CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

STOCK CODE : 5703

COMPANY NAME: Muhibbah Engineering (M) Bhd

FINANCIAL YEAR : December 31, 2020

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 duties and responsibilities of the Board are set out in the Board Charter and the respective committees' Terms of Reference, which are available on the Company's website on www.muhibbah.com. The key features of the same are elaborated in the Corporate Governance Overview Statement ("CG Overview Statement") – section "Principle A: Board Leadership and Effectiveness" set out in the Annual Report 2020.	
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Every company is headed by a board, which assumes responsibility for the company's leadership and is collectively responsible for meeting the objectives and goals of the company.

Practice 1.2

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

Application	Applied	
Explanation on	Tan Sri Zakaria bin Abdul Hamid as the Senior Independent Non-	
application of the	Executive Chairman leads and manages the Board. Please refer to the	
practice	Board Charter (available on the Company's website) for further	
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Practice 1.3

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on	:	The Chairman of the Company is Tan Sri Zakaria bin Abdul Hamid, while
application of the practice		Mac Ngan Boon is the Group Managing Director.
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Practice 1.4

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board is supported by 3 qualified Company Secretaries, all of whom are members of relevant professional bodies qualified to be the Company Secretaries.
		For more information on the roles and responsibilities of the Company Secretaries, please refer to the CG Overview Statement - section "Company Secretaries" set out in the Annual Report 2020 and the Board Charter (available on the Company's website).
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Practice 1.5

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	Due notice together with the agenda and materials are given to the Directors prior to each Board and Board committee meetings. Minutes of meeting are circulated on a timely manner. Please refer to the CG Overview Statement - section "Access to Information and Advice" set out in the Annual Report 2020 and the Board Charter (available on the Company's website) for information.	
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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 is available on the Company's website, which is periodically reviewed by the Board and updated as and when required. Please refer to the Board Charter (available on the Company's website) for further information.
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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 :	The Code of Ethics and Business Practice and Conduct as well as the	
application of the	Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy are applicable group-wide (including	
practice	employees and directors of the companies within the Group), which are available on the Company's website.	
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Practice 3.2

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

Application	:	Applied
Explanation on	:	The Board has adopted a Whistleblowing Policy to provide avenues for
application of the		stakeholders of the Company to raise legitimate concerns relating to
practice		potential breaches of business conduct, non-compliance with legal and regulatory requirements as well as other malpractices, a copy of which is available on the Company's website.
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Board decisions are made objectively in the best interests of the company taking into account diverse perspectives and insights.

Practice 4.1

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

Application	Applied	
•	The Board currently has 10 members, 5 (i.e. 50%) of which are	
application of the	Independent Non-Executive Directors.	
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Practice 4.2

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

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

Applied - Annual shareholders' approval for independent directors serving beyond 9 years		
This Practice 4.2 is adopted by the Board as it is of the view that the ability of long serving Independent Directors to remain independent and to discharge their duties with integrity and competency should not be measured solely by tenure of service or any pre-determined age.		
The Board will seek for annual shareholders' approval through a two- tier voting process in the Company's forthcoming AGM. For more information, please refer to the CG Overview Statement - section "Reinforcement of Independence" set out in the Annual Report 2020 for information		
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Practice 4.3 - Step Up

The board has a policy which limits the tenure of its independent directors to nine years.

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

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

Practice 4.4

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Board Charter provides that the Board shall review from time to time the size and composition of the Board (including Executive Directors who are also the senior management of the Group) to ensure that there is an appropriate balance of a wide range of business, technical, financial and public service background, skills, experience and gender diversity. Please see the Board Charter (available on the Company's website) for further information.	
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Practice 4.5

The board discloses in its annual report the company's policies on gender diversity, its targets and measures to meet those targets. For Large Companies, the board must have at least 30% women directors.

Application		Applied
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Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Board recognises the benefit of diversity in gender and hence gender had been inherently considered in the recruitment and appointment of Directors. Currently, the Board has one (1) woman Director and the Board is comfortable with its current composition. Nevertheless, to ensure effective appointment of female Directors, the Board does not set any specific target for female Directors but continues to work actively towards having more female Directors on the Board, all things being equal.
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Practice 4.6

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

Application	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	Other than recommendations from the Nominating Committee, which are also members of the Board, the Company will, in sourcing for suitable candidates, if required, consider a variety of approaches and sources, such as the use of Directors' registries, independent search firms or carrying out verification work through searches from public/paid sources to identify if there are any material adverse matters.	
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Practice 4.7

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

Application	Applied
Explanation on	The Chairman of the Nominating Committee is Tan Sri Zakaria bin Abdul
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Stakeholders are able to form an opinion on the overall effectiveness of the board and individual directors.

Practice 5.1

The board should undertake a formal and objective annual evaluation to determine the effectiveness of the board, its committees and each individual director. The board should disclose how the assessment was carried out and its outcome.

For Large Companies, the board engages independent experts periodically to facilitate objective and candid board evaluations.

Application :	Applied
Explanation on :	This is reflected in the Terms of Reference of the Nominating
application of the	Committee. The assessment process and the outcome of assessment
practice	are duly disclosed in the CG Overview Statement – section "Board
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	Evaluation" set out in the Annual Report 2020 and the Terms of
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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 6.1

The board has in place policies and procedures to determine the remuneration of directors and senior management, which takes into account the demands, complexities and performance of the company as well as skills and experience required. The policies and procedures are periodically reviewed and made available on the company's website.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on		This is duly incorporated in the Company's Board Charter (available on	
application of the		the Company's website), the key features of which are disclosed in the	
practice		CG Overview Statement – section "Remuneration Committee" set out	
		in the Annual Report 2020.	
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Practice 6.2

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

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

Application	Applied
Explanation on	This is duly incorporated in the Remuneration Committee's Terms of
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	"Remuneration Committee" set out in the Annual Report 2020.
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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 7.1

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

Application	Departure	
Explanation on application of the practice		
Explanation for departure	The Board is of view that the transparency and accountability aspects of corporate governance as applicable to Directors' Remuneration are appropriately served by the remuneration details and band disclosure on a no-name basis for the financial year ended 31 December 2020, which is set out in the CG Overview Statement – section "Directors' Remuneration" in the Annual Report 2020.	
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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 7.2

The board discloses on a named basis the top five senior management's remuneration component including salary, bonus, benefits in-kind and other emoluments in bands of RM50,000.

