Company Name: Stanbic IBTC Asset Management Limited

RC Number: RC (209744)

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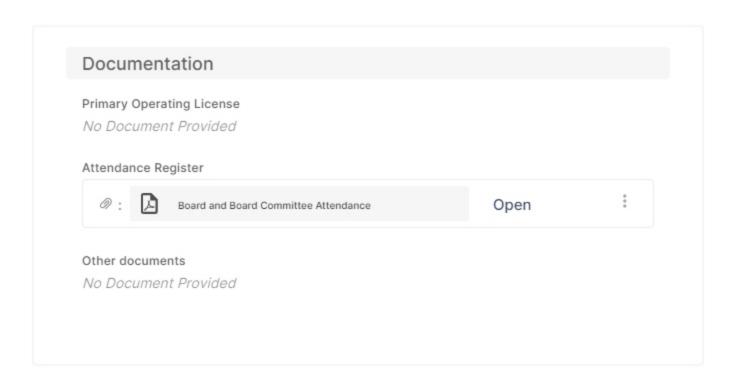
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Sectorial regulator

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

Other regulator(s)

Corporate Affairs Commission(CAC)



Governance Stakeholders

External Auditor	Position	Date of appointment
PricewaterhouseCoopers	Auditor	April 30, 2021

Governance Evaluation Consultant	Position	Date of appointment
Ernst & Young Professional Services	Consultant	July 30, 2021

Board Evaluation Consultant	Position	Date of appointment
EY Professional Services	Consultant	July 30, 2021

Registrar	Position	Date of appointment
None added		

Governance structures

Board committee(s)	Committee Members	Position
Board Risk	Efe Omoduemuke	Executive Director
Management Committee	Shuaib Audu - Resigned with	Executive Director
Committee	effect from 27 March 2023	Executive Director
	Wunmi Ehis-Uzenabor	Non-Executive
	Ifeoma Esiri	Director
	Olumide Oyetan	Non-Executive
	Olayinka David-West	Director
	Oladele Sotubo - Resigned with	Independent Non-
	effect from 31 May 2023	Executive Director
	Olufunke Amobi	Executive Director
		Non-Executive
		Director

Board committee(s)	Committee Members	Position
Board Digital	Wunmi Ehis-Uzenabor	Executive Director
Committee	Ifeoma Esiri	Non-Executive
	Bridget Oyefeso-Odusami	Director
	Olayinka David-West	Non-Executive
Olac	dele Sotubo - Resigned with effect from 31 May 2023	Director Independent Non-
	Olufunke Amobi	Executive Director
	Yinka Johnson	Executive Director
		Non-Executive Director
		Executive Director

Board committee(s)	Committee Members	Position
Board Investment	Efe Omoduemuke	Executive
Strategy Committee	Shuaib Audu - Resigned with effect	Director
	from 27 March 2022	Evenutive

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Busola Jejelowo
Babatunde Majiyagbe
Bridget Oyefeso-Odusami
Olumide Oyetan
Oladele Sotubo - Resigned with
effect from 31 May 2023

Director

Executive
Director

Non-Executive Director

Non-Executive

Director
Non-Executive

Director

Executive

Director

Board of Directors	Position
Shuaib Audu - Resigned with effect from 27 March 202	23 Executive Director
Busola Jejelowo	Executive Director
Wunmi Ehis-Uzenabor	Executive Director
Demola Sogunle	Chairman/Non- Executive Director
Ifeoma Esiri	Non-Executive Director
Babatunde Majiyagbe	Non-Executive Director
Bridget Oyefeso-Odusami	Non-Executive Director
Olumide Oyetan	Non-Executive Director
Olayinka David-West	Independent Non- Executive Director

Oladele Sotubo - Resigned with effect from 31 May 2023	3 Executive Director
Olufunke Amobi	Non-Executive Director
Efe Omoduemuke	Executive Director
Yinka Johnson	Executive Director

Executive management & Leadership	Position
Busola Jejelowo	Executive Director
Wunmi Ehis-Uzenabor	Executive Director
Oladele Sotubo - Resigned with effect from 31 May 2023	Executive Director
Shuaib Audu - Resigned with effect from 27 March 2023	Executive Director
Yinka Johnson	Executive Director
Efe Omoduemuke	Executive Director

Investor Relations Officer(s)	Position
Olugbenro Aju	Company Secretary

Company Secretary(s)	Position
Olugbenro Aju	Company Secretary

Compliance Officer(s)	Position	
Nika Dandla		

Company contact persons	Position
Mojoyin Ajayi	Governance
	Consultant

Principle 1:

A successful Company is headed by an effective Board which is responsible for providing entrepreneurial and strategic leadership as well as promoting ethical culture and responsible corporate citizenship. As a link between stakeholders and the Company, the Board is to exercise oversight and control to ensure that management acts in the best interest of the shareholders and other stakeholders while sustaining the prosperity of the Company

P1Q1(a)

Does the Board have an approved Charter which sets out its responsibilities and terms of reference?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the Board has an approved charter which sets out its responsibilities and terms of reference

Supporting document

Not Provided

P1Q2(b)

If yes, when was it last reviewed?

