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# FRC/CG/001: TEMPLATE FOR REPORTING COMPLIANCE WITH THE NIGERIAN CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE 2018

#### Section A: Introduction

Corporate Governance is a key driver of corporate accountability and business prosperity. The Nigerian Code of Corporate Governance, 2018 (NCCG 2018) seeks to institutionalize corporate governance best practices in Nigerian companies. It is also aimed at increasing entities' levels of transparency, trust and integrity, and create an environment for sustainable business operations.

The Code adopts a principle-based approach in specifying minimum standards of practice that companies should adopt. Where so required, companies are required to adopt the "Apply and Explain" approach in reporting on compliance with the Code. The 'Apply and Explain' approach assumes application of all principles and requires entities to explain how the principles are applied. This requires companies to demonstrate how the specific activities they have undertaken best achieve the outcomes intended by the corporate governance principles specified in the Code.

This will help to prevent a 'box ticking' exercise as companies deliberately consider how they have (or have not) achieved the intended outcomes. Although, the Code recommends practices to enable companies apply the principles, it recognises that these practices can be tailored to meet industry or company needs. The Code is thus scalable to suit the type, size and growth phase of each company while still achieving the outcomes envisaged by the principles.

This form seeks to assess the company's level of compliance with the principles in the NCCG 2018. Entities should explain how these principles have been applied, specify areas of deviation from the principles and give reasons for these deviations and any alternative practice(s) adopted.

#### Please read the instructions below carefully before completing this form:

- i. Every line item and indicator must be completed.
- ii. Respond to each question with "Yes" where you have applied the principle, and "No" where you are yet to apply the principle.
- iii. An explanation on how you are applying the principle, or otherwise should be included as part of your response.
- iv. Not Applicable (N/A) is not a valid response.

## Section B – General Information

| S/No. | Items  | Details   |
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| i.    | Company Name   | JULIUS BERGER NIGERIA PLC   |
| ii.   | Date of Incorporation                                      | FEBRUARY 18, 1970   |
| iii.  | RC Number  | 6852  |
| iv.   | License Number   | NONE  |
| V.    | Company Physical Address                                   | No. 10, SHETTIMA A. MUNGUNO CRESCENT,<br>UTAKO, FCT, ABUJA                              |
| vi.   | Company Website Address                                    | WWW.JULIUS-BERGER.COM   |
| vii.  | Financial Year End   | DECEMBER 31,  |
| viii. | Is the Company a part of a Group/Holding Company? Yes/No   | Yes   |
|       | If yes, please state the name of the Group/Holding Company |   |
|       |  | JULIUS BERGER NIGERIA PLC IS THE HOLDCO FOR THE JULIUS BERGER GROUP                     |
| ix.   | Name and Address of Company Secretary                      | CECILIA EKANEM MADUEKE, No. 10,<br>SHETTIMA A. MUNGUNO CRES, UTAKO, FCT,<br>ABUJA       |
| X.    | Name and Address of External Auditor(s)                    | NEXIA AGBO ABEL & CO., 43 ANTHONY<br>ENAHORO STREET, UTAKO, FCT ABUJA                   |
| xi.   | Name and Address of Registrar(s)                           | GREENWICH REGISTRARS & DATA SOLUTIONS LTD. 274 MURTALA MUHAMMED WAY, EBUTE METTA, LAGOS |
| xii.  | Investor Relations Contact Person                          | CECILIA EKANEM MADUEKE,   |
|       | (E-mail and Phone No.)                                     | TEL.: 07033931480   |
|       |  | EMAIL: CECILIA.MADUEKE@JULIUS-<br>BERGER.COM  |
| xiii. | Name of the Governance Evaluation Consultant               | KPMG ADVISORY SERVICES ("KPMG")   |
| xiv.  | Name of the Board Evaluation Consultant                    | INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS CENTRE FOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ("IODCCG")                       |

# Section C - Details of Board of the Company and Attendance at Meetings

## 1. Board Details:

| S/No. | Names of Board Members   | Designation<br>(Chairman, MD, INED, NED,<br>ED) | Gender | Date First Appointed/ Elected | Remark                                    |
|-------|--------------------------|---|--------|-------------------------------|---|
| 1     | Mutiu Sunmonu            | Chairman  | Male   | January 1, 2015               |   |
| 2     | George Marks             | NED   | Male   | January 1, 2013               |   |
| 3     | Goni Sheikh              | NED   | Male   | July 1, 2019                  |   |
| 4     | Lars Richter             | Managing Director                               | Male   | October 2017                  |   |
| 5     | Gladys Talabi            | NED   | Female | June 30, 2017                 |   |
| 6     | Jafaru Damulak           | NED   | Male   | October 2007                  |   |
| 7     | Ernest Ebi               | INED  | Male   | December 2019                 |   |
| 8     | Chidi Anya               | INED  | Male   | July 1, 2022                  |   |
| 9     | Belinda Ajoke Disu       | NED   | Female | June 30, 2017                 |   |
| 10    | Ernest Azudialu-Obiejesi | NED   | Male   | March 2012                    |   |
| 11    | Christian Hausemann      | Executive Director, Finance                     | Male   | January 1, 2022               |   |
| 12    | Adamu Daura              | INED  | Male   | July 1, 2022                  |   |
| 13    | Zubairu Ibrahim Bayi     | ED  | Male   | January 1, 2013               | Resigned<br>W.E.F<br>December<br>31, 2023 |
| 14    | Tobias Meletschus        | ED, Corporate Development                       | Male   | October 16, 2018              | Resigned<br>W.E.F<br>December<br>31, 2023 |

