The Board of Directors (the "**Board**") of YHI International Limited (the "**Company**") and its subsidiaries (the "**Group**") is committed to ensuring that the highest standards of corporate governance are adopted as a fundamental part of its responsibilities in protecting and enhancing shareholder value and the financial performance of the Group. The Board has established relevant internal control measures and monitoring mechanisms to ensure corporate governance standards are practised.

This report describes the Group's corporate governance practices and structures that were in place during the financial year ended 31 December 2022 ("FY2022"), with specific reference to the principles and provisions of the Code of Corporate Governance 2018 (the "Code"), which forms part of the continuing obligations of the listing rules of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST") ("Listing Rules"). The Company has complied with the principles and provisions as set out in the Code where applicable and where there are variations from the provisions of the Code, explanations and alternative corporate governance practices adopted by the Company which are consistent with the aim and philosophy of the principles of the Code have been provided.

### THE CODE

The Code is divided into five main sections:

- (A) Board Matters
- (B) Remuneration Matters
- (C) Accountability and Audit
- (D) Shareholder Rights and Engagement
- (E) Managing Stakeholders Relationships

### (A) BOARD MATTERS

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

The Company is headed by an effective Board which is collectively responsible and works with the Management for the long-term success of the Company.

The Board comprises two (2) Executive Directors and three (3) Independent Directors, all having the right competencies and diversity of experience enabling them to effectively contribute to the Group.

As at 28 March 2023, the Board comprises the following Directors:

Mr Tay Tian Hoe Richard (Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director)

Mr Tay Tiang Guan (Executive Director)

Mr Hong Pian Tee (Lead Independent Director)
Ms Gn Jong Yuh Gwendolyn (Independent Director)
Mr Ong Kian Min (Independent Director)

A description of the background of each director is presented in the "Board of Directors" section of this Annual Report.

All Directors exercise due diligence and independent judgement in dealing with the business affairs of the Group and are obliged to act in good faith and to take objective decisions in the best interests of the Group.

Provision 1.1

The principal functions of the Board include the following:

- Providing entrepreneurial leadership for the Group and setting the Group's values and standards (including ethical standards), and ensuring that obligations to shareholders and other stakeholders are understood and met;
- b. Enhancing and protecting long-term returns and value for the Group's shareholders;
- Reviewing and approving key business strategies and financial plans and monitoring the Group's performance and ensuring that the necessary financial and human resources are in place for the Group to meet its objectives;
- d. Reviewing the performance of and holding the management accountable for their performance;
- e. Reviewing the Group's internal controls, risk management systems, financial reporting process and sustainability issues and reporting, and establishing a framework of prudent and effective controls which enables risks to be assessed and managed, including safeguarding of shareholders' interests and the Company's assets;
- f. Ensuring the Group's compliance with relevant legislative, regulatory and continuing listing requirements;
- g. Ensuring that good corporate governance practices are adopted;
- h. Approving major investments, divestments and funding plans proposed by the Management;
- i Ensuring accurate, adequate and timely reporting to, and communication with shareholders; and
- j. Identifying key stakeholder groups and recognizing that their perceptions affect the Group's reputation.

The Board has put in place a code of conduct and ethics, and has set an appropriate tone-from-the-top and desired organisational culture. The Board also ensures proper accountability within the Company.

Directors who face a conflict of interest would declare such conflict and recuse themselves from discussions and decisions involving issues of the conflict.

Directors understand the Company's business as well as their directorship duties (including their respective roles as Executives, Non-Executives and Independent Directors of the Company).

Provision 1.2

Directors are provided with opportunities to develop and maintain their skills and knowledge at the Company's expense. All Directors are updated regularly on any changes to legislative and regulatory requirements, Listing Rules, business risks and accounting standards. The Company also encourages the Directors to attend trainings. Directors have attended seminars, programmes and update sessions relevant to new rules, regulations and laws organised by various bodies such as Singapore Institute of Directors, Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants and SGX-ST.

The Company conducts a comprehensive and tailored orientation programme to provide new Directors with extensive background information about the Group's structure and core values, its strategic direction and corporate governance practices as well as industry-specific knowledge. New Directors will have the opportunity to visit the Group's operational facilities and to meet with the management to gain a better understanding of the Group's business operations. The orientation programme gives new Directors an understanding of the Group's businesses to enable them to assimilate into their new role. It also allows new Directors to be familiar with the management, thereby facilitating Board interaction and independent access to the management.

The Company provides a formal letter to new Directors, setting out the Director's duties and obligations.

The Directors are familiar with the Group's business, industry-specific practices and governance practices. The Directors have prior experience as directors of a company listed on the SGX-ST and are familiar with the roles and responsibilities as a director of a listed company.

Listing Rule 210(5)(a)

The Group has adopted a set of internal guidelines on matters that require the Board's approval. The Board decides on matters that require the Board's approval and clearly communicates this to the management in writing. The matters requiring Board approvals are including but not limited to, interested person transactions, investments and divestments, capital expenditure and business contracts which exceed certain amount. For example, the Board approves transactions exceeding certain threshold limits while delegating authority for transactions below those limits to the Board Committees and the management via a structured matrix, which is reviewed on a regular basis and revised when necessary.

Provision 1.3

The Board may delegate the authority to make decisions to any Board Committee but without abdicating its responsibility. The following three (3) committees have been appointed by the Board to assist the Board in discharging some of its key responsibilities:

Provision 1.4

- a) Nominating Committee ("NC")
- b) Remuneration Committee ("**RC**")
- c) Audit Committee ("AC")

Listing Rule 210(5)(e)

All the Board Committees are actively engaged and play an important role in ensuring good corporate governance in the Company and within the Group. Minutes of the Board and Board Committee meetings are available to all Board members.

The roles of each Board Committee is outlined in the respective Board Committee's written Terms of Reference approved by the Board, which clearly sets out the authority and duties of each respective committee. Further details of the scope and functions of the NC, RC and AC are provided in the relevant sections of this report.

The Board acknowledges that while these various Board Committees have the authority to examine particular issues and report back to the Board with their decisions and recommendations, the ultimate responsibility on all matters lies with the Board.

The composition of each Board Committee is set out in the table below:

Director	Nominating Committee	Remuneration Committee	Audit Committee
Mr Tay Tian Hoe Richard	Member	-	-
(Executive Chairman & Group Managing Director)			
Mr Tay Tiang Guan (Executive Director)	-	-	-
Mr Hong Pian Tee (Lead Independent Director)	Member	Member	Chairman
Ms Gn Jong Yuh Gwendolyn (Independent Director)	Chairman	Member	Member
Mr Ong Kian Min (Independent Director)	Member	Chairman	Member

The Board holds regular meetings on a quarterly basis to review the Group's key activities, business strategies, funding plans, financial performance and to approve the announcement of half-year and annual results. Where required, ad-hoc meetings are arranged. The Directors are also constantly kept updated on the Group's development which allows them to participate and to share their views. Directors with multiple board representations ensure that sufficient time and attention are given to the affairs of the Company by actively participating in the Board and Board Committee meetings.

