity, transparency and for the benefit of the Company and its shareholders; manage the Company's operations cautiously and carefully in order to prevent any damages to the shareholders; refrain from seeking personal gains for oneself or related persons by exploiting any non-public information of the Company; and refrain from any action that might cause conflicts of interest with the Company, including the divulgence of any confidential information of the Company to outsiders, especially its competitors.

# 2) Employees

The Company recognizes the importance of its employees as valuable assets and has treated all employees equally and fairly based on human rights principles without discrimination of skin color, race, sex or religion and without the use of child or illegal labor. The Company has compensation and remuneration policies that are based on the principles of fairness, which are appropriate for the job description, responsibilities and competency of each employee and are comparable with other companies within the same industry. The Company also has a policy for the continuous development and promotion of knowledge and competency for the employees to develop their skills and abilities for career advancement.

For welfare policy, the Company provides additional benefits for employees than those stipulated by law, such as employee provident fund and savings cooperatives as a tool to motivate employees' performance and retain personnel with the Company for the long term, as well as to secure their retirement life.

The Company has established a safety policy by providing a committee to oversee that safety, bio-sanitation, and the work environment, to operate in accordance with the law and international standards and closely monitor the performance. Knowledge and training on safety, bio-sanitation, and the work environment are provided to the employees and related persons along with promoting in raising awareness of all employees to be aware of safety and to abide by and requiring an audit of the defense system in the office building's safety system and annual fire drills, as well as illumination and noise intensity measurements.



#### 3) Customers

The Company has set a policy to meet customer satisfaction by offering quality products of standard that are safe to fulfill the needs of the customers. Complete and accurate information about the products and services are disclosed without distortion of facts, as well as provision of information that is accurate, adequate, and beneficial to the customers. It also has a product recall process in case any quality defect is found.

# 4) Trade Partners and Creditors

The Company selects its trade partners impartially and conducts mutual business fairly without exploitation, respects and abides by the terms of the agreement, and does not solicit, accept or give any undue benefit in dealing with trade partners or creditors. In the case that there should be any information regarding the bestowment of any undue benefits, the Company will consult with the trade partners or creditors to mutually resolve the matter quickly and with fairness to all parties.

#### 5) Competitors

The Company conducts its business ethically and transparently with fair competition with its competitors, competes under the rules of fair business competition, refrains from seeking confidential information of the business competitors through dishonest or improper means, and refrains from discrediting competitors through slandering or take any action without the truth and unjustifiably.

## 6) Communities/Society

The Company sets policies and guidelines for the social community in the Code of Conduct for use as a guideline for practice by all employees as follows:

- Support activities that are beneficial to the communities and society as a whole and build a good relationship with the communities in which the Company's place of business is located.
- 2) Comply or ensure compliance with relevant laws and regulations.
- Refrain from supporting or participating in transactions with any persons that are detrimental to the communities and society.
- 4) Pay attention to and be responsible for rectifying any danger that society is apprehensive of that may have been caused by the Company's products/services or business operation.
- Participate in the improvement of quality of life, build a harmonious society, develop virtue and morality, preserve good traditions, and instill a strong sense of social responsibility and volunteerism among the employees.

#### 7) Environment

The Company sets policies and guidelines for the environment as follows:

- Refrain from any action that may damage the natural resources and the environment.
- 2) Comply or ensure compliance with laws and regulations related to the environment.
- 3) Refrain from supporting or participating in transactions with outside persons that threaten the environment as a whole.



- 4) Encourage the efficient use of resources and set policies on conservation of energy and other resources through the adoption of energy-efficient technologies for use in the Company.
- 5) Encourage educating employees on environmental issues including activities related to the environment with the staff by defines as policies and practices to be aware of.
- 1.2 The Board of Directors has assigned the Company Secretary as the recipient of complaints and to handle the complaints filed by the stakeholders. The reporting procedures and channels have been disclosed on the website and in Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report) of the Company.
- 1.3 Have in place mechanisms for whistle-blower protection and compensation measures in the case that stakeholders receive any damage from the Company's violation of their legal rights.
- 2. The Company has policies and practices in anti-corruption and do not pay bribes for the benefit of the Company and its Subsidiary, as well as supports activities that promote and instill in all employees the knowledge and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- 2.1 The Subsidiary's "Anti-Corruption Policy" is included in the new employee orientation program that is held monthly by using video and lectures by Human Resource Management and in 2020, the Subsidiary held 30 new employee orientation events.
- 2.2 The Subsidiary has developed an e-Learning course entitled "Anti-corruption Corruption Policy" which requires all staff to attend self-training through intranet system of Subsidiary and must complete the test after the course since 2016.