## 2. Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings:

| S/No. | Names of Board Members | No. of<br>Board<br>Meetings<br>Held in the | No. of<br>Board<br>Meetings<br>Attended | Membership<br>of Board<br>Committees | Designation<br>(Member<br>or<br>Chairman) | Number of Committee<br>Meetings Held in the<br>Reporting Year | Number of Committee Meetings Attended in |
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|       |                        | Reporting                                  | in the                                  |                                      |   |   | the                                      |
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|       |                        |  | PLEASE SEE                              | THE ATTACHED                         | "APPENDIX 1                               | - ATTENDANCE AT   |  |
|       |                        |  | CORPORATE                               | MEETINGS"                            |   |   |  |
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# Section D - Details of Senior Management of the Company

## 1. Senior Management:

| S/No. | Names | Position Held | Gender |
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|  | ED " APPENDIX 3 - LIST OF SENIOR<br>NAGEMENT" |  |
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| Principles   | Reporting Questions   | Explanation on application or deviation   |
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| Part A - Board of  | Directors and Officers of the Board   |   |
| Principle 1: Role of the Board  "A successful Company is headed by an effective Board which is responsible for providing entrepreneurial and strategic leadership as well as promoting ethical culture and responsible corporate citizenship. As a link between stakeholders and the Company, the  Board is to exercise oversight and control to ensure that management acts in the best interest of the shareholders and other stakeholders while sustaining the prosperity of the Company" | i) Does the Board have an approved Charter which sets out its responsibilities and terms of reference? Yes/No  If yes, when was it last reviewed? | Yes.  The Board charter, attached as Appendix 4, was first approved on March 15, 2018 and has undergone a series of reviews (please see the document legend).  15/06/2022                   |
| Principle 2: Board Structure and Composition   | i) What are the qualifications and experiences of the directors?  | The experience and qualifications of the Directors are in the Profile of Directors attached as Appendix 5.  |
| "The effective discharge of<br>the responsibilities of the<br>Board and its committees is<br>assured by an appropriate<br>balance of skills and diversity  | ii) Does the company have a Board-approved diversity policy? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, to what extent have the diversity targets been achieved?       | Yes Please see the attached "Group Policy on Diversity and Inclusion" attached as Appendix 6. Review of target ongoing: Currently achieved: Directors – 14% Female, Management – 22% Female |
| (including experience and gender) without compromising competence, independence and integrity "  | iii) Are there directors holding concurrent directorships? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, state names of the directors and the companies?                  | Yes   |
|  | iv) Is the MD/CEO or an Executive Director a chair of any Board Committee? <b>Yes/No</b>  | No  |
|  | If yes, provide the names of the Committees.  |   |

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| Principle 3: Chairman  "The Chairman is responsible for providing overall"  | <ul> <li>i) Is the Chairman a member or chair of any of<br/>the Board Committees? Yes/no</li> <li>If yes, list them.</li> </ul>                                  | No  |
| leadership of the Company<br>and the Board, and eliciting<br>the constructive participation<br>of all Directors to facilitate | ii) At which Committee meeting(s) was the Chairman in attendance during the period under review?   | None  |
| effective direction of the Board"   | iii) Is the Chairman an INED or a NED?   | NED   |
|   | iv) Is the Chairman a former MD/CEO or ED of<br>the Company? <b>Yes/No</b><br>If yes, when did his/her tenure as MD end?   | No  |
|   | v) When was he/she appointed as Chairman?  | The Chairman was appointed to the Chair on April 1, 2016  |
|   | vi) Are the roles and responsibilities of the<br>Chairman clearly defined? <b>Yes/No</b><br>If yes, specify which document                                       | Yes, Please see the Group Board Charter attached as Appendix 4.   |
| Principle 4: Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer  "The Managing  | i) Does the MD/CEO have a contract of employment which sets out his authority and relationship with the Board? Yes/No If no, in which documents is it specified? | Yes, the governance documents like the Group Board Charter attached as Appendix 4 sets out the authority and relationship with the Board                |
| Director/Chief Executive Officer is the head of management delegated by   | ii) Does the MD/CEO declare any conflict of interest on appointment, annually, thereafter and as they occur? Yes/No  | Yes   |
| the Board to run the affairs of<br>the Company to achieve its<br>strategic objectives for<br>sustainable corporate            | iii) Which of the Board Committee meetings did the MD/CEO attend during the period under review?   | The MD/CEO is a member of the Strategy, and Risks and Assets Management Committees.   |
| performance"  | <ul><li>iv) Is the MD/CEO serving as NED in any other company? Yes/no.</li><li>If yes, please state the company(ies)?</li></ul>                                  | Yes, please see the Directors' profile attached as Appendix 5.  |
|   | v) Is the membership of the MD/CEO in these companies in line with the Board-approved policies? <b>Yes/No</b>  | Yes,  The governance documents of the Company like the Group Board Charter attached as Appendix 4, sets out and addresses membership of other companies |
| Principle 5: Executive Directors  | i) Do the EDs have contracts of employment? Yes/no   | Yes   |

