

# **Great Tree Pharmacy Co., Ltd.**

## **Corporate Governance Best Practice Principles**

### **Chapter 1 General Principles**

#### **Article 1: (Purpose)**

The Principles are established for compliance to assist the Company in establishing a sound corporate governance system and an effective governance framework.

#### **Article 2: (Principles of corporate governance)**

When setting up the corporate governance system, in addition to complying with relevant laws, regulations, Articles of Incorporation, contracts signed with the TWSE or TPEX, and other relevant regulations, the Company shall follow the following principles:

- I. Protect the rights and interests of shareholders.
- II. Strengthen the powers of the Board of Directors.
- III. Exercise functions of Independent Directors.
- IV. Respect the rights and interests of stakeholders.
- V. Enhance information transparency.

#### **Article 3: (Building an internal control system)**

The Company shall follow the Regulations Governing Establishment of Internal Control Systems by Public Companies and take into consideration the overall operational activities of itself and its subsidiaries to design and fully implement an internal control system, and shall conduct continuing reviews of the system, in order to ensure the continued effectiveness of its design and implementation in light of changes in the Company's internal and external environment.

The Company shall perform full self-assessments of its internal control system. The Board of Directors and management shall review the results of the self-assessments by each department at least annually and the reports of the internal audit department on a quarterly basis. The Audit Committee shall also attend to and supervise these matters. The Company is advised to establish channels and mechanisms of communication between its independent directors, the Audit Committee, and chief internal auditors. Directors shall periodically hold discussions with their internal auditors about reviews of internal control system deficiencies. A record of the discussions shall be kept, and the discussions shall be followed up, improvements implemented, and a report submitted to the Board of Directors. The Company is advised to establish channels and mechanisms of communication among its Independent Directors, Audit Committee, and Chief Internal Auditor; while the convener of the Audit Committee shall report its communication with the Independent Directors and Chief Internal Auditor at the shareholders' meeting.

The management of the Company shall pay special attention to the internal audit department and its personnel, fully empower them, and urge them to conduct audits effectively, to evaluate problems of the internal control system, and to assess the efficiency of its operations, in order to ensure that the system can operate effectively on an on-going basis and to assist the Board of Directors and the management to perform their duties effectively so as to ensure a sound corporate governance system.

Appointment, dismissal, evaluation and review, salary and compensation of internal auditors of the Company shall be reported to the Board of Directors or shall be submitted by the Chief Auditor to the Chairman for approval.

#### Article 3-1 (Personnel responsible for corporate governance affairs)

The Company is advised to have an adequate number of corporate governance personnel with appropriate qualifications based on the size of the company, business situations and management needs, and to appoint a chief corporate governance officer as the most senior officer to be in charge of corporate governance affairs pursuant to regulations from the competent authority, TWSE or GTSM. Said officer shall be a qualified, practice-eligible lawyer or accountant or have been in a managerial position for at least three years in a securities, financial, or futures related institution or a public company in handling legal affairs, financial affairs, stock affairs, or corporate governance affairs.

It is required that the corporate governance affairs mentioned in the preceding paragraph include at least the following items:

- I. Handling matters relating to Board meetings and Shareholders' Meetings according to laws.
- II. Producing minutes of Board meetings and Shareholders' Meetings.
- III. Assisting in the onboarding and continuous training and development of Directors.
- IV. Furnishing information required for business execution by Directors.
- V. Assisting Directors with legal compliance.
- VI. Other matters set out in the Articles of Incorporation or contracts.

### Chapter 2 Protection of Shareholders' Rights and Interests

#### Section 1 Encouraging Shareholders to Participate in Corporate Governance

##### Article 4: (Protection of shareholders' rights and interests)

The corporate governance system of the Company shall be designed to protect shareholders' rights and interests and treat all shareholders equitably.

The Company shall establish a corporate governance system which ensures shareholders' rights of being fully informed of, participating in and making decisions over important matters of the company.

Article 5: (A TWSE/TPEX listed company shall convene Shareholders' Meetings and provide comprehensive rules for such meetings)

The Company shall convene Shareholders' Meetings in accordance with the Company Act and relevant laws and regulations, and provide comprehensive rules for such meetings. The Company shall faithfully implement resolutions adopted by Shareholders' Meetings in accordance with the "Rules of Procedure for Shareholders' Meeting."

Resolutions adopted by Shareholders' Meetings of the Company shall comply with laws, regulations and Articles of Incorporation.

Article 6: (TWSE/TPEX listed companies shall appropriately arrange the agenda and procedures of Shareholders' Meeting)

The Board of Directors of the Company shall properly arrange the agenda items and procedures for Shareholders' Meetings, and formulate the principles and procedures for shareholders' nomination of Directors and submission of proposals. The Board shall also properly handle the proposals duly submitted by shareholders. Arrangements shall be made to hold Shareholders' Meetings at a convenient location, with sufficient time allowed and a sufficient number of suitable personnel assigned to handle attendance registrations. No arbitrary requirements shall be imposed on shareholders to provide additional evidentiary documents beyond those showing eligibility to attend. Shareholders shall be granted reasonable time to deliberate each proposal and an appropriate opportunity to make statements.

For a Shareholders' Meeting called by the Board of Directors, it is advisable that the Chairman of the Board chairs the meeting, that a majority of the Directors (including at least one Independent Director) and convener of the Audit Committee attend in person, and that at least one member of other functional committees attend as representative. Attendance details should be recorded in the Shareholders' Meeting minutes.

Article 7: (TWSE/TPEX listed companies shall encourage shareholders to participate in corporate governance)

The Company shall encourage its shareholders to actively participate in corporate governance. It is advisable that the Company engage a professional shareholder services agent to handle Shareholders' Meeting matters, so that Shareholders' Meetings can proceed on a legal, effective and secure basis. The Company shall seek all ways and means, including fully exploiting technologies for information disclosure, to upload annual reports, annual financial statements, notices, agendas and supplementary information of Shareholders' Meetings in both Chinese and English concurrently, and shall adopt electronic voting, in order to enhance shareholders' attendance rates at Shareholders' Meetings and ensure their exercise of rights at such meetings in accordance with laws.

