

## Appendix 4G

### Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Name of entity:

VDM Group Limited

ABN / ARBN:

ABN 95 109 829 334

Financial year ended:

30 June 2021

Our corporate governance statement<sup>2</sup> for the above period above can be found at:<sup>3</sup>

- These pages of our annual report:
- This URL on our website: Corporate Governance

The Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and up to date as at 29 October 2021 and has been approved by the board.

The annexure includes a key to where our corporate governance disclosures can be located.

Date: 29 October 2021

Name of Director or Secretary authorising  
lodgement:

Michael Fry, Director and Company Secretary

<sup>1</sup> Under Listing Rule 4.7.3, an entity must lodge with ASX a completed Appendix 4G at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX.

Listing Rule 4.10.3 requires an entity that is included in the official list as an ASX Listing to include in its annual report either a corporate governance statement that meets the requirements of that rule or the URL of the page on its website where such a statement is located. The corporate governance statement must disclose the extent to which the entity has followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council during the reporting period. If the entity has not followed a recommendation for any part of the reporting period, its corporate governance statement must separately identify that recommendation and the period during which it was not followed and state its reasons for not following the recommendation and what (if any) alternative governance practices it adopted in lieu of the recommendation during that period.

Under Listing Rule 4.7.4, if an entity chooses to include its corporate governance statement on its website rather than in its annual report, it must lodge a copy of the corporate governance statement with ASX at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX. The corporate governance statement must be current as at the effective date specified in that statement for the purposes of rule 4.10.3.

<sup>2</sup> "Corporate governance statement" is defined in Listing Rule 19.12 to mean the statement referred to in Listing Rule 4.10.3 which discloses the extent to which an entity has followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council during a particular reporting period.

<sup>3</sup> Mark whichever option is correct and then complete the page number(s) of the annual report, or the URL of the web page, where the entity's corporate governance statement can be found. You can, if you wish, delete the option which is not applicable.

Throughout this form, where you are given two or more options to select, you can, if you wish, delete any option which is not applicable and just retain the option that is applicable. If you select an option that includes "OR" at the end of the selection and you delete the other options, you can also, if you wish, delete the "OR" at the end of the selection.

## ANNEXURE – KEY TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURES

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| <b>PRINCIPLE 1 – LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT</b> |   |  |  |
| 1.1   | A listed entity should disclose:<br>(a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and<br>(b) those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.  | ... the fact that we follow this recommendation:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i><br>... and information about the respective roles and responsibilities of our board and management (including those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management):<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at <u>Board Charter</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable |
| 1.2   | A listed entity should:<br>(a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a director; and<br>(b) provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director. | ... the fact that we follow this recommendation:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable |
| 1.3   | A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.   | ... the fact that we follow this recommendation:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable |
| 1.4   | The company secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the board.   | ... the fact that we follow this recommendation:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable |

<sup>4</sup> If you have followed all of the Council's recommendations in full for the whole of the period above, you can, if you wish, delete this column from the form and re-format it.

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| 1.5   | <p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the board or a relevant committee of the board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them;</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and</p> <p>(c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them and either:</p> <p>(1) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or</p> <p>(2) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under that Act.</p> | <p>... the fact that we have a diversity policy that complies with paragraph (a):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and a copy of our diversity policy or a summary of it:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <u>Diversity Policy</u></p> <p>... and the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with our diversity policy and our progress towards achieving them:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (c)(1) or (2):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p> |
| 1.6   | <p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</p>  | <p>... the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraph (b):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p>  | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>            |
| 1.7   | <p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</p>   | <p>... the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraph (b):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p>  | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>            |

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| <b>PRINCIPLE 2 - STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO ADD VALUE</b> |  |   |   |
| 2.1   | <p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a nomination committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.</p> | <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</p> <p>... the fact that we have a nomination committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and a copy of the charter of the committee:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</p> <p>... the fact that we do not have a nomination committee and the processes we employ to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p> |
| 2.2   | <p>A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.</p>   | <p>... our board skills matrix:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p>  | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p> |

