Nera Telecommunications Ltd (the "Company") is committed to high standards of corporate governance to ensure greater transparency and protect the interests of its employees, customers and shareholders. The Board of Directors ("Board") and Management believe that good corporate governance is key to the integrity of the Group and essential to the long-term sustainability of the Group's businesses and performance.

To discharge its governance function, the Board and its committees have established policies and rules to govern their activities. The Board and its committees are guided by their respective Terms of References.

The Board is pleased to report to its shareholders on the Company's corporate governance practices for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 ("FY2024") with specific reference to each provision of the Code of Corporate Governance 2018 (the "Code") issued in August 2018. The Board confirms that the principles and provisions of the Code have been adhered to and to the extent that the Company's practices may vary from the provisions of the Code, the Company has explained in this report how its practices are consistent with the intent of the relevant principles of the Code.

#### **BOARD MATTERS**

The Board oversees the overall strategy and business direction of the Group and is collectively responsible for its success. The Management plays a pivotal role in providing Board members with complete, adequate and timely information to assist the Board in the fulfilment of its responsibilities.

#### PRINCIPLE 1: THE BOARD'S CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS

#### Provision 1.1

## Board's Role

The principal functions of the Board include, inter alia, providing entrepreneurial leadership, setting strategic objectives, monitoring Management's performance, establishing a framework for prudent and effective control for risk management, safeguarding shareholders' interests and the Company's assets as well as setting values and standards (including ethical standards) for the Company. The Board is also mindful of the Company's social responsibilities.

The Board sets the directions for the Company where ethics and values are concerned. This helps to nurture an environment where integrity and accountability are key.

## The Board's Conduct of Affairs

The principal functions of the Board include, inter alia:

- (a) Providing entrepreneurial leadership, setting key business and financial strategic objectives and strategies and ensuring necessary financial and human resources are in place for the Company to meet those objectives;
- (b) Approving the annual budget, major investments and divestments, and funding proposals;
- (c) Reviewing and monitoring Management's performance;
- (d) Establishing a framework for the oversight of prudent and effective internal controls, risk management, financial reporting and compliance; and
- (e) Assuming responsibility for good corporate governance to protect the Company's assets and enhancing the long-term value of the Company for its shareholders.

## Objective Decision Making

The Board exercises due diligence and independent judgment in dealing with the business affairs of the Group and works with the Management to take objective decisions in the interest of the Group.

Any Director who has a conflict of interest which is likely to impact his or her independence or conflict with a subject under discussion by the Board is required to immediately declare his or her interest to the Board, remove himself or herself from the information flow and recuse from participating in any further discussion or voting on the subject matter.

#### Provision 1.2

## Continuous Training and Development of Directors

Management and Professional Advisers keep the Directors up-to-date on pertinent developments in the business including changes to laws and regulations, corporate governance, financial reporting standards and industry-related matters. Such periodic updates are provided to Directors to facilitate the discharge of their duties.

The Directors attend appropriate courses, conferences and seminars conducted by various Regulatory Authorities, Financial Institutions and Professional Consultants, for example, the Singapore Institute of Directors (SID), Singapore Stock Exchange (SGX) and Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA). Funding is also provided in support of relevant training for Directors.

Directors are also encouraged to read and actively engage in informal discussions on subjects which are relevant to the Group's business.

As at the date of this Report, Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan, Mr Eric Yu, Ling-Hsiao and Ms Jenny Teng Mui Keow, being newly appointed Directors in FY2O24, are in the progress of completing the mandatory training as prescribed by the SGX-ST and shall endeavour to complete the same soonest practicable, and in any event, by October 2O25. For the avoidance of doubt, Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng, a newly appointed Director in FY2O24, has completed the mandatory training and is familiar with the duties and obligations required of a Director of a listed company in Singapore as he currently sits on the board of another listed issuer on the SGX-ST. Please refer to the Company's announcement dated 25 October 2O24 with respect to Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng's appointment as a Director, for further details.

## Appointment Letter to New Directors

Orientation programmes will be organised during the year for new incoming Directors to ensure that they are familiar with the Company's key businesses and corporate governance practices. This allows the new Directors to get acquainted with Senior Management, thereby facilitating Board interaction and independent access to Senior Management. Directors may also at any time request further explanations, briefings and informal discussions on any aspect of the Company's operations or business.

### Provision 1.3

## Internal Guidelines on Matters Requiring Board Approval

The Company has adopted internal guidelines governing matters that require the Board's approval.

Matters which are specifically reserved to the Board for approval are:

- a) Strategic business plans and policies of the Group;
- b) Annual budgets;
- c) Material acquisitions and disposal of assets;
- d) Corporate or financial restructuring;
- e) Share issuances, interim dividends and other returns to shareholders;
- f) Matters involving a conflict of interest for a substantial shareholder or a director; and
- g) Terms of reference of the Board and its Committees.

The matters which are specifically decided and approved by the Board are clearly documented in the minutes of meetings and kept with the Company.

## Provision 1.4

### Delegation of Authority to Board Committees

The Board is supported by a number of committees to assist it in the discharge of its responsibilities and also enhance the Company's corporate governance framework. These committees include the Nominating Committee ("NC"), the Remuneration Committee ("RC") and the Audit and Risk Management Committee ("ARMC"). Each Board committee has its own specific Terms of Reference setting out the scope of its duties and responsibilities, rules and regulations, and procedures governing the manner in which it is to operate and how decisions are to be taken.

## Provision 1.5 & 1.6

## Meetings of Board and Board Committees

The Board and its committees meet regularly through scheduled meetings and as warranted by particular circumstances. A schedule of meetings is provided in advance to each Director prior to the commencement of each Financial Year. If Directors are unable to attend meetings in person, telephonic means of communication are allowed under the Constitution of the Company. To enable members of the Board and its committees to prepare for the meetings, agendas together with Board papers and related materials are circulated within five (5) working days before the meetings.

The Board normally meets at least four (4) times a year with additional meetings convened as and when necessary.

During FY2024, the Company held seven (7) Board Meetings.

### Multiple Board Representations

All Directors are required to declare their Board Representations. The NC considers that the multiple Board representations held presently by its Directors do not impede their respective performance in carrying out their duties to the Company.

The Directors had committed considerable time towards the many Board meetings and Board Committee meetings held in FY2O24 and adjusted their schedules to ensure participation in Board and Board Committee meetings for the deliberation of issues. The NC finds the Directors have committed their time effectively to discharge their responsibilities.

A record of the Directors' attendance at the Board and Board Committee meetings as well as General Meeting for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 is set out below:

2024 Meeting Attendance*	Board Meetings	Audit and Risk Management Committee Meetings	Remuneration Committee Meetings	Nominating Committee Meetings	General Meetings
Number of meetings held in FY2024	7	5	1	4	1
Name of Directors	Number of meetings attended				
Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan, Chairman <sup>1</sup>	1/1	1/1	_	-	-
Mr Basil Chan²	7/7	5/5	1/1	4/4	1/1
Mr Eric Yu, Ling-Hsiao³	1/1	1/1	-	-	-
Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng <sup>4</sup>	1/1	1/1	-	_	-
Ms Jenny Teng Mui Keow⁵	1/1	1/1	-	_	-
Mr Chong Hoi Ming <sup>6</sup>	6/6	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/1
Mr Tommy Teo Zhi Zhuang <sup>7</sup>	6/6	4/4	N/A	N/A	1/1
Mr Wong Chee-Yann <sup>8</sup>	5/6	N/A	1/1	4/4	1/1
Ms Kay Pang Ker-Wei <sup>9</sup>	6/6	4/4	1/1	4/4	1/1

- \* Referred to meetings held/attended while each Director was in office in FY2024.
- 1 Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan was appointed as the Non-Independent Non-Executive Chairman of the Company and a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and the Remuneration Committee with effect from 28 October 2024. Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan was subsequently re-designated as the Non-Independent Executive Chairman of the Company with effect from 8 April 2025.
- 2 Mr Basil Chan was re-designated as the Lead Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company with effect from 28 October 2024.
- 3 Mr Eric Yu, Ling-Hsiao was appointed as a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company and a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and the Nominating Committee with effect from 28 October 2024. Mr Eric Yu, Ling-Hsiao was subsequently appointed as a member of the Remuneration Committee with effect from 8 April 2025.
- 4 Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company and the Chairman of the Nominating Committee and a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee with effect from 28 October 2024.
- 5 Ms Jenny Teng Mui Keow was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company and a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and the Remuneration Committee with effect from 28 October 2024.
- 6 Mr Chong Hoi Ming ceased to be an Executive Director of the Company with effect from 28 October 2024, and ceased to be the Company's CEO with effect from 8 April 2025.
- 7 Mr Tommy Teo Zhi Zhuang ceased to be a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company and a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee with effect from 28 October 2024.
- 8 Mr Wong Chee-Yann ceased to be a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company and a member of the Nominating Committee and the Remuneration Committee with effect from 28 October 2024.
- Ms Kay Pang Ker-Wei ceased to be an Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company and the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee and the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee with effect from 28 October 2024

#### Board's Access to Information

The Board is supported by accurate, complete and timely information, and has unrestricted access to Management. Management places a high priority on providing timely and accurate information to the Board on an on-going basis, in order for the Directors to discharge their duties efficiently and effectively. Board members receive quarterly management reports pertaining to the operational and financial performance of the Company, including updates on the Company's financials, cash flow positions and forecasts, budget variance reports, order in-take, order backlog and sales pipelines. The Board will also be updated on industry trends and developments.