The Company is advised to avoid raising extraordinary motions and amendments to original proposals at a Shareholders' Meeting.

The Company is advised to arrange for their shareholders to vote on each separate proposal in the Shareholders' Meeting agenda, and following conclusion of the meeting, to enter the voting results the same day, namely the numbers of votes cast for and against and the number of abstentions, on the Market Observation Post

System.

Article 8: (Shareholders' Meeting minutes)

The Company, in accordance with the Company Act and other applicable laws and regulations, shall record in the Shareholders' Meeting minutes the date and place of the meeting, the name of the chair, the method of adopting resolutions, and a summary of the essential points of the proceedings and the results of the meeting. With respect to the election of Directors, the meeting minutes shall record the method of voting adopted therefore and the total number of votes for the elected Directors.

The Shareholders' Meeting minutes shall be properly and perpetually kept by the Company during its legal existence, and should be sufficiently disclosed on the Company's website.

Article 9: (Chair of the Shareholders' Meetings shall be fully familiar and comply with the "Rules of Procedure for Shareholders' Meeting" established by the Company)

The Chair of the Shareholders' Meetings shall be fully familiar and comply with the "Rules of Procedure for Shareholders' Meeting" established by the Company. The Chair shall ensure the proper progress of the proceedings of the meetings and may not adjourn the meetings at will.

In order to protect the interests of most shareholders, if the Chair declares the adjournment of the meeting in a manner in violation of the "Rules of Procedure for Shareholders' Meeting," it is advisable for the members of the Board of Directors other than the Chair of the Shareholders' Meeting to promptly assist the attending shareholders at the Shareholders' Meeting in electing a new Chair of the Shareholders' Meeting to continue the proceedings of the meeting, by a resolution to be adopted by a majority of the votes represented by the shareholders attending the said meeting in accordance with the legal procedures.

Article 10: (A TWSE/TPEX listed company shall place high importance on the shareholders' right to know and prevent insider trading)

The Company shall place high importance on the shareholders' right to know, and shall faithfully comply with applicable regulations regarding information disclosure in order to provide shareholders with regular and timely information on the Company's financial conditions and operations, insider shareholdings, and corporate governance status through the MOPS or the website established by the Company.

To protect its shareholders' rights and interests and ensure their equal treatment, the Company shall adopt internal rules prohibiting company insiders from trading securities using information not disclosed to the market.

The rules mentioned in the preceding paragraph include stock trading control measures from the date insiders of a TWSE/TPEX listed company become aware of the contents of the company's financial reports or relevant results. Measures include, without limitation, those prohibiting a director from trading its shares during the closed period of 30 days prior to the publication of the annual financial reports and 15 days prior to the publication of the quarterly financial reports.

Article10-1: (A TWSE/TPEX listed company report at a general shareholder meeting the the remuneration received by director

It is advisable that a TWSE/TPEX listed company report at a general shareholder meeting the remuneration received by directors, including the remuneration policy, individual remuneration package, amount, and association with outcomes of performance reviews.

Article 11: (Shareholders shall be entitled to profit distributions by the Company)

The shareholders shall be entitled to profit distributions by the Company. In order to ensure the investment interests of shareholders, the Shareholders' Meeting may, pursuant to Article 184 of the Company Act, examine the statements and books prepared and submitted by the Board of Directors and the reports submitted by the Audit Committee, and may decide profit distributions and deficit off-setting plans by resolution. In order to proceed with the above examination, the Shareholders' Meeting may appoint an inspector.

The shareholders may, pursuant to Article 245 of the Company Act, apply with the court to select an inspector in examining the accounting records, assets, particulars, documents and records of specific transaction of the Company.

The Company's Board of Directors, Audit Committee and managers shall fully cooperate in the examination conducted by the inspector in the preceding two paragraphs, and may not circumvent, obstruct or reject such examination.

Article 12: (Material financial and business transactions shall be approved by the Shareholders' Meeting)

In entering into material financial and business transactions such as acquisition or disposal of assets, loaning of funds, providing endorsements/guarantees, the Company shall proceed in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations and establish procedures in relation to these material financial and business transactions which shall be reported to and approved by the Shareholders' Meeting so as to protect the interests of the shareholders.

When the Company is involved in a merger, acquisition or public tender offer, in addition to proceeding in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations, it shall pay attention to the fairness, rationality, etc. of the plan and transaction of the merger, acquisition or public tender offer, as well as information disclosure and the soundness of the company's financial structure thereafter.

The relevant personnel of the Company handling the matters in the preceding paragraph shall pay attention to the occurrence of any conflicts of interest and the need for recusal.

Section 2 Establishing a Mechanism for Interaction with Shareholders

Article 13: (TWSE/TPEX listed company is advised to designate personnel exclusively dedicated to handling shareholder proposals)

In order to protect the interests of the shareholders, it is advisable that the Company designate personnel exclusively dedicated to handling shareholder proposals, inquiries, and disputes.

The Company shall properly deal with any legal action duly instituted by shareholders in which it is claimed that shareholder rights and interests were damaged by a resolution adopted at a Shareholders' Meeting or a Board of Directors meeting in violation of applicable laws, regulations, or the Company's Articles of Incorporation, or that such damage was caused by a breach of applicable laws, regulations or the Company's Articles of Incorporation by any directors or managers in performing their duties.

It is advisable that the Company adopt internal procedures for appropriate handling of matters referred to in the preceding two paragraphs, and that it keep relevant written records for future reference and incorporate the procedures in its internal control system for management purposes.

Article 13-1 (The Board of Directors is responsible for establishing a mechanism for interaction with shareholders)

The Board of Directors of the Company is responsible for establishing a mechanism for interaction with shareholders to enhance mutual understanding of the development of company's objectives.