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| Executive Directors support the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer in the operations and management of the Company | <ul> <li>ii) If yes, do the contracts of employment set out the roles and responsibilities of the EDs? Yes/No         If no, in which document are the roles and responsibilities specified?</li> <li>iii) Do the EDs declare any conflict of interest on appointment, annually, thereafter and</li> </ul> | Yes   |
|   | as they occur? Yes/No  iv) Are there EDs serving as NEDs in any other company? Yes/No  If yes, please list   | Yes, Please see the Directors' profile attached as Appendix 5   |
|   | v) Are their memberships in these companies in line with Board-approved policy? Yes/No   | Yes, The governance documents of the Company like the<br>Group Board Charter, attached as Appendix 4, sets out<br>Board approved policies   |
| Principle 6: Non-Executive Directors  Non-Executive Directors bring to bear their   | <ul> <li>i) Are the roles and responsibilities of the<br/>NEDs clearly defined and documented?<br/>Yes/No</li> <li>If yes, where are these documented?</li> </ul>  | Yes, Please see the Group Board Charter attached as Appendix 4.   |
| knowledge, expertise and independent judgment on issues of strategy and   | ii) Do the NEDs have letters of appointment specifying their duties, liabilities and terms of engagement? Yes/No   | Yes   |
| performance on the Board  | iii) Do the NEDs declare any conflict of interest on appointment, annually, thereafter and as they occur? <b>Yes/No</b>  | Yes,  Directors declare conflict of interest on appointment and at every Board meeting, and thereafter as they occur  |
|   | iv) Are NEDs provided with information relating to the management of the company and on all Board matters? Yes/No If yes, when is the information provided to the NEDs   | Yes,  The Information Is always provided to NEDs for Corporate Meetings, Sessions and Informal Interactions with the EDs and Management, and usually always provided upon the request of the NEDs   |
|   | v) What is the process of ensuring completeness and adequacy of the information provided?  | Information given are interrogated at Corporate Meetings and Sessions, generally or specifically. The NEDs have access to Management and Executive Management as stipulated under codes and laws. The Internal Audit can be asked to make investigations and the NEDs can seek independent advice when necessary. The Company Secretary Is also a resource for Directors. |

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|  | vi) Do NEDs have unfettered access to the EDs, Company Secretary and the Internal Auditor? Yes/No  | Yes   |
| Principle 7: Independent Non-Executive Directors  Independent Non-Executive        | i) Do the INEDs meet the independence criteria prescribed under Section 7.2 of the Code? Yes/No  | Yes   |
| Directors bring a high degree  | ii) Are there any exceptions?  | No  |
| of objectivity to the Board for<br>sustaining stakeholder trust<br>and confidence" | iii) What is the process of selecting INEDs?   | Please see the Process of selecting INEDs attached as Appendix 7  |
|  | iv) Do the INEDs have letters of appointment specifying their duties, liabilities and terms of engagement? Yes/No                                  | Yes   |
|  | v) Do the INEDs declare any conflict of interest on appointment, annually, thereafter and as they occur? <b>Yes/No</b>                             | Yes   |
|  | vi) Does the Board ascertain and confirm the independence of the INEDs? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, how often? What is the process?                      | Yes, Yearly Please see the Letter of Independence and Letter of Confirmation of Independence of INEDs attached as Appendices 8 and 9, which are the sample of letters sent in respect of the 3 (three) INEDs At the end of the year a questionnaire is administered to both the INEDs and the Managing Director to ensure |
|  |  | continued Independence. Please see the Letter of Independence and Letter of Confirmation of Independence of INEDs, attached as Appendices 8 and 9, which are the sample of letters sent in respect of the 3 (three) INEDs   |
|  | vii) Is the INED a Shareholder of the Company?  Yes/No  If yes, what is the percentage shareholding?   | No  |
|  | viii) Does the INED have another relationship with the Company apart from directorship and/or shareholding? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, provide details. | No  |
|  | ix) What are the components of INEDs remuneration?   | Directors remuneration only.  |