Provision 1.5

The Constitution of the Company ("**Constitution**") allows Directors to participate in a Board meeting by telephone conference to communicate without requiring the Directors' physical presence.

The attendance of the Directors at meetings of the Board and Board Committees during FY2022 are set out in the table below

	Board N	Meeting	Nominating Committee Meeting		Remuneration Committee Meeting		Audit Committee Meeting	
Name of Director	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended
Mr Tay Tian Hoe Richard	3	3	1	1	1	1^	3	3^
Mr Tay Tiang Guan	3	3	1	1^	1	1^	3	3^
Mr Hong Pian Tee	3	3	1	1	1	1	3	3
Ms Gn Jong Yuh Gwendolyn	3	3	1	1	1	1	3	3
Mr Ong Kian Min	3	3	1	1	1	1	3	3

#### Notes:

^ By invitation

The Board and the Management fully appreciate that an effective and robust Board whose members engage in open and constructive debate and challenge the Management on its assumptions and proposals is fundamental to good corporate governance. A Board should also aid in the development of strategic proposals and oversees the effective implementation by Management to achieve set objectives. For this to happen, the Board, particularly the Independent Directors must be kept well informed of the Group's business and be knowledgeable about the industry the Group operates in.

Provision 1.6

To ensure that the Independent Directors are well supported by accurate, complete and timely information, Directors have unrestricted access to the Management, and have sufficient time and resources to discharge their oversight functions effectively. The Independent Directors also receive board briefings on prospective deals and potential development at an early stage before formal Board approval is sought, and in circulation on the relevant information on latest market development and trends, and key business initiatives in relation to the Group or the industries in which it operates.

In order to ensure that the Board is able to discharge its responsibilities, the Management is required to provide adequate and timely information to the Board on Board affairs and issues that require the Board's decision as well as ongoing reporting relating to the operational and financial performance of the Company and the Group.

All Directors are provided with board papers prior to Board and Board Committee meetings. Generally, detailed Board and Board Committee papers prepared for each meeting are circulated five (5) working days in advance of each meeting. This is to give the Directors sufficient time to review and consider the matters to be discussed so that discussions can be more meaningful and productive. All deliberations and decisions of the Board or Board Committees are properly recorded in minutes.

The Board papers include financial results, draft announcements and various reports covering the Group's business performance, competitive position as well as significant trends and prospects of the industry. The Board papers provide contextual information that enables the Directors to make informed decisions and decide upon any further information to be obtained, where necessary. Such explanatory information may also be in the form of briefings to provide additional insights to the Directors or formal presentations made by the Management in attendance at the meetings, or by external consultants engaged on specific projects. The Board also receives reports from the internal and external auditors.

The Board receives quarterly financial statements, including regional performance and capital expenditure of the Group, cash flow projections, annual budgets and explanation on material forecasts variances to enable them to oversee the Group's operational and financial performance. Where required, detailed monthly management accounts will be provided. Directors are also informed on a regular basis as and when there are any significant developments or events relating to the Group's business operations and risk management.

The Board have separate and independent access to the Management. Directors are entitled to request and receive, in a timely manner, from the Management such additional information as necessary to make informed decisions.

Provision 1.7

The Directors have separate and independent access to the Company Secretary at all times. The Company Secretary also attends all Board, Audit Committee, Nominating Committee and Remuneration Committee meetings. The appointment and removal of the Company Secretary is a matter for the Board as a whole.

Under the direction of the Lead Independent Director, the Company Secretary ensures good information flows within the Board and its Board Committees and between the Management and Independent Directors.

The Company Secretary assists the Executive Chairman and the Chairperson of each Board Committee in the development of the agendas for the various Board and Board Committee meetings, and administers and attends all Board and Board Committee meetings of the Company and prepares minutes of meetings. The Company Secretary is also responsible for, among other things, ensuring that Board procedures are observed and that the relevant rules and regulations, including requirements of the Companies Act, Securities and Futures Act and the Listing Rules of the SGX-ST, are complied with.

Should the Directors, whether as a group or individually, need independent professional advice, the Company Secretary will, upon the Board's direction, appoint a professional advisor selected by the individual Director or the group of Directors to render the advice. The cost of such professional advice will be borne by the Company.

### PRINCIPLE 2: BOARD COMPOSITION AND GUIDANCE

The Board has an appropriate level of independence and diversity of thought and background in its composition to enable it to make decisions in the best interests of the Company.

The criterion of "independence" is based on the Listing Rules of the SGX-ST and Provision 2.1 of the Code. The Board has determined that the Independent Directors are independent in conduct, character and judgement. Furthermore, the Independent Directors have confirmed that none of them and/or their immediate family members have a relationship with the Company, its related corporations, its substantial shareholders or its officers that could interfere, or be reasonably perceived to interfere, with the exercise of the Directors' independent business judgement with a view to the best interests of the Company.

Provision 2.1

The Board and NC have also considered the new Rule 210(5)(d)(iv) of the Listing Rules which came into effect on 11 January 2023. Pursuant to Rule 210(5)(d)(iv) of the Listing Rules, a director will not be considered independent if he has been a director of the issuer for an aggregate period of more than nine years (whether before or after listing). Such director may continue to be considered independent until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the issuer.

Listing Rule 210(5)(d)

That said, pursuant to Transitional Practice Note 3 Transitional Arrangements Regarding the Tenure Limit for Independent Directors ("Transitional Practice Note 3") of the Listing Rules, Rule 210(5)(d)(iv) of the Listing Rules only takes effect for the Company's annual general meeting for the financial year ending on or after 31 December 2023.

The Independent Directors have confirmed that (a) none of them and/or their immediate family members were employed by the Company or any of its related corporations for FY2022 and for the past three (3) financial years and (b) none of them have served on the Board for an aggregate period of more than 9 years (whether before or after listing).

Each Independent Director completes a Director's Independence Checklist annually to confirm his independence based on the guidelines as set out in the Code and the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST. The Directors must also confirm whether they consider themselves independent despite not having any relationship identified in the Code or the Listing Rules of the SGX-ST. The Audit Committee members submits a declaration of independence as members of the Audit Committee in addition to their respective declaration of independence as Directors.

As at the date of this Corporate Governance Report, the Board comprises five (5) Directors. The Executive Chairman of the Board, Mr Tay Tian Hoe Richard, is not independent and therefore Independent Directors make up a majority of the Board. The Independent Directors are:

Provision 2.2

- Mr Hong Pian Tee (Lead Independent Director)
- Ms Gn Jong Yuh Gwendolyn
- Mr Ong Kian Min

All the Independent Directors are Non-Executive Directors and Non-Executive Directors make up a majority of the Board.