#### Provision 1.7

## Board's Access to Management and Company Secretary

The Board has at all times separate and independent access to the Management through electronic mail, telephone and face-to-face meetings and are entitled at all times to request for any additional information needed to make informed decisions. Similarly, key Management staff, the Company's auditors or external consultants are invited to attend Board and Board Committee meetings to update and provide independent professional advice on specific issues, where necessary.

Directors have separate and independent access to the Company Secretary through electronic mail, telephone and face-to-face meetings.

The role of the Company Secretary includes the responsibility for ensuring that Board procedures are followed, and applicable rules and regulations are complied with. Further, the Company Secretary assists in coordinating the flow of information within the Board and Board Committees as well as between the Management and the Board. The Company Secretary also assists the Chairman and the Board in implementing and strengthening corporate governance practices and processes.

### Appointment and Removal of Company Secretary

The appointment and removal of the Company Secretary is subject to the approval of the Board.

## Board's Access to Independent Professional Advice

Where required, procedures are also in place for the Board and individual Board Committees to seek independent professional advice, paid for by the Company.

#### PRINCIPLE 2: BOARD COMPOSITION AND GUIDANCE

### Provisions 2.1, 2.2 & 2.3

# Independent Element of the Board, Composition of Independent Directors and Non-Executive Directors on the Board

As at the date of this Report, the Board comprises five (5) Directors, one (1) of whom is an Executive Director, one (1) of whom is a Non-Independent and Non-Executive Director, and the remaining three (3) Directors are Independent and Non-Executive Directors. In addition, as the Chairman of the Board is not an Independent Director, the Company had re-designated Mr Basil Chan as the Lead Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company with effect from 28 October 2024. Accordingly, majority of the Board is made up of Independent Directors, as well as Non-Executive Directors. As such, there is a strong independent element on the Board, capable of open, constructive and robust debate on pertinent issues affecting the affairs and business of the Company and the Group.

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## Independence of Directors

The NC, in its deliberation as to the independence of a Director, takes into consideration examples of relationships as set out in the Code, and considers whether a Director has business relationships with the Group, and if so, whether such relationships can interfere, or be reasonably perceived to interfere, with the exercise of the Director's independent judgment.

The NC, having considered the assessment made by the Directors on the independence status of Mr Basil Chan, Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng and Ms Jenny Teng Mui Keow and other relevant factors, has determined that each has no relationship with the Company, its related corporations, its substantial shareholders or its officers and is also independent of the executive functions of the Company. In the discharge of their duties, they had exercised their independent business judgment in the best interest of the Company. In particular, Mr Basil Chan, Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng and Ms Jenny Teng Mui Keow (a) have not been employed or has been employed by the Company or any of its related corporations in the current or any of the past three (3) financial years; and (b) do not have an immediate family members who are employed or has been employed by the Company or any of its related corporations in the current or any of the past three (3) financial years, and whose remuneration is or was determined by the RC.

In this respect, the Board, with the recommendation and concurrence of the NC, affirmed that Mr Basil Chan, Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng and Ms Jenny Teng Mui Keow remain as Independent Directors of the Company and each abstained from the discussions and taking a decision in respect of their own independence.

Further, under Listing Rules of SGX-ST which took effect from 11 January 2023, an Independent Director will not be considered independent if he or she has been a director of the issuer for an aggregate period of more than nine (9) years (whether before or after listing). Such director may continue to be considered independent until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the issuer.

The Board confirms that none of the Independent Directors has served as a director of the Company for an aggregate period of more than nine (9) years (whether before or after listing).

### Provision 2.4

### Composition and Size of the Board

The Company recognises and embraces the importance of diversity at the Board level and sees diversity as an essential element to ensuring the achievement of its strategic objectives. The Company has adopted a Board Diversity Policy, with the NC responsible for reviewing and assessing the Board composition on behalf of the Board, and recommending the appointment of new directors.

The Company's Board Diversity Policy endorses the principle that the Board should have an appropriate mix of skills, knowledge and experience required to effectively oversee and support the management of the Company. Selection of candidates will be based on a range of diversity perspectives, including the balance of skills, knowledge, experience, age and gender.

As at the date of this Report, a summary of the composition of the Board and its Committees is set out below!

Director	Board	ARMC	NC	RC
Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan²	Executive Chairman and Executive Director	_	_	_
Mr Basil Chan	Lead Independent Non-Executive Director	Chairman	Member	Chairman
Mr Eric Yu, Ling-Hsiao	Non-Independent Non-Executive Director	Member	Member	Member
Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng	Independent Non-Executive Director	Member	Chairman	_
Ms Jenny Teng Mui Keow	Independent Non-Executive Director	Member	_	Member

<sup>1</sup> Following the re-designation of Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan as the Non-Independent Executive Chairman of the Company with effect from 8 April 2025, the composition of the Board and its Committees has been re-constituted. Please refer to the Company's announcement dated 24 March 2025 titled "Changes in the Composition of the Board of Directors and Board Committees", for further details.

Having reviewed and considered the composition and diversity of the Board and its committees, the NC has determined that the current Board size and structure is adequate for the business operations of the Company.

In reference to diversity in terms of skills, knowledge, experience, amongst the Directors in the Board are IT, accounting, operations and management, supply chain management, finance, cybersecurity, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate governance who possess relevant and diverse expertise and skill sets for effective decision making. Key information regarding the Directors is set out on pages 6 to 7 of this Annual Report.

In terms of gender diversity, the Company has set a target to ensure that the Board has a minimum of one (1) female director on the Board. As at the date of this Report (and throughout FY2O24), one (1) out of the five (5) Directors in the Board is female. Accordingly, the Company has achieved its target set under the Board Diversity Policy. Nonetheless, given the importance of gender as a part of board diversity, the NC will continually assess the diversity needs of the Board as the Company grows over time and will prioritise the appointment of more female directors to the Board as may be appropriate in the future.

In view of the foregoing, the NC with the concurrence of the Board, is of the opinion that the current Board size of five (5) Directors, is appropriate and that it provides the appropriate balance and mix of skills, knowledge, experience and other aspects of diversity in order to avoid groupthink and foster constructive debate.

The NC will review the Board Diversity Policy from time to time and also continually assess and institute board diversity targets when the need arises.

## Competency of the Board

To assist the NC in its annual review of the Directors' mix of skills, knowledge and experiences that the Board requires for it to function competently and efficiently, the Directors complete a Board of Directors Competency Matrix form providing information on their areas of specialisation and expertise. The NC reviews and subsequently presents the results to the Board for further consultation, highlighting key areas for improvement.

<sup>2</sup> Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan has been re-designated as the Non-Independent Executive Chairman of the Company with effect from 8 April 2025.

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### Provision 2.5

## Regular Meetings of Non-Executive Directors and Independent Directors

During the year under review, the Non-Executive Directors and Independent Directors communicate among themselves without the presence of Management as and when the need arises. The Chairman of the meeting then provided feedback to the Board and/or Management, as appropriate. The Company also benefitted from Management's ready access to its Directors for guidance and exchange of views both within and outside the formal environment of the Board and Board Committee meetings.

#### PRINCIPLE 3: CHAIRMAN AND CEO

## Provisions 3.1 & 3.2 Roles and Responsibilities of Chairman & CEO

For the year under review, the functions of the Chairman and the then-CEO were assumed by two (2) separate individuals so as to ensure effective supervision and maintenance of an appropriate balance of power and authority. There was a clear demarcation between the roles of the Chairman and the then-CEO, which promoted increased accountability and a greater capacity of the Board for independent decision making.

