

FINANCIAL REPORTING COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade & Investment)

# 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 recognizes 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
i.	Company Name	Eterna Plc
ii.	Date of Incorporation	13 <sup>th</sup> January 1989
iii.	RC Number	RC 124136
iv.	License Number	
۷.	Company Physical Address	5a Oba Adeyinka Oyekan Avenue Ikoyi Lagos
vi.	Company Website Address	www.eternaplc.com
vii.	Financial Year End	31 <sup>st</sup> December
viii.	Is the Company a part of a Group/Holding Company? Yes/No	No
	If yes, please state the name of the Group/Holding Company	
ix.	Name and Address of Company Secretary	Mandella Golkus 5a Oba Adeyinka Oyekan Avenue Ikoyi Lagos
х.	Name and Address of External Auditor(s)	Deloitte & Touche/ Civic Towers, Victoria Island, Lagos
xi.	Name and Address of Registrar(s)	Greenwich Registrars and Data Solutions/ 247 Murtala Muhammed Way, Yaba, Lagos
xii.	Investor Relations Contact Person	Mandella Golkus
	(E-mail and Phone No.)	mandella.golkus@eternaplc.com 08136808563
xiii.	Name of the Governance Evaluation Consultant	DCSL Corporate Services Limited
xiv.	Name of the Board Evaluation Consultant	DCSL Corporate Services Limited

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

### 1. Board Details:

S/No.	Names of Board Members	Designation (Chairman, MD, INED, NED, ED)	Gender	Date First Appointed/ Elected	Remark
1.	Dr. Gabriel Ogbechie	Chairman	Male	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	
2.	Mr. Benjamin Nwaezeigwe	MD/CEO	Male	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	Appointed MD /CEO on 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2022
3.	Mrs. Phoebean Ifeadi	ED – Corporate Services	Female	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	
4.	Mrs. Godrey Ogbechie	Non-Executive Director	Female	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	
5.	Mr. Emmanuel Omuojine	Non-Executive Director	Male	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	
6.	Mr. Anibor Kragha	Independent Non- Executive Director	Male	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	

7.	Barr. Okechukwu	Independent Non-	Male	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	
	Omezi	Executive Director			
8.	Dr. Akinwande	Independent Non-	Male	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	
	Ademosu	Executive Director			

## 2. Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings:

S/No.	Names of Board Members	No. of Board Meetings Held in the Reporting Year	No. of Board Meetings Attended in the Reporting Year	Membership of Board Committees	Designation (Member or Chairman)	Number of Committee Meetings Held in the Reporting Year	Number of Committee Meetings Attended in the Reporting Year
1.	Dr. Gabriel Ogbechie	6	6	Nil	Chairman	Nil	Nil
2.	Mrs. Godrey Ogbechie	6	6	Governance, Nomination, and Remuneration Committee	Member	Nomination, and Remuneration Committee	5 Governance, Nomination, and Remuneration Committee Meetings
				Strategy, Finance and Investment Committee		Finance and Investment Committee	2 Strategy, Finance and Investment Committee Meetings
3.	Mr. Benjamin Nwaezeigwe	6	6	Strategy, Finance and Investment Committee Risk Management,	Member	Committee	2 Strategy Finance and Investment Committee Meetings
				Health, Safety, Security and Environment Committee	MD/CEO Non- Member	Committee Meetings	6 Audit Committee Meetings
						Management, Health, Safety, Security and Environment Committee	4 Risk Management, Health, Safety, Security and Environment Committee Meetings
4.	Mrs. Phoebean Ifeadi	6	6	Strategy, Finance and Investment Committee Risk Management,		Committee	2 Strategy Finance and Investment Committee Meetings
				Health, Safety, Security and Environment Committee		Management, Health, Safety, Security and Environment Committee	4 Risk Management, Health, Safety, Security and Environment Committee Meetings
							4 Governance, Nomination, and