Provision 2.3

The Nominating Committee is responsible for examining the size, composition and diversity of the Board and Board Committees. The criteria of diversity includes, among others, whether the Board is equipped with relevant skills and experience, gender composition, age and knowledge of the Company. The criteria are being objectively assessed from time to time to ensure relevancy in view of changing business environment, business needs and relevant regulatory requirements, where applicable.

Provision 2.4

Having considered the scope and nature of the Group businesses, the requirements of the business and the need to avoid undue disruptions from changes to the composition of the Board and Board Committees, the Board, in concurrence with the Nominating Committee, considers that a Board size of between five (5) to eight (8) members as appropriate and facilitates effective decision-making. The current Board comprise of Independent Directors with finance, accounting, corporate finance and/or business expertise, with successful careers in professional firm, MNC or listed companies. The Board believes that its current Board size and the existing composition of the Board Committees effectively serves the Group and provides sufficient diversity for effective discharging of Board duties without interfering with efficient decision-making.

The Company does not adopt a formal board diversity policy, whereas it has embraced all aspects of diversity in the current Board composition and takes into consideration various factors of diversity in reviewing the Board composition as mentioned above.

The Nominating Committee is of the view that the current Board, with Independent Directors making up more than half of the Board, has a strong and independent element that is able to exercise objective judgement on corporate affairs independently. The Independent Directors are actively involved in strategy decisions. They constructively challenge and provide invaluable insights to the Management in developing business strategy. They also review and monitor the performance of the Management in meeting agreed business goals.

The Nominating Committee is of the view that no individual or small group of individuals dominates the Board's decision making process. The Board also considers that its current composition of Independent Directors provides an effective mix of commercial, accounting, finance and legal experience and has sufficient diversity to provide a range of perspectives and insights for a constructive Board deliberation to enable the Board to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively. This balance and diversity is important in ensuring that the strategies proposed by the Management are well deliberated taking into account the long-term interests of the Group.

The Board is represented by a wide range of age group with diverse experience, professional training and industrial knowledge in various fields such as in legal, commercial, accounting and finance industries which adds value to the Board in its decision making process. The Company believes that the practices adopted above are consistent with the intent of Principle 2 of the Code of Corporate Governance and enables the Company to make decisions in the best interests of the Company.

The Independent Directors of the Company at the relevant time in FY2022 have met without the presence of the Management to discuss matters such as the Group's financial performance, corporate governance initiatives, board processes, succession planning as well as leadership development and the remuneration of the Executive Directors. The Lead Independent Director will provide feedback to the Executive Chairman after such meetings as appropriate.

Provision 2.5

### PRINCIPLE 3: CHAIRMAN AND GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR

There is a clear division of responsibilities between the leadership of the Board and Management, and no one individual has unfettered powers of decision-making.

Mr Tay Tian Hoe Richard is the Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director. As Chairman of the Provisions 3.1 Board, Mr Tay Tian Hoe Richard:

- a. Leads the Board to ensure its effectiveness of all aspects of its role;
- b. Sets the meeting agenda and ensure that adequate time is available for discussion of all agenda items, in particular strategic issues;
- c. Ensures that matters raised by the Independent Directors are appropriately attended to;

Provisions 3.1

& 3.2

- d. Ensures that the Directors receive complete, adequate and timely information;
- e. Promotes a culture of openness and debate;
- f. Encourages constructive relations within the Board and between the Board and Management;
- g. Ensures effective communication with the shareholders;
- h. Facilitates the effective contribution of Independent Directors; and
- i. Promotes high standards of corporate governance and compliance with the Listing Rules.

Having regard to Mr Tay Tian Hoe Richard's ("Mr Richard Tay") concurrent appointment as the Chairman and the Group Managing Director, there is no division of responsibilities set out between the role of Mr Richard Tay as the Chairman and the Group Managing Director. However, the following checks and balances are adopted by the Board to ensure appropriate balance of power, increased accountability, and greater capacity of the Board for independent decision-making:

- a. Major business and operational decisions made by Mr Richard Tay are reviewed by the Audit Committee and the Board;
- b. The Board has appointed a Lead Independent Director, Mr Hong Pian Tee; and
- c. Independent Directors make up more than half of the Board.

As Mr Richard Tay is the Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director, pursuant to Provision 3.3 of the Code, Mr Hong Pian Tee has been appointed to be the Company's Lead Independent Director. The Lead Independent Director is available to the shareholders where they have concerns and for which contact through the channels of the Executive Chairman or Group Chief Financial Officer have failed to resolve or is inappropriate.

Provision 3.3

## **PRINCIPLE 4: BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

The Board has a formal and transparent process for the appointment and re-appointment of directors, taking into account the need for progressive renewal of the Board.

The Nominating Committee's role and authority delegated by the Board are outlined in its Terms of Reference. The key duties and activities of the Nominating Committee are to deliberate and make recommendations to the Board on matters regarding the following:

Provision 4.1

- a. The Board's structure, size and composition;
- b. The Board succession plans for Directors, in particular, for the Chairman, Group Managing Director and key management personnel;
- c. Identify and make recommendations to the Board on the Directors who are due for retirement by rotation as well as candidates for nomination or re-nomination at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting;
- d. The evaluation criteria and process of evaluation for the Board, Board Committees and individual Directors;
- e. The independence of individual Directors;
- f. The contribution and commitment of each Director; and
- g. Training and professional development programs for the Board.

Ms Gn Jong Yuh Gwendolyn, an Independent Director, is the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. A majority of the Nominating Committee are Independent Directors. The Nominating Committee comprise of the following Directors:

Provision 4.2

- Ms Gn Jong Yuh Gwendolyn, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee;
- Mr Hong Pian Tee, the Lead Independent Director;
- Mr Tay Tian Hoe Richard; and
- Mr Ong Kian Min.

### The Process for the Selection, Appointment and Re-appointment of Directors

Provision 4.3

The Board believes that Board renewal must be an ongoing process which ensures both good governance and maintains relevance to the changing needs of the Company and business.

The Constitution requires at least one-third of the Directors, excluding the Group Managing Director, to retire from office by rotation and submit themselves to re-nomination and re-election by shareholders at every Annual General Meeting. No Director stays in office for more than three (3) years without being re-elected by shareholders.

The role of the Nominating Committee also includes the responsibility of reviewing the re-nomination of Directors who retire by rotation, taking into consideration the director's integrity, independent character, contribution and performance (such as attendance, participation, preparedness and candour) and any other factors as determined by the Nominating Committee.

The Board recognises the contribution of its Independent Directors who over time have developed deep insight into the Group's businesses and operations and who are therefore able to provide invaluable contributions to the Group. Accordingly, the Board has not set a fixed term of office for each of its Independent Directors so as to be able to retain the services of the Directors as necessary. Where a vacancy arises or where it is considered by the Board that it would benefit from the contribution of a new Director with particular expertise and experience or diversity, the Nominating Committee, in consultation with the Board, determines the selection criteria and identifies potential candidates with the appropriate expertise and experience or diversity for the position.