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| 2.3  | A listed entity should disclose:<br>(a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors;<br>(b) if a director has an interest, position, association or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 but the board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the director, the nature of the interest, position, association or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and<br>(c) the length of service of each director. | ... the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i><br>... and, where applicable, the information referred to in paragraph (b):<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i><br>... and the length of service of each director:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement  |
| 2.4  | A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.   | ... the fact that we follow this recommendation:<br><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable |
| 2.5  | The chair of the board of a listed entity should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.   | ... the fact that we follow this recommendation:<br><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable |
| 2.6  | A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.  | ... the fact that we follow this recommendation:<br><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable |
| <b>PRINCIPLE 3 – ACT ETHICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY</b> |   |   |   |
| 3.1  | A listed entity should:<br>(a) have a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and<br>(b) disclose that code or a summary of it.   | ... our code of conduct or a summary of it:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i>  | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement  |

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| <b>PRINCIPLE 4 – SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY IN CORPORATE REPORTING</b> |   |  |  |
| 4.1   | <p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have an audit committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(5) in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.</p> | <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</p> <p>... the fact that we have an audit committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and a copy of the charter of the committee:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</p> <p>... the fact that we do not have an audit committee and the processes we employ that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of our corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p> |
| 4.2   | <p>The board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.</p>  | <p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p>   | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>            |

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| 4.3   | A listed entity that has an AGM should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.                  | <p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity that does not hold an annual general meeting and this recommendation is therefore not applicable             |
| <b>PRINCIPLE 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE</b>    |  |   |   |
| 5.1   | A listed entity should:<br>(a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and<br>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it. | <p>... our continuous disclosure compliance policy or a summary of it:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at <u>Market Disclosure Policy</u>   | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement  |
| <b>PRINCIPLE 6 – RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS</b> |  |   |   |
| 6.1   | A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.   | <p>... information about us and our governance on our website:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at <u>www.vdmgroup.com.au/</u> and <u>Corporate Governance</u>   | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement  |
| 6.2   | A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.  | <p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement  |
| 6.3   | A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.                                      | <p>... our policies and processes for facilitating and encouraging participation at meetings of security holders:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at <u>Communications Policy</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity that does not hold periodic meetings of security holders and this recommendation is therefore not applicable |
| 6.4   | A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.                   | <p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement  |

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| <b>PRINCIPLE 7 – RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK</b> |  |   |   |
| 7.1  | <p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.</p> | <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</p> <p>... the fact that we have a committee or committees to oversee risk that comply with paragraphs (1) and (2):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and a copy of the charter of the committee:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</p> <p>... the fact that we do not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) and the processes we employ for overseeing our risk management framework:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p> |
| 7.2  | <p>The board or a committee of the board should:</p> <p>(a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.</p>   | <p>... the fact that board or a committee of the board reviews the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and that such a review has taken place in the reporting period covered by this Appendix 4G:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p>   | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p> |



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| 7.3   | <p>A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes.</p> | <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]<br/> ... how our internal audit function is structured and what role it performs:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]<br/> ... the fact that we do not have an internal audit function and the processes we employ for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of our risk management and internal control processes:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement                          |
| 7.4   | <p>A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.</p>  | <p>... whether we have any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if we do, how we manage or intend to manage those risks:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p>  | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement                          |