						Remuneration Committee Meetings	Remuneration Committee Meetings
5.	Mr. Anibor Kragha	6	6	Governance, Nomination, and Remuneration Committee Audit Committee	Member	5 Governance, Nomination, and Remuneration Committee Meetings	5 Governance,
				Risk Management, Health, Safety,	Member	Committee Meetings	Committee Meetings
				Security and Environment Committee	Chairman		4 Risk Management, Health, Safety, Security and Environment Committee Meetings
6.	Barr. Okechukwu Omezi	6	6	Governance, Nomination, and Remuneration Committee Risk	Chairman		5 Governance,
				Management, Health, Safety, Security and Environment Committee	Member	4 Risk Management, Health, Safety, Security and Environment Committee Meetings	4 Risk Management, Health, Safety, Security and Environment Committee Meetings
7.	Mr. Emmanuel Omuojine	6	6	Strategy Finance and Investment Committee	Member	2 Strategy Finance and Investment Committee Meetings	2 Strategy Finance and Investment Committee Meetings
				Audit Committee Risk Management,	Member	6 Audit Committee Meetings	6 Audit Committee Meetings
				Health, Safety, Security and Environment Committee	Member	4 Risk Management, Health, Safety, Security and Environment Committee Meetings	4 Risk Management, Health, Safety, Security and Environment Committee Meetings
8.	Dr. Akinwande Ademosu	6	6	Strategy Finance and Investment Committee	Member	2 Strategy Finance and Investment Committee Meetings	2 Strategy Finance and Investment Committee Meetings

## Section D - Details of Senior Management of the Company

## 1. Senior Management:

S/No.	Names	Position Held	Gender	Comments
1.	Benjamin Nwaezeigwe	MD/CEO	Male	
2.	Phoebean Ifeadi	ED – Corporate Services	Female	
3.	Abudukerimu Sule	CFO	Male	
4.	Bunmi Agagu	General Manager, Lubricants and Gas	Female	
5.	Brume Olori	Group Head, Lubricants	Male	Resumed 15 <sup>th</sup> of November 2023
6.	Ese Longe	Head Lubricants, Sales and Marketing	Male	Resumed 5 <sup>th</sup> of June 2023
7.	Olanrewaju Aliu	Head, HSSE	Male	
8.	Oluyemi Adeosun	Head, Human Resources	Male	Exited 31 <sup>st</sup> of December 2023
9.	Solomon Idongesit	Head, Logistics	Male	Resumed 3 <sup>rd</sup> of October 2023
10.	Olutayo Kazeem	Plant Manager	Male	
11.	Eniola Olufemi	Head, Asset Management	Male	
12.	Chiagozie Ubani	Senior Manager, Retail	Female	
13.	Bosun Olabintan	Head, Technology	Male	
14.	Aliu Kamiyo	Head, Financial Control	Male	
15.	Modestus Egegbara	Head, Internal Audit/Risk	Male	
16.	Okechukwu Ashiegbu	Depot Manager	Male	
17.	Paul Oparah	Head, Retail	Male	
18.	Samuel Moses	Regional Manager - North	Male	
19.	Mandella Golkus	Company Secretary/Legal Adviser	Male	
	Mobolaji Bamiro	Head, LPG & Alternative Energy	Male	Exited 30 <sup>th</sup> of August 2023
21.	Benignus Okorie	Head, Strategy	Male	
	Boyede Oyegbami	Aviation Commercial Manager	Male	Resumed 1 <sup>st</sup> of September 2023
23.	Pamela Nwocha	Head, Commercial and Industrial		