In 2020, the Subsidiary arranged for all 30 new employees to attend the training through this system, which all new employees passed the test. The system will record access to all employees and can access the history of access to the system.

- 2.3 The Subsidiary has issued a document signed by the Managing Director of its Subsidiary to its customers and business partners to refrain from giving gifts and gifts to its personnel. This is the activity that the Subsidiary has operated since the year 2016 and is a continuous activity every year.
- 2.4 The Company and its Subsidiary contain "Anti-corruption Corruption Policy" on the Company's website and its Subsidiary's website. (http://www.premier-technology.com/index.php/en/sd-th/sd-anti-corruption-th and http://www.datapro.com/index.php/about-us/anticorruption)
- 2.5 The Subsidiary review and evaluate the Anti-Corruption Risks and to be one topic of risk management. The information disclosed in this report on "Risk Management"
- 3. The Company has a policy on intellectual property. Employees are prohibited from infringing on the intellectual property of others whether it is domestic or foreign intellectual property, and prohibit the use of pirated software in the Company.



# **Chapter 4 Disclosure and Transparency**

The Board of Directors recognizes the importance of disclosure of information, both financial and non-financial, that is accurate, complete and transparent as stipulated by the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET), as well as other material information that may affect the price of the Company's securities that influences the decision-making process of its investors and stakeholders. Information on the Company is disseminated to the shareholders, investors and general public through the channels of the SET and the Company's website in Thai and English, which is constantly updated.

The Company has set guidelines on the disclosure and transparency of information as follows:

#### 1. Disclosure of Information

- 1.1 The Board of Directors has mechanisms to ensure that the information disclosed to the investors is accurate, not misleading and adequate for their decision-making as follows:
  - 1.1.1 The disclosure the Company's material information, both financial and non-financial, is accurate, complete, timely, transparency and in accordance with the criteria stipulated by the SEC and the SET.
  - 1.1.2 The effectiveness of the disclosure process is evaluated regularly.
- 1.2 The Board of Directors provides a summary of the corporate governance policy, code of conduct, risk management policy and corporate social responsibility policy as approved by the Board and the steps in implementing such policies, including cases of non-compliance along with the reasons, through various channels, such as the Company's Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report) and the Company's website etc.
- 1.3 The Board of Directors has arranged for the Report of the Board of Directors' Responsibilities for Financial Statements to be presented together with the report of the independent auditor in Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report). The report covers the following subjects:
  - Compliance with generally accepted accounting principles that is suitable for the business and use of appropriate accounting policies that are consistently adopted.
  - The financial reports contain information that is accurate, complete and factual in accordance with accounting standards.
  - 3) The Report of the Board of Directors' Responsibilities for Financial Statements is signed by the Chairman and the Managing Director.
- 1.4 The Board of Directors encourages the Company to prepare a Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) to supplement the disclosure of each quarterly financial statement. This is done in order for investors to be informed of the information and to understand the changes that occurred to the financial position and results of operations, the significant changes in the Company, including factors and events that affect the financial position or results of operations, and not just be presented with only the figures in the financial statements.
- 1.5 The Board of Directors stipulates that the audit fees and other fees of the auditor be disclosed in the Company's Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report).
- 1.6 The Board of Directors stipulates that the following information be disclosed in Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report):
  - (1) Roles, duties and opinions from their work performance in the previous year of the Board of Directors.



- (2) Roles, duties and opinions from their work performance in the previous year of the committees.
- (3) Number of meetings held and attendance record of each director in the previous year.
- (4) Record of training and ongoing professional education of the directors.
- 1.7 The Board of Directors discloses the method of recruiting directors, methods for evaluating the performance of both the board and the individual, methods for evaluating the performance of the entire subcommittees and methods for evaluating the performance of the Chairman of the Executive Committee. The remuneration policy for directors and senior management that corresponds with the duties and responsibilities of each person, including the forms and manner of remuneration, the remuneration amount and the amount of payment received by each director as a director of the Subsidiary.