The Nominating Committee has in place a selection and nomination process for the appointment of new Directors. For appointment of new Directors to the Board, the Nominating Committee would, in consultation with the Board, evaluate and determine the selection criteria with due consideration to the mix of skills, knowledge and experience of the existing Board. The Nominating Committee does so by first evaluating the existing strengths and capabilities of the Board, before it proceeds to assess the likely future needs of the Board, and assesses whether this need can be fulfilled by the appointment of one person and if not, then to consult the Board with respect to the appointment of two persons. The Nominating Committee will then source through their network or engage external professional assistance for potential candidates and resumes for review, undertake background checks on the resumes received, narrow this list of resumes and finally to invite the shortlisted candidates to an interview. This interview may include a briefing of the duties required to ensure that there is no expectations gap, and to ensure that any new director appointed has the ability and capacity to adequately carry out his duties as a director of the Company, taking into consideration the number of listed company board representations he holds and other principal commitments he may have. The Nominating Committee will take an open view in sourcing for candidates and does not solely rely on current Directors' recommendations or contacts, and is empowered to engage professional search firms. The Nominating Committee will interview all potential candidates in frank and detailed meetings and make recommendations to the Board for approval.

### Retirement and Re-Nomination of Directors at the Forthcoming Annual General Meeting

Provision 4.3

The Nominating Committee has recommended to the Board that Mr Tay Tiang Guan and Mr Ong Kian Min to be nominated for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Please refer to page 148 for additional information on Directors to be re-elected.

The independence of each Director is reviewed by the Nominating Committee annually and as and when required and reported to the Board, having regard to the circumstances set forth in Provision 2.1 of the Code.

Provision 4.4

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

The Board, after taking into consideration the views of the Nominating Committee, is of the view that Mr Hong Pian Tee, Mr Ong Kian Min and Ms Gn Jong Yuh Gwendolyn are independent and that no individual or small group of individuals dominates the Board's decision-making process.

The Nominating Committee ensures that new Directors are aware of their duties and obligations.

Provision 4.5

The Board does not prescribe a maximum number of listed company board representations that each Director may hold. However, all Directors are required to declare their board representations. The Nominating Committee is of the view that any maximum number established is unlikely to be representative of the participation and commitment that a Director may contribute to the Board and its overall effectiveness.

The Nominating Committee, after taking into account of the individual Director's assessment results and the Director's participation of meetings, has reviewed and is satisfied that all the Directors who sit on multiple boards have been able to and have devoted sufficient time and attention to the affairs of the Company and have adequately carried out their roles and discharged their duties as Director of the Company, notwithstanding their multiple board representations and directorships in other listed companies.

There is no alternate director on the Board.

Key information on each Director's academic and professional qualifications, directorships and other principal commitments is presented in the "Board of Directors" section of this Annual Report.

### PRINCIPLE 5: BOARD PERFORMANCE

The Board undertakes a formal annual assessment of its effectiveness as a whole, and that of each of its board committees and individual directors.

The Nominating Committee recommends for the Board's approval the objective performance criteria and process for the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, and of each Board Committee separately, as well as the contribution by the Executive Chairman and each individual Director to the Board.

Provision 5.1

## Performance Criteria for Board (including Board Committees)

The Board believes that apart from discharging its fiduciary duties (i.e. acting in good faith, with due diligence and care and in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders) the Board is to set strategic directions and ensure that the long term objective of enhancing shareholder value is achieved.

The performance criteria (which is consistent with previous years' performance criteria) for the Board and Board Committees are comparable with industry peers and have been approved by the Board. The evaluation includes size and composition, independence of Independent Directors, deliberation processes, information and accountability and performance in relation to discharging its principal functions including enhancing long-term shareholder value and achievement of financial targets including annual targets and return on equity and Company's share price performance over a five-year period.

Provision 5.1

Over the years, the Board and Board Committees', composition, performance and effectiveness is measured by its ability to provide guidance to the Management especially in times of crisis and to steer the Company and the Group towards profits and the attainment of strategic and long-term objectives, and has allowed the Group to deliver value to its shareholders.

## **Evaluation of Individual Directors**

Evaluation criteria (which is consistent with previous years' performance criteria) in assessing the contribution of individual Directors to the Board as well as his commitment to the role include the following:

- a. Attendance at Board/Board Committee meetings;
- b. Preparedness and participation in meetings;
- c. Availability for consultation and advice;
- d. Candour and the ability to confront key issues; and
- e. Contribution to the Board and Board Committee in terms of appropriate experience, expertise and skills.

A formal review of the effectiveness of the Board and Board Committees and the assessment of the Director's contribution is undertaken collectively by the Nominating Committee and reported to the Board annually. The review undertaken by the Nominating Committee also takes into account the input from other Directors and the Company Secretary.

Provision 5.2

During the financial year, Directors were requested to complete assessment checklists designed to seek their comments on the following:

- a. The effectiveness and performance of the Board (including Board Committees); and
- b. The contribution of each Director.

With the assistance of the Company Secretary, the completed checklists were submitted to the Nominating Committee for review before submitting to the Board for discussion and determining areas for improvement.

The Executive Chairman will consider the Board (including Board Committees) and individual Director's evaluation results, and in consultation with the Nominating Committee, where appropriate, propose new members to be appointed to the Board or seek the resignation of Directors.

Following the review, the Board is of the view that the Board and its Board Committees operate effectively and each Director is contributing to the overall effectiveness of the Board for FY2022. The Board and Board Committees have met the prescribed performance objectives. There was no external facilitator engaged to assess the performance of the Board for FY2022.

### (B) REMUNERATION MATTERS

### PRINCIPLE 6: PROCEDURES FOR DEVELOPING REMUNERATION POLICIES

The Board has a formal and transparent procedure for developing policies on director and executive remuneration, and for fixing the remuneration packages of individual directors and key management personnel. No director is involved in deciding his or her own remuneration.

The Remuneration Committee's role and authority delegated by the Board are outlined in its written Terms of Reference. The key duties and activities of the Remuneration Committee include the following:

Provision 6.1

- a. Reviewing and recommending to the Board a formal and transparent framework of remuneration for the Directors and key management personnel on all aspects of remuneration including Director's fees, salaries, allowances, bonuses, options (if any) and benefits-in-kind;
- b. Reviewing and recommending to the Board the specific remuneration packages and terms of employment for each Director and key management personnel;
- Reviewing the level of remuneration such that it is appropriate to attract, retain and motivate the
  Directors and key management personnel whilst linking rewards to group or corporate and individual
  performances;
- d. Ensuring adequate disclosure on Director's remuneration; and
- e. Recommending to the Board any long-term incentive scheme which may be set up from time to time and doing all acts necessary in connection therewith.

Mr Ong Kian Min, an Independent Director, is the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee. All members of the Remuneration Committee are Independent Directors and the Remuneration Committee comprise of the following Directors:

Provision 6.2

- Mr Ong Kian Min, Chairman of the Remuneration Committee;
- Mr Hong Pian Tee, the Lead Independent Director; and
- Ms Gn Jong Yuh Gwendolyn.