# Section E – Application

Principles	Reporting Questions	Explanation on application or deviation
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	<ul> <li>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?</li> </ul>	Yes Last reviewed December 2023.
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"		
Principle 2: Board Structure and Composition "The effective discharge of the responsibilities of the Board and its committees is assured by an appropriate balance of skills and diversity (including experience and gender) without	i) What are the qualifications and experiences of the directors?	The Board is comprised of highly qualified and experienced professionals. A profile of the Board can be found on our website www.eternaplc.com
compromising competence, independence andintegrity "	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 The targets have been significantly achieved. The Board is comprised of 8 Directors, 2 of whom are Female.
	<ul> <li>iii) Are there directors holding concurrent directorships? Yes/No</li> <li>If yes, state names of the directors and the companies?</li> </ul>	Yes. 1) Dr. Gabriel Ogbechie, 2) Mrs. Godrey Ogbechie 3) Mr. Emmanuel Omuojine - Rainoil Limited
	iv) Is the MD/CEO or an Executive Director a chair of any Board Committee? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, provide the names of the Committees.	No. All Board Committees are chaired by either Independent Non-Executive Directors or Non-Executive Directors.
<b>Principle 3: Chairman</b> "The Chairman is responsible for providing overall leadership of the Company and the Board, and eliciting the constructive participation of all Directors to facilitate effective direction of the Board"	i) Is the Chairman a member or chair of any of the Board Committees? <b>Yes/nc</b> If yes, list them.	No.
	<ul> <li>ii) At which Committee meeting(s) was the Chairman in attendance during the period under review?</li> </ul>	None. The Board Chairperson was not in attendance at any Board Committee meeting.
	iii) Is the Chairman an INED or a NED?	NED
	iv) Is the Chairman a former MD/CEO or ED of the Company? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, when did his/her tenure as MD end?	No. The Chairman has neither served as MD nor ED of the company.
	v) When was he/she appointed as Chairman?	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 4

	Yes. The Board's comprehensive Corporate Governance Framework.

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Principle 4: Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer Managing	<ul> <li>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?</li> </ul>	Yes
Director/Chief Executive Officer is the head of management delegated by the Board to run the affairs of	<ul> <li>ii) Does the MD/CEO declare any conflict of interest on appointment, annually, thereafter and as they occur? Yes/No</li> </ul>	Yes
the Company to achieve its strategic objectives for sustainable corporate	iii) Which of the Board Committee meetings did the MD/CEO attend during the period under review?	The Strategy, Finance & Investment Committee.
performance"		The Risk Management & HSSE Committee
	iv) Is the MD/CEO serving as NED in any other	The Audit Committee (By invitation).
	company? <b>Yes/no</b> . If yes, please state the company(ies)?	Yes. BHR International Ventures Limited
	v) Is the membership of the MD/CEO in these companies in line with the Board-approved policies? <b>Yes/No</b>	Yes
Principle 5: Executive Directors	i) Do the EDs have contracts of employment? Yes/no	Yes
Executive Directors support the Managing Director/Chief		The lone Executive Director was given an employment contract upon acceptance of the offer.
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</li> <li>If no, in which document are the roles and responsibilities specified?</li> </ul>	Yes
		Yes
	iv) Are there EDs serving as NEDs in any other company? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, please list	Yes Mrs. Phoebean Ifeadi – Brilax Oil Limited
	<ul> <li>v) Are their memberships in these companies in line with Board-approved policy? Yes/No</li> </ul>	Yes
Principle 6: Non-Executive Directors Non-Executive Directors bring	i) Are the roles and responsibilities of the NEDs clearly defined and documented? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, where are these documented?	Yes
to bear their knowledge, expertise and independent judgment on issues of strategy	ii) Do the NEDs have letters of appointment specifying their duties, liabilities and terms of engagement? <b>Yes/No</b>	Yes
and performance on the Board	<li>iii) Do the NEDs declare any conflict of interest on appointment, annually, thereafter and as they occur? Yes/No</li>	Yes
	<ul> <li>iv) Are NEDs provided with information relating to the management of the company and on all Board matters? Yes/No</li> <li>If yes, when is the information provided to the NEDs</li> </ul>	Yes. Prior to all meetings, upon their request and as soon as an urgent and important matters come up.
	v) What is the process of ensuring completeness and adequacy of the information provided?	Additional checks are done to confirm all available information is provided.
	vi) Do NEDs have unfettered access to the EDs, Company Secretary and the Internal Auditor? <b>Yes/No</b>	Yes
Principle 7: Independent Non- Executive Directors	i) Do the INEDs meet the independence criteria prescribed under Section 7.2 of the Code? Yes/No	Yes