Date of last review

4/28/2023

Supporting document

Principle 2:

The effective discharge of the responsibilities of the Board and its committees is assured by an appropriate balance of skills and diversity (including experience and gender) without compromising competence, independence and integrity

P2Q1

What are the qualifications and experiences of the directors?

Explanation

The Directors are well qualified and experienced. They have the requisite experience to fulfill their roles.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P2Q2(a)

Does the company have a Board-approved diversity policy?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

The Board has an appropriate balance of skills and experience, including diversity of Gender.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P2Q3(b)

If yes:

to what extent have the diversity targets been achieved?

Explanation

The Board has an appropriate balance of skills and experience, including diversity of Gender.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P2Q4(a)

Are there directors holding concurrent directorships?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P2Q5(b)

If yes:

State names of the directors and the companies.

Explanation

Dr. Demola Sogunle is the CE of Stanbic IBTC Holdings PLC and Non-Executive Director of Stanbic IBTC Bank Ltd., Stanbic IBTC Stockbrokers Limited, Stanbic IBTC Pension Mangers Limited, Stanbic IBTC Capital Limited, Stanbic IBTC Insurance Limited, Stanbic IBTC Trustees Limited, Zest Payment Limited. Mrs. Ifeoma Esiri is a NED on Stanbic IBTC Holdings PLC Mr. Babatunde Majiyagbe is the CE of Stanbic IBTC Nominees Limited Mrs. Busola Jejelowo is a NED on Stanbic IBTC Stockbrokers Limited

Supporting document

Not Provided

P2Q6(a)

Is the MD/CEO or an Executive Director a chair of any Board Committee?

Answer

Νo

Supporting document

Not Provided

P2Q7(b)

If yes:

provide the names of the Committees.

Explanation

No Input provided

Supporting document

Principle 3:

The Chairman is responsible for providing overall leadership of the Company and the Board, and eliciting the constructive participation of all Directors to facilitate effective direction of the Board

P3Q1(a)

Is the Chairman a member or chair of any of the Board Committees?

Answei

No

Supporting document

Not Provided

P3Q2(b)

If yes

List them

Explanation

No Input provided

Supporting document

Not Provided

P3Q3

At which Committee meeting(s) was the Chairman in attendance during the period under review?

Explanation

None

Supporting document

Not Provided

P3Q4

Is the Chairman an INED or a NED?

NED

Supporting document Not Provided

P3Q5(a)

Is the Chairman a former MD/CEO or ED of the Company?

Answer

No

Supporting document

Not Provided

P3Q6(b)

If yes

When did his/her tenure as MD end

Date of last review

No Input provided

Supporting document

Not Provided

P3Q7

When was he/she appointed as Chairman?

Date of last review

2/12/2021

Supporting document

Not Provided

P3Q8(a)

Are the roles and responsibilities of the Chairman clearly defined?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

P3Q9(b)

If yes:

Specify which document.

Explanation

The roles and responsibilities of the Chairman are clearly defined in the Board Charter.

Supporting document

Principle 4:

The Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer is the head of management delegated by the Board to run the affairs of the Company to achieve its strategic objectives for sustainable corporate performance

P4Q1(a)

Does the MD/CEO have a contract of employment which sets out his authority and relationship with the Board?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P4Q2(b)

If no:

in which documents is it specified?

Explanation

No Input provided

Supporting document

Not Provided

P4Q3

Does the MD/CEO declare any conflict of interest on appointment, annually, thereafter and as they occur?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P404

Which of the Board Committee meetings did the MD/CEO attend during the period under review?

Evalonation

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Board Risk Management Committee; Board Investment Strategy Committee; and Board Digital Committee

Supporting document

Not Provided

P4Q5(a)

Is the MD/CEO serving as NED in any other company?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P4Q6(b)

If yes:

Please state the company

Explanation

The MD/CEO is a Non-Executive Director of Stanbic IBTC Stockbrokers Limited

Supporting document

Not Provided

P4Q7

Is the membership of the MD/CEO in these companies in line with the Board-approved policies?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, his membership is in line with the Board-approved policies.