In its deliberations, the Remuneration Committee takes into consideration industry practices and norms in compensation, the Group's performance vis-a-vis the industry as well as the individual Director and the key management personnel's contribution and performance. No Director or key management personnel is involved in deciding his own remuneration. Following the Remuneration Committee's review, the Board is of the view that the remuneration packages are appropriate and the performance conditions set have been met for FY2022.

Provision 6.3

Each Executive Director has a service contract with a fixed appointment period and the Remuneration Committee reviews in particular the termination provisions, such as obligations arising in the event of termination of the Executive Director or key management personnel's contract of service, to ensure that such contract of service contains fair and reasonable termination clauses which are not overly generous.

When the need arises, the Remuneration Committee has access to external remuneration consultants' service and advice on Director's remuneration. No remuneration consultant was appointed for FY2022.

Provision 6.4

### PRINCIPLE 7: LEVEL AND MIX OF REMUNERATION

The level and structure of remuneration of the Board and key management personnel are appropriate and proportionate to the sustained performance and value creation of the Company, taking into account the strategic objectives of the Company.

Executive Directors do not receive directors' fees but are remunerated as members of Management. The compensation structure for Executive Directors and key management personnel is directly linked to corporate and individual performances and measured by financial and non-financial indicators. The compensation structure comprises a fixed component (i.e. in the form of base salary) and a variable component (i.e. annual performance bonus) directly determined by the financial performance of the Group and the performance of the individual Executive Director or key management personnel during the financial year. Non-financial performance indicators such as quality of work and diligence are also considered. This is in line with the emphasis placed by the Group on achieving its long-term vision and goals and the performance target set for the individuals, and aligns the remuneration with the performance of the Group and the individual. The compensation structure is also aligned with the interests of shareholders and other stakeholders of the Company. For example, annual performance bonus is computed based on certain percentage of profit before tax of the Group. Such performance indicators selected by the Group are consistent with industry practice.

Provision 7.1

The performance of the Group Managing Director (together with other key management personnel) is reviewed periodically by the Remuneration Committee and the Board. In structuring the compensation framework, the Remuneration Committee also takes into account the risk policies of the Group, the need for the compensation to be symmetric with the risk outcomes and the time horizon of risks.

There are no contractual provisions to allow the Company to reclaim incentive components of remuneration from Executive Directors and key management personnel in exceptional circumstances of misstatement of financial results, or of misconduct resulting in financial loss to the Company. Nonetheless, the Remuneration Committee, together with the Board, will consider, monitor and re-assess at appropriate junctures where such provisions should be adopted.

The Independent Directors receive directors' fees, appropriate to their level of contribution, taking into account various factors such as effort and time spent as well as responsibilities on the Board. The Company recognises the need to pay competitive fees to attract, motivate and retain non-executive Directors without being excessive to the extent that their independence might be compromised.

Provision 7.2

The Board will recommend the remuneration of the Independent Directors for FY2022 for approval at the Annual General Meeting.

The level of remuneration is appropriate to attract, retain and motivate the Directors to provide good stewardship of the Company and key executives to successfully manage the Company for the long-term.

Provision 7.3

## PRINCIPLE 8: DISCLOSURE ON REMUNERATION

The Company is transparent on its remuneration policies, level and mix of remuneration, the procedure for setting remuneration, and the relationships between remuneration, performance and value creation.

The Executive Directors' remuneration consists of their salaries, allowances, bonuses, and profit-sharing awards conditional upon their meeting of certain profit before tax targets. There are no termination, retirement and post-employment benefits that may be granted to the Directors and key executives. The Independent Directors receive directors' fees which are subject to the approval of shareholders at the Annual General Meeting.

Provision 8.1

The remuneration for the Directors in bands of \$250,000 in FY2022 is as follows:

Provision 8.1

	Number of Directors	
	FY2022	FY2021
S\$1,000,001 and above	1	1
S\$750,001 to S\$1000,000	=	-
S\$500,001 to S\$750,000	=	-
\$250,000 to S\$500,000	=	-
Below \$250,000	4	7
Total	5	8

The breakdown of the Directors' remuneration and fees, in percentage terms, for FY2022 is as follows:

			Directors	Other	
	Salary	Bonus	Fees	<b>Benefits</b>	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
Tay Tian Hoe Richard	23	76	-	1	100
Tay Tiang Guan	47	38	-	15	100
Hong Pian Tee	-	-	100	-	100
Gn Jong Yuh Gwendolyn	-	-	100	-	100
Ong Kian Min	-	-	100	-	100

The Company ensures that the Remuneration Committee reviews and considers the remuneration of each Director and key management personnel of the Company as described in Provision 6.1 of this report and after due deliberation, the Remuneration Committee would make appropriate recommendations to the Board. No Director or key management personnel is involved in deciding his own remuneration.

The Company operates in a niche industry in automotive manufacturing and distribution industry sector where relevant talent and expertise is limited. It has been facing and continues to face stiff competition in attracting and retaining talent in a small community of industry players. While the Company is cognizant of the need for corporate transparency in the remuneration of its Directors and key executives, the Company notes that the disclosure of details in excess of the above may be detrimental to its business interests, given the highly competitive industry conditions where poaching has become commonplace. The disclosure of specific detailed information on aggregate remuneration of individual director and key management personnel will affect its ability to retain its talent pool and is not in the best interests of the Company.

The Company views manpower as key source for the continuous success of the Company. The disclosure of the remuneration of the top five key management personnel (who are not directors or the CEO) would be detrimental to the Company's ability to retain its existing key management personnel. The Company believes that the current disclosure is adequate.

In particular, the Company had previously announced its "3R" strategy and restructuring of its Group operations and the disclosure of remuneration matters are sensitive and confidential in light of its restructuring and resizing strategy. The Group also sees human capital as one of its key advantages over its competitors and, noting that the highly competitive industry which the Group operates in, believes that the disclosure above best preserves the business interests of the Group. As far as the Company is aware, the remuneration paid to Directors and key executives is in line with industry practices.

In light of the spirit of Principle 8 of the Code, the Company has demonstrated the level and mix of remuneration by setting out the following:

- (a) directors' remuneration in bands of \$250,000; and
- (b) a breakdown of each Director's remuneration and fees in terms of percentage and the different components of the remuneration i.e. salary, bonus, director's fees and other benefits.

Details of employees whose remuneration exceed S\$100,000 and are immediate family members of Provision 8.2 Executive Directors during FY2022 are set out below:

Name of Employee	Remuneration Band
Tay Soek Eng Margaret <sup>(1)</sup>	S\$200,000 to S\$250,000
Tay Guoren Ryan <sup>(2)</sup>	S\$150,000 to S\$200,000

#### Notes:

- (1) Mdm Tay Soek Eng Margaret is the sister of our Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director, Mr Tay Tian Hoe Richard, and our Executive Director, Mr Tay Tiang Guan.
- (2) Mr Ryan Tay is the son of our Executive Chairman and Group Managing Director, Mr Tay Tian Hoe Richard.

