

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS' FIT AND PROPER POLICY

## 1.0 OBJECTIVE

This Board of Directors' Fit and Proper Policy ("Policy") is designed to :-

- Establish a set of formal and transparent fit and proper criteria for appointment and re-election of Directors to the Board of Directors ("Board") of Microlink Solutions Berhad ("MSB" or "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group").
- Ensure that each of the Directors has the character, experience, integrity, competence and time to effectively discharge his/her role as a Director of the Group.
- Serve as a guide to the Nominating Committee ("NC") and the Board in their review
  and assessment of candidates that are to be appointed onto the Board as well as
  Directors who are seeking for appointment or re-election.

## 2.0 RESPONSIBILITY

## 2.1 The Board's Commitment and Responsibility

In the application of this Policy, the Board is primarily responsible for ensuring that all Directors fulfil fit and proper criteria and for conducting assessments of the fitness and propriety of all Directors. The Board is committed to ensuring that each Director has the appropriate skill and experience commensurate with the role that they hold, and will make all final determinations on the fitness and propriety of the Directors.

## 2.2 NC's Responsibility

The NC is responsible for the assessment of existing Directors or candidates for nomination or appointment or re-election as a Director of the Group, and making recommendations to the Board on these matters.

#### 3.0 FIT AND PROPER CRITERIA

The fit and proper criteria of a Director include but not limited to the following:-

## 3.1 Character and Integrity

## (i) Probity

- is compliant with legal obligations, regulatory requirements and professional standards
- has not been obstructive, misleading or untruthful in dealings with regulatory bodies or a court

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## (ii) Personal integrity

- has not perpetrated or participated in any business practices which are deceitful, oppressive, improper (whether unlawful or not), or which otherwise reflect discredit on his professional conduct
- service contract (i.e. in the capacity of management or Director) had not been terminated in the past due to concerns on personal integrity
- has not abused other positions (i.e. political appointment) to facilitate government relations for the company in a manner that contravenes the principles of good governance

## (iii) Financial integrity

- manages personal debts or financial affairs satisfactorily
- demonstrates ability to fulfil personal financial obligations as and when they fall due

## (iv) Reputation

- is of good repute in the financial and business community
- has not been the subject of civil or criminal proceedings or enforcement action, in managing or governing an entity for the past 10 years
- has not been substantially involved in the management of a business or company which has failed, where that failure has been occasioned in part by deficiencies in that management

## 3.2 Experience and competence

- (i) Qualifications, training and skills
  - possesses education qualification that is relevant to the skill set that the Director is earmarked to bring to bear onto the boardroom (i.e. a match to the board skill set matrix)
  - has a considerable understanding on the business and workings of a corporation
  - possesses general management skills as well as understanding of corporate governance and sustainability issues
  - keeps knowledge current based on continuous professional development
  - possesses leadership capabilities and a high level of emotional intelligence

## (ii) Relevant experience and expertise

 possesses relevant experience and expertise with due consideration given to past length of service, nature and size of business, responsibilities held, number of subordinates as well as reporting lines and delegated authorities

- (iii) Relevant past performance or track record
  - had a career of occupying a high-level position in a comparable organisation, and was accountable for driving or leading the organisation's governance, business performance or operations

## 3.3 Time and commitment

- (i) Ability to discharge role having regard to other commitments
  - able to devote time as a board member, having factored other outside obligations including concurrent board positions held by the Director across listed issuers and non-listed entities (including notfor-profit organisations)
- (ii) Participation and contribution in the board or track record
  - demonstrates willingness to participate activity in board activities
  - demonstrate willingness to devote time and effort to understand the businesses and exemptions readiness to participate in events outside the boardroom
  - manifests passion in the vocation of a Directors
  - exhibits ability to articulate views independently, objectively and constructively
  - exhibits open mindedness to the views of others and ability to make considered judgement after hearing the views of others

## 3.4 <u>Independence (applicable to appointment and re-election of Independent Director)</u>

The Director meets the criteria of an Independent Director as specified in paragraph 1.01 of the ACE Market Listing Requirements and clause I of Guidance Note 9 of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad.