Supporting document

Principle 5:

Executive Directors support the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer in the operations and management of the Company

P5Q1

Do the EDs have contracts of employment?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P5Q2(a)

If yes:

Do the contracts of employment set out the roles and responsibilities of the EDs?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P5Q3(b)

If no:

In which document are the roles and responsibilities specified?

Explanation

No Input provided

Supporting document

Not Provided

P5Q4

Do the EDs declare any conflict of interest on appointment, annually, thereafter and as they occur?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P5Q5

Are there EDs serving as NEDs in any other company?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

No, there are no EDs serving as NEDs in any other companies.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P5Q6

Are their memberships in these companies in line with Board-approved policy?

Answer

No

Explanation

No Input provided

Supporting document

Principle 6:

Non-Executive Directors bring to bear their knowledge, expertise and independent judgment on issues of strategy and performance on the Board

P6Q1(a)

Are the roles and responsibilities of the NEDs clearly defined and documented?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P6Q2(b)

If yes:

Where are these documented?

Explanation

The NEDs have letters of appointment specifying their duties, liabilities and terms of engagements.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P6Q3

Do the NEDs have letters of appointment specifying their duties, liabilities and terms of engagement?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P6Q4

Do the NEDs declare any conflict of interest on appointment, annually, thereafter and as they occur?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document Not Provided

P6Q5(a)

Are NEDs provided with information relating to the management of the company and on all Board matters?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P6Q6(b)

If yes:

When is the information provided to the NEDs?

Explanation

NEDs are provided with information relating to the management of the company and on all Board matters during the induction and in the quarterly Board reports.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P6Q7

What is the process of ensuring completeness and adequacy of the information provided?

Explanation

Senior and Executive Management review and scrutinize the reports before they are sent to the Board.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P6Q8

Do NEDs have unfettered access to the EDs, Company Secretary and the Internal Auditor?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Principle 7:

Independent Non-Executive Directors bring a high degree of objectivity to the Board for sustaining stakeholder trust and confidence

P7Q1

Do the INEDs meet the independence criteria prescribed under Section 7.2 of the Code?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P7Q2

Are there any exceptions?

Answer

No

Explanation

No, there are no exceptions.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P7Q3

What is the process of selecting INEDs?

Explanation

A Board approved process for the appointment of Directors exists

Supporting document

Not Provided

P7Q4

Do the INEDs have letters of appointment specifying their duties, liabilities and terms of engagement?

Answer

Yes

	orting document Provided
P7Q5	
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Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P7Q6(a)

Does the Board ascertain and confirm the independence of the INEDs?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P7Q7(b)

If yes, how often?

Explanation

This is done annually.

Supporting document

Not Provided

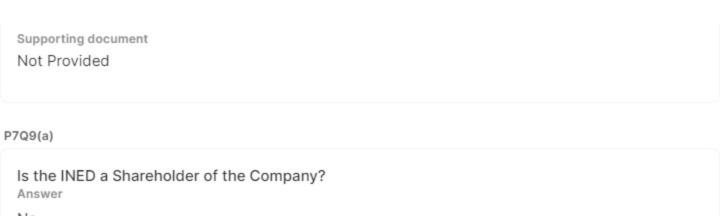
P7Q8(c)

If yes:

What is the process?

Explanation

This is done through questionnaires administered by external consultants during the Board Evaluation. The INED also signs an attestation which is presented to the Board.



No

Supporting document

Not Provided

P7Q10(b)

if yes, what is the percentage shareholding?

Answer

No Input provided

Supporting document

Not Provided

P7Q11(a)

Does the INED have another relationship with the Company apart from directorship and/or shareholding?

Answer

No

Supporting document

Not Provided

P7Q12(b)

If yes:

provide details.

Explanation

No Input provided

Supporting document

P7Q13

What are the components of INEDs remuneration?

Explanation

Sitting allowances and Directors fees.

Supporting document

Principle 8:

The Company Secretary support the effectiveness of the Board by assisting the Board and management to develop good corporate governance practices and culture within the Company

P8Q1

Is the Company Secretary in-house or outsourced?

Outsourced

Supporting document

Not Provided

P8Q2

What is the qualification and experience of the Company Secretary?

Explanation

The Company Secretary is well qualified and experienced.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P8Q3

Where the Company Secretary is an employee of the Company, is the person a member of senior management?

Answer

No

Explanation

The Company Secretary is outsourced.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P8Q4

Who does the Company Secretary report to?

