CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

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COMPANY NAME: WCT HOLDINGS 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 of Directors ("the Board") of WCT Holdings Berhad ("WCT" or "the Company") plays an important role in the stewardship of its direction and operations which focuses mainly on strategies, oversight of the Group's financial performance and critical business issues to ensure that the governance of the Group is consistently maintained. The roles and responsibilities of the Board and the matters reserved for the Board's approval are set out in the Board Charter. The Board reviewed and adopted the strategic business plan and the budget of the Company and its subsidiaries ("the Group") at the beginning of the financial year and to ensure that the necessary resources are in place to meet the objectives, have long term value creation and include strategies on environmental and social consideration underpinning sustainability. The Board is supported by the Executive Directors and the Management, whose responsibilities are to implement the Group's strategies and manage the operation of the Group, subject to certain prescribed authority limit. The Board oversees the conduct of WCT's businesses and evaluates whether the businesses are being properly managed by oversight on matters delegated to the Management, whereby updates are reported on a quarterly basis or as and when required. The Board has been reviewing and closely monitoring, together with the Management, on the impact of the cost escalation that affected the Group's operation and financial position. Discussions were also held with the Management on the action plans taken to mitigate the impact of lower construction project margins due to prolongation and material and labour costs escalation. The Board supports the Management's progressive drive on IT and digital transformation for the Group's businesses, which aims to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Group's daily operations and works toward a more sustainable future. 	

- Relevant reports and details on any corporate proposals that require the Board's approval would be tabled before the Board for consideration and approval prior to the same being implemented.
- The Board has in place the Code of Conduct and Ethics for the Directors, a standard Code of Conduct and Ethics relating to its business operations for all its employees, the Policy & Procedures on Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption ("ABAC"), Whistleblowing Policy & Procedures as well as Corporate policies which promotes a good corporate governance culture within the Group.
- A Group Integrity Unit, which is guided by an Integrity Management Framework, was established to record, and monitor reported corruption incidents, ABAC training for employees and the Board, as well as manage whistleblowing report received from whistleblowing channels.
- The Board is responsible for maintaining a sound system of internal controls and risk management as well as reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of the systems to safeguard the shareholders' investment and the Group's assets.
- Where appropriate, matters have been delegated to the following Board Committees, all of which have written terms of reference to assist the Board in discharging its duties and responsibilities:
 - (1) Audit Committee
 - (2) Board Risk and Sustainability Committee ("BRSC")
 - (3) Nomination & Remuneration Committee ("NRC")
- The Audit Committee has been entrusted by the Board to ensure the Group's financial and non-financial reporting presents a true and fair view of its state of affairs, and all the applicable approved accounting standards in Malaysia have been adopted, as well as ascertaining the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's internal control system.
- The Board had on 6 June 2023 appointed Mr. Ng Soon Lai @ Ng Siek Chuan as an additional member to BRSC.
- The BRSC is to assist the Board in overseeing the risk management activities of the Group and approving appropriate risk management procedures and methodologies across the Group. In addition, BRSC is also responsible for overseeing sustainability-related risks and ensuring that sustainability considerations are incorporated into the Group's businesses and strategies to create value for its businesses and stakeholders, as well as to support business continuity and competitiveness in the long term.
- The BRSC, through the Group Sustainability Committee, oversees the implementation of the Group's sustainability initiatives and ensures that all such initiatives implemented by the business units are aligned with the Group's Sustainability Frameworks, which encompass the targets and tangible actions set towards year 2030. The details of the Group's sustainable business practices covering Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") aspect and the progress in improving its sustainability performance are disclosed in the Sustainability Statement of the Company's Annual Report 2023.

	 The Board, through NRC, oversees the selection and assessment of the Directors and Board Committees including the review of the Directors' remuneration and fees. During the year under review, an annual evaluation of individual Board members, the Board as a whole and the Board Committees as well as the independence assessment of Independent Directors was facilitated by the Company Secretary. The Board was also assessed on their sustainability leadership and roles relating to ESG. The Board ensures effective engagement with the stakeholders through the Company's Annual Report, Annual General Meeting ("AGM"), the Company's website (www.wct.com.my), and the timely release of all corporate announcements and quarterly interim financial results, thus providing shareholders and the investing public with an overview of the Group's performance and operations. All enquiries made are dealt with as promptly as practicable. Note: The Board Charter and the Terms of Reference for all the Board Committees are available for reference at the Company's website (www.wct.com.my)
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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 Explanation for departure	 Tan Sri Lim Siew Choon, the Executive Chairman of the Company, is primarily responsible for ensuring the Board's effectiveness and conduct as well as facilitating constructive deliberation on all matters presented. The responsibilities of the Chairman include, amongst others, the following: As a leader of the Board and is responsible for the development needs of the Board. To maintain constructive and respectful relationships between the Directors and between the Board and the Management. Setting the board agenda and ensuring the Board receive complete and accurate information in a timely manner. Leading the Board in establishing and monitoring good corporate governance practices in the Group. To represent the Company at shareholders' meetings and to ensure an effective communication between the Company and the shareholders and stakeholders. To manage the boardroom dynamics by promoting a culture of openness and debate. To oversee the annual evaluation of performance of the Board, Board Committees and individual directors as well as to discuss the performance and assessment with the individual director concerned and the chairman of the respective Board Committees. To facilitate the constructive and effective contributions from all the Directors at the Board meetings.
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Practice 1.3

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The position of Chairman and CEO are held by two (2) different individuals. Tan Sri Lim Siew Choon is the Executive Chairman of the Board and Dato' Lee Tuck Fook is the Group Managing Director of the Company.
		The Company ensures that there is a clear and proper balance of power and authority between the two (2) positions.
		The responsibilities of the Executive Chairman are disclosed in Practice 1.2 above, whilst the Group Managing Director has an overall responsibility for the business and operation units, organisational effectiveness and implementation of the Board's policies, strategic plans and decisions.
		The responsibilities of the Group Managing Director include, amongst others, the following: To develop and implement the policies and strategic action plans
		 for the Group. To develop and implement long term and short-term business plans to achieve the Group's objectives in terms of growth and profitability aimed at building sustainable value for shareholders and stakeholders.
		 To co-ordinate the business plans and strategies with the respective heads of business and operation units and divisions to ensure the same are implemented effectively.
		 To communicate effectively the Company's vision, mission, core value as well as management philosophy and strategic action plans to the employees.
		 To assess any business opportunities and investments with potential benefits and within the Group's objectives. To keep the Board informed of important and material
		 developments/matters relating to the Group's business operations on an accurate and timely basis. To maintain good relationship with employees and to provide a
		 healthy and safe working environment for the employees. To ensure the Group complies with relevant laws and regulations.
		The Group Managing Director may delegate specific functions to the Deputy Managing Director, and any member of the Management to assist him in discharging his duties and responsibilities.