As of 31 December 2024, Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan was a Non-Independent Non-Executive Director and was appointed as the Chairman of the Board on 28 October 2024. He is responsible for the overall leadership of the Board and engages Senior Management regularly on pertinent issues. He approves the agendas for Board Meetings and promotes a culture of open and free discussion amongst the Directors. He also ensures that the Board receives timely and accurate information from Management, and provides valuable insight, guidance and advice on corporate governance systems and processes.

As at the date of this Report and as disclosed in the Company's announcements dated 24 March 2025, Mr Chong Hoi Ming had resigned as the Company's CEO effective from 8 April 2025. Accordingly, the Company presently does not have a CEO. While Mr Chong Hoi Ming was CEO, he led the Management and had full executive responsibility for the overall management and performance of the Group's business. He translated the Board's decisions into executive action and was accountable to the Board.

As at the date of this Report and as disclosed in the Company's announcements dated 24 March 2025, Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan was re-designated as the Non-Independent Executive Chairman of the Company with effect from 8 April 2025, and he shall be responsible for the overall management of the Group in Singapore and the Group's global business development.

Notwithstanding the above, the Board is able to exercise its powers objectively and independently from the Management. The Board consists of a majority of Non-Executive Directors and a majority of Independent Directors. In addition, as disclosed under Provision 3.3 below, to ensure an appropriate balance of power, increased accountability and greater capacity of the Board for independent decision-making, Mr Basil Chan has been redesignated as the Lead Independent Director with effect from 28 October 2024.

#### Provision 3.3

As the Chairman of the Company is not an Independent Director, the Board had re-designated Mr Basil Chan as the Lead Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company with effect from 28 October 2024.

#### PRINCIPLE 4: BOARD MEMBERSHIP

## Provision 4.1 and 4.2

## NC Membership and Terms of Reference

The NC comprises three (3) members, majority of whom, including the Chairman, are independent. The composition of the NC is as follows:

Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng (Chairman) (Independent Non-Executive Director, appointed to the NC on

28 October 2024)

Mr Basil Chan (Lead Independent Non-Executive Director)

Mr Eric Yu, Ling-Hsiao (Non-Independent Non-Executive Director, appointed to the NC

on 28 October 2024)

Ms Kay Pang Ker-Wei was the Chairperson of the NC during FY2O24. Ms Kay Pang Ker-Wei stepped down on 28 October 2O24 and in place, Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng was appointed as the Chairman of the NC.

During the year under review, the NC held four (4) meetings, which all members at the material time attended.

The principal functions of the NC are:

- (a) To identify candidates, review nominations for both appointment and reappointment of the Directors to the Board for the Board's approval. When assessing new candidates, the proposed appointee's background, experience and other board memberships will be taken into consideration. The NC also reviews the Board's succession plans for the Directors, CEO, and Senior Management;
- (b) To review the Board structure, size, competencies including the composition of the Board generally and the balance between executive and non-executive Directors appointed to the Board, and make recommendations to the Board with regard to any adjustments that are deemed necessary;
- (c) To review the independence of each Director annually;
- (d) To decide whether a Director is able to and has been adequately carrying out his/her duties as a Director of the Company, particularly when the Director has multiple Board representations;
- (e) To assess the effectiveness of the Board and contribution of each Director to the effectiveness of the Board; and
- (f) To review suitable training and professional development programmes for the Board and its Directors.

### NC Responsibilities

The key responsibilities of the NC include making recommendations to the Board on relevant matters such as the process for evaluating the performance of the Board as a whole. It also ensures compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Company which stipulates that at each AGM, one-third of the Directors, (or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the number nearest to one-third), shall retire from office by rotation in accordance with the Constitution, and may stand for re-election.

Each member of the NC abstains from voting on any resolution and making any recommendation and/or participating in respect of matters in which he/she is interested.

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In accordance with the Constitution of the Company, new Directors must submit themselves for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting of the Company and one-third of the Directors must retire by rotation at each Annual General Meeting and they shall be available for re-election.

The NC (with Mr Basil Chan abstaining in relation to his re-election as a Director of the Company) has recommended the nomination of the following Director retiring under Regulation 94 of the Constitution of the Company, selected in accordance with Regulation 95 of the Constitution of the Company, for re-election at the forthcoming AGM:

(i) Mr Basil Chan (Regulation 94)

Further, the NC (with Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng and Mr Eric Yu, Ling-Hsiao abstaining in relation to their respective re-election as a Director of the Company) has recommended the nomination of the following Directors retiring under Regulation 100 of the Constitution of the Company, for re-election at the forthcoming AGM:

- (i) Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan (Regulation 100)
- (ii) Mr Eric Yu, Ling-Hsiao (Regulation 100)
- (iii) Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng (Regulation 100)
- (iv) Ms Jenny Teng Mui Keow (Regulation 100)

Each of Mr Basil Chan, Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan, Mr Eric Yu, Ling-Hsiao, Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng and Ms Jenny Teng Mui Keow have given their consent to remain in office and will submit themselves for re-election at the forthcoming AGM.

Upon re-election as Director, Mr Basil Chan will remain as the Lead Independent Non-Executive Director of the Company, the Chairman of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee, and a member of the Nominating Committee; Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan will remain as the Executive Chairman and Executive Director of the Board (Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan was re-designated as the Executive Chairman and Executive Director of the Company from 8 April 2025 and concurrently relinquished his positions as a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee); Mr Eric Yu, Ling-Hsiao will remain as a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Remuneration Committee (Mr Eric Yu, Ling-Hsiao was appointed as a member of the Remuneration Committee from 8 April 2025); Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng will remain as the Chairman of the Nominating Committee and a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee; and Ms Jenny Teng Mui Keow will remain as a member of the Audit and Risk Management Committee and the Remuneration Committee.

As at the date of this Report, none of the Company's Independent Directors is appointed as Director on the Boards of the Group's principal subsidiaries in jurisdictions outside of Singapore.

#### Alternate Directors

There are no Alternate Directors on the Board.

#### Provision 4.4

## Determining Directors' Independence

Each Director completes a checklist to confirm his/her independence on an annual basis, and as and when circumstances require. The NC has reviewed the independence of the Directors as mentioned under Provision 2.1 above and satisfied that none of the Independent Directors and their immediate family members are related with its related corporations, its substantial shareholders or its officers.

The Independent Directors have confirmed that they do not have any relationship with the Company, its related corporations, its substantial shareholders or its officers that could interfere, or be reasonably perceived to interfere, with the exercise of the Director's independent business judgement in the best interests of the Company.

Further details are set out in Provision 2.1 of this Corporate Governance Report.

#### Provisions 4.3 and 4.5

## Process for the Selection and Appointment of New Directors

The NC determines a suitable size and composition of the Board, and evaluates the balance of skills, knowledge and experience of members of the Board required to add value and facilitate effective decision-making, after taking into consideration the scope and nature of the operations of the Company. For the appointment of a new Director, a rigorous search process is undertaken by the NC which evaluates the academic and professional qualifications, knowledge and experience in relation to the business of the Group, independence status and other directorships of the candidate(s). Subsequently, the NC makes a recommendation to the Board for approval of the new Director.

New Directors are at present appointed by way of Board resolution or at the Board meeting based on the evaluation and recommendation made by the NC. Before making a recommendation to the Board for approval, searches are conducted and the NC ensures that the potential candidate possesses the necessary skills, knowledge, qualifications, working experience and other relevant factors that could facilitate the Board in making sound and well considered decisions. The incoming Director will also be required to undertake an assessment of independence.

A formal letter is sent to newly-appointed Directors upon his/her appointment stating his/her duties and obligations as director. This is to ensure that the newly-appointed Directors are aware of their duties and obligations.

### Key Information on Directors

Key information of each member of the Board including directorships and chairmanships in other listed companies, other major appointments, academic/professional qualifications, membership/chairmanship in the Company's Board committees, date of first appointment and last re-election, principal commitments etc. can be found under the Directors' Profile section on pages 6 to 7 of this Annual Report.

#### PRINCIPLE 5: BOARD PERFORMANCE

## Provisions 5.1 and 5.2

### **Board Performance**

The Company has implemented a formal process to assess the Board as a whole, its committees, the Chairman, and each individual Director in their ability to discharge their responsibilities in providing stewardship, corporate governance and oversight of Management's performance.

For the year under review, Directors participated in the evaluation by providing feedback to the NC in the form of completing an overall Board Performance Evaluation, Board of Directors Committee Evaluation and Board of Directors Individual Assessment. To ensure confidentiality and frank assessment, the evaluation returns completed by Directors were submitted to the Company Secretary for collation and the consolidated responses were presented to the NC for review and discussion. The NC has reported to the Board on its review of the Board's performance for the year.