#### 2. Minimum Information Disclosed on the Company's Website

- 2.1 In addition to disclosing information as specified by the regulations through the SET and Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report), the Board of Directors deems it appropriate to regularly disclose information that is up-to-date both in Thai and English through other channels, such as the Company's website. The minimum information on the Company's website should at least comprise the following and must be regularly updated:
  - (1) Vision and mission of the Company;
  - (2) Nature of business of the Company;
  - (3) Organization chart and list of members of the Board of Directors and management team;
  - (4) Qualification and experience of the Corporate Secretary;
  - (5) Financial statements and reports on the financial position and results of operations for both the current and prior year.
  - (6) Downloadable Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report);
  - (7) Information or other materials provided in briefings to analysts, fund managers and the media;
  - (8) Direct and indirect shareholding structure;
  - (9) Group corporate structure, detailing the Subsidiary, affiliates, joint ventures and special purpose enterprises/vehicles (SPEs/SPVs);
  - (10) Direct and indirect shareholding of beneficial owners holding 5% or more of the total paid-up shares with voting rights;
  - (11) Direct and indirect shareholdings of major and/or substantial shareholders, directors, and senior management;
  - (12) Notice of the annual general meeting and extraordinary general meetings;
  - (13) Articles of Association, Memorandum of Association and shareholders' agreement (if anv):
  - (14) Policy and practices according to the principles of good corporate governance of the Company;
  - (15) Risk management policy and its implementation;



- (16) Code of conduct of the Company's employees and directors;
- (17) Code of conduct of the investor relations officer;
- (18) News of the Company and its Subsidiary;
- (19) Contact details of the unit or officer responsible for investor relations (e.g. name of contact person who can provide information and telephone number);
- (20) Annual investor relations plan.



#### Chapter 5 Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the work of the management to ensure compliance with policies, strategies, plans and budgets, as well as its responsibilities toward the Company and its shareholders.

The Company has set the guidelines regarding the responsibilities of the Board of Directs as follows:

# 1. Structure of the Board of Directors

- 1.1 The Board of Directors has prescribed that the structure of Board should consist of directors with various qualifications in terms of sex, age, education, professional experience, skills and knowledge, specific capabilities that benefit the Company. There should be at least one non-executive director who has experience in the core business or industry of the Company.
- 1.2 The Board of Directors ensures that the Board's diversity policy and the number of years each director has served as a director of the Company are disclosed in the annual report and on the Company's website.
  - 1.2.1 Disclose the procedures for selection of directors that is formal and transparent and the number of years each director has served as a director of the Company are disclosed in Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report) and on the Company's website.
  - 1.2.2 Disclose the name, history, qualifications, experience and shareholding in the Company of the directors in order to show that the Board has the knowledge, skills, characteristics and experience that are useful to the Company in Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report) and on the Company's website.
  - 1.2.3 Disclose clearly in Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report) the directors representing the shareholders / non-executive directors / independent directors / executive directors.
- 1.3 The Board of Directors is appropriately sized and is composed of persons with sufficient knowledge, experience and skills to perform their duties efficiently. The Board is composed of at least 5 but not more than 12 directors.
- 1.4 The Board of Directors consists of independent directors who can independently comment on the performance of the management in the number prescribed in the notification of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).
- 1.5 The proportion of directors is in accordance with the director nomination process, which is mainly based on the criteria of knowledge, competency and suitability of the person to be appointed as a director rather than on the criteria on proportion of investments.
- 1.6 The Company takes into account the benefits to corporate management according to the director nomination process set by the Company rather than the number or proportion of independent directors.
- 1.7 The Board of Directors has determined the tenure of each term of office but has not set the limit on the number of consecutive terms in office.
- 1.8 The Board of Directors considers the qualifications of the person to be appointed as an "independent director" to ensure that the independent directors of the Company are truly independent and are appropriate for the specific nature of the Company. Their independence must at least be in accordance with the criteria set by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET).



- 1.9 The continuous tenure of the independent director will be beneficial to the corporate management and business operations of the Company. In addition, the search for a competent person to serve as independent directors cannot be implemented immediately.
- 1.10 The Chairman of the Board and the Managing Director have different roles and responsibilities. The Board has clearly defined the roles and responsibilities of the Chairman and the Managing Director and has recruited different persons to hold the positions of Chairman and Managing Director so that neither person has unlimited power.
- 1.11 The Board of Directors respects the judgment of the Managing Director and senior executives of the Company not to serve as a director of other companies with the same business as or in competition with the business of the Company or are contrary to the interests of the Company.
- 1.12 The Company has appointed a Company Secretary to be responsible for advising on laws and regulations of relevance to the Board of Directors and for overseeing the activities of the Board, including coordinating the compliance with the Board's resolutions.