Explanation

The Company Secretary reports to the Board

Supporting document

Not Provided

P8Q5

What is the appointment and removal process of the Company Secretary?

Explanation

The appointment and removal of the Company Secretary is done by the Board.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P8Q6

Who undertakes and approves the performance appraisal of the Company Secretary?

Explanation

The Board undertakes and approves the performance appraisal of the Company Secretary

Supporting document

Principle 9:

Directors are sometimes required to make decisions of a technical and complex nature that may require independent external expertise

P9Q1(a)

Does the company have a Board-approved policy that allows directors access to independent professional advice in the discharge of their duties?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the Board has a policy that allows Directors access to independent professional advice.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P9Q2(b)

If yes:

where is it documented?

Explanation

It is documented in the policy for obtaining independent professional advice.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P9Q3

Who bears the cost for the independent professional advice?

Explanation

The Company bears the cost for the independent professional advice

Supporting document

Not Provided

P9Q4(a)

During the period under review, did the Directors obtain any independent professional advice?

Answer

No

Supporting document

Not Provided

P9Q5(b)

If yes:

provide details.

Explanation

No Input provided

Supporting document

Principle 10:

Meetings are the principal vehicle for conducting the business of the Board and successfully fulfilling the strategic objectives of the Company

P10Q1

What is the process for reviewing and approving minutes of Board meetings?

Explanation

The minutes of the Board meetings are reviewed and approved at the subsequent Board meeting.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P10Q2

What are the timelines for sending the minutes to Directors?

Explanation

At least seven days before the next Board meeting

Supporting document

Not Provided

P10Q3

What are the implications for Directors who do not meet the Company policy on meeting attendance?

Explanation

The Directors attendance is considered in the evaluation of the Director's performance and in considering the Director for reappointment at an AGM.

Supporting document

Principle 11:

To ensure efficiency and effectiveness, the Board delegates some of its functions, duties and responsibilities to well-structured committees, without abdicating its responsibilities

P11Q1

Do the Board Committees have Board-approved Charters which set out their responsibilities and terms of reference?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

The Board Committees have Board-approved Charters which set out their responsibilities and terms of reference.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q2

What is the process for reviewing and approving minutes of Board Committee of meetings?

Explanation

Board Committee minutes are reviewed and approved at the subsequent Committee meeting.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q3

What are the timelines for sending the minutes to the directors?

Explanation

At least seven days before the next Board committee meeting.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q4

Who acts as Secretary to board committees?

Explanation

The Company Secretary

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q5

What Board Committees are responsible for the following matters?

- a. Nomination and Governance
- b. Remuneration
- c. Audit
- d. Risk Management

Explanation

The Board Risk Management Committee is responsible for Risk Management matters The Board is responsible for Audit, Nomination and Remuneration matters

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q6

What is the process of appointing the chair of each committee?

Explanation

The Chair of each Committee is appointed by the Board

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q7(a)

Committee responsible for Nomination and Governance: What is the proportion of INEDs to NEDs on the Committee responsible for Nomination and Governance?

Explanation

The Board is responsible for Nomination and Governance matters and there is (1) one INED on the Board and (6) six NEDs.

Supporting document

P11Q8(b)

Committee responsible for Nomination and Governance: Is the Chairman of the Committee a NED or an INED?

NED

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q9(a)

Committee responsible for Nomination and Governance: Does the Company have a succession plan policy?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q10(b)

If yes:

how often is it reviewed?

Explanation

Biennially (every two years)

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q11

Committee responsible for Nomination and Governance: How often are Board and Committee charters as well as other governance policies reviewed?

Explanation

The Board and Committee charters are reviewed on an annual basis while the policies are reviewed biennially

Supporting document

P11Q12

Committee responsible for Nomination and Governance: How does the committee report on its activities to the Board?

Explanation

The Board does not have a Nomination and Governance Committee

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q13(a)

Committee responsible for Remuneration: What is the proportion of INEDs to NEDs on the Committee responsible for Remuneration?

Explanation

The Board does not have a Remuneration Committee

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q14(b)

Committee responsible for Remuneration: Is the Chairman of the Committee a NED or an INED?

NED

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q15

Committee responsible for Audit: Does the Company have a Board Audit Committee separate from the Statutory Audit Committee?

Answer

No

Explanation

The Board does not have an Audit Committee because it is a private Company.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q16

Committee responsible for Audit: Are members of the Committee responsible for Audit financially literate?

Answer

Nο

Explanation

The Board does not have an audit Committee

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q17

Committee responsible for Audit: What are their qualifications and experience?