Article 13-2 (Efficient communication with shareholders to gain their support)

In addition to communicating with shareholders through Shareholders' Meetings and encouraging shareholders to participate in such meetings, the Board of Directors of the Company together with managerial officers and Independent Directors shall engage with shareholders in an efficient manner to ascertain shareholders' views and concerns, and expound company policies explicitly, in order to gain shareholders' support.

### Section 3 Corporate Governance Relationships Between the Company and Its Affiliated Enterprises

Article 14: (Establishing a firewall)

The Company shall clearly identify the objectives and the division of authority and responsibility between it and its affiliated enterprises with respect to management of personnel, assets, and financial matters, and shall properly carry out risk assessments and establish appropriate firewalls.

Article 15: (Establish sound objectives and systems for management of finance, operations, and accounting)

The Company shall establish sound objectives and systems for management of finance, operations, and accounting in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. It shall further, together with its affiliated enterprises, properly conduct an overall risk assessment of major banks they deal with and customers and suppliers, and implement the necessary control mechanisms to reduce credit risk.

Article 16: (Inter-company business transactions between a TWSE/TPEX listed company and its affiliated enterprises shall be made in accordance with the principle of fair dealing and reasonableness)

When the Company and its affiliated enterprises enter into inter-company business transactions, a written agreement governing the relevant financial and business operations between them shall be made in accordance with the principle of fair dealing and reasonableness. Price and payment terms shall be definitively stipulated when contracts are signed, and non-arm's length transactions shall be prohibited.

All transactions or contracts made by and between the Company and its affiliated persons and shareholders shall follow the principles set forth in the preceding paragraph, and improper channeling of profits is strictly prohibited.

Article 17: (Provisions a corporate shareholder having controlling power over a TWSE/TPEX listed company shall comply with)

A corporate shareholder having controlling power over the Company shall comply with the following provisions:

- I. It shall bear a duty of good faith to other shareholders and shall not directly or indirectly cause the Company to conduct any business which is contrary to normal business practice or not profitable.
- II. Its representative shall follow the rules implemented by the Company with respect to the exercise of rights and participation of resolution. At a Shareholders' Meeting, the representative shall exercise his/her voting right in good faith and for the best interest of all shareholders and shall exercise the fiduciary duty and duty of care of a Director.
- III. It shall comply with relevant laws, regulations and the Articles of Incorporation of the Company in nominating Directors and shall not act beyond the authority granted by the Shareholders' Meeting or Board meeting.
- IV. It shall not improperly intervene in corporate policy making or obstruct corporate management activities.
- V. It shall not restrict or impede the management or production of the Company by methods of unfair competition such as monopolizing corporate procurement or foreclosing sales channels.
- VI. The representative that is designated when a corporate shareholder has been elected as a Director shall meet the Company's requirements for professional qualifications. Arbitrary replacement of the corporate shareholder's representative is inappropriate.

Article 18: (Major shareholders and the persons with ultimate control over those major shareholders)

The Company shall retain at all times a register of major shareholders who own a relatively high percentage of shares and have controlling power, and of the persons with ultimate control over those major shareholders.

The Company shall disclose periodically important information about its shareholders holding more than 10 percent of the outstanding shares of the Company relating to the

pledge, increase or decrease of share ownership, or other matters that may possibly trigger a change in the ownership of their shares.

A major shareholder indicated in the first paragraph refers to that who owns 5 percent or more of the outstanding shares of the Company or the shareholding stake thereof is on the top 10 list, provided however that the Company may set up a lower shareholding threshold according to the actual shareholding stake that may control the Company.

## Chapter 3 Enhancing the Functions of the Board of Directors

### Section 1 Structure of the Board of Directors

#### Article 19: (Abilities the Board of Directors shall possess)

The Board of Directors of the Company shall direct company strategies, supervise the management, and be responsible to the Company and shareholders. The various procedures and arrangements of its corporate governance system shall ensure that, in exercising its authority, the Board of Directors complies with laws, regulations, its Articles of Incorporation, and the resolutions of its Shareholders' Meetings.

The structure of the Company's Board of Directors shall be determined by choosing an appropriate number of Board members, not less than five, in consideration of its business scale, the shareholdings of its major shareholders, and practical operational needs.

The composition of the Board of Directors shall be determined by taking diversity into consideration. It is advisable that Directors concurrently serving as company officers not exceed one-third of the total number of the Board members, and that an appropriate policy on diversity based on the company's business operations, operating dynamics, and development needs be formulated and include, without being limited to, the following two general standards:

- I. Basic requirements and values: Gender, age, nationality, and culture ; it is advisable that the number of female directors account for at least one-third of all the directors.
- II. Professional knowledge and skills: A professional background (e.g., law, accounting, industry, finance, marketing, technology), professional skills, and industry experience.

All members of the Board shall have the knowledge, skills, and experience necessary to perform their duties. To achieve the ideal goal of corporate governance, the Board of Directors shall possess the following abilities:

- I. Ability to make operational judgments.
- II. Ability to perform accounting and financial analysis.
- III. Ability to conduct management administration.
- IV. Ability to conduct crisis management.
- V. Knowledge of the industry.

VI. An international market perspective.

VII. Ability to lead.

VIII. Ability to make policy decisions.

Article 20: (A TWSE/TPEX listed company shall establish a fair, just, and open procedure for the election of Directors)

The Company shall, according to the principles for the protection of shareholder rights and interests and equitable treatment of shareholders, establish a fair, just, and open procedure for the election of Directors, encourage shareholder participation, and adopt the cumulative voting mechanism pursuant to the Company Act in order to fully reflect shareholders' views.

Unless the competent authority otherwise grants an approval, a spousal relationship or a familial relationship within the second degree of kinship may not exist among more than half of the Directors of the Company.