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| <b>PRINCIPLE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY</b> |  |   |   |
| 8.1  | <p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a remuneration committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.</p> | <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</p> <p>... the fact that we have a remuneration committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at [insert location]</p> <p>... and a copy of the charter of the committee:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at [insert location]</p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at [insert location]</p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</p> <p>... the fact that we do not have a remuneration committee and the processes we employ for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at [insert location]</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>   |
| 8.2  | <p>A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.</p>  | <p>... separately our remuneration policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at [insert location]</p>  | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>   |
| 8.3  | <p>A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:</p> <p>(a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.</p>   | <p>... our policy on this issue or a summary of it:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at [insert location]</p>  | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> we do not have an equity-based remuneration scheme and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p> |

| Corporate Governance Council recommendation                                    | We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...   | We have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ... <sup>4</sup>   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| <b>ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES APPLICABLE TO EXTERNALLY MANAGED LISTED ENTITIES</b> |  |   |   |
| -  | <p><i>Alternative to Recommendation 1.1 for externally managed listed entities:</i></p> <p>The responsible entity of an externally managed listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) the arrangements between the responsible entity and the listed entity for managing the affairs of the listed entity;</p> <p>(b) the role and responsibility of the board of the responsible entity for overseeing those arrangements.</p> | <p>... the information referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p>         | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p> |
| -  | <p><i>Alternative to Recommendations 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 for externally managed listed entities:</i></p> <p>An externally managed listed entity should clearly disclose the terms governing the remuneration of the manager.</p>  | <p>... the terms governing our remuneration as manager of the entity:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p> |

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 JUNE 2021**

The Company is committed to implementing the highest standards of corporate governance.

In determining what those high standards should involve the Company has turned to the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Principles of Good Corporate Governance and Best Practice Recommendations. The Company is pleased to advise that the Company's practices are largely consistent with those ASX guidelines. As consistency with the guidelines has been a gradual process, where the Company did not have certain policies or committees recommended by the ASX Corporate Governance Council (the Council) in place during the reporting period, we have identified such policies or committees.

Where the Company's corporate governance practices do not correlate with the practices recommended by the Council, the Company is working towards compliance however it does not consider that all the practices are appropriate for the Company due to the size and scale of Company operations.

The Company's compliance against the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Principles of Good Corporate Governance and Best Practice Recommendations are summarised as follows:

| Principle | ASX Corporate Governance Council Recommendations  | Comply |
|-----------|---|--------|
| <b>1</b>  | <b>Lay solid foundations for management and oversight</b>   |        |
| 1.1       | Establish the functions reserved to the board and those delegated to senior executives and disclose those functions.  | Yes    |
| 1.2       | Disclose the process for evaluating the performance of senior executives.   | No     |
| 1.3       | Provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on principle 1.   | Yes    |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>Structure the Board to add value</b>   |        |
| 2.1       | A majority of the board should be independent directors.  | No     |
| 2.2       | The chair should be an independent director.  | No     |
| 2.3       | The roles of chair and chief executive officer should not be exercised by the same individual.  | Yes    |
| 2.4       | The board should establish a nomination committee.  | No     |
| 2.5       | Disclose the process for evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors.  | No     |
| 2.6       | Provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on principle 2.   | Yes    |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Promote ethical and responsible decision-making</b>  |        |
| 3.1       | Establish a code of conduct and disclose the code or a summary as to:   |        |
|           | the practices necessary to maintain confidence in the company's integrity;  | Yes    |
|           | the practices necessary to take into account the company's legal obligations and the reasonable expectations of its stakeholders; and   | Yes    |
|           | the responsibility and accountability of individuals for reporting and investigating reports of unethical practices.  | Yes    |
| 3.2       | Companies should establish a policy concerning diversity and disclose the policy or a summary of that policy. The policy should include requirements for the board to establish measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity for the board to assess annually both the objectives and progress in achieving them. | Yes    |
| 3.3       | Companies should disclose in each annual report the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board in accordance with the diversity policy and progress towards achieving them.  | Yes    |
| 3.4       | Companies should disclose in each annual report the proportion of women employees in the whole organisation, women in senior executive positions and women on the board.  | Yes    |
| 3.5       | Provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on principle 3.   | Yes    |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Safeguard integrity in financial reporting</b>   |        |
| 4.1       | The board should establish an audit committee.  | Yes    |
| 4.2       | The audit committee should be structured so that it:  |        |
|           | consists only of non-executive directors;   | No     |
|           | consists of a majority of independent directors;  | No     |
|           | is chaired by an independent chair, who is not chair of the board; and  | No     |
|           | has at least three members.   | Yes    |
| 4.3       | The audit committee should have a formal charter  | Yes    |
| 4.4       | Provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on principle 4.   | Yes    |