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| Principle 8: Company<br>Secretary   | i) Is the Company Secretary in-house or outsourced?  | In-house  |
| "The Company Secretary support the effectiveness of   | ii) What is the qualification and experience of the Company Secretary?   | LLB, BL, MCIARB (UK), ACIS. Please see the CV attached as Appendix 10   |
| the Board by assisting the Board and management to develop good corporate governance practices and  | iii) Where the Company Secretary is an employee of the Company, is the person a member of senior management?   | Yes   |
| culture within the Company"   | iv) Who does the Company Secretary report to?  | Direct and functionally to the Board through the Chairman, and administratively to the Managing Director  |
|   | v) What is the appointment and removal process of the Company Secretary?   | Appointment and removal is by the Board in accordance with the provisions of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020  |
|   | vi) Who undertakes and approves the performance appraisal of the Company Secretary?  | The performance appraisal of the Company Secretary is performed by the Chairman and the Managing Director by the Board.   |
| Principle 9: Access to Independent Advice  "Directors are sometimes required to make decisions of a technical and complex                         | i) Does the company have a Board-approved policy that allows directors access to independent professional advice in the discharge of their duties? Yes/No  If yes, where is it documented? | Yes.  Please see the Group Board Charter attached as Appendix 4   |
| nature that may require independent external  | ii) Who bears the cost for the independent professional advice?  | The Company   |
| expertise"  | iii) During the period under review, did the Directors obtain any independent professional advice? Yes/No If yes, provide details.   | Yes.  Advice was received from various Legal firms and consultants like KPMG, Olawoyin and Olawoyin and Mercer on (1) Remuneration (2) Governance (3) Legal (4) Risk  |
| Principle 10: Meetings of the Board  "Meetings are the principal vehicle for conducting the business of the Board and successfully fulfilling the | i) What is the process for reviewing and approving minutes of Board meetings?  | Usually, the first draft of the minutes of the meeting(s) are sent to the Chairman within two weeks of meeting(s), then to the Directors within a month after the meeting(s) for comments and the final draft is tabled, considered, further reviewed and then approved at the subsequent Board meeting |
| strategic objectives of the Company"  | ii) What are the timelines for sending the minutes to Directors?   | Please see response under question P 10Q(i)   |
|   | iii) What are the implications for Directors who do not meet the Company policy on meeting attendance?   | While the Company has no policy, the provisions of Codes and laws will apply  |

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| Principle 11: Board Committees  "To ensure efficiency and effectiveness, the Board   | i) Do the Board Committees have Board-<br>approved Charters, which set out their<br>responsibilities and terms of reference?<br>Yes/No       | Yes. All Committee have Board approved Charters.   |
| delegates some of its functions, duties and responsibilities to well-structured committees, without abdicating its responsibilities" | ii) What is the process for reviewing and approving minutes of Board Committee of meetings?  | Usually, the first draft of the minutes of the meeting (s) are sent to the Chairman within two weeks of meeting (s), then to the Committee Members within a month after the meeting (s) for comments and the final draft Is tabled, considered, further reviewed and then approved at the subsequent Committee Meeting. The activities of the Committee are tabled before the Board for ratification of actions and the Board approves the Incorporation Into the minutes of the Board |
|  | iii) What are the timelines for sending the minutes to the directors?  | Please see response under question P11(ii)   |
|  | iv) Who acts as Secretary to board committees?   | The Company Secretary  |
|  | v) What Board Committees are responsible for the following matters? a) Nomination and Governance b) Remuneration c) Audit d) Risk Management | a. Nomination and Governance - Nominations and Governance Committee ("NGC") b. Remuneration - Remuneration Committee ("REMCO") c. Audit - Board Audit Committee ("BAC") d. Risk Management-Risk and Assets Management Committee ("RAMC")   |
|  |  | e. Strategy - Strategy Committee   |
|  | vi) What is the process of appointing the chair of each committee ?  | The Board appoints the Chairmen of the Committees, save the Statutory Audit Committee ("SAC"), and the relevant Committees ratify the appointment thereafter.  |
|  | Committee responsibl   | e for Nomination and Governance  |
|  | vii) What is the proportion of INEDs to NEDs on<br>the Committee responsible for Nomination<br>and Governance?                               | 3 (three) members of the Committee are NEDs and 1 (one) Member is an INED  |
|  | viii)Is the chairman of the Committee a NED or INED ?  | NED  |
|  | ix) Does the Company have a succession plan policy? Yes/No If yes, how often is it reviewed?   | Yes.  The Succession policy, attached as Appendix 11, was approved on March 30, 2023.  |

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|            | x) How often are Board and Committee charters as well as other governance policies reviewed?                        | The governance documents are dynamic and reviewed according to the dynamics of laws and regulations, the governance environment, the Company and the business environment, for example the Charters of RAMC and Strategy Committee were reviewed in 2023  |
|            | xi) How does the committee report on its activities to the Board?   | After, each meeting the Chairs of the Committees submits to the Board a written memoranda on the activities of the Committees between meetings of the Board. The Minutes of the meetings of Committees as also part of the Board papers for consideration |
|            | Committee res   | sponsible for Remuneration  |
|            | xii) What is the proportion of INEDs to NEDs<br>on the Committee responsible for<br>Remuneration?                   | 4 (four) members of the Committee are NEDs and 1(one) member is an INED   |
|            | xiii) Is the chairman of the Committee a NED or INED ?  | NED   |
|            | Committe  | e responsible for Audit   |
|            | xiv) Does the Company have a Board Audit<br>Committee separate from the Statutory<br>Audit Committee? <b>Yes/No</b> | Yes   |
|            | xv) Are members of the Committee responsible for Audit financially literate?  Yes/No                                | Yes The Committee members are financially literate  |
|            | xvi) What are their qualifications and experience?  | Please see the Profile of Directors attached as Appendix 5  |
|            | xvii) Name the financial expert(s) on the Committee responsible for Audit   | Mr. Ernest Ebi, MFR, FCIB, FIOD   |
|            | xviii)How often does the Committee responsible for Audit review the internal auditor's reports?                     | The Internal Audit's report(s) are reviewed at least quarterly at every meeting of the BAC, and at every meeting of the SAC   |
|            | xix) Does the Company have a Board approved internal control framework in place?  Yes/No                            | Yes   |
|            | xx) How does the Board monitor compliance with the internal control framework?                                      | The Board monitors through the BAC, and reports of the assurance officers   |
|            | xxi) Does the Committee responsible for Audit review the External Auditors management                               | Yes.  |