The Board of Directors has determined the qualifications and experience of the appropriate Company Secretary who will perform the duty as the secretary of the Company. The qualifications and experience of the Company Secretary are disclosed in Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report) and on the website of the Company.

1.13 The Company Secretary has received training and continuous development in legal, accountancy, or company secretarial practices. The Company determines the qualifications and appoints a person as the Company Secretary by taking into consideration of mainly his knowledge, capability and work experience, disregarding whether such person is a permanent employee of the Company or not.

# 2. Committees

- 2.1 The Board of Directors has appointed an Audit Committee in accordance with the requirement of the Stock Exchange of Thailand with a term of office of 3 years to perform specific duties and to propose matters for consideration or acknowledgement by the Board. The Audit Committee has rights and duties as set out in the Scope of Responsibilities of the Audit Committee and has qualifications according to the criteria prescribed by the SEC.
- 2.2 The Board of Directors has appointed the Corporate Governance and Risk Oversight Committee which consisting of the director from supporting unit or a person with sufficient knowledge and experience to perform governance and risk responsibilities and be independent from management. The committee consists of at least 3 directors to perform the duties of monitoring, auditing, evaluating and giving advice in regards to corporate governance and risk management.
- 2.3 The entire Board of Directors, except those with conflicts of interest, performs duties for the Remuneration Committee in order to consider the criteria for payment and forms of remuneration of directors in order to propose opinions to the Board of Directors, before presenting the remuneration of the directors to the shareholders' meeting for approval.
- 2.4 The entire Board of Directors, except those with conflicts of interest, performs duties for the Nomination Committee in order to consider the rules and procedures for the recruitment of suitable and qualified persons in line with the Company's business strategy to be a director, including selection of people in accordance



with the specified recruitment process, propose opinions to the Board of Directors to propose to the shareholders' meeting to appoint directors. The process of recruiting the said person, the Company has been selected from the professional committee in the directory of the Thai Institute of Directors (IOD) and personnel in various fields, by considering qualifications and working experience.

#### 3. Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

- 3.1 The Board of Directors' duties and responsibilities should include the following matters:
  - The Board of Directors have authorized to approve about the Company according to the duties imposed by law, articles of association, charter of the board and the resolution of the shareholders' meeting, including the consideration and approval of the key matters on the Company's operations such as the vision, mission, strategy, financial targets, risk management, budget plan, corporate governance policy, anti-corruption policy including review and approval in the line with the Company's situation.
  - Monitor and ensure efficient and effective implementation by the management of approved policies, strategies and plans.
  - Internal control and risk management, including the process for receiving and handling complaints.
  - 4) Ensure long-term business continuity, including employee development plan and succession plan.
- 3.2 The Board of Directors has determined in writing a corporate governance policy for the Company as follows:
  - The Board of Directors has determined and approved a written corporate governance policy.
  - 2) Communicate to everyone in the organization for their understanding.
  - Have method to encourage everyone in the organization to comply with the corporate governance policy.
  - 4) Evaluate the performance of the corporate governance policy and review that policy at least once a year.
- 3.3 The Board of Director promotes the preparation of a written code of conduct so all directors, executives and employees will understand the ethical standards the Company uses in its business operations and seriously monitors compliance with the code.

The Company conducts all employees to take the "Honest Thai" test through the Company's intranet system to ensure that employees have the knowledge and understanding about anti-corruption, which is part of business ethics and can be implemented correctly and appropriately. The Company has evaluated the performance of all employees on the topic of morality and ethics, and good governance to be a good role model for others and society according to the core values of the Premier Group of Companies annually.

3.4 The Board of Directors considers any conflict of interests thoroughly. There should be clear guidelines on the approval of transactions with possible conflicts of interest, which is chiefly for the best interests of the Company and all its shareholders. Persons with vested interests should not participate in the decision-making



process. The Board should also monitor compliance with regulations regarding the procedures for and disclosure of information on transactions that may have conflicts of interest to ensure accuracy and completeness.