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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

		an is not a member of any of these specified committees, but the board ticipate in any or all of these committees' meetings, by way of invitation,
then the status of this	prac	tice should be a 'Departure'.
Application	:	Applied
Explanation on	:	The Executive Chairman of the Board, Tan Sri Lim Siew Choon is not a
application of the		member of the Audit Committee and Nomination & Remuneration
practice		Committee of the Company, and he does not participate in any of these committees' meeting.
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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	:	The Board is supported by two suitably qualified and competent
application of the	•	Company Secretaries, namely:
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		 (1) Ms Loh Chee Mun, a Chartered Secretary and Associate member of The Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators; and (2) Mr Chong Kian Fah, a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.
		Ms Loh Chee Mun is also the Secretary for all the Board Committees of the Company. She attends all Board and Board Committee meetings.
		The Board and Board Committees have unrestricted access to the advice and services of the Company Secretaries relating to the Group policies and procedures, regulatory requirements such as companies and securities laws, corporate governance matters, Main Market Listing Requirements ("MMLR") of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") and the Code.
		The Company Secretaries keep themselves abreast with the regulatory changes and development in corporate governance, rules and regulations through continuing education and professional training.
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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	sent to the Board members five (5) business days before the meeting to allow them to have sufficient time to go through papers and make informed decisions. The Board's deliberation and decision are properly recorded in the	
	minutes of the Board meetings and distributed to the Directors in a timely manner for review and thereafter for confirmation at the next meeting.	
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There is demarcation of responsibilities between the board, board committees and management.

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

Practice 2.1

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice		The Company's Board Charter sets out the roles and responsibilities of the Board, the Board Committees, Directors and the Management as well as the issues and decisions reserved for the Board. The Board Charter is periodically reviewed to ensure its compliance and relevance to the prevailing laws, rules and regulations and to be consistent with the Board's objective. The Board Charter was reviewed and revised in February 2023 to be in line with the amendments to the Main Market Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad. The Board Charter is made available for reference on the Company's website at (www.wct.com.my).
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The board is committed to promoting good business conduct and maintaining a healthy corporate culture that engenders integrity, transparency and fairness.

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

Practice 3.1

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

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	: The Code of Conduct and Ethics for Company Directors adopted by the Company provides the ground rules and guidance for the proper standard of conduct and ethical behaviour for the Board and its members, based on the principles of sincerity, integrity, responsibility, and corporate social responsibility. The Group has also adopted a Code of Conduct and Ethics which must be adhere by all employee while at work.
	As part of the Company's commitment against all forms of bribery and corruption, the Company has put in place the Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption ("ABAC") Policy and ABAC Standard Operating Procedures (to prohibit the giving or receiving of bribes and to prohibit corrupt acts by any director, employee, or service provider (including consultants, advisors, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and agents) performing services for and on behalf of the Group.
	The Company's Whistleblowing Policy and Whistleblowing Procedures serve to provide an avenue and mechanism for any individual to report any concerns they may have on any suspected and/or known improper conduct, wrongdoings, bribery, corruption, fraud and/or abuse in accordance with the procedures as provided therein.
	The Group Integrity Unit ("GIU"), guided by an Integrity Management Framework was formed to oversee four core activities, namely complaint management, detection & verification, integrity strengthening and governance.
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	GIU record and monitor reported corruption incidents, ABAC training for employees and the Board, as well as manage whistleblowing report received from whistleblowing channels.
	The Code of Conduct and Ethics for Company Directors and employees and ABAC Policy are made available for reference on the Company's website at (www.wct.com.my).
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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 3.2

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

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Explanation on application of the practice		The Board has in place Whistleblowing Policy and Whistleblowing Procedures for any individual to report any concerns they may have on any suspected and/or known improper conduct, wrongdoings, bribery, corruption, fraud and/or abuse in accordance with the procedures as provided under the Policy. The Whistleblowing Policy is made available on the Company's website at (www.wct.com.my), as a reference and for ease of access for reporting by the employees and associates of the Group.
		 illegal, immoral, unethical, dishonest, improper, or wrong, and may include but is not limited to the following: (a) a criminal offence; (b) failure to comply with any law or regulation; (c) failure to comply with any policy, guideline, procedure, advisory, directive and/or instructions issued by the Group; (d) misuse of the Group's funds or assets; (e) an act or omission which creates a substantial and specific danger to the lives, health, or safety of the employees, or the public or the environment; (f) unsafe work practices or substantial wasting of Group's resources;
		 (g) abuse of power by an officer of the Group; (h) fraud, corruption, bribery, blackmail, and money laundering; (i) sexual harassment; and (j) concealment/cover up of any of the above.
		The Whistleblower may report any suspected or known instances of improper conduct that are committed by any employee, Director, or service provider of the Group directly to the Audit Committee ("AC") Chairman via any of the following channels:
		(i) By post in a sealed envelope, indicate "Strictly Private and Confidential – to be opened by Addressee Only" to the attention of:

	Audit Committee Chairman
	WCT Holdings Berhad
	B-30-01, The Ascent, Paradigm
	No. 1 Jalan SS7/26A, Kelana Jaya,
	47301 Petaling Jaya,
	Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia
	(ii) Via electronic mail (e-mail) to whistleblower@wct.my
	(iii) Via online submission using this link
	https://www.wct.com.my/whistleblowingform/
	For every whistleblowing report received, GIU will perform a preliminary assessment on the credibility of the whistleblowing report and the adequacy of evidence. Based on the results of the preliminary assessment, the AC Chairman shall decide or discuss with the AC members on the next course of action (i.e. whether a full investigation is warranted). The AC will review the investigation report, and should the allegation be substantiated, the AC will identify and recommend the appropriate action. The Board will on the final apricate action to be taken again the wrongdoer (if any).
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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 Board had taken a more holistic approach of the business we proactive and effective measures to anticipate and address mater ESG risks and opportunities. WCT took cognisance of the 17 Sustainant Development Goals ("SDGs") of United Nation and assessed each them to determine to what extent WCT as an economic entity contributing towards achieving these goals. To-date, WCT contributed positively to some of these goal at varying degree and a going-concern entity, WCT continues to strive onwards towards achieving these sustainability goals.	erial able n of y is has as a
	The Board has delegated the responsibility of risk managem oversight and control to the Board Risk and Sustainability Commit ("BRSC") comprising five (5) Independent Non-Executive Directors the Company.	ttee
	The duties and responsibilities of the BRSC are to support and provoversight to the implementation of the Company's and the Grousustainability strategy, initiatives, policies and practices as approved the Board including setting and assessing of targets and measuring performance against targets and to report to the Board on the saregularly.	up's d by the
	Further, WCT has established a Group Sustainability Committee ("GS to assist the BRSC in discharging its duties and responsibilities. The G is made of leadership from each division to ensure consist implementation of its sustainability goals and strategies.	GSC
	In 2021, WCT undertook its first comprehensive sustainab materiality assessment which involved identifying any signific impacts the Group may have to the environment, economy, society, as well as understanding its internal and external stakehold views to determine our material matters. 19 materiality matters widentified and approved by the GSC and BRSC. The material matters.	and ers'

	remained relevant throughout 2021 and 2022 as WCT worked towards implementing strategies to address the matters. In FY2023, WCT carried out a review of its material matters to align with current socioeconomic circumstances and WCT's material matters were reclassified to 14. Subsequently, a survey and stakeholder engagement were carried out and analysed through an internally developed weightage system before WCT's prioritisation of material matters in tiers were derived. WCT's list of prioritisation of material matters can be found in the Sustainability Statement in the 2023 Annual Report.
	The sustainability material matters form the foundation for WCT's aspirations to deliver on the SDGs which will be supported by the following sustainability pillars: i. promote sustainable development goals in all economic endeavours ii. deliver shared value to stakeholders iii. Uphold environmental and social stewardship iv. Balance private wealth to public good
	The allocation of scarce resources on the material matters to achieve targets based on the respective indicators will ensure that WCT is gradually delivering on the goals and together building a sustainable going concern moving forward.
	With sustainability being a standing quarterly agenda in the BRSC meetings, the updates on the Group's sustainability flagship programmes and the performance of the key material matters will be reported and monitored 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 Explanation for departure	:	The Group's sustainability strategy, initiatives, policies and practices as approved by the Board including targets and sustainability performance measurements will be communicated internally via the Group Sustainability Committee and to all employees, where appropriate and externally via WCT's Sustainability Statement and corporate website at https://www.wct.com.my/sustainability/ . In addition, the related policies and initiatives will be embedded into daily business operations and socialised with internal stakeholders by respective business divisions and departments through inclusion in procedures or training.	
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Practice 4.3

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

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Explanation for departure	:	The Board leadership and oversight are working towards integrating sustainability considerations encompassing environmental, social and governance (ESG) to corporate strategy, governance and decision-making as the underlying issues related to ESG are material to the ability of WCT to create long term durable value and maintain confidence of stakeholders.
		The Board aims to focus on competency training and capacity building in equipping the Board and senior management to continuously address sustainability risks and extract the benefits from the opportunities.
		In 2020, a sustainability awareness briefing was conducted for the Board to raise awareness on sustainability and what is required for the institutionalisation of sustainability into WCT's overall business strategy. In 2021, the Board was involved in reviewing and approving the Group's prioritised material matters and corresponding strategies.
		In June 2023, the Group Sustainability Committee and selected employees attended WCT's inaugural TCFD training where a focus group discussion was carried out to identify potential climate-related financial risks, mitigation strategies and available opportunities to the business.
		In financial year ("FY") 2023, three Directors attended sustainability and ESG-related trainings and seminars to stay abreast with the latest developments
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	determined and subsequently re when selecting future board competencies will be consid competence includes knowledg	requirements for the Board will be elevant training will be provided and member, these skills matrix and dered. Examples of sustainability and understanding in sustainable and climate change mitigation and
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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 4.4

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	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	
Explanation for departure	In the annual assessment conducted for the FY2023, the Board was assessed on their sustainability leadership and roles relating to ESG and the Board was satisfied with its performance in addressing the sustainability issues of the Group. As for the performance evaluation for the senior management, it was proposed that sustainability performance will be incorporated in the annual performance evaluation based on the Group's relevant key sustainability objectives and targets that will be reviewed in FY2024.
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Measure	A study will be carried out to review and develop the criteria for the performance evaluations of the Management in addressing the Company's material sustainability risk and opportunities once the sustainability targets have been set for the Group.
Timeframe	Within 2 years

The company addresses sustainability risks and opportunities in an integrated and strategic manner to support its long-term strategy and success.

Practice 4.5- Step Up

The board identifies a designated person within management, to provide dedicated focus to manage sustainability strategically, including the integration of sustainability considerations in the operations of the company.