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|            | letter, Key Audit Matters and management response to issues raised? <b>Yes/No</b> Please explain.  | Both the SAC and BAC review the External Auditors' management letter, Key Audit Matters and management response to Issues raised.                              |  |  |
|            | xxii) Is there a Board-approved policy that clearly specifies the non-audit services that the external auditor shall not provide?  Yes/No  | Yes.  Please see the Policy on Provision of Non-Audit Services attached as Appendix 12   |  |  |
|            | xxiii) How many times did the Audit Committee hold discussions with the head of internal audit function and external auditors without the management during the period under review? | The session of the BAC with the Head, Internal Auditor and the External Auditors is held yearly in December of each year and was last held on December 1, 2023 |  |  |
|            | Committee responsible for Risk Management  |  |  |  |
|            | xxiv)Is the Chairman of the Risk Committee a NED or an INED?   | NED  |  |  |
|            | xxv) Is there a Board approved Risk  Management framework? Yes/No?  If yes, when was it approved?  | Yes  The Risk Management framework was approved on March 11, 2021  |  |  |
|            | xxvi)How often does the Committee review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Risk Management Controls in place?  Date of last review   | The Chief Risk Officer reports to the RAMC on risks, quarterly 21/03/2024  |  |  |
|            | xxvii) Does the Company have a Board-<br>approved IT Data Governance<br>Framework? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, how often is it reviewed?   | No, The Company has an IT Governance System in which is embedded a Framework on IT Data Governance  The IT Governance System was approved on March 24, 2022    |  |  |
|            | xxviii) How often does the Committee receive<br>and review compliance report on the IT<br>Data Governance Framework?   | Reporting on the IT Governance is an agenda item for every meeting of the RAMC   |  |  |
|            | xxix) Is the Chief Risk Officer (CRO) a member of<br>Senior Management and does he have<br>relevant experience for this role? <b>Yes/No</b>  | Yes Please see the CV attached as Appendix 13  |  |  |
|            | xxx) How many meetings of the Committee did the CRO attend during the period under review?   | All meetings of the RAMC held In the year 2023 and on March 21, 2024 were attended by the CRO  |  |  |

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| Principle 12: Appointment to the Board  "A written, clearly defined, rigorous, formal and transparent procedure serves as a guide for the selection of | i) Is there a Board-approved policy for the appointment of Directors? <b>Yes/No</b>   | Yes, the Succession Planning Policy, attached as Appendix 11 , and the Board Qualification Policy, attached as Appendix 14, details criteria for directors and addresses issues of appointment Please find the Board qualification Policy attached as Appendix 14 |  |  |
| Directors to ensure the appointment of high-quality individuals to the Board"  | ii) What criteria are considered for their appointment?  iii) What is the Board process for ascertaining that prospective directors are fit and proper persons? | Please see the Succession Planning Policy and the Board Qualification policy attached as Appendices 11 and 14.  Please see the Board Qualification policy attached as Appendix 14   |  |  |
|  | iv) Is there a defined tenure for the following:  a) The Chairman  b) The MD/CEO  c) INED  d) NED  e) EDs   | There are no defined tenures for the undermentioned:  a. The MD/CEO- as per Contract of employment  b. NED- as per NCCG 2018 and Board Charter  c. EDs - as per Contract of employment  |  |  |
|  | v) Please state the tenure  | a. The Group Board Charter provides for a tenure for the Chairman of 3 (three) terms of 3 (three) years each     b. INEDs have tenures specified as per NCCG 2018 and Board Charter   |  |  |
|  | vi) Does the Board have a process to ensure that it is refreshed periodically? <b>Yes/No?</b>   | Yes. Succession Plan Policy and Board Qualification Policy addresses a process of refreshment   |  |  |
| Principle 13: Induction and Continuing Education   | i) Does the Board have a formal induction programme for new directors? <b>Yes/No</b>  | Yes.  Please see the Group Board Charter attached   |  |  |
| "A formal induction programme on joining the Board as well as regular training assists Directors to effectively discharge their duties to the Company" | ii) During the period under review, were new Directors appointed? Yes/No If yes, provide date of induction.   | No  |  |  |
|  | iii) Are Directors provided relevant training to enable them effectively discharge their duties? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, provide training details.                | Yes.  a. Havard Business School: Making Corporate Boards More Effective  b. Havard Business School: Driving Corporate Performance (Aligning Scorecards and Structure for Strategy Execution)  |  |  |