When the number of Directors falls below five due to the discharge of a Director for any reason, the company shall hold a by-election for Director at the following Shareholders' Meeting. When the number of Directors falls short by one-third of the total number prescribed by the Articles of Incorporation, the Company shall convene a special Shareholders' Meeting within 60 days of the occurrence of that fact for a by-election for Directors.

The aggregate shareholding percentage of all of the Directors of the Company shall comply with the laws and regulations. Restrictions on the share transfer of each Director and the creation, release, or changes of any pledges over the shares held by each Director shall be subject to the relevant laws and regulations, and the relevant information shall be fully disclosed.

Article 20-1 (The Articles shall state that the Directors' elections will be by candidate nomination system)

Pursuant to laws and regulations from the competent authority, the Company is advised to specify in its Articles of Incorporation that it adopts the candidate nomination system for elections of Directors, carefully review the qualifications of a nominated candidate and the existence of any other matters set forth in Article 30 of the Company Act, and act in accordance with Article 192-1 of the Company Act.

Article 21: (Clear distinctions shall be drawn between the responsibilities and duties of the Chairman of a TWSE/GTSM listed company and those of its general manager)

Clear distinctions shall be drawn between the responsibilities and duties of the Chairman of the Board of the Company and those of its general manager.

It is inappropriate for the Chairman to also act as the general manager or other equivalent position.

The Company shall clearly define the responsibilities and duties of the functional committees.

## Section 2 Independent Director System

Article 22: (A TWSE/GTSM listed company shall appoint Independent Directors in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation)

The Company shall appoint Independent Directors in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation. They shall be not less than two in number and advisably not less than one-third of the total number of directors. It is advisable that an independent director serve for not more than three consecutive terms.

Independent Directors shall possess professional knowledge and there shall be restrictions on their shareholdings. Applicable laws and regulations shall be observed and, in addition, it is not advisable for an Independent Director to hold office concurrently as a Director (including Independent Director) or Supervisor of more than five other TWSE/TPEX listed companies. Independent Directors shall also maintain independence within the scope of their Directorial duties, and may not have any direct or indirect interest in the company.

If the Company and its Group enterprises and organizations, and another company and its group enterprises and organizations nominate for each other any Director, Supervisor or managerial officer as a candidate for an Independent Director of the other, the Company shall, at the time it receives the nominations for Independent Directors, disclose the fact and explain the suitability of the candidate for Independent Director. If the candidate is elected as an Independent Director, the Company shall disclose the number of votes cast in favor of the elected Independent Director.

"Group enterprises and organizations" in the preceding paragraph comprise the subsidiaries of the Company, any foundation to which the Company's cumulative direct or indirect contribution of funds exceeds 50 percent of its endowment, and other institutions or juristic persons that are effectively controlled by the Company.

Change of status between Independent Directors and non-Independent Directors during their term of office is prohibited.

The professional qualification, restrictions on both shareholding and concurrent positions held, determination of independence, nomination method, and other requirements to be followed shall be handled in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Act, "Regulations Governing Appointment of Independent Directors and Compliance Matters for Public Companies," and rules that regulate the Taiwan Stock Exchange or Taipei Exchange.

Article 23: (Matters that shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval)

The Company shall submit the following matters to the Board of Directors for approval by resolution as provided in the Securities and Exchange Act. When an Independent Director has a dissenting opinion or qualified opinion, it shall be noted in the minutes of the Directors meeting:

- I. Adoption or amendment of internal control systems in accordance with Article 14-1 of the Securities and Exchange Act.
- II. Adoption or amendment of procedures of material financial and business activities in accordance with Article 36-1, Securities and Exchange Act including "Procedures for Acquisition and Disposal of Assets", "Procedures for

Engaging in Derivatives Transactions", "Procedures for Loaning of Funds", and "Procedures for Providing Endorsements/Guarantees."

- III. A matter bearing on the personal interest of a director.
- IV. A material asset or derivatives transaction.
- V. A material monetary loan, endorsement, or provision of guarantee.
- VI. The offering, issuance, or private placement of any equity-type securities.
- VII. The hiring, discharge, or compensation of an attesting CPA.
- VIII. Appointment and dismissal of Finance Manager, Accounting Manager, and Chief Internal Auditor.
- IX. Any other material matter so required by the competent authority.

Article 24: (A TWSE/TPEX listed company shall stipulate the scope of duties of the Independent Directors)

The Company shall stipulate the scope of duties of the Independent Directors and empower them with manpower and physical support related to the exercise of their power. The Company or other members of the Board of Directors shall not obstruct, reject or circumvent the performance of duties by the Independent Directors.

The Company shall stipulate the remuneration of the Directors according to applicable laws and regulations. The remuneration of the Directors shall fully reflect the personal performance and the long-term management performance of the Company, and shall also take the overall operational risks of the company into consideration. Different but reasonable remuneration from that of other Directors may be set forth for the Independent Directors.

### Section 3 Functional Committees

Article 25: (Setting a functional committee)

For the purpose of developing Supervisory functions and strengthening management mechanisms, the Board of Directors of the Company, in consideration of the Company's scale and type of operations and the number of its Board members, may set up functional committees for auditing, remuneration, nomination, risk management or any other functions, and based on concepts of corporate social responsibility and sustainable operation, may set up environmental protection, corporate social responsibility, or other committees, and expressly provide for them in the Articles of Incorporation.

Functional committees shall be responsible to the Board of Directors and submit their proposals to the Board of Directors for approval. Provided that the performance of Supervisor's duties by the Audit Committee pursuant to Paragraph 4, Article 14-4 of the Securities and Exchange Act shall be excluded.

Functional committees shall adopt an organizational charter to be approved by the Board of Directors. The organizational charter shall contain the numbers, terms of office, and powers of committee members, as well as the meeting rules and resources to be provided by the Company for exercise of power by the committee.

Article 26: (A TWSE/TPEX listed company shall establish either an Audit Committee or a Supervisor)

The Company shall establish either an Audit Committee or a Supervisor.