Note: The explanation on adoption of this practice should include a brief description of the responsibilities of the designated person and actions or measures undertaken pursuant to the role in the financial year.		
Application :	Adopted	
Explanation on adoption of the practice	The WCT's Group Sustainability Committee ("GSC"), comprising members who are the senior management of the respective business unit, was established in 2018 to oversee WCT's sustainability plan and strategies. The GSC is currently headed by a Chairperson, Dr Goh Teck Shang, Head of Technical Department from the Engineering and Construction Division. The Chairperson oversees the following responsibilities of the Committee: a) Review and recommending to the Board the Group sustainability plans, strategies and performance. b) Oversee WCT Group's management of sustainability objectives and strategies to ensure alignment with Group's commitment towards sustainability. c) Review and assess overall sustainability strategies and sustainability performance management and update the Board Risk and Sustainability Committee. d) To review and advise on the Sustainability Statement prior to the Board's review.	

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 & remuneration Committee ("NRC") reviews the size and composition of the Board based on objective, merit and with due regards on the diverse set of skills, knowledge, professional/industry experience, gender, age, cultural and educational backgrounds, ethnicity, the adequacy of balance between Executives Directors and Independent Directors, including the tenure of Directors through annual review to ensure its appropriateness and effectiveness. The NRC reviews and evaluates the performance and effectiveness of the Board and individual directors including those directors who are seeking re-election through annual directors' evaluation and fit and proper assessment. Only those directors with satisfactory evaluation and continues to perform effectively and to demonstrate commitment to his/her role are recommended to the Board for re-election. During the year under review, the Board has reviewed and is satisfied that its current size and composition are optimum and well balanced in terms of the required mix of skills, experience and core competencies for the Company's business as well as the need to safeguard the interest of the minority shareholders. The NRC has also reviewed and assessed the performance and contribution of each of the retiring Directors through the annual evaluation and the Director's fitness and propriety in accordance with the Company's Directors' Fit and Proper Policy and accordingly recommended to the Board for their re-election to be tabled for
Explanation for : departure	shareholders' approval at the forthcoming 13 th AGM.
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.2

At least half of the board comprises independent directors. For Large Companies, the board comprises a majority independent directors.

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board comprises eight (8) Directors, five (5) of whom are Independent Directors.
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.3

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	:	There are no Independent Directors serving the Board beyond nine (9) years and the tenure of the longest serving Independent Directors is slightly more than seven (7) years as at the end of the financial year 31 December 2023.
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.4 - Step Up

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

Note: To qualify for adoption of this Step Up practice, a listed issuer must have a formal policy which limits the tenure of an independent director to nine years without further extension i.e. shareholders' approval to retain the director as an independent director beyond nine years.		
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.5

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

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The NRC is responsible for assessing and making recommendations on any new appointments including the re-election of retiring Directors to the Board. In making these recommendations, the NRC considers and assesses the diverse set of skills, knowledge, professional/industry experience, gender, age, cultural and educational backgrounds, ethnicity and length of services of the proposed candidate in accordance with the Board and Senior Management Diversity Policy ("Diversity Policy"), when determine the Board's composition.
		The NRC will take into consideration the time commitment, number of directorships and other obligations when considering the potential candidates. During the year under review, the Board is satisfied with the level of time committed by its members in discharging their respective duties and roles as Directors of the Company. The time commitment of the Directors was demonstrated by the attendance at the Board and Board Committees meetings during the FY 2023. All the Directors of the Company have complied with the MMLR of Bursa Securities on the maximum number of directorships which they can hold in public listed companies.
		The Directors' Fit and Proper policy, adopted by the Board in 2022, serves as a guide for the NRC and the Board in their review and assessment of candidates that are to be appointed as Director as well as Directors who are seeking re-election, to ensure that each of the Directors possesses the necessary character, integrity, competence, relevant range of skills, knowledge, experience, commitment and time to discharge their duty effectively before they are appointed to the Board.
Explanation for departure	:	
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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 NRC will consider multiple channels such as recommendations from the Board, management or independent sources to identify suitably qualified candidates should there be any new appointment of Directors. No recommendation was made for appointment of new director during the year 2023.
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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 following Directors who are retire at the forthcoming 13 th AGM and being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election ("Retiring Directors"): (i) Datuk Chow Ying Choon (ii) Tan Sri Marzuki Bin Mohd Noor (iii) Puan Rahana Binti Abdul Rashid
	The NRC has reviewed and assessed the performance and contribution of each of the Retiring Directors through the annual evaluation and the Director's fitness and propriety in accordance with the Company's Directors' Fit and Proper Policy and accordingly recommended to the Board for their re-election to be tabled for shareholders' approval at the forthcoming 13 th AGM.
	The Board supports the re-appointment of the Retiring Directors as they meet the criteria of character, integrity, experience, competence, time and commitment required to discharge their duties and have continued to perform effectively and demonstrated commitment to their respective roles as a Director. In addition, the Independent Directors who are seeking re-election at the forthcoming 13 th AGM do not have any position or relationship that might influence, in a material respect, their capacity to bring an independent judgement on issues before the Board and to act in the best interest of the Group.
	The recommendation of the Board on the proposed re-election of the Retiring Directors is set out in the Explanatory Notes to the Notice of the 13 th AGM of the Company.
	The Retiring Directors do not hold any share in the Company and their personal profile are set out in the Profile of Directors of the Company's Annual Report 2023.
Explanation for : departure	

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

Practice 5.8

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

Application	: Applied
Explanation on	: The Nomination & Remuneration Committee is chaired by Datuk Ab
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 5.9

The board comprises at least 30% women directors.