- 3.4 The board has carefully considered conflicts of interest. The consideration of conducting transactions that may have conflicts of interest should have a clear guideline and be for the benefit of the Company and shareholders as a whole, where stakeholders do not participate in decision-making and the Board of Directors ensures that the requirements regarding procedures and disclosure of transactions that may have conflicts of interest are followed to be accurate and complete.
- 3.5 The Board of Directors ensures that internal control systems for financial reporting and compliance with regulations and policies are in place. The Board of Directors has assigned a person or a department that is independent to audit such systems and to review the main systems at least once a year, as well as disclose the review results in Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report).
- 3.6 The Board of Directors has established a risk management policy covering the whole Company and has assigned the management to implement the policy and regularly report to the Board of Directors. The risk management system is review or the effectiveness of risk management is assessed at least once a year with the results disclosed in Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report), and whenever, there is a change in risk level, which includes focusing on early warning signs and unusual transactions.
- 3.7 The Board of Directors and Audit Committee should provide its opinion on the adequacy of the Company's internal controls and risk management systems in Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report).
- 3.8 The Board of Directors has set clear procedures for whistle-blowers or stakeholders through its website or directly to the Company or report directly to the Company. The Board of Directors has assigned the Company Secretary as the recipient and handler of complaints from the stakeholders. The procedures and channels for filing complaints are disclosed on the Company's website and Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report). The Company has mechanisms for whistle-blower protection and compensation measures in the case stakeholders receive damages from the Company's violation of their legal rights.
- 3.9 The Board of Directors has mechanisms for governing its Subsidiary in order to protect the benefits from its investment. The Board of Directors is responsible for determining the suitability of persons to be appointed as directors of the Subsidiary in order to ensure that its management complies with the policies of the Company and that various transactions are executed correctly according to securities and exchange laws and notifications of the SET.
- 3.10 The Board of Directors ensures that the management monitors and evaluates the financial position of the business and reports to the Board of Directors on a regular basis. If there is a problem, the Board of Directors and the management will work together to find a solution quickly and reasonably with regard to fairness to stakeholders, including creditors as well as follow up problem solving by having the management report the status on a regular basis and in approving any transactions or proposing opinions to the shareholders' meeting for approval. The Board of Directors will consider that such transactions will not affect the continuity of business operations, financial liquidity or the ability to pay debts.



# 4. Board of Directors' Meetings

- 4.1 The Company has scheduled the meeting and agenda of the Board of Directors in advance and informs each director of such schedule so that the directors can arrange the time and attend the meeting.
- 4.2 The number of Board of Directors' meetings should correspond with the duties and responsibilities of the Board and the nature of business of the Company.
- 4.3 The Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director jointly selects matters for inclusion in the agenda of the Board of Directors' meeting and ensures that all important matters are included. Opportunity is provided for each director to independently propose any matter that is beneficial to the Company as an agenda item.
- 4.4 The meeting documents are sent to the directors at least 5 working days in advance of the meeting date.
- 4.5 All directors attended at least 75 percent of all Board of Directors' meetings held during the year.
- 4.6 The Company has a policy regarding the minimum quorum at the time that the Board of Directors will pass a resolution in the meeting of the Board that there must be at least 2 in 3 of the total number of directors.

In case of emergency / urgent case / circumstances which may cause damage to the Company's business or operations and may not be carried out 2 out of the 3 of total directors attend the meeting, the directors not less than one-half in accordance with articles of association have authority to consider and resolve that agenda.

- 4.7 The Chairman of the Board of Directors allocated adequate time for the management to propose matters and enough time for all directors to discuss important problems carefully. The Chairman promotes the prudent use of discretion. All directors paid attention to all matters raised at the meeting, including those concerning corporate governance.
- 4.8 The Board of Directors encourages the Managing Director to invite the senior executives to attend the Board of Directors' meetings to provide additional information on the problems to which they are directly related and to provide an opportunity for the Board to learn more about the senior executives for use in supporting the consideration of the succession plan.
- 4.9 The Board of Directors has access to additional necessary information from the Managing Director, Company Secretary or other executives assigned under the scope of the policy set. If necessary, the Board of Directors may obtain independent opinions from external consultants or practitioners at the Company's expense.
- 4.10 The Board of Directors considers that it is a policy to provide opportunities for non-executive directors to meet among themselves as necessary to discuss various management issues of interest without participation of the management and to inform the Managing Director of the outcome of such meetings.
- 4.11 The minutes of the meeting should consist of at least the following information and there should be a good storage system with easy data search but cannot be amended without approval of a Board of Directors' meeting.
  - Date, start time and end time;
  - Names of the directors present and absent;



- Summary of important information on the matters proposed to the Board of Directors;
- Summary of the matters discussed and observations of the directors;
- Resolutions of the Board of Directors and opinions of the dissenting directors (if any);
- Recorder of the minutes Secretary of the Board of Directors;
- Certifier of the minutes Chairman.