The Audit Committee shall be composed of the entire number of Independent Directors. It shall not be fewer than three persons in number, one of whom shall be convener, and at least one of whom shall have accounting or financial expertise.

The exercise of power by Audit Committee and Independent Directors and related matters shall be set forth in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Act, the "Regulations Governing the Exercise of Powers by Audit Committees of Public Companies," and the rules and regulations of the Taiwan Stock Exchange or Taipei Exchange.

Article 27: (A TWSE/TPEX listed company shall establish a Remuneration Committee)

The Company shall establish a Remuneration Committee, and it is advisable that more than half of the committee members be Independent Directors. The professional qualifications of the committee members, the exercise of their powers of office, the adoption of the organizational charter, and related matters shall be handled pursuant to the "Regulations Governing the Appointment and Exercise of Powers by the Remuneration Committee of a Company Whose Stock is Listed on the Stock Exchange or Traded Over the Counter."

Article 28: (Professional, responsible, and independent certified public accountant)

To improve the quality of its financial reports, the Company shall establish the position of Deputy Accounting Manager.

To enhance the professional abilities of the Deputy Accounting Manager of the preceding paragraph, the Deputy's continuing education shall proceed following the schedule of the Accounting Manager.

Accounting personnel handling the preparation of financial reports shall also participate in relevant professional development courses for 6 hours or more each year. Those courses may be company internal training activities or may be professional courses offered by professional development institutions for principal accounting officers.

The Company shall select as its external auditor a professional, responsible, and independent attesting CPA, who shall perform regular reviews of the financial conditions and internal control measures of the Company. With regard to any irregularity or deficiency discovered and disclosed in a timely manner by the auditor during the review, and concrete measures for improvement or prevention suggested by the auditor, the Company shall faithfully implement improvement actions. It is advisable that the Company establish channels and mechanisms of communication between the Independent Directors or Audit Committee, and the attesting CPA, and to incorporate procedures for that purpose into the Company's internal control system for management purposes.

The Company shall evaluate the independence and suitability of the CPA engaged by the Company regularly, and no less frequently than once annually. In the event that the Company engages the same CPA without replacement for 7 years consecutively, or if the CPA is subject to disciplinary action or other circumstances prejudicial to the

CPA's independence, the Company shall evaluate the necessity of replacing the CPA and submit its conclusion to the Board of Directors.

Article 29: (Provision of adequate legal service to the Company)

The Company shall engage a professional and competent legal counsel to provide adequate legal consultation services to the Company, or to assist the Directors and the management to improve their knowledge of the law, for the purposes of preventing any infraction of laws or regulations by the Company or its staff and ensuring that corporate governance matters proceed pursuant to the relevant legal framework and the prescribed procedures.

When, as a result of performing their lawful duties, Directors or the management are involved in litigation or a dispute with shareholders, the Company shall retain a legal counsel to provide assistance as circumstances require.

The Audit Committee or an Independent Director may retain the service of legal counsel, CPA, or other professionals on behalf of the Company to conduct a necessary audit or provide consultation on matters in relation to the exercise of their power, at the expense of the company.

Section 4 Rules for the Proceedings and Decision-Making Procedures of Board Meetings

Article 30: (Convening of a Board of Directors' meeting)

The Board of Directors of the Company shall meet at least once every quarter, or convene at any time in case of emergency. To convene a Board meeting, a meeting notice which specifies the purposes of the meeting shall be sent to each Director no later than 7 days before the scheduled date. Sufficient meeting materials shall also be prepared and enclosed in the meeting notice. If the meeting materials are deemed inadequate, a Director may ask the unit in charge to provide more information or request a postponement of the meeting with the consent of the Board of Directors.

The Company shall adopt Rules of Procedure for Board of Directors Meetings, which shall follow the Regulations Governing Procedure for Board of Directors Meetings of Public Companies with regard to the content of deliberations, procedures, matters to be recorded in the meeting minutes, public announcements, and other matters for compliance.

Article 31: (Directors shall exercise a high degree of self-discipline)

Company Directors shall exercise a high degree of self-discipline. If a Director or a juristic person represented by the Director is an interested party with respect to any proposal for a Board meeting, the Director shall state the important aspects of the interested party relationship at the meeting. When the relationship is likely to prejudice the interests of the Company, the Director may not participate in discussion or voting on that proposal and shall enter recusal during the discussion and voting. The Director also may not act as another Director's proxy to exercise voting rights on that matter.

Matters requiring the voluntary recusal of a Director shall be clearly set forth in the rules of procedure for Board meetings.

Article 32: (Independent Directors and the Board of Directors)

When a Board meeting is convened to consider any matter submitted to it pursuant to Article 14-3 of the Securities and Exchange Act, an Independent Director of the Company shall attend the Board meeting in person, and may not be represented by a non-Independent Director via proxy. When an Independent Director has a dissenting or qualified opinion, it shall be noted in the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting; if the Independent Director cannot attend the Board meeting in person to voice his or her dissenting or qualified opinion, he or she should provide a written opinion before the Board meeting unless there are justifiable reasons for failure to do so, and the opinion shall be noted in the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting.

In any of the following circumstances, decisions made by the Board of Directors shall be noted in the meeting minutes, and in addition, publicly announced and filed on the MOPS two hours before the beginning of trading hours on the first business day after the date of the Board meeting:

- I. An Independent Director has a dissenting or qualified opinion which is on record or stated in a written statement.
- II. The matter was not approved by the Audit Committee (if the company has set up an Audit Committee), but had the consent of more than two-thirds of all Directors.

During a Board meeting, managers from relevant departments who are not Directors may, in view of the meeting agenda, sit in at the meetings, make reports on the current business conditions of the company and respond to inquiries raised by the Directors. Where necessary, a CPA, legal counsel, or other professional may be invited to sit in at the meetings to assist the Directors in understanding the conditions of the Company for the purpose of adopting an appropriate resolution, provided that they shall leave the meeting when deliberation or voting takes place.