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|  | iv) How do you assess the training needs of Directors?   | <ul> <li>c. Institute of Directors Nigeria: Summer Masterclass for Directors (Building Board's Agility in times of Business Disruptions)</li> <li>d. Columbia Business School: Developing Exceptional Board Leaders</li> <li>e. Institute of Management Development: Boards and Risk</li> <li>The Directors Identify their training gaps, and further gaps are identified in the board self-evaluation process and this</li> </ul> |  |  |
|  | Directors.   | feeds Into the training plan   |  |  |
|  | v) Is there a Board-approved training plan? Yes/No   | Yes  |  |  |
|  | vi) Has it been budgeted for? <b>Yes/No</b>  | Yes  |  |  |
| Principle 14: Board Evaluation  "Annual Board evaluation  assesses how each Director, the committees of the Board and the Board are committed to their roles, work together and continue to contribute effectively to the achievement of the Company's objectives" | i) Is there a Board-approved policy for evaluating Board performance? <b>Yes/No</b>  | Yes.  The Group Board Charter attached as Appendix 4, provides that the Board must be evaluated In accordance with the provisions of NCCG 2018   |  |  |
|  | ii) For the period under review, was there any Board Evaluation exercise conducted?  Yes/No  | Yes.  Both internal and external. In the year 2024 the evaluation for the year ended December 31, 2023 is being conducted by the IODCCG. Also Board Self Examination Questionnaires were administered to Directors on November 30, 2023.   |  |  |
|  | iii) If yes, indicate whether internal or external.  Provide date of last evaluation.  | 30/11/2023   |  |  |
|  | iv) Has the Board Evaluation report been presented to the full Board? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, indicate date of presentation.                         | No   |  |  |
|  | v) Did the Chairman discuss the evaluation report with the individual directors? <b>Yes/No</b>   | No   |  |  |
|  | vi) Is the result of the evaluation for each Director considered in the re-election process? Yes/No  | Yes  |  |  |
| Principle 15: Corporate Governance Evaluation  "Institutionalizing a system for evaluating the Company's   | i) For the period under review, has the Company conducted a corporate governance evaluation? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, provide date of the evaluation. | Yes. Corporate Governance review for the year ended December 31, 2023, by KPMG Advisory Services ongoing   |  |  |

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| corporate governance<br>practices ensures that its<br>governance standards,  | ii) Is the result of the Corporate Governance<br>Evaluation presented and considered by the<br>Board? Yes/No  | No  |  |  |
| practices and processes are adequate and effective"  | iii) If yes, please indicate the date of last presentation.   |   |  |  |
|  | iv) Is the summary of the Corporate Governance Evaluation included in the annual reports and Investors portal? Yes/No   | Yes.  The report of KPMG Advisory Services would be included in the Annual Reports & Consolidated Audited Financial Statements 2023 and will be hosted on the Investors' portal |  |  |
| Principle 16: Remuneration Governance  "The Board ensures that the Company remunerates fairly, responsibly and transparently | i) Is there a Board-approved Directors' remuneration policy? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, how often is it reviewed?  | Yes.  Please see the attached Remuneration Policy For Directors And Executive Employees attached as Appendix 8  Currently undergoing review                                     |  |  |
| so as to promote the achievement of strategic objectives and positive outcomes in the short, medium and long term"           | ii) Provide details of directors' fees, allowances<br>and all other benefits paid to them during the<br>period under review   | Please see the Details of Remuneration of NEDs attached as Appendix 8   |  |  |
|  | iii) Is the remuneration of NEDS presented to<br>shareholders for approval? <b>Yes/No</b><br>If yes, when was it approved?  | Yes. Remuneration by way of Directors' fees only 15/06/2023   |  |  |
|  | iv) What portion of the NEDs remuneration is linked to company performance?   | None  |  |  |
|  | v) Is there a Board-approved remuneration policy for Executive and Senior management? Yes/No  If yes, to what extent is remuneration linked to company performance? | Yes. Please see the Remuneration policy attached as Appendix  8 There are provisions for STIs based on performance in a financial year  |  |  |
|  | vi) Has the Board set KPIs for Executive<br>Management? <b>Yes/No</b>   | Yes   |  |  |
|  | vii) If yes, was the performance measured against the KPIs? Yes/No  | Yes   |  |  |
|  | viii) Do the MD/CEO, EDs and Company<br>Secretary receive a sitting allowance and/or<br>directors' fees? <b>Yes/No</b>  | No  |  |  |
|  | ix) Which of the following receive sitting allowance and/or fees:   | None  |  |  |