| Principle | ASX Corporate Governance Council Recommendations  | Comply            |
|-----------|---|-------------------|
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Make timely and balanced disclosure</b>  |                   |
| 5.1       | Establish written policies designed to ensure compliance with ASX Listing Rule disclosure requirements and to ensure accountability at senior executive level for that compliance and disclose those policies or a summary of those policies.   | Yes               |
| 5.2       | Provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on principle 5.   | Yes               |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>Respect the rights of shareholders</b>   |                   |
| 6.1       | Design a communications policy for promoting effective communication with shareholders and encouraging their participation at general meetings and disclose the policy or a summary of that policy.   | Yes               |
| 6.2       | Provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on principle 6.   | Yes               |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>Recognise and manage risk</b>  |                   |
| 7.1       | Establish policies for the oversight and management of material business risks and disclose a summary of those policies.  | Yes               |
| 7.2       | The board should require management to design and implement the risk management and internal control system to manage the company's material business risks and report to it on whether those risks are being managed effectively. The board should disclose that management has reported to it as to the effectiveness of the company's management of its material business risks.                     | Yes               |
| 7.3       | The board should disclose whether it had received assurance from the chief executive officer and the chief financial officer that the declaration provided in accordance with section 295A of the Corporations Act is founded on a sound system of risk management and internal control and that the system is operating effectively in all material respects in relation to financial reporting risks. | Yes               |
| 7.4       | Provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on principle 7.   | Yes               |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Remunerate fairly and responsibly</b>  |                   |
| 8.1       | The board should establish a remuneration committee.  | No                |
| 8.2       | The remuneration committee should be structured so that it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consists of a majority of independent directors;</li> <li>• is chaired by an independent chair; and</li> <li>• has at least three members.</li> </ul>  | N/a<br>N/a<br>N/a |
| 8.3       | Clearly distinguish the structure on non-executive directors' remuneration from that of executive directors and senior executives.  | Yes               |
| 8.4       | Provide the information indicated in the Guide to reporting on principle 8.   | Yes               |

The Board of Directors is responsible for the corporate governance of the Company and has adopted a range of corporate governance policies consistent with the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Principles of Good Corporate Governance and Best Practice Recommendations, to the extent that recommendations are appropriate to the structure and operations of the Company.

*A summary of the major policies relevant to the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Principles is set out below:*

**Council Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight**

The Board's primary role is the protection and enhancement of medium to long term shareholder value. To fulfil this role, the Board is responsible for the overall Corporate Governance of the consolidated entity including its strategic direction, establishing goals for management and monitoring the achievement of these goals.

The Board is collectively responsible for promoting the success of the Company by:

- supervising the Company's framework of control and accountability systems to enable risk to be assessed and managed
- ensuring the Company is properly managed
- approving and monitoring the progress of major capital expenditure, capital management, and acquisitions and divestitures;
- approval of the annual budget;
- monitoring the financial performance of the Company;
- approving and monitoring financial and other reporting;
- overall corporate governance of the Company, including conducting regular reviews of the balance of responsibilities within the Company to ensure division of functions remain appropriate to the needs of the Company;
- liaising with the Company's external auditors as appropriate; and
- monitoring, and ensuring compliance with, all of the Company's legal obligations, in particular those obligations relating to the environment, native title, cultural heritage and occupational health and safety.

The Board must convene regular meetings with such frequency as is sufficient to appropriately discharge its responsibilities. Between regular meetings it will also ensure that important matters are addressed by way of circular resolutions. The Board may, from time to time, delegate some of the responsibilities listed above to its senior management team.