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Independent Non-Executive Directors bring a high degree	ii) Are there any exceptions?	No.
of objectivity to the Board for sustaining stakeholder trust and confidence"		Through an independent and objective criterion in line with the company's Corporate Governance Framework.
	specifying their duties, liabilities and terms of engagement? <b>Yes/No</b>	Yes All Directors were given Letters of Appointment, which were accepted by the Directors. The Letters specify their duties and terms of engagement.
		Yes
	independence of the INEDs? <b>Yes/No</b>	Yes By re-affirmation.
	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?	Yearly Fees and sitting allowance
Principle 8: Company Secretary	i) Is the Company Secretary in-house or outsourced?	The Company Secretary is In-House
"The Company Secretary support the effectiveness of the Board by assisting the Board and management to develop good corporate governance practices and	the Company Secretary?	A legal practitioner called to the Nigerian Bar in 2012 with extensive legal, corporate commercial, company secretarial, compliance and corporate governance experience spanning over 11 years.
culture within the Company"		Yes
		The Company Secretary reports functionally to the Board Chairman and administratively to the MD.
		The Company relies on provisions in the MEMART, CAMA, and the Code of Corporate Governance in the appointment or removal of the Company Secretary.
	vi) Who undertakes and approves the performance appraisal of the Company Secretary?	The Board of Directors.
Principle 9: Access to Independent Advice "Directors are sometimes required to make decisions of a technical and complex	<ul> <li>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</li> <li>If yes, where is it documented?</li> </ul>	Yes The Corporate Governance Framework; in line with CAMA.
nature that may require independent external	ii) Who bears the cost for the independent professional advice?	The Company
expertise"	Directors obtain any independent	Yes. The Directors obtained Independent <sub>7</sub>

		Professional Advice in respect of the review of remuneration for Directors and Employees of the company.
Principle 10: Meetings of the Board	i) What is the process for reviewing and approving minutes of Board meetings?	Collectively by the Board at subsequent meetings.
"Meetings are the principal vehicle for conducting the business of the Board and successfully fulfilling the	ii) What are the timelines for sending the minutes to Directors?	2 weeks after the Board Meetings.
	do not meet the Company policy on meeting attendance?	All our directors meet attendance requirements. Meeting attendance is considered for re-election.

Principles	Reporting Questions	Explanation on application or deviation
strategic objectives of the Company''		
	<ul> <li>i) Do the Board Committees have Board-approved Charters which set out their responsibilities and terms of reference? Yes/No</li> </ul>	Yes
	ii) What is the process for reviewing and approving minutes of Board Committee of meetings?	Collectively by the Board Committee members at subsequent meetings.
	iii) What are the timelines for sending the minutes to the directors?	Two weeks after the meetings.
	iv) Who acts as Secretary to board committees?	The Company Secretary
	<ul> <li>v) What Board Committees are responsible for the following matters?</li> <li>a) Nomination and Governance</li> <li>b) Remuneration</li> <li>c) Audit</li> <li>d) Risk Management</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a) Governance, Nomination and Remuneration Committee</li> <li>b) Governance, Nomination and remuneration committee</li> <li>c) Audit Committee</li> <li>d) Risk Management, Health, Safety, Security and Environment Committee</li> </ul>
	vi) What is the process of appointing the chair of each committee?	Board reviews and approves the appointment of Committee Chairpersons.
	Committee responsible fo	r Nomination and Governance
	vii) What is the proportion of INEDs to NEDs on the Committee responsible for Nomination and Governance?	The Committee is made up of 2 INEDs and 1 NED
	viii) Is the chairman of the Committee a NED or INED ?	INED
	ix) Does the Company have a succession plan policy? Yes/No If yes, how often is it reviewed?	Yes Every 3 years.
	as other governance policies reviewed?	Every 3 years as required by the Corporate Governance Framework or as specified in the policies.
	xi) How does the committee report on its activities to the Board?	Through a formal documented process. A detailed report of its activities is presented to the general Board.
	Committee respor	nsible for Remuneration
	xii) What is the proportion of INEDs to NEDs on the Committee responsible for Remuneration?	The Committee is made up of 2 INEDs and 1 NED
	xiii) Is the chairman of the Committee a NED or INED?	1 INED
	Committee re	sponsible for Audit
	xiv) Does the Company have a Board Audit Committee separate from the Statutory Audit Committee? Yes/No	No.
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xv) Are members of the Committee responsible for Audit financially literate? <b>Yes/No</b>	Yes
	1 Chartered Accountant, 1 holder of Master of Business Administration, 1 COREN Registered Engineer with a PGD (Management Accounting), 2 BSC holders,
xvii) Name the financial expert(s) on the Committee responsible for Audit	Mr. Emmanuel Omuojine (FCA)