Explanation

The Directors are adequately qualified and well experienced.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q18

Committee responsible for Audit: Name the financial expert(s) on the Committee responsible for Audit

Explanation

The Board does not have an audit committee

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q19

Committee responsible for Audit: How often does the Committee responsible for Audit review the internal auditor's reports?

Explanation

The Board does not have an Audit Committee. The Board Risk Management Committee reviews the Internal Audit report every quarter.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q20

Committee responsible for Audit: Does the Company have a Board approved internal control framework in place?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the Company has a board approved internal control framework in place.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q21

Committee responsible for Audit: How does the Board monitor compliance with the internal control framework?

Explanation

Through the Internal Control report submitted by the Internal Control unit to the Board Risk Management Committee on a quarterly basis.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q22

Committee responsible for Audit: Does the Committee responsible for Audit review the External Auditors management letter, Key Audit Matters and management response to issues raised? Please explain.

Answer

Yes

Explanation

The Board reviews the External Auditors Management letter, Key Audit Matters and management response to issues raised on an annual basis.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q23

Committee responsible for Audit: Is there a Board-approved policy that clearly specifies the non-audit services that the external auditor shall not provide?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q24

Committee responsible for Audit: How many times did the Audit Committee hold discussions with the head of internal audit function and external auditors without the management during the period under review?

Explanation

The Board does not have a Board Audit Committee. However, the Internal Audit function is a shared service offered by Stanbic IBTC Holdings PLC. As such, the Group Internal Audit function held their annual discussion with the Stanbic IBTC Holdings Board Audit Committee and the external auditors.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q25(a)

Committee responsible for Risk Management: Is the Chairman of the Risk Committee a NED or an INED?

INED

Supporting document

P11Q26(a)

Committee responsible for Risk Management: Is there a Board approved Risk Management framework?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

There is a Board approved Risk Management Framework.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q27(b)

If yes, when was it approved?

Date of last review

2/17/2023

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q28

Committee responsible for Risk Management: How often does the Committee review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Risk Management Controls in place? Date of last review

Explanation

The Committee reviews the adequacy and effectiveness of the Risk Management Controls in place on a quarterly basis.

Date of last review

11/10/2023

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q29(a)

Committee responsible for Risk Management : Does the Company have a Board-approved IT Data Governance Framework?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the Company has a Board approved IT Data Standards Framework

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q30(b)

If yes, how often is it reviewed?

Explanation

Every two years

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q31

Committee responsible for Risk Management : How often does the Committee receive and review compliance report on the IT Data Governance Framework?

Explanation

Management reports to the Board Digital Committee on its Data Quality compliance on a quarterly basis.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P11Q32

Committee responsible for Risk Management: Is the Chief Risk Officer (CRO) a member of Senior Management and does he have relevant experience for this role?

Answer

AllSW

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the CRO is a member of Senior Management and has the relevant experience for this role.

Supporting document

P11Q33

Committee responsible for Risk Management : How many meetings of the Committee did the CRO attend during the period under review?

Explanation

Four

Supporting document

Principle 12:

A written, clearly defined, rigorous, formal and transparent procedure serves as a guide for the selection of Directors to ensure the appointment of high-quality individuals to the Board

P12Q1

Is there a Board-approved policy for the appointment of Directors?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, there is a Board approved Policy for the appointment of Directors.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P12Q2

What criteria are considered for their appointment?

Explanation

The Board takes into consideration the strengths and weaknesses of the existing Board, it considers the integrity, competence, knowledge, skills and experience, and capacity to undertake the responsibility as well as diversity of the prospective appointee.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P12Q3

What is the Board process for ascertaining that prospective directors are fit and proper persons?

Explanation

The Board is responsible for ensuring that the prospective director is a fit and proper person.

The Board submits the names of prospective appointees to Regulators for approval, who in turn carry out a background check on the prospective appointee.

Supporting document

Is there a defined tenure for the following:

- a. The Chairman
- b. The MD/CEO
- c. INED
- d. NED
- e. EDs

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, there is a defined tenure for the INED. The tenure for MD/CEO, EDs and NEDs are as maybe prescribed by the Board taking into consideration the performance of the Director, the exiting succession plan and the need for continuous refreshing of the Board.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P12Q5

Please state the tenures

Explanation

NEDs – as maybe prescribed by the Board. INEDs – three terms of three years each CEO – as maybe prescribed by the Board. EDs – as maybe prescribed by the Board.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P12Q6

Does the Board have a process to ensure that it is refreshed periodically?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the Board has a process to ensure that it is refreshed periodically.