The Chairman will act on the results of the performance evaluation and propose, where appropriate, new members to be appointed to the Board or seek the resignation of Directors.

#### Performance Criteria for Board Evaluation

The Board Performance Evaluation form is circulated and completed by each member of the Board annually. This involves scoring and an invitation for feedback on a number of key areas, including:

- a) Board composition and size;
- b) Board access to timely and accurate information;
- c) Board processes;
- d) Internal controls and risk management;
- e) Board accountability to the shareholders;
- f) Performance of each Board Committee;
- g) Board interaction with CEO/Senior Management; and
- Board's Standards of Conduct.

For FY2O24, the NC duly observed the aforesaid process and criteria and was satisfied with the results of the review.

## Evaluation of Individual Directors

The performance of Individual Directors is also evaluated annually by the NC. A peer review process is carried out, assessing each Director's contribution to the Board on a number of key areas, including:

- a) Understanding of the Company's mission, strategic plans and long-term objectives;
- b) Knowledge of the Group's business and operations;
- c) Business acumen;
- d) Knowledge of Corporate Governance and Committee work;
- e) Contribution and engagement;
- f) Communication and interaction;
- g) Integrity; and
- h) any other special contributions made.

Following the foregoing assessment, the Board is of the view that the Board and its Board Committees operate efficiently and that each Director is contributing to the overall effectiveness of the Board.

### **REMUNERATION MATTERS**

Matters concerning remuneration of the Board, senior executives and employees who are related to the controlling shareholders and/or Directors (if any) are handled by the RC whose primary functions include development of formal and transparent policies on remuneration matters in the Company.

#### PRINCIPLE 6: PROCEDURES FOR DEVELOPING REMUNERATION POLICIES

#### Provisions 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3

#### Remuneration Committee and Terms of Reference

The Remuneration Committee ("RC") comprises the following Directors, all of whom are Non-Executive and the majority, including the Chairman, are independent:

Mr Basil Chan (Chairman) (Lead Independent Non-Executive Director, re-designated as RC Chairman

on 28 October 2024)

Mr Eric Yu, Ling-Hsiao<sup>2</sup> (Non-Independent Non-Executive Director, appointed to the RC on

8 April 2025)

Ms Jenny Teng Mui Keow (Independent Non-Executive Director, appointed to the RC on 28 October

2024)

Ms Kay Pang Ker-Wei was the Chairperson of the RC during FY2O24. Ms Kay Pang Ker-Wei stepped down on 28 October 2O24 and in place, Mr Basil Chan was re-designated as the Chairman of the RC.

During the year under review, the RC held one (1) meeting, which all members at the material time attended.

The RC is guided by its written Terms of Reference, which set out its authority and duties.

The principal functions of the RC are:

- To review and recommend to the Board a general framework for remuneration for the Directors, CEO and Senior Management of the Company;
- (b) To recommend the remuneration of the Non-Executive Directors to the Board for approval at the Annual General Meeting;
- (c) To determine specific remuneration packages for each Executive Director, CEO, Senior Management and any relative of a Director and/or its substantial shareholders who is employed in a managerial position by the Company;
- (d) To review the Company's obligations arising in the event of termination of the Executive Directors, CEO and Senior Management's service contracts and to ensure that these service contracts contain fair and reasonable termination clauses which are not overly generous; and
- (e) To review the remuneration packages of employees related to Executive Director, CEO and substantial or controlling shareholders of the Group and to ensure that the remuneration of such employees are in line with the Group's staff remuneration guidelines and commensurate with their respective job scopes and levels of responsibility.

<sup>1</sup> As Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan was re-designated as the Non-Independent Executive Chairman of the Company with effect from 8 April 2025, he had concurrently stepped down as a member of the RC.

<sup>2</sup> Mr Eric Yu, Ling-Hsiao was appointed as a member of the RC in place of Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan who stepped down from the RC pursuant to his re-designation as Non-Independent Executive Chairman of the Company.

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### Provision 6.4

#### RC's Access to Advice on Remuneration Matters

The RC has access to professional advice of external experts in the area of remuneration, where required and paid for by the Company.

No remuneration consultants were engaged by the Company during FY2024.

#### PRINCIPLE 7: LEVEL AND MIX OF REMUNERATION

#### Provision 7.1

## Remuneration of Executive Director and Key Management Personnel

The Company's remuneration structure for its Executive Directors and Key Management Personnel comprises both fixed and variable components. The variable component is performance related and is linked to the Group/Company's performance as well as individual's performance. Such performance-related remuneration is designed to align with the interests of shareholders and other stakeholders and promote long-term success of the Group.

For the purpose of assessing the performance of the Executive Directors and Key Management Personnel, key performance indicators ("KPIs") are set out for each year.

#### Link between Remuneration and Performance

In determining the remuneration of the Executive Directors and Key Management Personnel, the RC reviewed their respective KPIs achievement and assessed their performance for the year.

The Executive Directors and Key Management Personnel variable remuneration is linked to performance targets as assigned by the RC. These performance targets incorporate Net Profit After Tax ("NPAT"), controls, regional or business lines profitability, strategic growth, operational improvements and securing of new customers. For FY2024, the RC has evaluated the extent to which the then-Executive Director (i.e., Mr Chong Hoi Ming who ceased to be an Executive Director of the Company with effect from 28 October 2024 and ceased to be the Company's CEO on 8 April 2025) and each of the Key Management Personnel has delivered on the corporate and individual objectives and based on the evaluation, has approved the compensation for the then-Executive Director and Key Management Personnel which were subsequently endorsed by the Board.

#### Contractual Provisions

The Company does not have any contractual provisions in the employment contracts for the Company to reclaim incentive components of remuneration from Executive Directors and Key Management Personnel in exceptional circumstances of misstatement of financial results, or of misconduct resulting in financial loss to the Company and the Group. This is because the Executive Directors owe a fiduciary duty to the Company. Hence, the Company should be able to avail itself to the full extent of the remedies available against the Executive Directors in the event of such breach of fiduciary duties, and need not rely on the use of contractual provisions to reclaim the same. Further, the Company should also be able to avail itself to the full extent of the remedies available under the law against the Key Management Personnel in the event of such incidents.

### Provision 7.2

#### Remuneration of Non-Executive Directors

Non-Executive Directors have no service agreements with the Company. Each of the Non-Executive Directors receives a basic fee for serving on the Board. Directors who serve on the various Board Committees also receive additional fees in respect of each Board Committee that they serve on, with the Chairman of the Committees receiving a higher fee in respect of their service as Chairman of the respective Board Committees.

The framework for Non-Executive Directors' fees for the first three (3) quarters of FY2O24 is set out below:

	Chairman S\$	Member S\$
Board of Directors (Non-Executive Director only)	65,000	30,000
Audit and Risk Management Committee	30,000	15,000
Nominating Committee	14,000	7,000
Remuneration Committee	14,000	7,000

No member of the RC or Director was involved in deciding his or her own remuneration.

To assist the Company with cost savings, the RC has proposed, and the Board has concurred, that the Directors' fees for the fourth quarter of FY2O24 would be adjusted as set out below. Further, the RC also proposes that the Directors' fees for the financial year ending 31 December 2O25 be adjusted as set out below. The Board concurred with the RC and recommended the same for approval by the shareholders at the AGM of the Company.

	Chairman S\$	Member S\$
Board of Directors (Non-Executive Director only)	52,000	27,000
Audit and Risk Management Committee	27,000	13,500
Nominating Committee	12,600	6,300
Remuneration Committee	12,600	6,300

### Provision 7.3

### Remuneration Framework

To attract, retain and motivate Directors and employees, the RC establishes appropriate remuneration frameworks for the Directors and Key Management Personnel of the Company. Such frameworks are reviewed periodically to ensure that they remain relevant.

During the year under review, the RC considered and approved the then-CEO's remuneration package which included salary, bonus and benefits-in-kind. In addition, the RC reviewed the performance of the Key Management Personnel and considered the then-CEO's recommendation for bonus and remuneration for the Key Management Personnel.

### Short-term Incentive Scheme

To build a strong performance-based culture across the Company, a short-term incentive ("STI") scheme has been implemented to reward the achievement of Executive Directors and Key Management Personnel based on the targeted corporate and individual performance identified at the beginning of the performance cycle. It is also devised to motivate employees to achieve the Company's business goals, attract and retain talented senior executives critical to the success of the Company.