Principles	Reporting Questions	Explanation on application or deviation
	xviii) How often does the Committee responsible for Audit review the internal auditor's reports?	Every Quarter
	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?	Through a structured reporting process at every quarterly meeting.
	<ul> <li>xxi) Does the Committee responsible for Audit review the External Auditors management letter, Key Audit Matters and management response to issues raised? Yes/No</li> <li>Please explain.</li> </ul>	Yes The Audit Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Board.
	xxii) Is there a Board-approved policy that clearly specifies the non-audit services that the external auditor shall not provide? Yes/No	Yes
	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?	At least twice.
	Committee respons	ible for Risk Management
	xxiv) Is the Chairman of the Risk Committee a NED or an INED?	INED
	xxv) Is there a Board approved Risk Management framework? <b>Yes/No?</b> If yes, when was it approved?	Yes
	xxvi) How often does the Committee review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Risk Management Controls in place? Date of last review	2016. Revised in 2023. At every meeting. November 2023
	xxvii) Does the Company have a Board- approved IT Data Governance Framework? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, how often is it reviewed?	Yes
	xxviii) How often does the Committee receive and review compliance report on the IT Data Governance Framework?	Quarterly
	xxix) Is the Chief Risk Officer (CRO) a member of Senior Management and does he have relevant experience for this role? <b>Yes/No</b>	Yes
	xxx) How many meetings of the Committee did the CRO attend during the period under review?	4
Principle 12: Appointment to the Board	i) Is there a Board-approved policy for the appointment of Directors? <b>Yes/No</b>	Yes
"A written, clearly defined, rigorous, formal and transparent procedure serves as a guide for the selection of Directors to ensure the appointment of high-quality	ii) What criteria are considered for their appointment?	Experience, integrity, skills, diversity, knowledge and commitment.
	iii) What is the Board process for ascertaining that prospective directors are fit and proper persons?	Background checks and recommendations.
individuals to the Board"	<ul> <li>iv) Is there a defined tenure for the following:</li> <li>a) The Chairman</li> <li>b) The MD/CEO</li> <li>c) INED</li> </ul>	Yes a. 12 years b. 10 years
		c. 9 years