Supporting document

Principle 13:

A formal induction programme on joining the Board as well as regular training assists Directors to effectively discharge their duties to the Company

P13Q1

Does the Board have a formal induction programme for new directors?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the Board has a formal induction programme for new directors.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P13Q2(a)

During the period under review, were new Directors appointed?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P13Q3(b)

If yes, Provide date of induction.

Date of last review

6/20/2023

Supporting document

Not Provided

P13Q4

Are Directors provided relevant training to enable them effectively discharge their duties?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

P13Q5(a)

If yes, provide training details.

Explanation

Directors' training needs are identified within the context of the overall business strategy, and they are trained accordingly.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P13Q6

How do you assess the training needs of Directors?

Explanation

Through the Board Evaluation exercise and during engagements on training needs with the Company Secretary

Supporting document

Not Provided

P13Q7

Is there a Board-approved training plan?

Answer

No

Explanation

Directors' training needs are identified within the context of the overall business strategy and they are trained accordingly.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P13Q8

Has it been budgeted for?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, it has been budgeted for.

Supporting document

Principle 14:

Annual Board evaluation assesses how each Director, the committees of the Board and the Board are committed to their roles, work together and continue to contribute effectively to the achievement of the Company's objectives

P14Q1

Is there a Board-approved policy for evaluating Board performance?

Answei

Yes

Explanation

Yes there is a Board-approved policy for evaluating Board Performance.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P14Q2(a)

For the period under review, was there any Board Evaluation exercise conducted?

Answer

No

Explanation

The Board evaluation exercise for the period under review is ongoing.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P14Q3(b)

If yes, indicate whether internal or external. Provide date of last evaluation.

External

Date of last review

2/23/2024

Supporting document

P14Q4(a)

Has the Board Evaluation report been presented to the full Board?

Answer

No

Explanation

The Board evaluation exercise is ongoing and would be presented to the Board in Q2.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P14Q5(b)

If yes, indicate date of presentation.

Date of last review

No Input provided

Supporting document

Not Provided

P14Q6

Did the Chairman discuss the evaluation report with the individual directors?

Answer

No

Explanation

The Chairman will discuss the evaluation report with the directors when the exercise is concluded.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P14Q7

Is the result of the evaluation for each Director considered in the re-election process?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the result of the evaluation for each director is considered in the re-election process.

Supporting document Not Provided

Principle 15:

Institutionalizing a system for evaluating the Company's corporate governance practices ensures that its governance standards, practices and processes are adequate and effective

P15Q1

For the period under review, has the Company conducted a corporate governance evaluation?

Answer

No

Explanation

The Corporate Governance evaluation for the period under review is ongoing.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P15Q2(a)

If yes, provide date of the evaluation.

Date of last review

2/23/2024

Supporting document

Not Provided

P15Q3(a)

Is the result of the Corporate Governance Evaluation presented and considered by the Board?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P15Q4(b)

If yes, please indicate the date of last presentation

Date of last review

4/28/2023

Supporting document

Not Provided

P15Q5

Is the summary of the Corporate Governance Evaluation included in the annual reports and Investors portal?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, it will be included in the report and investors portal.

Supporting document

Principle 16:

The Board ensures that the Company remunerates fairly, responsibly and transparently so as to promote the achievement of strategic objectives and positive outcomes in the short, medium and long term

P16Q1(a)

Is there a Board-approved Directors' remuneration policy?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P16Q2(b)

If yes, how often is it reviewed?

Explanation

Every two years

Supporting document

Not Provided

P16Q3

Provide details of directors' fees, allowances and all other benefits paid to them during the period under review

Explanation

The total sum of N12,131,140 was paid to Non-Executive Directors, that are not employees within the Stanbic IBTC Group in 2023.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P16Q4

Is the remuneration of NEDS presented to shareholders for approval?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document Not Provided

P16Q5(a)

If yes, when was it approved?

Date of last review

4/28/2023

Supporting document

Not Provided

P16Q6

What portion of the NEDs remuneration is linked to company performance?

Explanation

NED's remuneration is not linked to Company Performance

Supporting document

Not Provided

P16Q7(a)

Is there a Board-approved remuneration policy for Executive and Senior management?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P16Q8(b)

If yes, to what extent is remuneration linked to company performance?