## 4.0 ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

## 4.1 Appointment of new Director

- 4.1.1 The candidate is required to provide personal details together with education background, work experience, directorships in other public and/or public listed companies, potential conflict of interest with the Group and additional relevant information.
- 4.1.2 The candidate is required to complete the Declaration Form for Appointment as Director (**Appendix 1**).
- 4.1.3 For the appointment of Independent Director, the candidate is also required to complete the Independent Directors' Self-Assessment Checklist (**Appendix 3**).
- 4.1.4 The NC will, based on 4.1.1, 4.1.2 and 4.1.3, above, assess and evaluate individually and collectively whether the candidate fulfils the fit and proper

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criteria as stated in item 3 of this Policy by completing the Directors' / Key Officers' Evaluation Form (**Appendix 2**) before recommending to the Board for deliberation and approval.

## 4.2 Re-election of Director

- 4.2.1 For the re-election of Independent Director, the Director is required to complete the Independent Directors' Self-Assessment Checklist (**Appendix 3**).
- 4.2.2 The NC will, based on 4.2.1 above, assess and evaluate individually and collectively whether the Director fulfils the fit and proper criteria as stated in item 3 of this Policy by completing the Directors' / Key Officers' Evaluation Form (**Appendix 2**) before recommending to the Board for deliberation and approval.

## 5.0 REVIEW OF THE POLICY

The NC will review this Policy and recommend it to the Board for approval as and when necessary. The terms of this Policy shall be updated whenever there are changes to the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance, Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and any other relevant regulatory requirements.

## DECLARATION FORM FOR APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR

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do he	reby solemnly affirm and declare that the below responses are true	and corre	ct, as to the
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appoi	ntment as a Director of Microlink Solutions Berhad and/or its subs	idiaries:-	
		YES	NO
Cha	racter and Integrity - Probity		
(i)	whether you are in compliant with legal obligations, regulatory requirements and professional standards		
(ii)	whether you have been obstructive, misleading or untruthful in dealings with regulatory bodies or a court		
Cha	racter and Integrity - Personal integrity		
(iii)	whether you have perpetrated or participated in any business practices which are deceitful, oppressive, improper (whether unlawful or not), or which otherwise reflect discredit on your professional conduct		
(iv)	whether your service contract (i.e. in the capacity of management or Director) had been terminated in the past due to concerns on personal integrity		
(v)	whether you have abused other positions (i.e. political appointment) to facilitate government relations for the company in a manner that contravenes the principles of good governance		
Cha	racter and Integrity - Financial integrity		
(vi)	whether you have been the subject of a judgement debt which is unsatisfied, either in whole or in part, whether in Malaysia or elsewhere		
(vii)	whether you have been and will be able to fulfil your financial obligations, whether in Malaysia or elsewhere, as and when they fall due		

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Char	acter and Integrity - Reputation	
(viii)	whether you have been the subject of civil or criminal proceedings or enforcement action, in managing or governing an entity for the past 10 years	
(ix)	Whether you have been substantially involved in the management of a business or company which has failed, where that failure has been occasioned in part by deficiencies in that management	
Expe	rience and competence – Time and commitment	
(x)	whether you are able to devote time as a board member, having factored other outside obligations including concurrent board positions held by the Director across listed issuers and non-listed entities (including not-for-profit organisations)	
Conf	lict of Interest	
(xi)	whether you are free from any business or other relationship which could materially pose a conflict of interest or interfere with the exercise of your judgement when acting in the capacity of a Director which would be disadvantageous to the Group's interest	

(Signature of Candidate/Director making the declaration)

Name:

Date:

## **DIRECTORS' / KEY OFFICERS' EVALUATION FORM**

This Evaluation Form, which is not exhaustive in nature, illustrates key questions which may be used to assist the process for the annual evaluation of the Board of Directors and key officers, where applicable, and/or evaluation prior to appointment and/or re-appointment.

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**Section B**: Contribution and Performance

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20.	Acts in good faith and with	h integrity		
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21.	Attends meetings well pre	epared and adds value	e to Board and/or com	nmittee meetings
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22.	Works constructively with	n peers, the Company	Secretary and Senior	Management
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23.	Offers insight to matter information	s presented with re	quisite knowledge a	nd skills, and shares
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24.	Encourages others to get	things done, is decisiv	re and action-oriented	
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25.	Articulates in a non-confr	ontational and compr	ehensible manner	
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27. Behaviour engenders mutual trust and respect within the Board and with other key officers

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## INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS' SELF-ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

The following section is to be completed by <u>Independent Directors only</u>. This checklist requires responses of "Yes" and "No". Comments to address certain unique issues / situations may be added below the responses.