Save as disclosed above, there are no employees of the Company who are substantial shareholders of the Company, or are immediate family members of any Director, the Group Managing Director or a substantial shareholder of the Company, and whose remuneration exceeds \$\$100,000 during FY2022.

The Company has in place the 2021 YHI Share Option Scheme (the "**Scheme**") which was approved by shareholders of the Company at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 29 November 2021.

Provision 8.3

The Scheme is administered by a committee which comprise of the Board of Directors and the Remuneration Committee at the relevant time.

The purpose of the Scheme is to provide an opportunity for employees and executive directors of the Group to participate in the equity of the Company so as to motivate them to greater dedication, loyalty and a higher standard of performance, and to give them due recognition.

On 24 December 2021, the Company granted incentive options to subscribe for 2,250,000 ordinary shares of the Company at an exercise price of \$0.39 per share (the "**2021 Options**"). 50,000 incentive options were forfeited in FY2022 and the remaining 2,200,000 incentive options are exercisable from 24 December 2023 and expires on 23 December 2031.

Further details on the Scheme may be found on page 122 of this annual report.

### (C) ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT

### PRINCIPLE 9: RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROLS

The Board is responsible for the governance of risk and ensures that Management maintains a sound system of risk management and internal controls, to safeguard the interests of the Company and its shareholders.

The Board affirms its overall responsibilities for the Group's internal control and risk management systems Provision 9.1 to safeguard shareholders' interests and the Group's assets.

In order to streamline the functions of the Board and the Board Committees, the Board delegates the role of overseeing the risk management systems to the Audit Committee.

### Risk Management Framework

Provision 9.1

The Group's Risk Management Framework is aligned with the Internal Controls Integrated Framework set out by the Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). This framework entails a rigorous and systematic process of anticipating, identifying, prioritising, managing and reporting of key risks. The Management reviews the Group's business and operational activities regularly to identify areas of significant business, operational, compliance and information technology risks, and employs a wide range of corresponding measures to control these risks. The Management has embedded the risk management process and internal controls into all business operating procedures, where all business and operational managers are mindful and compliant of their responsibilities.

All identified areas of risks are promptly addressed by the managers who swiftly determine and implement appropriate measures to control and mitigate such risks. Targets are set to measure the performance of business and effectiveness of risk management. The targets include sales growth, profit margins, operating expenses, management of inventory and receivables.

The identified risks and the corresponding countervailing controls are also regularly reviewed by the Management to ensure that they are up to date and effective. For example, financial risk management is discussed in Note 29 of the financial statements set out on pages 124 to 135.

The Enterprise Risk Management Executive Committee ("RMEC") which comprises members from Management and headed by the Executive Chairman and Group Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the overall effective implementation of risk management strategy, policies and procedures to facilitate the achievement of business plans and goals within the risk profile and risk tolerance levels set by the Board. RMEC also take charge of the sustainability and climate risks related issues pertinent to the business.

The RMEC performs the following principal functions:

- a. considers, reviews and approves the risk management strategy, policies and guidelines of the Group;
- b. decides on risk profile, risk levels, tolerance and capacity and related resources allocation;
- c. monitors and evaluates the Group's risk exposure; and
- d. reviews the risk reporting records of the Group and reports of any material breaches of risk limits.

The Board has received assurance from the Group Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer that the financial records of the Group have been properly maintained and the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Group's operations and finances.

Provision 9.2

The Board has also received assurance from the Group Managing Director and other key management personnel who are responsible that the Group's internal control and risk management systems are effective and adequate.

The Board, with the assistance of the Audit Committee, reviews the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal controls (including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls) and risk management systems through deliberating the internal audit reports and results of the control self-assessment exercise at the end of each quarter. The Board also deliberates the updates made by the Group Chief Financial Officer on behalf of RMEC.

Listing Rule 1207(10)

The Board determines the risk tolerance of the Group and reviews the financial, operational, compliance and information technology aspects of the systems.

Based on Group's framework of management controls in place, the internal control policies and procedures established and maintained by the Group, as well as the reviews performed by the external and internal auditors, the Board, with the concurrence of the Audit Committee, is of the view that the internal controls (including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls) and risk management systems of the Group are adequate and effective as at 31 December 2022.

Listing Rule 1207(10)

The Board acknowledges that internal controls and risk management systems are designed to adequately and effectively manage and contain rather than to eliminate risk. An effective and efficient system can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against the occurrence of human & system errors, losses, fraud or other irregularities.

### **PRINCIPLE 10: AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Board has an Audit Committee ("AC") which discharges its duties objectively.

The Audit Committee's role and authority delegated by the Board are outlined in its Terms of Reference. The Provision 10.1 key duties and activities of the Audit Committee include the following:

- a. Reviewing financial statements as well as any announcements of the Company and the Group before submission to the Board for approval and release;
- b. Reviewing at least annually the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's internal control and risk management systems;
- c. Reviewing the assurance from the Group Managing Director and the Chief Financial officer on the financial records and financial statements of the Group;
- d. Reviewing the annual internal audit plan and internal audit reports tabled by the internal auditors;
- e. Making recommendations to the Board on the proposals to the shareholders on the appointment and removal of external auditors, and the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditors;
- f. Reviewing the audit plan of the external auditors and the external auditors' reports;
- g. Reviewing the co-operation given by executives to the external auditors;
- h. Reviewing the adequacy, effectiveness, independence, scope and results of the external audit and the Company's internal audit function;
- i. Reviewing the Group's compliance with relevant key legislative and regulatory requirements and the continuing listing requirements;
- j. Reviewing the Group Whistle-Blowing Policy and ensure that concerns or complaints received are properly attended to;
- k. Reviewing interested person transactions reported (if any);
- I. Reviewing the Group's capital expenditure transactions and investments; and
- m. Reviewing the Group's foreign currency hedging activities.
- n. Reviewing the Group's sustainability issues and reporting as delegated by the Board.

The Audit Committee has explicit authority to investigate any matter within its written Terms of Reference. The AC has full access to, and the co-operation of the Management and full discretion to invite any Executive Director or key management personnel to attend its meetings. The Audit Committee has adequate resources, including access to external consultants and auditors, to enable it to discharge its responsibilities properly.

Review of full-year financial statements and the key audit matters highlighted by the external auditors

In the review of the full-year financial statements, the Audit Committee reviews the accounting policies, estimates, assumptions and judgements applied by Management. Audit Committee also discusses with the external auditors on any significant audit and accounting observations highlighted.