## Employee Share Scheme

The Company has no share-based compensation scheme or any long-term scheme involving the offer of shares or options or other forms of deferred remuneration. The Employee Share Scheme (the "Scheme"), which was adopted on 29 April 2014, has since expired. The Company had not granted any share options pursuant to the Scheme in previous financial years and decided not to renew the Scheme.

### PRINCIPLE 8: DISCLOSURE ON REMUNERATION

#### Provisions 8.1 and 8.3

#### Remuneration Report

Details on the remuneration of Directors and Key Management Personnel for the year under review are presented in the following table.

#### Remuneration of Directors

The fees of the Independent and Non-Executive Directors are paid upon approval by the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting.

The breakdown (in dollar terms) for the remuneration and fees of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 2024 is as follows:

Remuneration and Fees/Name of Directors	Fees (S\$)	Salary (S\$)	Bonus (S\$)	Total <sup>(1)</sup> (S\$)
\$\$500,001 to \$\$750,000				
Remuneration paid to Executive Director/CEO				
Mr Chong Hoi Ming <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	-	567,256	_	567,256
		100%	0%	100%
Below \$\$250,000				
Fees paid to Independent and/or Non-Executive Directors				
Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	13,906	_	_	13,906
Mr Basil Chan <sup>(5)</sup>	97,164	-	_	97,164
Mr Eric Yu, Ling-Hsiao <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	8,311	_	_	8,311
Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	9,430	_	_	9,430
Ms Jenny Teng Mui Keow <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	8,311	_	_	8,311
Mr Wong Chee-Yann <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	35,975	-	_	35,975
Mr Tommy Teo Zhi Zhuang <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	36,793	-	_	36,793
Ms Kay Pang Ker-Wei <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	59,686	-	_	59,686
Total Directors' Remuneration and Fees	269,576 32%	567,256 68%	O 0%	836,832 100%

#### Notes:

- (1) Mr Chong Hoi Ming resigned as the Company's CEO with effect from 8 April 2025. Mr Chong Hoi Ming did not receive Director's fees. His salary and bonus disclosed above include allowances, benefits in-kind and statutory contributions for FY2024.
- (2) Mr Chong Hoi Ming's, Mr Wong Chee-Yann's, Mr Tommy Teo Zhi Zhuang's and Ms Kay Pang Ker-Wei's last day of service as Directors of the Company was on 28 October 2024.
- (3) Director's fee was pro-rated for the period he/she served on the Board during FY2024.
- (4) Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan's, Mr Eric Yu, Ling-Hsiao's, Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng's and Ms Jenny Teng Mui Keow's first day of service as Directors of the Company was on 28 October 2024. Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan was re-designated as the Non-Independent Executive Chairman of the Company with effect from 8 April 2025.
- (5) Mr Basil Chan was re-designated as the Lead Independent Director of the Company with effect from 28 October 2024.

Under the Listing Rules of SGX-ST which will take effect for annual reports prepared for the financial year ending on or after 31 December 2024, listed companies are required to disclose the remuneration paid to individual Directors and the CEO by the Company and its subsidiaries.

On this basis, the Company will continue to disclose the remuneration paid to its individual Directors and the CEO (if any) of the Company in detail.

## Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The table below presents the remuneration details of the Company's top seven (7) highest paid Key Management Personnel ("KMP") of the Company who received remuneration in the \$250,000 and \$500,000 band and below \$250,000 (in percentage terms) during the calendar year. For FY2024, seven (7) personnel were identified as KMP, as three (3) KMP had resigned during the course of FY2024, and one (1) new KMP joined the Company during the course of FY2024 (the "KMP Movements"). As a result of the KMP Movements, the remuneration details for all seven (7) individuals will be provided in the table below to accurately and effectively represent the top five (5) highest paid KMP during the calendar year, as required under Provision 8.1 of the Code.

Name and Position of Key Management Personnel	Salary <sup>(1)</sup>	Bonus <sup>(2)</sup>	Total	Remuneration Bands of \$\$250,000 to \$\$500,000 and below \$\$250,000
Ms Tan Geok Leng Jacqueline Chief Financial Officer	93%	7%	100%	S\$250,000 – S\$500,000
Mr Loh Weng Leong Alex <sup>(3)</sup> Senior Vice President, Sales (APAC)	100%	0%	100%	\$\$250,000 - \$\$500,000
Mr Phil Jeon <sup>(4)</sup> Vice President of Cybersecurity	100%	0%	100%	S\$250,000 - S\$500,000
Mr Yong Keh Soon Senior Vice President, Solutions and Services	93%	7%	100%	\$\$250,000 - \$\$500,000
Mr Lim Kok Quee <sup>(5)</sup> Group Solutions Head and Country Manager of Singapore	100%	0%	100%	\$\$250,000 - \$\$500,000
Mr Yeo Choon Sheng Vice President, Group Solutions and Head of Presales	92%	8%	100%	\$\$250,000 - \$\$500,000
Mr Tan Jon-Chiang Don <sup>(6)</sup> Senior Vice President, Group Sales	100%	0%	100%	Below S\$250,000
Total Remuneration of Top 5 Key Management Personnel	96% \$1,753,961	4% \$67,119	100% \$1,821,080	

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#### Notes:

- (1) Salary includes allowances, benefits in-kind and statutory contributions.
- (2) Bonus includes statutory contributions.
- (3) Mr Loh Weng Leong Alex's last day of service with the Company was on 15 November 2024.
- (4) Mr Phil Jeon's last day of service with the Company was on 11 January 2025.
- (5) Mr Lim Kok Quee's last day of service with the Company was on 24 December 2024.
- (6) Mr Tan Jon-Chiang Don joined the Company on 07 October 2024.

The Board, on the recommendation of the RC, has considered Provision 8.1 of the Code in the context of the Group and after careful consideration, believes that the disclosures provided above are sufficiently transparent in giving an understanding of the remuneration of the KMP (who are not Directors or the CEO) in view of the KMP Movements.

#### Provision 8.2

### Employee Related to Directors/CEO/Substantial Shareholders

There is no employee who is an immediate family member of a Director, CEO or Substantial Shareholder of the Company, whose remuneration exceeded \$100,000 during FY2024.

#### ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT

#### PRINCIPLE 9: RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROLS

#### Provision 9.1

## Risk Management and Internal Controls System

The Board recognises the importance of maintaining sound systems of risk management and internal controls to safeguard shareholders' interests and the Group's assets. The ARMC oversees and ensures that the Company's risk management and internal controls system have been appropriately implemented and monitored.

A summary of the Company's risk management and internal controls system is appended below.

## Risk Management

The Group adopts a comprehensive and systematic approach towards Enterprise Risk Management ("ERM") to help identify, measure, prioritise and respond to risks challenging its objectives, initiatives, and day-to-day operating activities.

As part of ERM, the Group has conducted on an annual basis a Risk Assessment exercise where a total of ten (10) key risks have been identified and evaluated. In addition, the Group evaluates its risk exposure by adopting a Four-by-Four Matrix Model where risks are assigned risk exposure ratings based on the likelihood and consequences of each risk identified.

The Group recognises risk management as a collective effort beginning with the individual subsidiaries and business units, followed by the operating segments and ultimately the Management and the Board, working as a team.

### Internal Controls

An internal control system has been implemented to enhance the Group's internal control function in areas such as finance, operations, compliance and information technology. The internal control measures aim to ensure that the Group's assets are safeguarded, proper accounting records are maintained, and that financial information used within the business and for publication is reliable.

### Provision 9.2

## Adequacy and Effectiveness of Risk Management and Internal Control Systems

ERM has become an essential part of the Group's business planning and monitoring process and has been incorporated into its business cycle. The Group engages a professional services firm PricewaterhouseCoopers Risk Services Pte. Ltd. ("PwC") to conduct internal audit reviews based on the plan approved by the ARMC.

During the year under review, the ARMC reviewed reports submitted by the internal auditors relating to the effectiveness of the Group's internal controls, including the adequacy of the Group's financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls. These reports covered the year 2024.

## Board's Comment on Adequacy and Effectiveness of Risk Management and Internal Controls

The Board is satisfied that the Company worked closely with the internal and external auditors to implement the recommended measures and procedures and strived to achieve high standards in risk management and internal controls.

Based on the framework of risk management and internal controls established and maintained in the Group, the work performed by the internal auditors, statutory audit review undertaken by the external auditors, the Board with the concurrence of the ARMC, is of the opinion that the risk management and internal control systems that the Group has put in place to address the financial, operational, compliance and information technology risks are adequate and effective as at 31 December 2024 to meet the needs of the Group's current business environment. The Board, has received written assurance from the then-CEO and the Chief Financial Officer that:

- (a) the financial records have been properly maintained and the financial statements for FY2O24 give a true and fair view of the Group's operations and finances; and
- (b) the Group's risk management and internal control systems are adequate and effective.