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Application :	Departure	
Explanation on :		
application of the		
practice		
Explanation for :	As at 31 December 2023, Puan F	Rahana Binti Abdul Rashid is the only
departure		Board, which represent 12.5% of the
	Board Composition.	
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	The Board recognised the import	ance of promoting gender diversity in
	=	pany has not reached the 30% women
		Board discharge its duties objectively
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Measure :	Where new appointments are	to be made to the Board or on
	replacement of a Director on the B	Board, priority will be given to suitable
	women director candidates to ach	nieve at least 30% women directors on
	the Board.	
Timeframe :	Others	By year 2026

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	:	The Board is committed to greater diversity in terms of a number of aspects, including but not limited to skills, knowledge, professional/industry experiences, gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity and length of service ("Diversity Perspectives"). While the ultimate decision will be based on merit and potential contribution that the selected candidate will bring to the Board and the Group to achieve its corporate and commercial goals and to maintain sustainable growth through a healthy, harmonious and professional workplace, the Board ensures that the selection of candidates will be based on a range of Diversity Perspectives without discrimination on gender, age, religion and ethnic group when considering any director/senior management appointment. The Board supports the Government's aspiration to achieve at least 30% women directors on the board of public listed companies. Where new appointments are to be made to the Board or on replacement of a Director on the Board, priority will be given to suitable women candidates to achieve at least 30% women directors on the Board. The Board and Senior Management Diversity Policy is disclosed in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement of the Company's Annual Report and also made available for reference at (www.wct.com.my).	
Explanation for departure	:		
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Measure	:		
Timeframe	:	Please specify number of years.	

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 Explanation on** During the year under review, an annual assessment and evaluation of application of the each individual Director, the Board as a whole and the Board practice Committees as well as the independence of the Independent Directors were conducted internally with the assistance of the Company Secretary ("Assessment 2023"). The annual assessment and evaluation for FY 2022 was facilitated by an independent consultant. Each Director is required to review and appraise himself and the Board and/or the respective Committees of which he is a member based on the criteria as set out in the evaluation form. From the results, the NRC will draw conclusions on the Board's and Committees' effectiveness in discharging their duties and responsibilities. The results and conclusions will be escalated to the Board The individual directors are assessed based on their contribution, participation, and other criteria such as governance and integrity, skills, knowledge and experiences, time commitment, judgment and decision making. For the Board and Board Committees, the criteria cover the composition and structure, required mix of skills and experience, competencies, roles, and responsibilities as well as communication and governance. Based on the outcome of the Assessment 2023, the NRC and the Board were satisfied with the overall performance and effectiveness of the Board and the Board Committees as they have contributed positively and continued to operate effectively towards fulfilling their duties and responsibilities as members of the Board and Board Committees.

The Board was also assessed on their sustainability leadership and role relating to ESG and the Board was satisfied with its performance in addressing the Group's sustainability issues.
The areas identified for the Board's improvements are to increase the women's representation on Board progressively and to have more knowledge on the Group's potential sustainability issues. There were no major concerns from the results of the assessment of the Board Committees.
The Board and the NRC are, based on the Assessment 2023, satisfied with the level of independence demonstrated by all the five (5) Independent Directors of the Company and that they fulfil the definition of "Independent Director" under the MMLR of Bursa Securities and the Independent Directors have continued to demonstrate their independence through their robust discussion, engagement and bringing an independent judgment to decisions.
The results from the Assessment 2023 form the basis of the NRC's recommendation to the Board on the re-election of Directors at the forthcoming 13 th Annual General Meeting as well as for the Directors' further enhancement.
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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 objective of the Group's Remuneration Policy is to attract and retain the Directors and Senior Management who play an important role in leading and controlling the Group's operation effectively. Generally, the remuneration of each Director and Senior Management are determined based on their roles and responsibilities having regard to their merits, qualifications and competence as well as the Group's operating results, individual performance and comparable market statistics.						
	The Policy on Remuneration of Directors and Senior Management of the Group, which set out the details on the procedures involved to determine the remuneration of the Directors and senior management, is in line with the best practices recommended by the Code and MMLR of Bursa Securities and make available for reference on the Company's website at (www.wct.com.my).						
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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 NRC is to assist the Board in identifying and to recommend for the Board's approval new appointments and/or re-elections of Directors, review the terms of employment and propose remuneration for Directors and Senior Management as well as the diverse set of skills, knowledge, professional/industry experiences, gender, age, cultural and educational backgrounds, ethnicity and length of service of the Directors The Terms of Reference of NRC is available on the Company's website at (www.wct.com.my).					
Explanation for departure						
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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	Please refer to the disclosure for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 as per attached.

				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	Tan Sri Lim Siew Choon	Executive Director	12,000	-	3,091,200	-	26,650	7,248	3,137,098	12,000	-	3,091,200	-	26,650	7,248	3,137,098
2	Dato' Lee Tuck Fook	Executive Director	12,000	-	2,688,000	=	-	5,105	2,705,105	12,000	-	2,688,000	-	-	5,105	2,705,105
3	Datuk Chow Ying Choon	Executive Director	12,000	-	2,016,000	-	31,150	2,676	2,061,826	12,000	-	2,016,000	-	31,150	2,676	2,016,826
4	Tans Sri Marzuki Bin Mohd Noor	Independent Director	84,000	23,000	-	-	-	-	107,000	84,000	23,000	-	-	-	-	107,000
5	Datuk Ab Wahab Bin Khalil	Independent Director	84,000	17,000	-	-	-	700	101,700	84,000	17,000	-	-	-	700	101,700
6	Dato' Ng Sooi Lin	Independent Director	84,000	19,000	-	-	-	3,374	106,374	84,000	19,000	-	-	-	3,374	106,374
7	Ng Soon Lai @ Ng Siek Chuan	Independent Director	84,000	15,900	-	-	-	3,374	103,274	84,000	15,900	-	-	-	3,374	103,274
8	Rahana Binti Abdul Rashid	Independent Director	84,000	16,000	-	-	-	3,374	103,373	84,000	16,000	-	-	-	3,374	103,374
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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 for departure	: Generally, the remuneration of each senior management is determined accordance with each senior management's level of response expertise and experience, having taken into account the remunerand employment conditions within the construction and profindustries to ensure the remuneration package are competitive sufficient to attract and retain talents. The Company has opted not to disclose on a named basis the senior management's remuneration in bands width of RM50,000 confidentiality and sensitivity of each remuneration package as we the competitive conditions for talent in the industry. As an alternative, the Company disclose the remuneration aggregate and no name basis paid to the top 5 senior manage (excluding the Directors of the Company) as follows:					
			RM			
		Salaries	5,312,623.66			
		Other emoluments	21,418.72			
		Fees	60,000.00			
		Bonus	139,100.00			
		EPF contribution	429,060.00			
		Benefit-in-kind	137,975.00			
		Total:	6,100,177.38			
						
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Measure	:	The Company has no immediate plan	to comply with this disclosure.			