Key audit matters are the matters that, in the external auditors' professional judgement, are of most significance in the audit of the full-year financial statements. The Audit Committee's reviews and assessments of the key audit matters highlighted by the external auditors for the full-year financial statements ended 31 December 2022 are provided as follows:

#### - Credit loss allowance on trade receivables

Provision 10.1

The AC regularly reviews management policy in granting of credit limits, credit controls and debt collection on an ongoing basis. Audit Committee considered the aging and the reasonableness of the recoverability of the trade receivables and the credit loss allowance on trade receivables as identified by Management. Audit Committee considered how Management has assessed the collectability and their consideration based on the adequacy of lifetime expected credit losses under SFRS(I) 9 Financial Instruments, the past payment track records, financial positions of the debtors and guarantors (where applicable), on-going business relationship with the debtors and where relevant, the repayment plans agreed with the debtors in conjunction with the observations, analysis and the findings presented by the external auditors.

After the review and assessment of the key audit matters highlighted by the external auditors, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board to approve the full year financial statements.

### Whistle-Blowing Policy

A Group Whistle-Blowing Policy ("**Policy**") has been put in place and communicated to the employees. The Company has designated Group Internal Audit to investigate whistleblowing reports made in good faith.

The Policy provides employees with clearly defined processes and channels through which they can raise their concerns or complaints in relation to possible violations of the Group's Code of Ethics and Business Conduct or suspected irregularities to the Audit Committee through the internal audit function. There were no instances where concerns were raised under the Policy during FY2022.

The concerns can be made anonymously and will be kept in strict confidence. The identity of the whistleblower is kept confidential. The Audit Committee is responsible for the oversight of and monitors whistleblowing to ensure that concerns are independently and appropriately attended to, assessed and resolved in accordance with the Policy. The Audit Committee will also ensure protection of the whistleblower against detrimental or unfair treatment. The processes stated in the Policy are also applicable to the concerns or complaints received from the shareholders, suppliers, customers or members of the public, if any.

## Nomination and Re-Appointment of External Auditors

The Audit Committee has nominated PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("**PwC**") for re-appointment as external auditors of the Company at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. PwC is registered with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority.

The Audit Committee has conducted an annual review of all non-audit services provided by the auditors to satisfy itself that the nature and extent of such services will not prejudice the independence and objectivity of the auditors before confirming their re-nomination, and is of the opinion that the non-audit services provided by PwC would not affect its independence.

The Group has complied with Rules 712 and 715 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST in relation to its auditors. The aggregate amount of fees paid to the auditors, broken down into audit and non-audit services are set out below:

	2022	2021
	S\$	S\$
Fees on audit services paid/payable to:		
Auditors of the Company - PwC Singapore	249,250	228,580
Other PwC network firms	163,646	149,772
Other auditors	243,119	249,706
Fees on non-audit services paid/payable to:		
Auditors of the Company- PwC Singapore	16,500	82,000
Other auditors	119,274	53,391
Total	791,789	763,449

Mr Hong Pian Tee, the Lead Independent Director, is the Chairman of the Audit Committee. The Audit Provision 10.2 Committee comprises the following Independent Directors:

- Mr Hong Pian Tee, as Chairman of the Audit Committee;
- Ms Gn Jong Yuh Gwendolyn; and
- Mr Ong Kian Min.

The members of the Audit Committee have the recent and relevant legal, accounting or related financial management expertise or experience, as the Board interprets such qualifications in its business judgement.

The Audit Committee keeps abreast of changes to accounting standards and other business issues which may have a direct impact on the Company and Group's financial statements through regular updates made by the Management and external auditors.

None of the members of the Audit Committee are former partners or directors of the Group's existing auditing firm or auditing corporation within the last two (2) years and none of the members of the Audit Committee hold any financial interest in the Group's existing auditing firm or auditing corporation.

Provision 10.3

The Group has its own in-house internal audit function. The Audit Committee approves the hiring, removal, evaluation and compensation of the internal auditors. The internal auditors report directly to the Chairman of the Audit Committee and have unrestricted access to the documents, records, properties and personnel of the Company and of the Group. The internal audit function has appropriate standing within the Company.

Provision 10.4

The Board recognises that it is responsible for maintaining a system of internal control to safeguard shareholders' investments and the Group's businesses and assets, while the Management is responsible for establishing and implementing the internal control procedures in a timely and appropriate manner. The role of the internal auditors is to assist the Audit Committee in ensuring that the controls are effective and functioning as intended, to undertake investigations as directed by the Audit Committee and to conduct regular in-depth audits of high-risk areas. The Audit Committee reviews the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal audit function at least annually.

The Audit Committee is satisfied that the internal audit function is adequately resourced to perform its function effectively and is independent of the activities it audits. The Audit Committee is also satisfied that the internal audit function is staffed by suitably qualified and experienced professionals with the relevant experience and professional qualification.

The internal audit work carried out is guided by the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing ("**IA Standards**") laid down in the International Professional Practices Framework issued by The Institute of Internal Auditors.

The internal audit function plans its internal audit schedules in consultation with, but independent of the Management. The audit plan is submitted to the Audit Committee for approval prior to the commencement of the internal audit work. In addition, the internal auditor may be involved in ad-hoc projects initiated by the Management which require the assurance of the internal auditor in specific areas of concerns.

The internal and the external auditors are invited to attend the Audit Committee meetings to table their plans and reports respectively. During FY2022, the Audit Committee met with the external auditors without any executives of the Group being present. The Chairman of the Audit Committee liaised with the internal auditor without the involvement of the Management to receive updates.

Provision 10.5

### (D) SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND ENGAGEMENT

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

The Company treats all shareholders fairly and equitably in order to enable them to exercise shareholders' rights and have the opportunity to communicate their views on matters affecting the Company. The Company gives shareholders a balanced and understandable assessment of its performance, position and prospects.

### Shareholders' Opportunity to Participate and Vote at General Meeting

Provision 11.1

The Board supports the Code's principles of encouraging shareholders' participation. All shareholders are entitled to attend and are provided the opportunity to participate in the general meetings of the Company. The general meetings are the principal forum for dialogue with shareholders, where they are given the opportunity to voice their views, raise their concerns with the Directors or question the Management on matters relating to the Group and its operations. The Management also uses this opportunity to inform shareholders of the Group's strategy and goals. The Management believes that shareholder engagement is important to the success of the Group and dedicates time at each general meeting to address and/or receive questions from any shareholder. The Company had adopted a new Constitution containing, inter alia, updated provisions in respect of shareholders' voting in compliance with the amended Companies Act and the Listing Rules, including provisions for voting in absentia.

Notice of the general meeting is despatched to shareholders, together with explanatory notes or a circular on items of special business (if necessary), at least 21 or 14 days before the meeting depending on the type of business to be transacted.

The rules, including the voting process, were explained by the scrutineers at such general meetings. The Company relies on the advice of the independent scrutineers to determine the need for electronic voting, taking into consideration the logistics involved, costs, and number of shareholders, amongst other factors.

During FY2022, an annual general meeting was held on 28 April 2022 ("AGM"). Each item of special business included in the notice of the meetings were accompanied by a full explanation of the effects of a proposed resolutions at all general meetings. Separate resolutions were proposed for substantially separate issues at the general meetings.