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Principles	Reporting Questions	Explanation on application or deviation
	d) NED e) EDs	d. 12 years e. 12 years
	v) Please state the tenure	See above.
	vi) Does the Board have a process to ensure that it is refreshed periodically? <b>Yes/No?</b>	Yes
Principle 13: Induction and Continuing Education	<ul> <li>i) Does the Board have a formal induction programme for new directors? Yes/No</li> </ul>	Yes
"A formal induction programme on joining the Board as well as regular training assists Directors to effectively discharge their duties to the Company"	<ul> <li>ii) During the period under review, were new Directors appointed? Yes/No</li> <li>If yes, provide date of induction.</li> </ul>	No.
	<ul> <li>iii) Are Directors provided relevant training to enable them effectively discharge their duties? Yes/No If yes, provide training details.</li> </ul>	Yes. The Directors attended a Training organized by the Chartered Institute of Directors Nigeria (CIoD) held in London, UK in October 2023
	iv) How do you assess the training needs of Directors?	
	<ul> <li>v) Is there a Board-approved training plan?</li> <li>Yes/No</li> </ul>	Yes
	vi) Has it been budgeted for? Yes/No	Yes
Principle 14: Board Evaluation "Annual Board evaluation assesses how each Director,	i) Is there a Board-approved policy for evaluating Board performance? <b>Yes/No</b>	Yes
the committees of the Board and the Board are committed to their roles, work together and continue to contribute	ii) For the period under review, was there any Board Evaluation exercise conducted? <b>Yes/No</b>	The Board Evaluation exercise for the Year 2022 was conducted in 2023.
effectively to the achievement of the Company's objectives"	iii) If yes, indicate whether internal or external. Provide date of last evaluation.	External
	in the Deered Eveloption was at the eve	2023
	<ul> <li>iv) Has the Board Evaluation report been presented to the full Board? Yes/No</li> <li>If yes, indicate date of presentation.</li> </ul>	The 2022 Board Evaluation Report was presented to the Board of Directors and approved by the Board for implementation on the 29 <sup>th</sup> of January 2024.
	<ul> <li>v) Did the Chairman discuss the evaluation report with the individual directors? Yes/No</li> </ul>	Yes, the evaluation report was discussed at the Board meeting on 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
	vi) Is the result of the evaluation for each Director considered in the re-election process? <b>Yes/No</b>	Yes.
Principle 15: Corporate Governance Evaluation "Institutionalizing a system for evaluating the Company's corporate governance practices ensures that its governance standards, practices and processes are adequate and effective"	<ul> <li>i) For the period under review, has the Company conducted a corporate governance evaluation? Yes/No</li> <li>If yes, provide date of the evaluation.</li> </ul>	The Corporate Governance Evaluation exercise for Year 2022 was conducted in 2023
	<li>ii) Is the result of the Corporate Governance Evaluation presented and considered by the Board? Yes/No</li>	Yes. The Corporate Governance Evaluation Report was considered and approved by the Board on the 29 <sup>th</sup> of January 2024.
	<li>iii) If yes, please indicate the date of last presentation.</li>	29 <sup>th</sup> of January 2024

	iv) Is the summary of the Corporate Governance Evaluation included in the annual reports and Investors portal? <b>Yes/No</b>	The summary of the Corporate Governance Evaluation will be included in the 2023 Annual Report, which will be uploaded on our Investors Portal.
Principle 16: Remuneration Governance	<ul> <li>i) Is there a Board-approved Directors' remuneration policy? Yes/No If yes, how often is it reviewed?</li> </ul>	Yes Every 3 years.

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"The Board ensures that the Company remunerates fairly, responsibly and transparently 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 and all other benefits paid to them during the period under review	Annual Fee- N15,000,000 – Chairman N12,000,000 – NEDs Sitting Allowance for Chairman- N420,000 Sitting allowance for NED for Board Meetings- N320,000 Sitting Allowance for Committee Chairman at Committee Meetings- N362,500 Sitting Allowance for Committee Members at Committee Meetings- N300,000
	iii) Is the remuneration of NEDS presented to shareholders for approval? Yes/No If yes, when was it approved?	Yes At the 30 <sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
	iv) What portion of the NEDs remuneration is linked to company performance?	None
	<ul> <li>v) Is there a Board-approved remuneration policy for Executive and Senior management? Yes/No</li> <li>If yes, to what extent is remuneration linked to company performance?</li> </ul>	Yes Significantly.
	vi) Has the Board set KPIs for Executive 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 Secretary receive a sitting allowance and/or directors fees? <b>Yes/No</b>	No
	ix) Which of the following receive sitting allowance and/or fees: a. MD/CEO b. ED c. Company Secretary d. Other Senior management staff	None
	<ul> <li>x) Is there a Board-approved clawback policy for Executive management? Yes/No</li> <li>If yes, attach the policy.</li> </ul>	No. One is being developed and will be adopted in 2024.
Principle 17: Risk Management	<ul> <li>i) Has the Board defined the company's risk appetite and limit? Yes/No</li> </ul>	Yes
"A sound framework for managing risk and ensuring	ii) How often does the company conduct a risk assessment?	On a continuous basis.
an effective internal control system is essential for achieving the strategic objectives of the Company"	iii) How often does the board receive and review risk management reports?	Quarterly.
Principle 18: Internal Audit "An effective internal audit function provides assurance to the Board on the effectiveness of the	function? <b>Yes/No</b> If no, how has the Board obtained adequate assurance on the effectiveness of internal processes and systems?	Yes
governance, risk management and internal	ii) Does the company have a Board-approved internal audit charter ? <b>Yes/No</b>	Yes