#### 5. Board Self-Assessment

- 5.1 The Board of Director and the committees conduct self-assessment of its performance at least once a year so that the directors can collectively consider its performance and problems for further improvement by setting a benchmark for systematic comparison with its performance.
- 5.2 The Board self-assessment is an assessment of the Board of Directors as a whole and individual. For the Sub-Committee self-assessment is an assessment of a whole board. In addition, the criteria and process are disclosed in the Company's Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report).
- 5.3 The Board of Directors has assessed the performance of the Chairman of the Executive Committee or Chief Executive Officer annually in order to be used in determining compensation in accordance with assessment criteria as specified by the Stock Exchange of Thailand.

For the Board self-assessment process, the Company Secretary will send the evaluation form mentioned above to all directors in November and respond within 15 December of every year. After that, the Company Secretary will collect and report the results of the evaluation in comparison with the previous year to the next Board of Directors' Meeting to acknowledge and improve the work to be more effective.

For the Board self-assessment criteria, the Company has evaluated the performance of the entire committee and evaluate the performance of individual by using the method of 5 level scoring for each topic, which are:

- 0= Strongly disagree or there has been no implementation of the matter,
- 1= Disagree or there has been little implementation of the matter,
- 2 = Agree to a limited extent or there has been initial implementation of the matter,
- 3 = Mostly agree or there has been progressive implementation of the matter,
- 4= Strongly agree or there has been complete implementation of the matter.

The evaluation topics consisted of 6 main topics, which are:

- 1. Structure and qualification of the Board
- 2. Roles, duties and responsibility of the Board
- 3. Board Meeting
- 4. Duties of Directors
- 5. Relationship with the management division
- 6. Directors' Self Development and Executive Development.

As for the evaluation criteria of each sub-committee, the Company has a whole-group assessment by using the same method as the performance evaluation of the entire board and the individual performance evaluation which the topic of assessment consists of 3 main categories which are

- 1. Structure and qualifications of the sub-committees
- 2. Meetings of sub-committees



# 3. Roles, duties and responsibilities of the sub-committees

Moreover, the Company has evaluated the performance of the Chairman of the Executive Committee by considering from the Company's business operation performance and operating performance that was in accordance with the policy assigned by the Board of Directors for the improvement. Scoring method used is the same as operation performance of the entire board evaluation and the performance of individual. The evaluation topic consisted of 3 main sections, which are:

Section 1: Progress of work plan

Section 2: Performance Measurement

- 2.1 Leadership
- 2.2 Strategy Formulation
- 2.3 Strategy Implementation
- 2.4 Financial planning and financial performance
- 2.5 Relationship with the Board
- 2.6 External Relations
- 2.7 Administration and Personnel relations
- 2.8 Succession
- 2.9 Knowledge of products and services
- 2.10 Personal Characteristics

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# 6. Remuneration

Directors' remuneration is provided in a manner comparable to the level practiced in the same industry of listed companies. This includes experience, duties, roles and responsibilities. (Accountability and Responsibility) and benefits expected to receive from each director. Directors who have been assigned additional duties and responsibilities, such as members of sub-committees, should receive appropriate additional compensation.

# 7. Board and Management Training

- 7.1 The Board of Directors encourages and facilitates training and educating for those involved in corporate governance of the Company, such as directors, members of the audit committee, executives, Corporate Secretary, etc., to assist them to continuously improve their performance. Training and educating can be done internally or through the use of the services of external institutions.
- 7.2 The Board of Directors determines the orientation for all new directors to build the understanding in the Company's business and the implementation of various aspects in order to prepare for the performance of the Directors. The Company Secretary is the coordinator of the various matters such as business structure, board structure, scope of duties, related laws, business introduction, operation guidelines, etc.
- 7.3 The Board of Directors has established a personnel development policy for directors and executives and disclose in the Company's Annual Registration Statement (Form 56-1 One Report).



7.4 The Board of Directors requires the Managing Director to present them with the Company's succession plan at least once a year. The Managing Director and senior executives have prepared continuous succession plans in case they cannot perform their duties.