Article 33: (Minutes of the Board meeting)

Staff personnel of the Company attending Board meetings shall collect and correctly record the meeting minutes in detail, as well as a summary, the method of resolution, and voting results of all the proposals submitted to the Board meeting in accordance with relevant regulations.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meetings shall be signed by the chair and secretary of the meeting and sent to each Director within 20 days after the meeting. The Director attendance records shall be made part of the meeting minutes, treated as important corporate records, and kept safe permanently during the life of the company.

Meeting minutes may be produced, distributed, and preserved by electronic means.

The Company shall record on audio or video tape the entire proceedings of a Board of Directors meeting and preserve the recordings for at least 5 years, in electronic form or otherwise.

If before the end of the preservation period referred to in the preceding paragraph a lawsuit arises with respect to a resolution of a Board of Directors meeting, the relevant audio or video recordings shall be preserved for a further period, in which case the preceding paragraph does not apply.

Where a Board of Directors meeting is held via teleconference or video conference, the audio or video recordings of the meeting form a part of the meeting minutes and shall be preserved permanently.

When a resolution of the Board of Directors violates laws, regulations, the Articles of Incorporation, or resolutions adopted in the Shareholders' Meeting, and thus causes an injury to the Company, dissenting Directors whose dissent can be proven by minutes or written statements will not be liable for damages.

Article 34: (Matters to be submitted to the Board of Directors for discussion)

The Company shall submit the following matters to its Board of Directors for discussion:

- I. Corporate business plans.
- II. Annual and semi-annual financial reports. With the exception of semi-annual financial reports which, under relevant laws and regulations, need not be CPA audited and attested.
- III. Adoption or amendment to an internal control system pursuant to Article 14-1 of the Securities and Exchange Act, and evaluation of effectiveness of an internal control system.
- IV. Adoption or amendment of procedures of material financial and business activities in accordance with Article 36-1, Securities and Exchange Act including "Procedures for Acquisition and Disposal of Assets", "Procedures for Engaging in Derivatives Transactions", "Procedures for Loaning of Funds", and "Procedures for Providing Endorsements/Guarantees."
- V. The offering, issuance, or private placement of any equity-type securities.
- VI. The performance assessment and the standard of compensation of the managerial officers.
- VII. The structure and system of Director's remuneration.
- VIII. Appointment and dismissal of Finance Manager, Accounting Manager, and Chief Internal Auditor.
- IX. A donation to a related party or a major donation to a non-related party. Provided that a public-interest donation of disaster relief for a major natural disaster may be submitted to the next Board meeting for ratification.
- X. Any matter required by Article 14-3 of the Securities and Exchange Act or any other law, regulation, or bylaw to be approved by resolution at a Shareholders' Meeting or to be approved by resolution at a meeting of the Board of Directors, or any such significant matter as may be prescribed by the competent authority.

Except for matters that must be submitted to the Board of Directors for discussion under the preceding paragraph, when the Board of Directors is in recess, it may delegate the exercise of its power to others in accordance with law, regulations, or its Articles of Incorporation. However, the level of delegation or the content or matters to be delegated shall be clearly specified, and general authorization is not permitted.

Article 35: (Appropriate department or personnel shall be asked to execute matters pursuant to Board of Directors' resolutions)

The Company shall ask the appropriate corporate department or personnel to execute matters pursuant to Board of Directors' resolutions in a manner consistent with the planned schedule and objectives. It shall also follow up on those matters and faithfully review their implementation.

The Board of Directors shall remain informed of the progress of implementation and receive reports in subsequent meetings to ensure the actual implementation of the Board's management decisions.

## Section 5 Fiduciary Duty, Duty of Care and Responsibility of Directors

Article 36: (Members of the Board of Directors shall faithfully conduct corporate affairs and perform the duty of care of a good administrator)

Members of the Board of Directors shall faithfully conduct corporate affairs and perform the duty of care of a good administrator. In conducting the affairs of the company, they shall exercise their powers with a high level of self-discipline and prudence. Unless matters are otherwise reserved by law for approval in Shareholders' Meetings or in the Articles of Incorporation, they shall ensure that all matters are handled according to the resolutions of Board of Directors.

It is advisable for the Company to formulate rules and procedures for Board of Directors performance assessments, and that each year it conduct regularly scheduled performance assessments of the Board of Directors, functional committees, and individual Directors through self-assessment and peer-to-peer assessments. The Company can also engage outside professional institutions or any other appropriate manner in carrying out the performance assessments. It is advisable that the performance assessment of the Board of Directors include the following aspects, and that appropriate assessment indicators be developed in consideration of the Company's needs:

- I. The degree of participation in the Company's operations.
- II. Improvement in the quality of decision making by the Board of Directors.
- III. The composition and structure of the Board of Directors.
- IV. The election of the Directors and their continuing professional education.
- V. Internal controls.

Performance assessments of Board members (self-assessments or peer-to-peer assessments) shall include the following aspects, with appropriate adjustments made on the basis of the Company's needs:

- I. Their grasp of the Company's goals and missions.
- II. Their recognition of Director's duties.
- III. Their degree of participation in the Company's operations.
- IV. Their management of internal relationships and communication.

V. Their professionalism and continuing professional education.

VI. Internal controls.

It is advisable for the Company to carry out performance assessment of a functional committee, and such assessment is advised to cover the following aspects, subject to changes according to the Company's needs:

I. The degree of participation in the Company's operations.

II. Their recognition of the duties of the functional committee.

III. Improvement in the quality of decision making by the functional committee.

IV. The composition of the functional committee, and election and appointment of committee members.

V. Internal controls.

The Company is advised to submit the results of performance assessments to the Board of Directors and use them as reference in determining remuneration for individual Directors, their nomination and additional office term.

Article 37: (Establishing succession plan for the management)

It is advisable for the Company to establish a succession plan for the management. The development and implementation of such plan shall be periodically evaluated by the Board of Directors to ensure sustainable operation.