**Materiality threshold**

The Board has agreed on both quantitative and qualitative guidelines for assessing the materiality of matters. Qualitative indications of materiality would include if:

- they impact on the reputation of the Company;
- they involve a breach of legislation;
- they are outside the ordinary course of business;
- they could affect the Company's rights to its assets; or
- if accumulated they would trigger the quantitative tests.

**Chairman**

The chairman is responsible for leadership of the Board, for the efficient organisation and conduct of the Board's function and for the briefing of all directors in relation to issues arising at Board meetings. The chairman is also responsible for chairing shareholder meetings and arranging Board performance evaluation.

**Executive Director**

The Executive Director is responsible for the day-to-day affairs of the Company under delegated authority from the Board and to implement the policies and strategy approved by the Board. In carrying out his/her responsibilities the Executive Director must report to the Board in a timely manner and ensure all reports to the Board present a true and fair view of the Company's financial condition and operational results. The Executive Director is also responsible for overall shareholder communication in conjunction with the Chairman of the Board.

**Role and responsibility of management**

The role of management is to support the Executive Director and implement the running of the general operations and financial business of the Company, in accordance with the delegated authority of the Board. Management is responsible for reporting all matters which fall within the Materiality Threshold at first instance to the Executive Director or if the matter concerns the Executive Director then directly to the Chairman of the Board or the Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee, as appropriate.

**Relationship of Board with management**

Management of the day-to-day business of the Company is to be conducted by or under the supervision of the Board, and by those other officers and employees to whom the management function is properly delegated by the Board.

The Board will adopt appropriate structures and procedures to ensure that the Board functions independently of management. Appropriate procedures may involve the Board meeting on a regular basis without management present, or may involve expressly assigning the responsibility for administering the Board's relationship to management to a Committee of the Board.

Information is formally presented to the Board at Board meetings by way of Board reports and review of performance to date. When directors are providing information about opportunities for the Company, this should always be through the Board.

**Council Principle 2: Structure the board to add value**

The Board currently has five members. None of the members can be considered independent, with Mr Luk (Chairman), Mr Guo and Dr Hua (Executive Director) both having significant shareholdings in the Company, and Mr Noid and Mr Fry currently acting in an executive capacity or have done so in the last 3 years.

The Board is conscious of the need for independence. The Board believes that the Chairman is able and does bring quality and independent judgment to all relevant issues falling within the scope of the role of a Chairman. The Board considers that its structure has been and continues to be appropriate in the context of the company's current projects and operations. The Company considers that each director possesses skills and experience suitable for building the Company. Furthermore, the Board considers that in the current phase of the Company's growth, the Company's shareholders are better served by directors who have a vested interest in the Company. The Board will reconsider its composition as the Company's operations evolve and appoint independent directors as appropriate.

**Council Principle 3: Promote ethical and responsible decision-making.**

The Company is committed to being an inclusive workplace that embraces and promotes diversity.

The Company recognises the value of a diverse work force and believes that diversity supports all employees reaching their full potential, improves business decisions, business results, increases stakeholder satisfaction and promotes realisation of the company vision. We believe that these differences between people add to the collective skills and experience of the organisation and ensures we benefit by selecting from all available talent. Diversity may result from a range of factors including but not limited to gender, age, ethnicity and cultural backgrounds

It is the responsibility of all directors, officers, employees and contractors to comply with the Company's Diversity Policy and report violations or suspected violations in accordance with this Diversity Policy.

The Board is responsible for establishing and monitoring on an annual basis the achievement against gender diversity objectives and strategies, including the representation of women at all levels of the organisation.

The proportion of women within the whole organisation as at the date of this report is as follows:

Women employees in the whole organisation: 0% (2020: 16.67%)  
Women in Senior Executive positions: 0% (2020: 0%)  
Women on the Board of Directors : 0% (2020: 0%)

The Board acknowledges that there are no women on the Board of Directors. However, as noted above, the Board has determined that the composition of the current Board represents the best mix of Directors that have an appropriate range of qualifications and expertise, can understand and competently deal with current and emerging business issues and can effectively review and challenge the performance of management.