control systems"	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?	Chartered Accountant (ACA), with over 12 years' experience.
	v) Does the company have a Board-approved annual risk-based internal audit plan? <b>Yes/No</b>	Yes
	vi) Does the head of the internal audit function report at least once every quarter to the committee responsible for audit, on the	Yes

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	adequacy and effectiveness of management, governance, risk and control environment; deficiencies observed and management mitigation plans? <b>Yes/No</b>	
	<ul> <li>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</li> <li>If yes, when was the last assessment?</li> </ul>	Yes The assessment for 2023 is ongoing. The last assessment was in 2019.
	viii) Who undertakes and approves the performance evaluation of the Head of Internal Audit?	The Audit Committee
Principle 19: Whistleblowing "An effective whistle-blowing framework for reporting any illegal or unethical behaviour	<ul> <li>i) Does the company have a Board-approved whistleblowing framework? Yes/No</li> <li>If yes, when was the date of lastreview</li> </ul>	Yes Last date of review was the 25 <sup>th</sup> of April 2023.
minimises the Company's exposure and prevents recurrence"	ii) Does the Board ensure that the whistleblowing mechanism and process are reliable, accessible to all stakeholders, guarantees anonymity and protection of the whistleblower? <b>Yes/No</b>	Yes
	iii) Is the Audit committee provided with the following reports on a periodic basis?	Yes
	a) Reported cases b) Process and results of Investigated cases	
Principle 20: External Audit "An external auditor is appointed to provide an	<ul> <li>i) Who makes the recommendations for the appointment, re-appointment or removal of external auditors?</li> </ul>	The Audit Committee
independent opinion on the true and fair view of the financial statements of the	ii) Who approves the appointment, re- appointment, and removal of External Auditors?	The Board, subject to ratification by the Shareholders.
Company to give assurance to stakeholders on the reliability of the financial	iii) When was the first date of appointment of the External auditors?	
statements"	iv) How often are the audit partners rotated?	Every 5 years
Principle     21:     General       Meetings     "General     Meetings     are       important     platforms     for     the	<ul> <li>i) How many days prior to the last general meeting were notices, annual reports and any other relevant information dispatched to Shareholders?</li> </ul>	29 days
Board to engage shareholders to facilitate greater understanding of the	<li>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?</li>	Yes
Company's business, governance and performance. They provide	Yes/No	
shareholders with an opportunity to exercise their ownership rights and express their views to the Board on any areas of interest"		
Principle 22: Shareholder Engagement	i) Is there a Board-approved policy on shareholders' engagement? <b>Yes/No</b>	Yes
"The establishment of a system of regular dialogue with shareholders balance	If yes: a) when was it last reviewed? b) Is the policy hosted on the company's website?	Last date of review was December 2023.