Article 38: (Shareholder or Independent Director requests or Audit Committee notifies the Board to discontinue implementation of the Board's resolution)

If a resolution of the Board of Directors violates law, regulations or the Company's Articles of Incorporation, then at the request of shareholders holding shares continuously for a year or an Independent Director, or at the notice of a member of the Audit Committee to discontinue the implementation of the resolution, members of the Board shall take appropriate measures or discontinue the implementation of such resolution as soon as possible.

Upon discovering likelihood that the Company would suffer material injury, members of the Board of Directors shall immediately report to the Audit Committee, an Independent Director member of the Audit Committee in accordance with the foregoing paragraph.

Article 39: (Directors' liability insurance)

The Company is advised to take out liability insurance for Directors with respect to legal liabilities resulting from exercising their duties during their terms of occupancy, so as to reduce and spread the risk of material harm to the Company and shareholders arising from the wrongdoings or negligence of a Director.

The Company shall report the insured amount, coverage, premium rate, and other major contents of the liability insurance it has taken out or renewed for Directors, at the next Board meeting.

Article 40: (Members of the Board advised to participate in training)

Members of the Board of Directors are advised to participate in training courses on finance, risk management, business, commerce, accounting, law or corporate social responsibility offered by institutions designated in the "Rules Governing Implementation of Continuing Education for Directors and Supervisors of TWSE/TPEX Listed Companies," which cover subjects relating to corporate governance upon becoming Directors and throughout their terms of occupancy. They shall also ensure that company employees at all levels will enhance their professionalism and knowledge of the law.

## Chapter 4 Empowering Independent Directors

### Section 1 Functions of Independent Directors

Article 41: (A TWSE/GTSM listed company shall stipulate a fair, just, and open procedure for the election of Independent Directors)

The Company shall stipulate a fair, just, and open procedure for the election of Independent Directors, and shall adopt a cumulative voting mechanism pursuant to the Company Act to fully reflect the opinions of the shareholders.

The Company shall take into consideration the needs of overall business operations and comply with the rules of the TWSE or GTSM in setting the minimum number of Independent Directors.

The aggregate shareholding percentage of all of the Independent Directors of the Company shall comply with laws and regulations. Restrictions on share transfers by each Independent Director and the creation, release, or changes in pledges of shares held by each Independent Director shall comply with the relevant laws and regulations, and the relevant information shall be fully disclosed.

Article 41-1 (Specifying adoption of candidate nomination system for Independent Directors' elections in the Articles of Incorporation)

The Company is advised to specify in its Articles of Incorporation that it adopts the candidate nomination system for elections of Independent Directors, carefully review the qualifications of a nominated candidate and the existence of any other matters set forth in Article 30 of the Company Act, and act in accordance with Article 192-1 of the Company Act.

Article 42: (Independent Director seat shall have no spousal relationship or familial relationship within the second degree of kinship with another Independent Director or a Director)

Unless otherwise approved by the competent authority, at least one Independent Director seat shall have no spousal relationship or familial relationship within the second degree of kinship with another Independent Director or a Director.

The Company is advised to refer to the provisions on independence provided in the Regulations Governing Appointment of Independent Directors and Compliance Matters for Public Companies and appoint a suitable Independent Director to enhance the risk management and financial and operational control of the Company.

An Independent Director will preferably be domiciled within the territory of the ROC

to allow timely performance of supervisory functions.

## Section 2 Power and Obligations of Independent Directors

Article 43: (Independent Directors shall be familiar with the relevant laws and regulations, and shall understand the rights, obligations, and duties of Directors of the Company)

An Independent Director shall be familiar with the relevant laws and regulations, and shall understand the rights, obligations, and duties of Directors of the company and the functions, duties, and operation of each department. An Independent Director shall attend meetings of the Board of Directors to supervise their operations and to state his/her opinions when appropriate so as to grasp or discover any abnormal situation early on.

The Company shall stipulate the Independent Director's remuneration in its Articles of Incorporation or by an approval in a Shareholders' Meeting.

Article 44: (Independent Directors shall supervise the implementation of the operations of the Company, and the performance of duties by Directors and managers)

An Independent Director shall supervise the implementation of the operations of the Company, and the performance of duties by Directors and managers, and care the enforcement of the internal control system so as to reduce the financial and operational risks of the Company.

Where a Director, for himself/herself or on behalf of others, enters into a sale/purchase or loan transaction, or conducts any legal act with the Company, an Independent Director shall act as the representative of the Company. In the event that the Company has set up an Audit Committee, an Independent Director member of the Audit Committee shall act as the representative of the Company in the above situation.

Article 45: (An Independent Director may investigate the operational and financial conditions of the Company from time to time)

An Independent Director may investigate the operational and financial conditions of the Company from time to time, and the relevant departments in the Company shall provide the books or documents that will be needed for the Independent Director's review, transcription or duplication.

When reviewing the finance or operations of the Company, an Independent Director may retain attorneys or CPAs on behalf of the Company to perform the review; however, the Company shall inform the relevant persons of their confidentiality obligations.

The Board of Directors or managers shall submit reports in accordance with the request of the Independent Directors and shall not for any reason circumvent, obstruct or refuse the inspection of the Independent Directors.

When an Independent Director performs his/her duties, the Company shall provide necessary assistance as needed by the Independent Director, and the reasonable expenses that the Independent Director needs shall be borne by the Company.

Article 46: (A TWSE/GTSM listed company shall establish a channel for Independent Directors to communicate with the employees, shareholders, and stakeholders)

For Independent Directors to timely discover any possible irregular conduct, the Company shall establish a channel for Independent Directors to communicate with the employees, shareholders, and stakeholders.

Upon discovering any irregular conduct, an Independent Director shall take appropriate measures timely to curb the expansion of the irregular conduct, and file a report to the relevant competent authorities or agencies if necessary.