Explanation

The incentive rewards payable to Executive and Senior Management is linked to the financial performance of the Company

Supporting document

NILL Descripted

P16Q9(a)

Has the Board set KPIs for Executive Management?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P16Q10(b)

If yes, was the performance measured against the KPIs?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P16Q11

Do the MD/CEO, EDs and Company Secretary receive a sitting allowance and/or directors fees

Answer

No

Supporting document

Not Provided

P16Q12

Which of the following receive sitting allowance and/or fees:

- a. MD/CEO
- b. ED
- c. Company Secretary
- d. Other Senior management staff

Answer

N/A

Supporting document

Is there a Board-approved clawback policy for Executive management? Answer Yes Supporting document P16Q14(a) If yes, attach the policy. Supporting document Clawback Open Clawback Open

Principle 17:

A sound framework for managing risk and ensuring an effective internal control system is essential for achieving the strategic objectives of the Company

P17Q1

Has the Board defined the company's risk appetite and limit?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P17Q2

How often does the company conduct a risk assessment?

Explanation

The Company conducts a risk assessment on a monthly and quarterly basis.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P17Q3

How often does the board receive and review risk management reports?

Explanation

On a quarterly basis and as the need arises

Supporting document

Principle 18:

An effective internal audit function provides assurance to the Board on the effectiveness of the governance, risk management and internal control systems

P18Q1(a)

Does the company have an Internal Audit function?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P18Q2(b)

If no:

How has the Board obtained adequate assurance on the effectiveness of internal processes and systems?

Explanation

No Input provided

Supporting document

Not Provided

P18Q3

Does the company have a Board-approved internal audit charter?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the company has a Board-approved internal audit charter

Supporting document

Not Provided

P18Q4

Is the head of internal audit a member of senior management?

Answer

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Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P18Q5

What is the qualification and experience of the head of internal audit?

Explanation

Internal Audit is a shared service offered by Stanbic IBTC Holdings PLC. The Internal Audit function is made up of well experienced and qualified people who manage the Internal Audit function of the Company.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P18Q6

Does the company have a Board-approved annual risk-based internal audit plan?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the company has a Board-approved annual risk-based internal audit plan

Supporting document

Not Provided

P18Q7

Does the head of the internal audit function report at least once every quarter to the committee responsible for audit, on the adequacy and effectiveness of management, governance, risk and control environment; deficiencies observed and management mitigation plans?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P18Q8(a)

Is there an external assessment of the effectiveness of the internal audit function at least once every three years by a qualified independent reviewer appointed by the Board?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P18Q9(b)

If yes:

When was the last assessment?

Date of last review

7/6/2022

Supporting document

Not Provided

P18Q10

Who undertakes and approves the performance evaluation of the Head of Internal Audit?

Explanation

The Stanbic IBTC Group Board Audit Committee as this is a shared service offered by Stanbic IBTC Holdings PLC

Supporting document

Principle 19:

An effective whistle-blowing framework for reporting any illegal or unethical behaviour minimises the Company's exposure and prevents recurrence

P19Q1(a)

Does the company have a Board-approved whistleblowing framework?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the Company has a board-approved whistle blowing framework

Supporting document

Not Provided

P19Q2(b)

If yes:

When was the date of last review

Date of last review

2/16/2024

Supporting document

Not Provided

P19Q3

Does the Board ensure that the whistleblowing mechanism and are process reliable, accessible to all stakeholders, guarantees anonymity and protection of the whistleblower?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P19Q4

Is the Audit committee provided with the following reports on a periodic basis?

- a. Reported cases
- b. Process and results of Investigated cases

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the Board Risk Management Committee is provided with the reports

Supporting document

Principle 20:

An external auditor is appointed to provide an independent opinion on the true and fair view of the financial statements of the Company to give assurance to stakeholders on the reliability of the financial statements

P20Q1

Who makes the recommendations for the appointment, re-appointment or removal of external auditors?

Explanation

The Board.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P20Q2

Who approves the appointment, re-appointment, and removal of External Auditors?

Explanation

The Shareholders.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P20Q3

When was the first date of appointment of the External auditors?

Date of last review

2/12/2021

Supporting document

Not Provided

P20Q4

How often are the audit partners rotated?

Explanation

At least every 5 years.

Supporting document

Principle 21:

General Meetings are important platforms for the Board to engage shareholders to facilitate greater understanding of the Company's business, governance and performance. They provide shareholders with an opportunity to exercise their ownership rights and express their views to the Board on any areas of interest

P21Q1

How many days prior to the last general meeting were notices, annual reports and any other relevant information dispatched to Shareholders?

Answer

21

Supporting document

Not Provided

P21Q2

Were the Chairmen of all Board Committees and the Chairman of the Statutory Audit Committee present to respond to Shareholders' enquiries at the last meeting?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the Chairmen of all Board Committees and the Chairman of the Statutory Audit Committee were present to respond to shareholder's enquiries at the last meeting.