Timeframe :	Others	

			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	:	

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No	Name	Name Position		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 Chairman of the Audit Committee, Tan Sri Marzuki Bin Mohd Noor, is not the Chairman of the Board.
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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 Audit Committee's Terms of Reference provides for a person who is a former audit partner in charge of the external audit of the Company is required to observe a cooling-off period of at least five (5) years before he/she can be considered to be appointed as a director or a member of the Audit Committee or senior management team of the Company.
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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	:	The Company has in place a Policy on Assessment of External Auditors which contain the policies and procedures to assess the suitability, objectivity and independence of the Company's external auditor upon reviews being conducted on the same. The Audit Committee ("AC") shall carry out an annual assessment via assessment forms, which covers the following criteria, together with the Director of Finance and Accounts prior to recommending the reappointment of the external auditors to the Board for shareholders' approval:	
		 (a) quality of services rendered over the past financial year; (b) sufficiency of resources extended to the Company; (c) communication and interaction with the Board, Audit Committee and management; and (d) independence, objectivity and professional scepticism exhibited. Based on the review of the performance and the independence of Messrs Ernst & Young PLT ("EY"), the AC was satisfied with the suitability of EY based on the above criteria. In addition, the AC also took into account the openness in communication and interaction with the partner and the audit engagement team through the private session, which demonstrated their independence, objectivity and professionalism. 	
		The AC had also obtained confirmation from EY that they are and have been independent throughout the conduct of the audit engagement in accordance with the By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards).	
Explanation for departure	:		

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Practice 9.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application	:	Adopted	
Explanation on		The Audit Committee comprises the following members, who are all	
adoption of the		Independent Non-Executive Directors:	
practice			
		(1) Tan Sri Marzuki Bin Mohd Noor (Chairman)	
		(2) Datuk Ab Wahab Bin Khalil	
		(3) Dato' Ng Sooi Lin	
		(4) Ng Soon Lai @ Ng Siek Chuan	
		(5) Rahana Binti Abdul Rashid	

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	÷	The Audit Committee possesses a wide range of necessary skill and experience to discharge its duties. The qualification and experience of individual member of the Audit Committee are disclosed in the Profile of Directors of the Company's Annual Report 2023.
		The members of the Audit Committee continuously to keep themselves abreast of relevant developments in accounting and auditing standards, new rules and regulations etc. During the financial year 2023, the members of the Audit Committee had attended the following seminar/training programmes:
		 Tan Sri Marzuki Bin Mohd Noor Environmental, Social and Governance - Bursa Malaysia's enhanced sustainability reporting requirements (12 July 2023) Environmental, Social and Governance - IFRS S1 and S2: Beyond compliance (13 September 2023)
		 Datuk Ab Wahab Bin Khalil Board of Director Leadership – ESG Essentials (21 & 22 March 2023) Reinventing Shopping Malls - The Paradigm Shift (6 & 7 September 2023) Comprehensive Risk Application Techniques (4 & 5 October 2023)
		 Dato' Ng Sooi Lin HSBC Premier's Foreign Exchange Market Outlook Webinar: Navigating Capital Flow From Now to 2024 (27 September 2023)
		 Ng Soon Lai @ Ng Siek Chuan Board of Director Leadership – ESG Essentials (21 & 22 March 2023) Power, Duties & Responsibilities of Directors & Conflicts of Interest Situations (28 August 2023)

	Puan Rahana Binti Abdul Rashid
	Resolving Boardroom and Shareholders Disputes (15 August 2023)
	Audit Committee Conference 2023 - Audit Committees: Catalysts of
	Change (14 September 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 10.1

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board affirms its responsibility for maintaining a sound risk management framework and internal control system to safeguard shareholders' investment and the Group's assets, as well as to discharge its stewardship responsibility in identifying principal risks and ensuring the implementation of an appropriate risk action plan and internal control system to manage those risks.
		In this respect, the Board has established a governance structure to ensure effective oversight of risks and control within the Group. It is assisted by the Board Risk and Sustainability Committee ("BRSC") and the Risk Management Committee ("RMC"). Risk Management Policy ("RMP") and Risk Management Framework ("RMF") were reviewed, proposed, and approved by the BRSC to guide the effective implementation of risk mitigation in the Group.
		BRSC is responsible for providing independent oversight of the implementation and operation of the Group's enterprise-wide risk management framework. It reviews the Group's enterprise-wide risk management framework and ensures that an effective process to identify, evaluate, control, report and manage risks is created, implemented, and maintained by the Group.
		RMC is responsible for developing, executing, and maintaining an effective risk management system, including the continual review process of identified risks and the effectiveness of risk mitigation strategies and controls.
		At the operating unit level, risk owners are responsible for identifying risks that may have an impact on achieving their operational, financial, and other business objectives.
		Information on the Group's risk management and internal control systems implemented during the year is presented in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control set out in the Company's 2023 Annual Report.

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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	Aligned with ISO31000 standard, the Group adopts an enterprise-wide risk management framework, that identifies potential major risks to the Group. The identified risks are assessed using qualitative and quantitative aspects against their likelihood (based on risk appetite approved by the Board) and their impact thereof. Details of risk information are recorded in the Risk Register for quarterly risk assessment with the Risk Owner. Gross risks are ranked accordingly, after taking into consideration of gross likelihood and gross impact should the risks occur, before they are ranked according to the residual risks, after taking into consideration the effectiveness of controls and action plans taken or proposed to be taken to mitigate such identified risks.
	RMC reviews, appraises, and assesses the risks identified by the respective risk owners of the Group together with the controls and action plans undertaken or proposed to be undertaken to mitigate and manage the identified risk exposure. The RMC then reported key risks and mitigation actions to the BRSC on a quarterly basis. After due deliberation, the BRSC would then present a summary of the key risks and mitigation actions and its recommendation to the Board for final endorsement.
	The Board has received assurance from the Group Managing Director and Director of Finance & Accounts that the Group's risk management and internal control system is operating adequately and effectively, in all material aspects, based on the risk management and internal control system of the Group.
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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	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	The Company's Board Risk and Sustainability Committee, which comprises the following members and who are all Independent Non-Executive Directors, was established to oversee the Company's risk management framework and policies including sustainability risks and efforts: (1) Dato' Ng Sooi Lin (Chairman) (2) Tan Sri Marzuki Bin Mohd Noor (3) Datuk Ab Wahab Bin Khalil (4) Rahana Binti Abdul Rashid (5) Ng Soon Lai @ Ng Siek Chuan (appointed on 6 June 2023)