Application :	Departure	
Explanation on : application of the practice		
Explanation for : departure	The Board is of the view that there would be adverse implication including dissatisfaction and animosity among the staff in the event that the Company discloses salaries, bonuses, benefits in-kind and other emoluments of Senior Management on a named basis.	
	The key senior management of the Group are the Directors of the Company, while the other key senior management for the subsidiaries of the Company are also identified. Their respective profiles are disclosed in the Profile of Directors and Profile of Key Senior Management in the Annual Report 2020.	
	Details of members of senior management are provided on general terms and on an aggregated basis. Please see the disclosure made in CG Overview Statement – section "Directors Remuneration" set out in the Annual Report 2020 for details.	
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Practice 7.3 - Step Up

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

Application	:	Not Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	:	

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

The board is able to objectively review the Audit Committee's findings and recommendations. The company's financial statement is a reliable source of information.

Practice 8.1

The Chairman of the Audit Committee is not the Chairman of the board.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	:	The Chairman of the Audit Committee is Sobri bin Abu, while Chairman of the Board is Tan Sri Zakaria bin Abdul Hamid.	
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Practice 8.2

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

Application	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	Members of Audit Committee comprises entirely of Independent Non- Executive Directors, none of whom are former key audit partners for the Company or the Group in the past 2 years.	
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Practice 8.3

The Audit Committee has policies and procedures to assess the suitability, objectivity and independence of the external auditor.

Application	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	Prior to the Audit Committee recommending the re-appointment of the external auditor to the Board, assessment on the external auditor including the suitability, objectivity and independence shall be duly made. Please refer to the Audit Committee's Terms of Reference (available on the Company's website) for further information.	
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Practice 8.4 - Step Up

The Audit Committee should comprise solely of Independent Directors.

Application	:	Adopted
Explanation on adoption of the practice	•	All members of the Audit Committee are Independent Directors.

There is an effective and independent Audit Committee.

The board is able to objectively review the Audit Committee's findings and recommendations. The company's financial statement is a reliable source of information.

Practice 8.5

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

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	All members of the Audit Committee are financially literate with each member possessing the required skills and experience to discharge their duties effectively. The profiles of the members are provided in the Annual Report 2020. All members of the Audit Committee have undertaken and will continue	
	to undertake continuous professional development. Details of the training programs attended during the financial year ended 31 December 2020 are disclosed in the CG Overview Statement - section "Directors' Training" set out in the Annual Report 2020.	
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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 9.1The board should establish an effective risk management and internal control framework.

Application	Applied	
Explanation on application of the practice	The Group has in place effective risk management and internal control processes, details of which are disclosed in the Statement on Risk Management and Internal Control set out in the Annual Report 2020.	
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Practice 9.2

The board should disclose the features of its risk management and internal control framework, and the adequacy and effectiveness of this framework.

Application	Applied	
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Practice 9.3 - Step Up

The board establishes a Risk Management Committee, which comprises a majority of independent directors, to oversee the company's risk management framework and policies.

Application :	Not Adopted
Explanation on : adoption of the practice	

Companies have an effective governance, risk management and internal control framework and stakeholders are able to assess the effectiveness of such a framework.

Practice 10.1

The Audit Committee should ensure that the internal audit function is effective and able to function independently.

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on : application of the practice	The Group has an in-house internal audit department which functions independently and reports directly to the Audit Committee. Please refer to the Audit Committee Report in the Annual Report 2020 for further	
practice	information.	
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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 10.2

The board should disclose-

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on		The above are duly disclosed in the Audit Committee Report - section	
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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 11.1

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on :	The Board has in place effective Investor Relations and Shareholder	
application of the	Communication policy and function to ensure effective communication	
practice	with stakeholders. Please refer to the CG Overview Statement – section	
	"Communication with Investors and Shareholders" set out in the	
	Annual Report 2020 for further information.	
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Practice 11.2

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

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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 12.1

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

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on	:	The forthcoming Annual General Meeting ("AGM") is to be held on 29	
application of the		June 2021, the notice of which is given on 31 May 2021.	
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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 12.2

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

Application :	Applied	
Explanation on :	All Directors (including Chairman of the respective committees) have	
application of the	attended the most recent AGM held on 10 September 2020.	
practice		
	All Directors will endeavour to attend the forthcoming AGM so that the	
	shareholders are given opportunities to enquire the Directors in person	
	on the Company's performance and operations.	
	Please refer to the CG Overview Statement - section "Annual General	
	Meeting" set out in the Annual Report 2020 for further information.	
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Practice 12.3

Listed companies with a large number of shareholders or which have meetings in remote locations should leverage technology to facilitate—

- including voting in absentia; and
- remote shareholders' participation at General Meetings.

Application	:	Applied	
Explanation on	:	In line with the Government initiative to curb the spread of COVID-19	
application of the		pandemic and the Securities Commission's Guidance Note, the	
practice		Company had conducted its AGM in 2020 on a fully virtual basis through	
		live streaming and online remote voting, and will continue to do the	
		same for the forthcoming AGM to be held on 29 June 2021.	
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