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|   | a. MD/CEO b. ED c. Company Secretary d. Other Senior management staff  |   |  |  |
|   | x) Is there a Board-approved clawback policy for Executive management? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, attach the policy.  | Yes, Please see the attached Clawback policy as Appendix 15   |  |  |
| Principle 17: Risk<br>Management  | i) Has the Board defined the company's risk appetite and limit? <b>Yes/No</b>  | Yes   |  |  |
| "A sound framework for<br>managing risk and ensuring<br>an effective internal control   | ii) How often does the company conduct a risk assessment?  | Risk assessment conducted internally by the risk function quarterly, external assurance and risk benchmarking to be done every 3 to 5 years         |  |  |
| system is essential for achieving the strategic objectives of the Company"  | iii) How often does the board receive and review risk management reports?  | The RAMC receives and considers the reports on risks quarterly at Its meetings and reports thereafter to the Board at the next meeting of the Board |  |  |
| Principle 18: Internal Audit  "An effective internal audit function provides assurance to the Board on the effectiveness of the governance, risk management and internal control systems" | <ul> <li>i) Does the company have an Internal Audit function? Yes/No</li> <li>If no, how has the Board obtained adequate assurance on the effectiveness of internal processes and systems?</li> </ul>  | Yes   |  |  |
|   | ii) Does the company have a Board-approved internal audit charter? <b>Yes/No</b>   | Yes. Please see the Internal Audit Charter attached as Appendix 16  |  |  |
|   | iii) Is the head of internal audit a member of senior management? Yes/No   | Yes   |  |  |
|   | iv) What is the qualification and experience of the head of internal audit?  | Please see the attached CV of the Head Internal Audit attached as Appendix 17   |  |  |
|   | v) Does the company have a Board-approved annual risk-based internal audit plan?  Yes/No   | Yes   |  |  |
|   | vi) Does the head of the internal audit function report at least once every quarter to the committee responsible for audit, on the adequacy and effectiveness of management, governance, risk and control environment; deficiencies observed and management mitigation plans? Yes/No | Yes   |  |  |

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|  | vii) Is there an external assessment of the effectiveness of the internal audit function at least once every three years by a qualified independent reviewer appointed by the Board? Yes/No  If yes, when was the last assessment? | Yes 20/07/2021  |  |  |
|  | viii) Who undertakes and approves the performance evaluation of the Head of Internal Audit?  | The Chairman of the BAC with input from the Managing Director   |  |  |
| Principle 19: Whistleblowing  "An effective whistle-blowing framework for reporting any  | i) Does the company have a Board-approved whistleblowing framework? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, when was the date of last review   | Yes 28/03/2024  |  |  |
| illegal or unethical behaviour<br>minimises the Company's<br>exposure and prevents<br>recurrence"  | ii) Does the Board ensure that the whistleblowing mechanism and are process reliable, accessible to all stakeholders, guarantees anonymity and protection of the whistleblower? Yes/No   | Yes   |  |  |
|  | <ul><li>iii) Is the Audit committee provided with the following reports on a periodic basis?</li><li>a) Reported cases</li><li>b) Process and results of Investigated cases</li></ul>  | Yes   |  |  |
| Principle 20: External Audit  "An external auditor is appointed to provide an independent opinion on the true and fair view of the financial statements of the | i) Who makes the recommendations for the appointment, re-appointment or removal of external auditors?  | The Audit Committees make recommendations on appointment, re-appointment or removal of External Auditors to the Board. The Board makes recommendations on appointment, re-appointment or removal of External Auditors to the Shareholders in General Meeting for approval.                      |  |  |
| Company to give assurance to stakeholders on the reliability of the financial statements"  | ii) Who approves the appointment, re-<br>appointment, and removal of External<br>Auditors?   | The Audit Committees and Board make recommendations for appointment and removal of the External Auditors to the Shareholders in General Meeting. The Shareholders approve the appointment and removal of External Auditor. The provision of S.401 (2) of CAMA 2020 is applied to reappointment. |  |  |
|  | iii) When was the first date of appointment of the External auditors?  | 19/06/2014  |  |  |
|  | iv) How often are the audit partners rotated?  | Every 5 years, as required by regulations Please see the attached Change of Engagement Partner  |  |  |

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| Principle 21: General Meetings  "General Meetings are important platforms for the   | i) How many days prior to the last general meeting were notices, annual reports and any other relevant information dispatched to Shareholders?  | 36   |  |  |
| Board to engage shareholders to facilitate greater understanding of the Company's business, governance and performance. They provide shareholders with an opportunity to exercise their ownership rights and express their views to the Board on any areas of interest" | ii) Were the Chairmen of all Board Committees and the Chairman of the Statutory Audit Committee present to respond to Shareholders' enquiries at the last meeting?  Yes/No  | Yes  |  |  |
| Principle 22: Shareholder Engagement  "The establishment of a system of regular dialogue with shareholders balance their needs, interests and expectations with the objectives of the Company"  | <ul> <li>i) Is there a Board-approved policy on shareholders' engagement? Yes/No</li> <li>If yes: <ul> <li>a) when was it last reviewed?</li> <li>b) Is the policy hosted on the company's website?</li> </ul> </li> <li>ii) How does the Board engage with Institutional Investors and how often?</li> </ul> | Yes Please find attached the Shareholders Engagement policy attached as Appendix 18  Yes  AGMs and Investor Relations Fora. In the year 2023, the Institutional investors were engaged by AGM and an |  |  |
| Principle 23: Protection of Shareholder Rights  "Equitable treatment of shareholders and the protection of their statutory and general rights, particularly the interest of minority shareholders, promote good governance"   |   | Investor Relations Forum  Yes  a. The Annual Reports and Consolidated Financial Statements  b. Announcements to the market via the NGX portal  c. Social media  d. Website  e. Print media           |  |  |
| Principle 24: Business Conduct and Ethics   | i) Does the company have a Board-approved<br>Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (COBE)<br>that guides the professional business and<br>ethical standards? <b>Yes/No</b>  | Yes.  Please see the Code of Business Conduct & Ethics attached as Appendix 19   |  |  |