**Council Principle 4: Safeguard integrity in financial reporting**

The Company's Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer report in writing to the Board that the consolidated financial statements of the Company and its controlled entities for each half and full year present a true and fair view, in all material aspects, of the Company's financial condition and operational results and are in accordance with accounting standards.

The Company has established an audit committee. The Committee fulfils the role of an audit committee by:

- Monitoring the integrity of the financial statements of the Company, and reviewing significant financial reporting judgments.
- Reviewing the Company's internal financial control system and risk management systems.
- Reviewing the appointment of the external auditor and approving the remuneration and terms of engagement.
- Monitoring and reviewing the external auditor's independence, objectivity and effectiveness, taking into consideration relevant professional and regulatory requirements.

The audit committee comprises: Mr Fry (Chairman), Dr Hua and Mr Luk; all directors of VDM.

The Board is conscious of the need for independence. Despite the fact that the Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee is presently operating in an acting capacity as chief financial officer and company secretary, and as such cannot be considered independent, the Board believes that the chair of the Audit and Risk Committee is able and does bring quality and independent judgment to all relevant issues falling within the scope of the role, and that its structure has been and continues to be appropriate in the context of the Company's size, complexity and the nature of its current projects and operations.

**Council Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure**

Compliance procedures for ASX Listing Rule disclosure requirements have been adopted by the Company. It has appointed an officer of the Company to be responsible for compliance. The Company Secretary has been appointed as the officer of the Company.

**Council Principle 6: Respect the rights of shareholders**

Information will be communicated to shareholders as follows:

- The annual report is distributed to shareholders. The Board ensures that the annual report includes relevant information about the operations of the consolidated entity during the year, changes in the state of affairs of the consolidated entity and details of future developments, in addition to the other disclosures required by the Corporations Act. The annual report is made available on the Company's website, and is provided in hard copy format to any shareholder who requests it.
- The half-yearly report contains summarised financial information and a review of the operations of the consolidated entity during the period. The half-year audited financial report is prepared in accordance with the requirements of applicable Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act and is lodged with the Australian Securities Exchange. The half-yearly report is made available on the Company's website, and is sent to any shareholder who requests it.
- The quarterly report contains summarised cash flow financial information and details about the Company's activities during the quarter. The quarterly report is made available on the Company's website, and is sent to any shareholder who requests it.
- Proposed major changes in the consolidated entity which may impact on share ownership rights are submitted to a general meeting of shareholders.
- The Company's website is well promoted to shareholders and shareholders may register to receive updates, either by email or in hard copy.

The Board encourages full participation of shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to ensure a high level of accountability and identification with the consolidated entity's strategy and goals. Important issues are presented to the shareholders as resolutions.

The shareholders are requested to vote on the appointment and aggregate remuneration of directors, the granting of options and shares to directors and changes to the constitution. Copies of the constitution are available to any shareholder who requests it.

The Company maintains a website at [www.vdmgroup.com](http://www.vdmgroup.com). On its website, the Company makes the following information available on a regular and up to date basis:

- company announcements;
- latest information briefings;
- notices of meetings and explanatory materials;
- quarterly, half yearly and annual reports.

The website is updated with any information the directors and management may feel is material.

The Company also ensures that the audit partner attends the Annual General Meeting.

**Council Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk**

The Company has developed a framework for risk management and internal compliance and control systems which covers organisational, financial and operational aspects of the Company's affairs. It appoints the Managing Director as being responsible for ensuring that the systems are maintained and complied with. The Company has developed policies to manage risk which includes policies on code of conduct, travel expenses and claims, delegation of authority, securities trading policy, budget control policy, continuous disclosure policy and a credit card use policy.

**Council Principle 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly**

The Board has not formed a nomination and remuneration committee. Due to the size of the organisation, the responsibilities and functions of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee are performed by the full board, which includes matters relating to the appointment and remuneration of directors, and senior executives and employees of VDM.