This	responses	relevant to this checklis	st are illustrated as follows :
		Yes 🗆	No 🗆
Resp	pond by ticl	king the suitable option	for each statement.
Nam	ie of Indepe	endent Director :	
1.	corporati		e Director of Microlink Solutions Berhad or any related ns Berhad (hereinafter, each corporation shall be referred
	<u>Y</u>	es 🗆	No 🗆
	Comme	ent:	
2.	independ	ctor is not, and has not ent director) of the said	t been within the last 3 years, an officer $^1$ (except as an corporation.
	Comme	ent:	
3.	The Direc	ctor is not a major share	holder <sup>2</sup> of the said corporation.
		es 🗆	No 🗆
	Comme	ent:	
4.		ctor is not a family memb d corporation.	per <sup>3</sup> of any Executive Director, officer or major shareholder
		es 🗆	No 🗆
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5.		ctor is not acting as a non der of the said corporati	ninee or representative of any Executive Director or major on.
	Y	es $\square$	No 🗆
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6.	circumstances as prescribed by Bursa M not presently a partner, director (e shareholder, as the case may be, of a	s an adviser by the said corporation under such dalaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities") or is xcept as an Independent Director) or a major firm or corporation which provides professional nunder such circumstances as prescribed by Bursa
	Securities.	
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	Comment:	
7.	The Director has not engaged in any	transaction with the said corporation under such
	5 5	ecurities, or is not presently a partner, director or a
	<u> </u>	of a firm or corporation (other than subsidiaries of
		s been engaged in any transaction with the said
	corporation under such circumstances	as prescribed by Bursa Securities.
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	Yes	No 🗆
	Comment:	
	is defined as a spouse, parents, childr daughters-in-law, brothers and sisters- employees) who shares the Director's	of the said corporation. "Immediate family member" en, siblings, mothers and fathers-in-law, sons and in-law, de-facto partner and anyone else (except for home. Individuals who are no longer immediate separation, divorce or death, are not taken into mination of a Director's independence.
	Yes	No 🗆
	Comment:	
9.	(8) above; except with respect to item (	nember meeting any of the criteria set forth in (3) – 6) in which case an immediate family member may ndependent auditor so long as such family member prporation's audit.
	Yes	No 🗆
	Comment:	
10.		ationship (as determined by the said corporation) y or as a partner, shareholder, director or officer of tionship with the said corporation.
	Yes 🗆	No 🗆
	Comment:	110

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11. The Director's tenure as independent director has not exceeded 9 years.

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The Director is not a person who is accustomed or under an obligation, whether formal or informal, to act in addrector of a body corporate which is accustomed or wisher of the Director is not a director of a body corporate which is accustomed or wisher of the director or wisher of the director or major shareholder of the Company or accorporations.    Yes	nes of a directorions.
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Yes  Comment:  The Director has not received performance-based remuneration or share-	

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Yes	No 🗆
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The Director does not hold a cross-	directorship or have any significant links with
	other companies or body corporate which
	ally hamper the Director's independent judgem
ability to act in the best interests of t	he Company.
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The Director is not a person who pe established by the Management.	rforms a policy-making function but to endorse
Yes 🗆	No 🗆
Comment:	
Company's financial standings.	
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#### Footnotes:

- officer in relation to a corporation, includes
  - (a) any director, secretary or employee of the corporation;
  - (b) a receiver and manager of any part of the undertaking of the corporation appointed under a power contained in any instrument; and
  - (c) any liquidator of a company appointed in a voluntary winding up,

But does not include -

- (i) any receiver who is not also a manager;
- (ii) any receiver and manager appointed by the Court; or
- (iii) any liquidator appointed by the Court or by the creditors.
- major shareholder: means a person who has an interest or interests in one or more voting shares in a corporation and the number or aggregate number of those shares, is
  - (a) 10% or more of the total number of voting shares in the corporation; or
  - (b) 5% or more of the total number of voting shares in the corporation where such person is the largest shareholder of the corporation.
- family member: in relation to a person means such person who falls within any one of the following categories:-
  - (a) spouse;
  - (b) parent;
  - (c) child including an adopted child and stepchild;
  - (d) brother or sister; and
  - (e) spouse of the person referred to in subparagraphs (c) and (d) above.