Provision 11.2

The Company conducted poll voting in accordance with the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST for all resolutions tabled at the AGM and the detailed results showing the number of votes cast for and against each resolution and the respective percentages were announced via SGXNET and made available on the Company's website after the conclusion of the AGM.

All the Directors and the external auditors attended the AGM and were available to address shareholders' queries.

Provision 11.3

Shareholders were given the choice to vote by appointing the Chairman as a proxy.

Provision 11.4

The Constitution of the Company allows absentia voting at general meetings.

Minutes of the AGM were prepared and made available to shareholders by publishing them on SGXNet and Provision 11.5 the Company's website within 1 month after the AGM. The Company's responses to the substantial and relevant comments or queries from shareholders relating to the agenda of the AGM, and responses from the Board and Management were published on SGXNet and the Company's website on 22 April 2022.

The Company does not have a formal dividend policy, nevertheless, it has a track record of paying annual dividends to shareholders and the payout is aligned with the Company's financial results. The Board endeavours to maintain a balance between meeting shareholders' expectations and prudent capital management. Subject to the approval of Shareholders at the upcoming Annual General Meeting, the Company has, on 23 February 2023, in its unaudited financial results for the financial year ended 31 December 2022, recommended a first and final tax exempt (one-tier) dividend of 3.60 cents per ordinary share for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

Provision 11.6

Listing Rule 704(24)

### PRINCIPLE 12: ENGAGEMENT WITH SHAREHOLDERS

The Company communicates regularly with its shareholders and facilitates the participation of shareholders during general meetings and other dialogues to allow shareholders to communicate their views on various matters affecting the Company.

In line with the provisions of the Listing Rules and the Companies Act 1967 of Singapore, the Board's policy is that all shareholders should be equally and in a timely manner be informed of all major developments that impact the Company or the Group. It is also the Board's policy that all corporate news, strategies and announcements be promptly disseminated through the SGXNET system. Press releases, annual reports, other various media and our contact details are provided in the corporate website (http://www.yhigroup. com) so as to allow shareholders to make well-informed investment decisions and maintain a regular dialogue channel with shareholders to gather views, input and address shareholders' concerns.

Provision 12.1

The Board believes that a high level of disclosure on a timely basis is essential for good corporate governance practice. The Executive Directors and the Group Chief Financial Officer are responsible for implementing the investor relations policy devised by the Board.

Provision 12.2

Where required, the Executive Directors and the Group Chief Financial Officer will meet up with analysts Provision 12.3 and investors after the half-yearly results are announced through the SGXNet system, to explain the financial performance, Group's strategy and major developments and to understand their views and concerns.

## (E) MANAGING STAKEHOLDERS RELATIONSHIPS

## PRINCIPLE 13: ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The Board adopts an inclusive approach by considering and balancing the needs and interests of material stakeholders, as part of its overall responsibility to ensure that the best interests of the Company are served.

The Company's customers, suppliers, employees and shareholders are its key stakeholders and they are Provision 13.1 symbolised by the Company's corporate logo. It has been the Company's core business and sustainability strategy of engaging and managing its relationship with the stakeholders in a fair, trust-based and responsible manner through hard work, dedication and commitment. The needs and interests of each group of stakeholders are properly balanced to ensure the best interests of the Company are served.

The key areas of focus and engagement mechanisms adopted by the Company for each group of stakeholders Provision 13.2 in FY2022 are outlined as follows:

Stakeholders	Areas of Focus	Engagement Mechanisms
Customers	Product quality, pricing and service	Business meetings, customer visits, trade events
	rendered	and customer satisfaction surveys
Suppliers	Sales growth and market share	Business meetings and supplier visits
<b>Employees</b>	Remuneration, career growth and	Management's meeting with employees,
	business performance	employee surveys and appraisals & discussions
Shareholders	Business growth, financial results and	Periodic financial announcements, annual report,
	return on investment	annual general meeting and corporate website

The Company maintains a current corporate website (<a href="http://www.yhigroup.com">http://www.yhigroup.com</a>), to communicate and Provision 13.3 engage with stakeholders.

## **DEALINGS IN SECURITIES**

In compliance with the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST, the Company has adopted and implemented a code of conduct governing securities transactions by its Directors and key officers.

Under the code of conduct, the Directors and key officers are prohibited from dealing in the Company's securities at least one (1) month before the announcement of the Company's half-year and full-year results until one (1) day after the release of the announcement.

The Directors and key officers are required to notify the Company of any dealings in the Company's securities (during the open window period) and within two (2) business days of the transaction(s). At all times, the Directors and key officers are aware that it is an offence to deal in securities of the Company and other companies when they are in possession of unpublished price-sensitive information in relation to those securities and that the law on insider trading applies to them at all times.

The code of conduct also ensures that no Director or key officer deals in the Company's securities on short-term considerations.

The Directors and key officers are periodically reminded of all requirements of the code of conduct and all applicable laws via the regular circulation of internal memoranda.

### INTERESTED PERSON TRANSACTIONS

In order to ensure that the Company complies with Chapter 9 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST on interested person transactions, the Company has adopted an internal policy in respect of any transaction with interested persons and has set out the procedures for review and approval of the transactions. The Audit Committee meets quarterly to review all interested person transactions of the Company.

The Company does not have a general mandate from shareholders pursuant to Rule 920 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST.

There was no interested person transaction exceeding S\$100,000 in value during the financial period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

Interested Persons	Aggregate value of all interested person transactions during the financial year under review (excluding transactions less than \$100,000 and transactions conducted under Shareholders' Mandate)	Aggregate value of all interested person transactions conducted under Shareholders' Mandate (excluding transactions less than \$100,000)	Total
NA	Nil	Nil	Nil

### **MATERIAL CONTRACTS**

There were no material contracts entered into by the Company or its subsidiaries for the benefit of the Directors or controlling shareholders during FY2022.

## SUSTAINABILITY SUMMARY STATEMENT

At YHI Group, we are committed to consider sustainability issues as part of its strategic formulation and have identified our material Environment, Social and Governance ("**ESG**") factors with sustainability factors in mind.

Our sixth sustainability report for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 ("FY2022") ("Sustainability Report") will be prepared with reference to the new Global Reporting Initiative ("GRI") Sustainability Reporting Guidelines and is in line with the requirements on sustainability reporting under the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited. Our Sustainability Report will include YHI's stakeholder engagement mechanism to gather feedback as well as our policies, practices and actual performance on each material ESG factor in FY2022.

We look forward to updating you on our progress and the full Sustainability Report which will be available by end April 2023 at the URL <a href="https://www.yhigroup.com/investor/sustainability-reports/">https://www.yhigroup.com/investor/sustainability-reports/</a> and the SGXNET at the URL <a href="https://www.sgx.com/securities/company-announcements">https://www.sgx.com/securities/company-announcements</a>.