

11. Internal Control and Risk Management

11.1 Internal Control

The Board of Directors continues to realize the significance of its good and effective internal control system, including its good corporate governance guidelines. It believes that a good internal control system is founded on a good performance process, organization chart and work system, which could help achieve goal or mission with efficiency and effectiveness, as well as minimize risk and prevent possible damage in the Company's business operations. The Board of Directors has thus authorized the Audit Committee comprising independent directors to audit the evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control system. The Internal Audit Office, which independently performs its duty and directly reports to the Audit Committee, audits the work operation system in various departments of the Company as per the annual audit plan approved by the Audit Committee to ensure each department's efficient and effective performance of work and optimized use of its resources, as well as ensuring corruption control and prevention. This also includes the control of the work performance, the timely, accurate and reliable financial reports, as well as the compliance with the policies as well as laws and regulations of the government agencies and relevant authorities. Furthermore, the effectiveness of the internal control system is regularly reviewed to ensure the optimum benefit to the shareholders from the business operation based on fairness in terms of benefits to all stakeholders. In addition, the Audit Committee shall have the duties to consider, select and submit for appointment of the auditor, including remuneration of the auditor, consider accurate and complete disclosure of the Company's connected transactions or any transactions which may give rise to any conflicts of interest.

11.2 Risk Management

The Board of Directors has realized the significance of using the risk management system in the administration by assigning the Corporate Governance and Risk Management Committee to supervise and review the Company's overall risks, risk management strategy and risk alert system. This is to ensure proper and timely response to various challenges, as well as to provide training for executives and staff about the risk management guidelines for their understanding and engagement in the firmwide risk management, covering both corporate level and operational level. The Company's management takes into account various risk factors currently sustained or threatened to be sustained in the future by the Company to analyze impact and possibility of such risks and to determine measures to prevent and deal with such risks to stay at an acceptable level in line with the Company's policy, and to report to the Corporate Governance and Risk Management Committee to consider the adequacy and appropriateness. The risk management plan shall be reviewed every year, and the effectiveness of the risk management system shall be evaluated every quarter, and at any time when the risk level has changed, whereby the results are regularly monitored on a quarterly basis by the secretary to the Corporate Governance and Risk Management Committee and reported to the management and the Corporate Governance and Risk Management Committee for acknowledgement and further report to the Board of Directors. The significant risk factors and management are described in Risk Factors on pages 3-1 to 3-6.

- 11.3 The Board of Directors has evaluated the adequacy of the internal control system based on the Internal Control Adequacy Evaluation Form, taking into consideration five components, i.e., corporate internal control, risk assessment, control measures, information and communication system, and follow-up system. It was concluded that the Company's internal control system was considered adequate and appropriate to the business operation without material defect in the internal control system; and it could control and prevent corruption and improper or unauthorized use by executives or employees of the property of the Company and the subsidiaries. The financial report of the Company was accurate and reliable in accordance with the generally accepted accounting standards and the financial reporting standards. The Company's business operation was in accordance with the law on securities and exchange and other applicable laws.

The Board of Directors, the Audit Committee and the auditor were of the opinion that the Company's business operation was transparent and in accordance with the good corporate governance principles, its internal control system was suitable, effective and capable of preventing improper or unauthorized use by executives or employees of the property of the Company.

The Head of the Internal Audit Unit is Miss Vasana Wattananukulchai, General Manager of Internal Audit Office. The Audit Committee is of the view that she has knowledge, abilities and work experience and is qualified to efficiently and adequately perform duties as the Head of the Internal Audit Unit. The appointment, removal and transfer of a person holding an office as Head of the Internal Audit Unit shall be subject to the Audit Committee's approval. (The details are described in Attachment 3 on pages A3-1 to A3-2.)

The Head of the Compliance Unit is Mr. Phakpoom Thaweewittayarut, Deputy Managing Director - Administration and Company Secretary, having knowledge on laws and accounting, abilities and work experience in the position of Company Secretary for a long time, who shall be responsible for compliance matters. (The details are described in Attachment 3 on pages A3-3 to A3-4.)