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
Application	Applica
Explanation on	The internal audit function of the Group is performed by the in-house
application of the	Group Internal Audit Department ("GIAD") that provides independent
practice	and reasonable assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness risk
	management, control, and governance processes within the Group.
	Head of GIAD functionally reports to AC who reviews, deliberate and
	endorsed the audit plan and resources required by GIAD. GIAD focused
	on timely and complete execution of audit plan, finalisation of audit
	reports, and implementation of agreed action plan ("AAP") which are
	encompasses in internal audit report.
	Results from audit engagements together with those from
	implementation of AAP are presented and deliberated during quarterly
	AC meeting.
	Ac meeting.
	To ensure that GIAD function effectively, the resources required by
	GIAD is periodically reviewed according to the needs e.g., business
	expansion and diversification of the Group.
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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	All members of GIAD signed an annual declaration to declare that they were and has been independent, objective, and free from any family relationship with Directors and/or major shareholders of WCT and its subsidiaries. The GIAD, led by Halmiaskandar Kasmiri, a Chartered Accountant ("CA") and a member of Institute of Internal Auditors ("IIA") Malaysia, has a			
		members as	at 31 Dece	ember 2023. Summary of
	Educati	on]	
	Туре	Number	CA	Associate member of IIA Malaysia
	Bachelor Degree	11	3	7
	Total	11		
		of the Group ar	nd it perfor	pendent of the activities m its duties in accordance A Global.
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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 Company has in place procedures to enable effective communication with stakeholders. This includes announcements to Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities"), media releases, Annual General Meeting ("AGM"), the Investor Relations Programme which reaches out to the investors and other stakeholders through engagement such as quarterly briefing with analysts, road shows etc as well as the Company's websites (www.wct.com.my) which provides relevant information for investors and other stakeholders. The detailed on the effective, transparent and regular communication with the stakeholders of the Company is as follows: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AND PROACTIVE ENGAGEMENTS WITH SHAREHOLDERS The Group values and strongly believes in the importance of effective communication with shareholders, potential investors and the public. This is to ensure that all shareholders, both institutional and individual investors, have full access to the relevant information disclosed by the Company. It does this through the Company's Annual Report, AGM, the Company's website (www.wct.com.my) and the timely release of all corporate announcements and quarterly interim financial results, thus providing shareholders and the investing public with an overview of the Group's performance and operations. All enquiries made are dealt with as promptly as practicable. The Annual Report remains the Company's main source of information to the shareholders and investors while the Company's website, which has a dedicated investor relations section, is intended to provide relevant information about the Group to a wider segment of the investing public. Any shareholder and/or stakeholder of the Group who may have concerns relating to the Group may directly convey the same to Tan Sri Marzuki Bin Mohd Noor, the Company's Senior Independent Non-Executive Director, who serves as a point of contact for shareholders and other stakeholders.

ENSURE TIMELY AND HIGH-QUALITY DISCLOSURE

The Board recognises the importance of prompt and timely dissemination of accurate and sufficient information concerning the Company and its Group to the shareholders, investors and other stakeholders to enable them to make informed decisions.

The Company maintains the practice of releasing all requisite announcements as well as material and price-sensitive information in a timely manner to Bursa Securities in compliance with the disclosure requirements as set out in the MMLR of Bursa Securities. The Company also releases timely updates to the market and community through the Company's websites, media releases and other appropriate channels. Price-sensitive information and information that may be regarded as undisclosed material information about the Group is, however, not disclosed until after the requisite announcement to Bursa Securities has been made.

THE AGM

The AGM of the Company is used as a forum for communication with its shareholders. The Company has provided at least 28 days' notice for its AGMs in line with good corporate governance practices. The Company's 12th AGM was held virtually on 15 June 2023 where the shareholders were able to exercise their rights to participate and vote at the 12th AGM remotely via the Remote Participation and Electronic Voting (RPEV) facilities. During the 12th AGM, a presentation was given by the Senior Management to the shareholders on the Group's strategies, performance and latest developments including the Company's responses to the questions raised by the Minority Shareholders Watch Group (MSWG), on behalf of the minority shareholders of the Company. The Board encourages participation from shareholders by having a question and answer session during the AGM whereby the shareholders may channel their queries relating to the audited financial statements of the Group and the Company to the Company's External Auditors and may discuss the Group's performance and its business activities with the Directors and the Management of the Company. Each item of special business included in the notice of the general meeting is accompanied by an explanation of the effects of a proposed resolution. Separate resolutions are proposed for substantially separate issues at the general meeting and the Chairman would declare the number of proxy votes received, both for and against each separate resolution where appropriate.

INVESTOR RELATIONS

Another important channel of communication with shareholders, investors, and the general investment community, both locally and internationally, is the Group's investor relations activities. The Company conducts regular briefings with financial analysts and fund managers from time to time as a means of maintaining and improving investor relationships and to hold press conference after the AGM or any Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company, where necessary.