The Board notes that the system of internal controls provides reasonable but not absolute assurance that the Group will not be affected by any event that could be reasonably foreseen as it strives to achieve its business objectives. In this regard, the Board also notes that no system can provide absolute assurance against the occurrence of material errors, poor judgment in decision-making, human error, fraud or other irregularities.

#### Risk Committee

The responsibility of overseeing the Company's risk management framework and policies is undertaken by the ARMC with the assistance of the internal auditors. Having considered the Company's business operations as well as its existing internal control and risk management systems, the Board is of the view that a separate Risk Committee is not required.

## PRINCIPLE 10: AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## Provision 10.1

## Roles, Responsibilities and Authorities of ARMC

The ARMC is guided by its Terms of Reference which stipulate that its principal functions include, inter alia, reviewing the annual audit plans (internal and external), the system of internal controls and management of financial risks, the effectiveness and adequacy of the internal audit function which is outsourced to a professional services firm, regulatory compliance matters, the risk management framework, recommendation on the appointment/re-appointment/removal of external auditors and their remuneration.

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The key functions of the ARMC are:

- (a) Review the adequacy and effectiveness of financial, operational, compliance controls and risk management;
- (b) To consider the appointment and re-appointment of the external auditors, audit fees and matters relating to the removal of the auditors;
- (c) To review the audit plans and reports of the internal and external auditors and consider the effectiveness of the actions taken by Management on the auditors' recommendations, review and evaluate the Group's internal accounting controls system;
- (d) To review the assurance from the CEO and Chief Financial Officer on the financial records and financial statements:
- (e) To review the half year and annual financial statements for recommendation to the Board for approval, focusing in particular, on:
  - (i) Significant financial reporting issues and judgments;
  - (ii) Changes in accounting policies and practices;
  - (iii) Major risk areas;
  - (iv) Significant adjustments resulting from the audit;
  - (v) Going Concern statement;
  - (vi) Compliance with accounting standards; and
  - (vii) Compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements
- (f) To review any suspected fraud or irregularity, or suspected infringement of any law, rules or regulations, which has or is likely to have a material impact on the Group's operating results or financial position;
- (g) To review Interested Persons Transactions and Related Party Transactions;
- (h) To review the scope and results of the internal audit procedures; and
- (i) To review the assistance given by the Management to the auditors.

The ARMC has explicit authority to investigate any matter within its Terms of Reference. It has full access to, and has had the full co-operation of the Management and staff. It also has full discretion to invite any Director or any member of the Management to attend its meetings.

On a half-yearly basis, the ARMC reviewed the interested person transactions, if any, and financial results announcements of the Company before their submission to the Board for approval.

The ARMC has explicit authority to investigate any matter including whistle-blowing reports within its Terms of Reference. All whistle-blower complaints were reviewed by the ARMC to ensure independent and thorough investigation and adequate follow-up action as well as arrangements for staff or third party to raise concerns and improprieties in confidence. The internal auditor shall maintain a whistle-blowing register to record all the whistle-blowing incidents. The contents were reviewed by the ARMC at its quarterly meetings and closed appropriately.

Minutes of the ARMC meetings are routinely tabled at Board meetings for information.

The ARMC had reviewed the external auditor's audit plan for FY2024 and agreed with the auditor's proposed significant areas of focus and assumptions that impact the financial statements. In ARMC's review of the financial statements of the Group for FY2024, it had discussed with the Management the accounting principles that were applied and their judgment of items that could affect the integrity of the financial statements and also considered the clarity of key disclosures in the financial statements. The ARMC also reviewed and addressed, amongst other matters, the following key audit matters as reported by the external auditors for FY2024.

Key Audit Matters	HOW THE ARMC REVIEWED THESE MATTERS AND WHAT DECISIONS WERE MADE
Revenue recognition	The ARMC reviewed the policy and basis for revenue recognition with Management and concurred with their determination of the revenue. The ARMC discussed with the auditors on their audit procedures performed including the Group's basis for identification of performance obligations and whether they were satisfied over time or at a point in time, review of contract revenues recognised and project costs incurred, as well as Management's estimate of the costs to complete. The ARMC was satisfied with the appropriateness of the revenue recognised in the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.
Recoverability of trade receivables and contract assets	The ARMC assessed the recoverability of specific long overdue trade receivables and potential impairment of contract assets. The ARMC noted that the audit procedures performed by the auditors included evaluating Management's assumptions and inputs used in the computation of historical credit loss rates and reviewing the data and information that management had used to make forward-looking adjustments as well as requesting for confirmations and obtaining evidence of receipts subsequent to the year end from selected customers. It concurred with Management on the adequacy of the provision for trade receivables and impairment of contract assets for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

The Management reported to and discussed with the ARMC on changes to the accounting standards and accounting issues which have a direct impact on the financial statements. Directors had also been invited to attend relevant seminars on changes to accounting standards and issues by leading accounting firms.

## ARMC to Keep Abreast of Changes to Accounting Standards

In addition to the activities undertaken to fulfil its responsibilities, the ARMC is kept up to date by the Management, external and internal auditors on changes to accounting standards, SGX-ST Listing Rules and other codes and regulations which can have an impact on the Group's business and financial statements.

## Independence of External Auditors

The ARMC oversees the Group's relationship with its external auditors. It reviews the selection of the external auditors and recommends to the Board the appointment, re-appointment and removal of the external auditors, the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditors. The annual re-appointment of the external auditors is subject to shareholders' approval at each AGM of the Company.

The ARMC has reviewed the independence and objectivity of the external auditors through discussions with the external auditors and an annual review of the nature, extent and charges of non-audit services provided by the external auditors and the ARMC was of the view that the non-audit services (namely for tax compliance services) provided by the external auditors in FY2024 did not prejudice their objectivity and independence.

In respect of the audit quality indicators, the ARMC had reviewed, in particular, the following areas: audit hours planned, experience of the team, adequacy of training received by the team, results of internal and third party's inspection of their work, compliance with independence requirement, quality control, staff oversight, and staff attrition rate.

A breakdown of the fees paid to the Group's external auditor (including its member firms) is disclosed in the table below:

External Auditor Fees for FY2024	\$\$'000	% of Total Fees
Total Audit Fees	447	85
Total Non-Audit Fees	78	15
Total Fees	525	100

The ARMC had recommended and the Board had accepted proposing to the shareholders, the re-appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent auditors for the Group in the ensuing year. The Company has complied with Rules 712, 715 and 716 of the listing manual of the SGX-ST ("Listing Manual") in relation to the Company's appointment of its auditors.

## Whistle-blowing Policy

To encourage proper work ethics and eradicate any internal improprieties, unethical acts, malpractices, fraudulent acts, corruption and/or criminal activities in the Group, the Company has implemented a Whistle-blowing Policy. This policy provides a mechanism by which concerns about plausible improprieties in matters of financial reporting, dishonest practice, suspected fraud, bribery and corruption, may be raised. A Whistleblowing Committee ("WBC") had been established for this purpose.

The Company's Whistle-blowing Policy allows not just employees but also external parties to raise concerns and offer reassurance that they will be protected from reprisals or victimisation for whistle-blowing in good faith.

Assisted by the WBC, the ARMC addresses issues/concerns raised and arranges for investigation and/or follow-up of appropriate action. The ARMC reports to the Board any issues/concerns received by it and the WBC, at the ensuing Board meeting. Should the ARMC or WBC receive reports relating to serious offences, and/or criminal activities in the Group, they and the Board have access to the appropriate external advice where necessary. Where appropriate or required, a report shall be made to the relevant governmental authorities for further investigation/action.

## Whistle-blowing Committee ("WBC")

The WBC consists of:

- ARMC; and
- Internal auditors of the Group, PricewaterhouseCoopers Risk Services Pte. Ltd.

The WBC is empowered to:

- look into all issues/concerns relating to the Group (except for those directed specifically to or affecting any member of the WBC which are dealt with by the ARMC);
- make the necessary reports and recommendations to the ARMC or the Board for their review and further action, if deemed required by them; and
- access the appropriate external advice where necessary and, where appropriate or required, report to the relevant governmental authorities for further investigation/action.