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| "The establishment of professional business and ethical standards underscore the values for the protection and enhancement of the reputation of the Company while promoting good conduct and investor confidence" | If yes:  a) Has the COBE been communicated to all internal and external Stakeholders?  Yes/No  b) Is the COBE applicable to any or all of the following:  1. Board 2. Senior management 3. Other employees 4. Third parties   | a. Yes, b. COBE is applicable to: (a) Board (b) Senior Management c. Other employees. There is a code of conduct for Sub- contractors and Suppliers here attached   |  |  |
|   | ii) When was the date of last review of the policy?   |   |  |  |
|   | iii) Has the Board incorporated a process for identifying, monitoring and reporting adherence to the COBE? <b>Yes/No</b>  | Yes   |  |  |
|   | iv) What sanctions were imposed for the period under review for non-compliance with the COBE?   | None  |  |  |
| Principle 25: Ethical Culture  "The establishment of  | i) Is there a Board- approved policy on insider trading? <b>Yes/No</b>  | Yes, Please see the Securities Trading Policy attached as<br>Appendix 16  |  |  |
| policies and mechanisms for monitoring insider trading, related party transactions, conflict of interest and other  | If yes:  a) When was the last date of review?  b) How does the Board monitor  compliance with this policy?  | a. b. Through the office of the Company Secretary   |  |  |
| corrupt activities, mitigates the adverse effects of these abuses on the Company and promotes good ethical conduct and investor   | ii) Does the company have a Board approved policy on related party transactions? Yes/No  If yes:  | Yes.  Please see the Related Party Transaction and Conflict of Interest Policy attached as Appendix 17  a. 30/03/2023   |  |  |
| confidence"   | <ul> <li>a) When was the last date of review?</li> <li>b) How does the Board monitor compliance with this policy?</li> <li>c) Is the policy applicable to any or all of the following:</li> <li>1. Board</li> <li>2. Senior management</li> <li>3. Other employees (Specify)</li> <li>4. Third parties (Specify)</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>b. The compliance is monitored through the Internal Audit and Office of the Company Secretary, both of which makes report to the Board through the BAC</li> <li>c. Yes, Please see the attached Related Party Transactions and Conflicts of Interest Policy</li> </ul> |  |  |

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|   | iii) How does the Board ensure adequate<br>disclosure of Related Party Transactions<br>by the responsible parties?   | The Policy documents a framework for disclosure                                   |  |  |
|   | iv) Does the company have a Board-<br>approved policy on conflict of interest?<br>Yes/No   | Yes   |  |  |
|   | If yes:  a) When was the last date of review?  b) How does the Board monitor compliance with this policy?  c) Is the policy applicable to any or all of the following:  1. Senior management  2. Other employees (Specify) | a. 30/03/2023 b. The Policy documents a framework for disclosure C. Yes           |  |  |
| Principle 26: Sustainability  "Paying adequate attention to sustainability issues   | <ul><li>i) Is there a Board-approved sustainability<br/>policy? Yes/No</li><li>If yes, when was it last reviewed?</li></ul>  | No Policy under formulation   |  |  |
| including environment, social, occupational and   | ii) How does the Board monitor compliance with the policy?   |   |  |  |
| community health and safety<br>ensures successful long-term<br>business performance and<br>projects the Company as a<br>responsible corporate citizen<br>contributing to economic<br>development" | iii) How does the Board report compliance with the policy?   |   |  |  |
|   | iv) Is there a Board-approved policy on diversity in the workplace? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, when was it last reviewed?   | Yes.  Please see the attached Group Policy on diversity and inclusion  30/03/2023 |  |  |
| Principle 27: Stakeholder Communication "Communicating and  | i) Is there a Board-approved policy on<br>stakeholder management and<br>communication? Yes/No  | No. Policy under formulation  |  |  |
| interacting with stakeholders<br>keeps them conversant with<br>the activities of the Company<br>and assists them in making<br>informed decisions"   | ii) Does the Company have an up to date investor relation portal? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, provide the link.  | Yes https://www.Juliusberger.com/investor-relations                               |  |  |
| Principle 28: Disclosures   | i) Does the company's annual report include<br>a summary of the corporate governance<br>report? <b>Yes/No</b>  | Yes. Please see the attached AR&FS 2022   |  |  |

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| "Full and comprehensive  | ii) Has the company been fined by any               | No                                      |  |  |
| disclosure of all matters  | regulator during the reporting period?              |   |  |  |
| material to  | Yes/No  |   |  |  |
| investors and stakeholders,<br>and of matters set out in this<br>Code,<br>ensures proper monitoring of | If yes, provide details of the fines and penalties. |   |  |  |
| its implementation which engenders good corporate governance practice"                                 |   |   |  |  |

#### Section F - Certification

We hereby make this declaration in good faith and confirm that the information provided in this form is true.

| Chairman | of | the | <b>Board</b> | of | <b>Directors</b> |
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Chairman of the Committee responsible for Governance

Name: Mutiu Sunmonu, CON Name: GASUS

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Signature Signature:

Date: March 28, 2024 Date: March

Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer

Company Secretary/Chief Compliance Officer

Name: CECICIA EKANEM MADUENO

Signature:

Signature: Uhrealmann 28,2024

28,2024 Date: March 28,2024