expectations with the objectives of the Company"	ii) How does the Board engage with Institutional Investors and how often?	Direct presentations.
"Equitable treatment of shareholders and the protection of their statutory and general rights, particularly the interest of minority shareholders, promote good governance"	<ul> <li>i) Does the Board ensure that adequate and timely information is provided to the shareholders on the Company's activities? Yes/No</li> </ul>	Yes
<b>and Ethics</b> "The establishment of professional business and	<ul> <li>Does the company have a Board-approved Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (COBE) that guides the professional business and ethical standards? Yes/No</li> <li>fyes: <ul> <li>a) Has the COBE been communicated to all internal and external Stakeholders? Yes/No</li> <li>b) Is the COBE applicable to any or all of the following: <ul> <li>Board</li> <li>Senior management</li> <li>Other employees</li> <li>Third parties</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>	Yes a. Yes b. It is applicable to all.
i	ii) When was the date of last review of the policy?	September 2020
i	<li>iii) Has the Board incorporated a process for identifying, monitoring and reporting adherence to the COBE? Yes/No</li>	Yes
i	iv) What sanctions were imposed for the period under review for non-compliance with the COBE?	There was no non-compliance recorded within the period
"The establishment of policies and mechanisms for monitoring insider trading, related party transactions, conflict of interest and other	insider trading? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes: a) When was the last date of review? b) How does the Board monitor compliance with this policy?	<ul> <li>Yes <ul> <li>a. It was last reviewed on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2023.</li> <li>b. Through the Company Secretariat.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Yes <ul> <li>a. The policy is part of the Corporate Governance Framework reviewed last in December 2023.</li> <li>b. The Board ensures that related party transactions are done at arms length in line with the policy.</li> <li>c. It is applicable to all.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

iii) How does the Board ensure adequat disclosure of Related Party Transactions b the responsible parties?	<ul> <li>Each Director has the opportunity to</li> <li>disclose related party transactions.</li> </ul>
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	<ul> <li>iv) Does the company have a Board-approved policy on conflict of interest? Yes/No</li> <li>If yes: <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: <ul> <li>Senior management</li> <li>Other employees (Specify)</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>	Yes September 2020
Principle 26: Sustainability "Paying adequate attention to sustainability issues including environment, social, occupational and community health and safety	<ul> <li>i) Is there a Board-approved sustainability policy? Yes/No If yes, when was it last reviewed?</li> <li>ii) How does the Board monitor compliance</li> </ul>	Yes. 2023. A more robust ESG and Sustainability Strategy and Policy will be approved in 2024. The Risk Management Committee has
ensures successful long-term business performance and projects the Company as a responsible corporate citizen contributing to economic	<ul><li>iii) How does the Board report compliance with the policy?</li></ul>	been tasked with Governance of the Sustainability Policy. As part of Board Papers.
development"	iv) Is there a Board-approved policy on diversity in the workplace? <b>Yes/No</b> If yes, when was it last reviewed?	Yes December 2022
Principle 27: Stakeholder Communication "Communicating and	i) Is there a Board-approved policy on stakeholder management and communication? <b>Yes/No</b>	Yes
interacting with stakeholders keeps them conversant with the activities of the Company and assists them in making informed decisions"	<ul> <li>Does the Company have an up-to-date investor relation portal? Yes/No If yes, provide the link.</li> </ul>	Yes investors@eternaplc.com
<b>Principle 28: Disclosures</b> "Full and comprehensive disclosure of all matters	<ul> <li>Does the company's annual report include a summary of the corporate governance report? Yes/No</li> </ul>	Yes
investors and stakeholders, and of matters set out in this Code,	<ul> <li>ii) Has the company been fined by any regulator during the reporting period? Yes/No If yes, provide details of the fines and penalties.</li> </ul>	No
ensures proper monitoring of 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 Board of Directors

Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer

Name: Gabriel Ogbechie

Signatore: Date: 28th March 2024

Chairman of the Committee responsible for Governance Name: Okechukwu Omezi

Date: 28th March 2024

## Company Secretary/Chief Compliance Officer

Name: Mandella Golkus

Signature

Name: Benjamin Nwaezeigwe

Date: 28th March 2024

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Date: 28th March 2024