The Group takes concerns on the integrity and honesty of its employees very seriously. The Whistle-blowing Policy as well as whistle-blowing communication channel, has been disseminated to all staff via email and also posted on the Company's corporate website. A copy of the Whistle-blowing Policy is also made available at the Company's internal shared drive for staff reference. This is to encourage staff to report any behaviour or action that anyone reasonably believes might be suspicious, against any rules/regulations/accounting standards as well as internal policies. Whistle-blowers can also email members of the ARMC directly at <a href="mailto:auditcommittee@nera.net">auditcommittee@nera.net</a> in confidence and his/her identity is protected from reprisals within the limits of the law.

The Company treats all information received confidentially and protects the identity and the interest of all whistle-blowers. Anonymous reporting will also be attended to and anonymity honoured.

All newly recruited employees are briefed on the existence of the Policy during their induction programme.

It has also been a standard item in the agenda of the quarterly meeting of the ARMC to review any entries in the register of whistle-blowing, and progress of investigation, if it remains outstanding.

The Whistle-blowing Policy is reviewed by the ARMC once every two (2) years to assess the effectiveness of the processes in place and to ensure that the said policy is updated with any related changes in legal and regulatory requirements. The last review was performed in January 2025.

### Provision 10.2

## ARMC Membership

The ARMC comprises the following Directors, all of whom are Non-Executive and the majority, including the Chairman, are independent:

Mr Basil Chan (Chairman) (Lead Independent Non-Executive Director)

Mr Eric Yu, Ling-Hsiao (Non-Independent Non-Executive Director, appointed to the ARMC on

28 October 2024)

Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng (Independent Non-Executive Director, appointed to the ARMC on 28 October

2024)

Ms Jenny Teng Mui Keow (Independent Non-Executive Director, appointed to the ARMC on 28 October

2024)

During the year under review, the ARMC held five (5) scheduled meetings, which all members at the material time attended.

#### Provision 10.3

## Expertise of ARMC Members

The ARMC members bring with them invaluable professional expertise in the accounting and financial management domains.

The Chairman of the ARMC, Mr Basil Chan, is a Chartered Accountant and is a fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales ("ICAEW"), a fellow member of the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants ("ISCA") and a Fellow of the Singapore Institute of Directors ("FSID"). The other members of the ARMC have many years of experience in business management and finance services. The Board is satisfied that Mr Basil Chan and Mr Raymond Lum Wai Meng, both Chartered Accountants, being members of the ARMC, have recent and relevant accounting or related financial management expertise and experience to discharge the ARMC functions.

<sup>1</sup> Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan was re-designated as the Non-Independent Executive Chairman of the Company with effect from 8 April 2025. Accordingly, with effect from 8 April 2025, Mr Steve Chu, Fu-Chuan stepped down as a member of the ARMC.

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## Cooling-off Period for Partners or Directors of the Company's Auditing Firm

None of the ARMC members (i) is a former partner or director of the Company's existing auditing firm or auditing corporation in the previous two (2) years and (ii) holds any financial interest in the auditing firm or auditing corporation.

## Provision 10.4

#### Internal Auditors

The ARMC's responsibilities over the Group's internal controls and risk management are complemented by the work of the internal auditors ("IA").

The Company has engaged PricewaterhouseCoopers Risk Services Pte. Ltd. ("PwC") to conduct internal audit reviews based on the plan approved by the ARMC. The ARMC assesses the adequacy of the IA function through the review of PwC's internal audit plan and the quality of its report. The IA has unrestricted access to all the Company's documents, records, properties and personnel, including access to the ARMC. The IA's primary line of reporting is to the Chairman of the ARMC.

### Internal Audit Function

The Company's internal audit function is independent of the activities it audits. The IA, PwC, is staffed with professionals with relevant qualifications and experience. Our engagement with PwC stipulates that its work shall comply with the PwC's Internal Audit Services Methodology which is aligned with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing (IIA Standards) issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors.

The internal audit was conducted based on a two-year internal audit plan that was approved by the ARMC. The two-year internal audit plan entails a review of the major functions or business units of the Group.

Having reviewed the audit plan of PwC, the ARMC is satisfied that the Company's internal audit function is independent, effective and adequately resourced to perform the work for the Group.

#### Adequacy and Effectiveness of Internal Audit Function

The ARMC reviews the adequacy of the internal audit function to ensure that internal audits are conducted effectively and that Management provides the necessary co-operation to enable the IA to perform its function. The ARMC also reviews the IA's reports and remedial actions implemented by Management. The ARMC was satisfied that the internal audit function was adequate and effective.

## Provision 10.5

#### Meeting with External and Internal Auditors

During the year, the Company's internal and external auditors were invited to attend the ARMC meetings and make presentations as appropriate. They also met separately with the ARMC without the presence of Management.

#### SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND ENGAGEMENT

### PRINCIPLE 11: SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETING

#### Provision 11.1

#### Sufficient Information to Shareholders

The Company believes in providing sufficient and regular information to its shareholders. In this respect, the Board adopts a comprehensive policy to provide clear, timely and fair disclosure of information about the Company's business developments and financial performance that may have a material impact on the price or value of its shares.

## Providing Opportunity for Shareholders to Participate and Vote at General Meetings

Shareholders are informed of General Meetings through notices published in the newspaper and the Company's announcements via SGXNET and the reports/circulars sent to all shareholders. All resolutions tabled at General Meetings are put to vote by poll voting.

Shareholders are also informed of the rules and voting procedures governing such meetings.

### Effective Shareholders' Participation

To facilitate shareholders' effective participation at General Meetings, the Company holds its General Meetings at a location which is considered convenient and accessible to shareholders. All shareholders of the Group receive annual report, circulars and notices of all shareholders' meetings. The notices are made available on SGXNET and the Company's corporate website.

The Group fully supports the Code's principle to encourage shareholders' participation in and vote at all the General Meetings. The Company's Constitution allows the appointment of not more than two (2) proxies by shareholders to attend the AGM and vote on their behalf. Shareholders who hold shares through nominees are allowed, upon prior request through their nominees, to attend the General Meetings as proxies without being constrained by the two-proxy requirement.

Shareholders participated in the last AGM in respect of FY2O23 physically at Temasek Club, 131 Rifle Range Road, Singapore 588406, and their questions in relation to any resolution set out in the notice of AGM were sent to the Company in advance of the AGM.

The Company's forthcoming AGM in respect of FY2O24 will be held physically at Temasek Club, 131 Rifle Range Road, Singapore 588406.

## Provision 11.2

## Separate Resolutions at General Meetings

At the shareholders' meeting, the Board ensures that separate resolutions are proposed for approval on each distinct issue at General Meetings. Shareholders can vote either in person or through proxies. Where the resolutions are "bundled", the Company explains the reasons and material implications in the notice of meeting.

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### Proxies for Nominee Companies

The Constitution of the Company allows all shareholders (who are not relevant intermediaries as set out in the Companies Act) to appoint up to two (2) proxies to attend General Meetings and vote on their behalf. The Companies Act allows relevant intermediaries such as the Central Provident Fund (CPF) agent bank nominees to appoint multiple proxies, and empower CPF investors to attend and vote at the General Meeting of the Company as their CPF agent banks' proxies.

#### Provision 11.3

#### Attendees at General Meetings

The Chairman of the Board and its committees attend all General Meetings to address issues raised by shareholders. The Company's external auditors are also present to address any relevant queries from shareholders on the conduct of the audit and the preparation and contents of the auditors' report. Appropriate key management executives are also present at the General Meeting to respond, if necessary, to operational questions from shareholders.

The Directors' attendance at the General Meeting can be found on page 44 of this Annual Report.

### Provision 11.4

The Company, however, has not implemented measures to allow shareholders who are unable to vote in person at the Company's AGM the option to vote in absentia, such as via mail, electronic mail or facsimile transactions as the authentication of shareholder indemnity information and other related security issues remain a concern.

#### Provision 11.5

## Minutes of General Meetings

The minutes of the General Meeting which incorporate substantial comments or queries from shareholders relating to the agenda of the meeting, response from the Board and Management, are available to shareholders at the registered office of the Company at 19 Tai Seng Avenue, #06-01, Singapore 534054 during normal business hours upon written request. The minutes of General Meeting will be published on the SGXNET and the Company's corporate website at https://www.nera.net/investors/agm-and-egm-minutes within one (1) month after each General Meeting.

#### Provision 11.6

## Dividend Policy

As at the date of this Report, the Company does not have a formal dividend policy in place. The form, frequency and amount of dividends declared each year will take into consideration the Group's profit growth, cash position, positive cash flow generated from operations, projected capital requirements for business growth and other factors as the Board may deem appropriate. Any payouts are clearly communicated to shareholders in public announcements and via announcements on SGXNET when the Company discloses its financial results.