When an Independent Director or General Manager, an officer of the finance, accounting, research and development, or internal audit department, or a CPA resigns or is removed from his/her position, the Independent Director shall investigate the reasons.

In the event that an Independent Director neglects his/her duties and therefore causes harm to the Company, the Independent Director shall be liable to compensate the Company.

Article 47: (Independent Directors shall exercise their duties separately)

When exercising his/her supervisory power, each Independent Director of the Company may, after taking into consideration the overall interest of the Company and shareholders, convene a meeting to exchange opinions among all the Independent Directors when he/she feels necessary, but in so doing may not obstruct each of other Independent Directors in exercising their duties individually.

Article 48: (Liability insurance for Independent Directors)

The Company shall take out liability insurance for Independent Directors with respect to legal liabilities resulting from exercising their duties during their terms of occupancy, so as to reduce and spread the risk of material harm to the Company and shareholders arising from the wrongdoings or negligence of an Independent Director.

The Company is advised to report the insured amount, coverage, premium rate, and other major contents of the liability insurance it has taken out or renewed for Independent Directors, at the next Board of Directors' meeting.

Article 49: (Independent Directors' participation in training)

Upon becoming Independent Directors and throughout their terms, Independent Directors are advised to participate in training courses on finance, risk management, business, commerce, accounting, law or corporate social responsibility offered by institutions designated in the "Rules Governing Implementation of Continuing Education for Directors and Supervisors of TWSE/GTSM Listed Companies" covering subjects relating to corporate governance.

## Chapter 5 Respecting Stakeholders' Rights

Article 50: (A TWSE/TPEX listed company shall maintain communication with stakeholders and safeguard their rights and interests)

The Company shall maintain channels of communication with its banks, other creditors, employees, consumers, suppliers, community, or other stakeholders of the Company, respect and safeguard their legal rights and interests, and designate a stakeholders section on its website.

When any of a stakeholder's legal rights or interests is harmed, the Company shall handle the matter in a proper manner and in good faith.

Article 51: (The Company shall provide sufficient information to banks and its other creditors)

The Company shall provide sufficient information to banks and its other creditors to facilitate their evaluation of the operational and financial conditions of the Company and its decision-making process. When any of their legal rights or interest is harmed, the Company shall respond with a responsible attitude and assist creditors in obtaining compensation through proper means.

Article 52: (A TWSE/GTSM listed company shall establish channels of communication with employees)

The Company shall establish channels of communication with employees and encourage employees to communicate directly with the management, Directors, or Independent Directors so as to reflect employees' opinions about the management, financial conditions, and material decisions of the Company concerning employee welfare.

Article 53: (Corporate social responsibility)

In developing its normal business and maximizing the shareholders' interest, the Company shall pay attention to consumers' interests, environmental protection of the community, and public interest issues, and shall give serious regard to the Company's social responsibility.

## Chapter 6 Improving Information Transparency

### Section 1 Enhancing Information Disclosure

Article 54: (Information disclosure and Internet-based reporting system)

Information disclosure is a major responsibility of the Company. The Company shall perform its obligations faithfully in accordance with the relevant laws and the related Taiwan Stock Exchange and Taipei Exchange rules.

The Company is advised to publish and report its annual financial report within two months after the end of a fiscal year, and publish and report its financial reports for the first, second and third quarters as well as its operating status for each month before the specified deadline.

The Company shall establish an Internet-based reporting system for public information, appoint personnel responsible for gathering and disclosing the information, and establish a spokesperson system so as to ensure the proper and timely disclosure of information about policies that might affect the decisions of shareholders and stakeholders.

Article 55: (TWSE/TPEX listed company shall appoint a spokesperson)

In order to enhance the accuracy and timeliness of the material information disclosed, the Company shall appoint a spokesperson and acting spokesperson(s) who understand thoroughly the Company's financial and business conditions and who are capable of coordinating among departments for gathering relevant information and representing the Company in making statements independently.

The Company shall appoint one or more acting spokespersons who shall represent the Company, when the spokesperson cannot perform his/her duties, in making statements independently, provided that the order of authority is established to avoid any confusion.

In order to implement the spokesperson system, the Company shall unify the process of making external statements. It shall require the management and employees to maintain the confidentiality of financial and operational secrets and prohibit their disclosure of any such information at will.

The Company shall disclose the relevant information immediately whenever there is any change to the position of a spokesperson or acting spokesperson.

Article 56: (Holding of investor conference)

The Company shall hold an investor conference in compliance with the regulations of the TWSE and TPEX, and shall keep an audio or video record of the meeting. The financial and business information disclosed in the investor conference shall be disclosed on the MOPS and provided for inquiry through the website established by the Company, or through other channels, in accordance with the TWSE or TPEX rules.

## Section 2 Disclosure of Information on Corporate Governance

Article 57: (Disclosure of governance information)

The Company shall dedicate a space on its website to disclose and update from time to time the following information regarding corporate governance:

- I. Board of directors: such as resumes and authorities and responsibilities of board members, board member diversification policy and the implementation thereof.
- II. Functional committees: such as resumes and authorities and responsibilities of members of each functional committee.
- III. Corporate governance bylaws: such as articles of incorporation, procedure of board of directors meetings, charter of each functional committee, and other relevant corporate governance bylaws.
- IV. Important corporate governance information: such as information of establishment of corporate governance executive officers.

## Chapter 7 Supplementary Provisions

### Article 58: (Monitor domestic and international developments)

The Company shall at all times monitor domestic and international developments in corporate governance as a basis for review and improvement of the Company's own corporate governance mechanisms, so as to enhance their effectiveness.

### Article 59: (Implementation)

The enactment of the Principles and any amendments thereof, will be implemented upon approval from the Board of Directors and submitted to the Shareholders' Meeting.

The Principles were first enacted on March 20, 2015. First amendment took place on March 20, 2017. Second amendment took place on March 28, 2019. Third amendment took place on May 7, 2020. Fourth amendment took place on February 25, 2022.