	Below is a summary of the investor relations activities	 s undertaken during
	the financial year ended 31 December 2023:	
		Total
	Meetings/Conference calls with investors, analysts and fund managers	4
	Investors briefings	1
	Site visit	1
	The Group's website (www.wct.com.my) has a see investor relations and provides up-to-date informat businesses and operations. Presentations made to managers are also posted on this section of the Gruther enquiries on all investor-related matters may following person: Ms Lo Wei Teing Assistant General Manager Corporate Affairs and Sustainability Tel: +603 7806 6608 Email: wei-teing.lo@wct.my	ion on the Group's analysts and fund Company's website.
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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 12.2

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

Application	Departure
Explanation on application of the practice	
Explanation for departure	The Company's Annual Report 2023 is currently not fully aligned to the Integrated Reporting framework recommended by the International Integrated Reporting Council. In the Annual Report 2023, the Company reports on the Group's strategy, governance, performance and prospects for the benefit of all
	 its stakeholders vide the following reports: Chairman's Statement; Financial Statements and the Management Discussion & Analysis; Sustainability Statement; Corporate Governance Overview Statement and Corporate Governance Report; Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control; and Audit Committee Report.
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Measure	The Company will continue to enhance on its reporting on the Group's strategy, governance, performance and prospects as well as the risks and opportunities by progressively adopt the principles recommended by the International Integrated Reporting Council in order to provide a comprehensive report on the Group initiatives to create greater value to its stakeholders.
Timeframe	Others

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	:	During the financial year 2023, the Notice of 12 th AGM of the Company was issued on 27 April 2023, which had more than 28 days' notice prior to the 12 th AGM held on 15 June 2023.
Explanation for departure	:	
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.2

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 :	All the Directors, including the chair of the Board Committees, had
application of the	attended and participated the fully virtual 12 th AGM of the Company
practice	held on 15 June 2023 via the Remote Participation and Electronic Voting Facility and had provided response to questions addressed to them.
	Despite the 12 th AGM of the Company was a fully virtual meeting, the shareholders were given opportunities to submit questions before the meeting via email or submit questions via the query box facilities available in the Meeting Platform in real time during the meeting. The Company's responses to the questions raised by Minority Shareholders Watch Group (MSWG) prior to the 12 th AGM were also
	shared with the shareholders at the meeting for the benefit of 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 Company had leveraged on technology to facilitate remote shareholders' participation and voting in absentia at its fully virtual 12 th AGM held on 15 June 2023.
	The 12 th AGM was held through Remote Participation and Electronic Voting ("RPEV") facilities provided by the Company's Share Registrar, Boardroom Share Registrars Sdn Bhd ("Boardroom") via the meeting platform at https://meeting.boardroomlimited.my (Domain Registration No. with MYNIC — D6A357657) which facilitate shareholders' remote participation and voting in absentia as well as to allow the shareholders to pose question to the Board and Chairman of the meeting via typed text in the query box during the live streaming of the 12 th AGM.
	The meeting platform provided by Boardroom is regularly and extensively penetration tested using independent, accredited third-party experts. Besides, all LumiAGM systems and suppliers' services are certified to the ISO/IEC 27001:2013 international standard. This provides a robust, auditable and externally verified framework of controls designed to maintain the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of customer information and the personal data Lumi processes on their behalf. Lumi uses strong, industry best-practice encryption techniques to ensure customer data is protected from unauthorized access. All data is encrypted, with all keys managed directly by Lumi. There is also audit trail on respective LUMI system.
Explanation for departure	
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Shareholders are able to participate, engage the board and senior management effectively and make informed voting decisions at General Meetings.

Practice 13.4

The Chairman of the board should ensure that general meetings support meaningful engagement between the board, senior management and shareholders. The engagement should be interactive and include robust discussion on among others the company's financial and non-financial performance as well as the company's long-term strategies. Shareholders should also be provided with sufficient opportunity to pose questions during the general meeting and all the questions should receive a meaningful response.

Note: The explanation	of adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures
-	e general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficient
	tions and the questions are responded to.
Application	: Applied
Explanation on	: The Company had on 27 April 2023 published on the Company's
application of the	website (<u>www.wct.com.my</u>) the Annual Report 2022 together with the
practice	Administrative Details which encompassed the guidance on the
	conduct of the 12 th AGM, including the electronic voting for the conduct of poll on the resolutions.
	During the 12 th AGM, a presentation was given by the Senior Management to the shareholders on the Group's strategies, performance and latest developments including the Company's responses to the questions raised by the Minority Shareholders Watch Group (MSWG) on behalf of the minority shareholders of the Company, for the benefit of the shareholders.
	The shareholders were allowed to submit their questions related to the resolutions tabled at the 12 th AGM and the financial performance/ development of the Group via email to enquiries@wct.my prior to the 12 th AGM or use the query box to transmit questions to the Board and the Chairman of the AGM via RPEV Facilities provided by Boardroom during the live streaming of the 12 th AGM.
	The Chairman had ensured that sufficient time was allocated for discussion and addressed the questions raised by the shareholders.
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Timeframe	:	

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 o	f adoption of this practice should include a discussion on measures		
undertaken to ensure the general meeting is interactive, shareholders are provided with sufficien			
opportunity to pose questions and the questions are responded to. Further, a listed issuer should als			
provide brief reasons on th	ne choice of the meeting platform.		
Application :	Applied		
Explanation on :	The Company conducted a fully virtual 12 th AGM on 15 June 2023. The		
application of the	RPEV Facilities provided by Boardroom, the Company's Share Registrar,		
practice	via the meeting platform at https://meeting.boardroomlimited.my		
	facilitated shareholders' remote participation and voting in absentia as		
	well as to allow the shareholders to pose question to the Board and		
	Chairman of the meeting via typed text in the query box. The		
	shareholders are also allowed to submit their questions via email to		
	enquiries@wct.my prior to the 12 th AGM.		
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	The meeting platform provided by Boardroom allows the shareholders to participate the meeting online using smartphone, tablet or computer		
	and to view live webcast of the meeting.		
	and to view live webcast of the meeting.		
	Questions posed by the shareholders during the meeting and the		
	responses to the questions raised by the Minority Shareholders Watch		
	Group (MSWG) prior to the meeting were made visible to all		
	participants during the 12 th AGM.		
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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 12 th AGM had been made available to the shareholders on the Company's website at www.wct.com.my no later than 30 business days after the 12 th 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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