No dividend was declared or recommended for FY2024 as the Management plans to conserve cash for the Group's working capital.

#### PRINCIPLE 12: ENGAGEMENT WITH SHAREHOLDERS

Provisions 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3

#### Communication with Shareholders

In line with the continuous disclosure obligations under the listing rules of the SGX-ST and the Singapore Companies Act 1967, the Board informs shareholders promptly of all major developments that may have material impact on the Group.

The Board embraces openness and transparency in the conduct of the Company's affairs, whilst safeguarding its commercial interests. Material information on the Group is being released to the public through the Company's announcements via the SGXNET.

## Timely Information to Shareholders

The Company communicates with its shareholders and the investment community through the timely release of announcements to the SGX-ST via SGXNET including the financial statements announcements of the Company and the Group, which are published through the SGXNET on a half-yearly basis. In between half-yearly financial results, the Company provides business updates to its shareholders to keep them abreast of the Company's development and environment.

In addition, in line with the Company's corporate social responsibility initiatives and sustainability strategy, the Company has implemented the use of electronic communications since year 2021 and shareholders can download its Annual Report from the Company's website. Nevertheless, shareholders who wish to receive a printed copy of the Annual Report could complete and forward the Annual Report Request Form (which could be downloaded from the SGXNET) to the Company within the stipulated timeframe.

Price sensitive information is first publicly released, either before the Company meets with any group of investors or analysts or simultaneously with such meetings.

## Soliciting and Understanding Views of Shareholders

To promote a better understanding of shareholders' views, the Board actively encourages shareholders to participate during the Company's General Meeting. These meetings provide excellent opportunities for the Company to obtain shareholders' views on value creation.

All resolutions at AGMs are put to vote by poll to allow greater transparency and more equitable participation by shareholders. An independent scrutineer, Corporate Republic Advisory Pte. Ltd., has been appointed by the Company to ensure the satisfactory procedure of the electronic polling process and to direct and supervise the counting of votes during the last Annual General Meeting held in 2024.

## Regular Dialogue with Shareholders and Investor Relations Policy

General Meetings have been and are still the principal forum for dialogue with shareholders. The Company also communicates with its shareholders, both institutional and retail, on a regular basis. Annual Reports and Notices of the General Meeting are forwarded to all shareholders of the Company.

All Directors, including the Chairman of the ARMC, NC and RC are encouraged to be present at the General Meeting. At the General Meeting, shareholders are given the opportunity to engage the Board and Management on the Group's business activities, financial performance and other business-related matters. To further enhance its communication with investors, the Company maintains a corporate website which includes a dedicated Investor Relations section. (http://www.nera.net/).

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The Chairman, the then-CEO, Chief Financial Officer and all of the Directors were present at the 2024 AGM proceedings, held at Temasek Club, Brani Room, 131 Rifle Range Road, Singapore 588406. The Minutes of the AGM was published on both SGXNET and the Company's website after the AGM.

The Company's website also contains the latest and past annual reports, quarterly results and results' presentation slides as presented to analysts. The Company's Investor Relations contact is also reflected on the website at <a href="https://www.nera.net/investors/ir-contact">https://www.nera.net/investors/ir-contact</a>, to enable shareholders to contact the Company, if required.

#### MANAGING STAKEHOLDERS RELATIONSHIPS

#### PRINCIPLE 13: ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Provisions 13.1 and 13.2

## Relationship with Stakeholders

The Board adopts an inclusive approach by considering and balancing the needs and interests of material stakeholders, as part of its overall responsibility to secure the long-term future of the Company. The Company's efforts on sustainability are focused on creating sustainable value for our key stakeholders, which include communities, customers, staff, regulators, shareholders and vendors. During FY2024, the Company's strategy and keys areas of focus in relation to the management of stakeholder relationships can be found under the Sustainability Report on pages 12 to 40 of this Annual Report.

#### Provision 13.3

#### Communications with Stakeholders

The Company has engaged Citigate Dewe Rogerson Singapore Pte Ltd as its Investor Relations consultant. Their contact details are on the website at <a href="https://www.nera.net/investors/ir-contact">https://www.nera.net/investors/ir-contact</a>, so stakeholders can contact the Company, if required.

#### OTHER CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

The Company has in place internal codes of conduct and practices for its Board members and employees on securities transactions while in possession of price-sensitive information and their conduct of business activities.

## Dealings in Securities – Rule 1207(19) of the Listing Manual

The Company has adopted a policy on securities dealing by Directors and officers of the Company and its subsidiaries (comprising Directors and Key Personnel) in the form of a Code of Best Practices on Security Dealings (the "Internal Code") to govern and regulate transactions relating to securities in the Company. The Internal Code is based on the best practices on dealings in securities issued by SGX-ST and has been circulated to all relevant parties.

The Company issues circulars informing all relevant parties that they, while in possession of price-sensitive information, must not trade in the listed securities of the Company one month before the announcement of the Company's half year and full year results and ending on the date of the announcement of such results. All relevant parties are also informed not to deal in the Company's securities on short-term considerations.

The Directors are required to notify the Company of any dealings in the Company's securities (during the open window period) within two (2) business days of the transactions. The Board is satisfied with the Group's commitment in compliance with the Internal Code.

The Directors and Senior Management are aware, and a new Director or Senior Management staff will be briefed, that the Company should comply with the best practice pursuant to Rule 1207(19)(c) of the Listing Manual in not dealing in its securities during the restricted trading periods. The Company has complied with Rule 1207(19)(c) of the Listing Manual.

#### **Material Contracts**

Pursuant to Rule 1207(8) of the Listing Manual, no material contract had been entered into by the Company or its subsidiaries involving the interests of the then-CEO, each Director or Controlling Shareholder.

#### Interested Persons Transactions

The Company has established procedures to ensure that all transactions with interested persons are reported to the ARMC and the transactions are carried out at arm's length and under normal commercial terms. For FY2024, there was one (1) interested person transaction carried out with Ennoconn Solutions Singapore Pte. Ltd. ("Ennoconn Solutions"), the Company's direct majority shareholder, where the Company had received from Ennoconn Solutions service fees of S\$40,000 in December 2024 for corporate services provided by the Company to Ennoconn Solutions. There are no other interested person transactions for FY2024.

Following the acquisition of approximately 53.38% of the issued shares of the Company from Asia Systems Ltd. and the resulting mandatory unconditional cash offer, Ennoconn Corporation ("Ennoconn") holds approximately 63.77% of the issued shares of the Company through its wholly owned subsidiary, Ennoconn Solutions.

It is anticipated that, with the Company having become a subsidiary of Ennoconn and as part of the business integration of Ennoconn with the Company, the Group will, in the ordinary course of business, be entering into certain transactions with Ennoconn and its subsidiaries (but excluding the Group) (the "Ennoconn Group") as well as Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd. ("Hon Hai") and its subsidiaries. Hon Hai is deemed to have an interest in 63.77% of the issued shares of the Company in which Ennoconn has an interest.

At the upcoming extraordinary general meeting to be held on 29 April 2025 (the "EGM"), the Company will be seeking to obtain shareholders' approval for a general mandate for the Company, its subsidiaries and its associated companies that are not listed on the SGX-ST or an approved exchange over which the Group and/or its interested persons have control, to enter into transactions with Ennoconn and Hon Hai and their respective associates ("IPT General Mandate"). A circular dated 14 April 2025 setting out (among other things) the relevant interested persons and the categories of the interested person transactions that are covered by the IPT General Mandate, as well as the notice of EGM, has been despatched to shareholders.

The entry into the mandated interested person transactions ("Mandated Transactions") is subject to compliance with the review procedures under the IPT General Mandate. The purpose of the review procedures is to ensure that any Mandated Transaction will be entered into on arm's length and normal commercial terms, and will not be prejudicial to the interests of the Company and minority shareholders.

The IPT General Mandate is subject to annual renewal by the shareholders. Given that such Mandated Transactions are expected to occur with some degree of frequency and may arise at any time, and to allow the Group to undertake such transactions in an expeditious manner, shareholders' approval will be sought at subsequent AGMs for the renewal of the IPT General Mandate.

All other interested person transactions that do not fall within the IPT General Mandate will be subject to review by the Audit and Risk Management Committee to ensure that they are carried out on normal commercial terms and are not prejudicial to the interests of the Company and minority shareholders.

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## **CODE OF CONDUCT AND PRACTICES**

The Group recognises the importance of integrity and professionalism on the conduct of its business activities. Employees are expected to embrace, practice and adopt these values while performing their duties and always act in the best interests of the Group and avoid situations that may create conflicts of interest.