Supporting document

Principle 22:

The establishment of a system of regular dialogue with shareholders balance their needs, interests and expectations with the objectives of the Company

P22Q1(a)

Is there a Board-approved policy on shareholders' engagement?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, there is a Board-approved policy on shareholders' engagement.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P22Q2(b)

If yes:

a. when was it last reviewed?

Date of last review

11/17/2022

Supporting document

Not Provided

P22Q3(c)

If yes:

b. Is the policy hosted on the company's website?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P22Q4

How does the Board engage with Institutional Investors and how often?

Explanation

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Stanbic IBTC Holdings PLC and engagement is on an ongoing basis.

Supporting document

Principle 23:

Equitable treatment of shareholders and the protection of their statutory and general rights, particularly the interest of minority shareholders, promote good governance

P23Q1(a)

Does the Board ensure that adequate and timely information is provided to the shareholders on the Company's activities?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the Board ensures that adequate and timely information is provided to the shareholders on the Company's activities

Supporting document

Principle 24:

The establishment of professional business and ethical standards underscore the values for the protection and enhancement of the reputation of the Company while promoting good conduct and investor confidence

P24Q1(a)

Does the company have a Board-approved Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (COBE) that guides the professional business and ethical standards?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the company has a Board-approved Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that guides the professional business and ethical standards

Supporting document

Not Provided

P24Q2(b)

If yes:

a. Has the COBE been communicated to all internal and external Stakeholders?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P24Q3(c)

If yes:

- b. Is the COBE applicable to any or all of the following:
- 1. Board
- 2. Senior management
- Other employees
- 4. Third parties

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, to all employees.

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P24Q4

When was the date of last review of the policy?

Date of last review

2/17/2023

Supporting document

Not Provided

P24Q5

Has the Board incorporated a process for identifying, monitoring and reporting adherence to the COBE?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P24Q6

What sanctions were imposed for the period under review for non-compliance with the COBE?

Explanation

None

Supporting document

Principle 25:

The establishment of policies and mechanisms for monitoring insider trading, related party transactions, conflict of interest and other corrupt activities, mitigates the adverse effects of these abuses on the Company and promotes good ethical conduct and investor confidence

P25Q1(a)

Is there a Board-approved policy on insider trading?

Answei

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P25Q2(b)

If yes:

a. When was the last date of review?

Date of last review

2/16/2024

Supporting document

Not Provided

P25Q3(c)

If yes:

b. How does the Board monitor compliance with this policy?

Explanation

Compliance with the Personal Account Trading policy is monitored by the Compliance team.

Breaches (if any) are noted in periodic reports to management.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P25Q4(a)

Does the company have a Board approved policy on related party transactions?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P25Q5(b)

If yes

a. When was the last date of review?

Date of last review

2/16/2024

Supporting document

Not Provided

P25Q6(c)

If yes

b. How does the Board monitor compliance with this policy?

Explanation

Compliance with the related party guidelines is monitored by the Compliance team. Breaches (if any) are noted in periodic reports to management.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P25Q7(d)

If yes:

- c. Is the policy applicable to any or all of the following:
- 1. Board
- 2. Senior management
- 3. Other employees (Specify)
- 4. Third parties (Specify)

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the policy is applicable to Board, Senior Management, employees and third parties.

Supporting document

P25Q8

How does the Board ensure adequate disclosure of Related Party Transactions by the responsible parties?

Explanation

The Board discloses all related party transactions in Annual Report and Financial Statements.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P25Q9(a)

Does the company have a Board approved policy on conflict of interest?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the company has a Board approved policy on conflict of interest

Supporting document

Not Provided

P25Q10(b)

If yes:

a. When was the last date of review?

Date of last review

2/25/2022

Supporting document

Not Provided

P25Q11(c)

If yes:

b. How does the Board monitor compliance with this policy?

Explanation

Compliance with the Conflicts of Interest Policy is monitored by the Compliance team. Breaches (if any) are noted in periodic reports to management.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P25Q12(d)

If yes:

- c. Is the policy applicable to any or all of the following:
- 1. Senior management
- 2.Other employees(Specify)

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, the policy is applicable to Senior management and employees

Supporting document

Principle 26:

Paying adequate attention to sustainability issues including environment, social, occupational and community health and safety ensures successful long-term business performance and projects the Company as a responsible corporate citizen contributing to economic development

P26Q1(a)

Is there a Board-approved sustainability policy?

Answei

Yes

Explanation

Yes, there is a Board-approved sustainability policy

Supporting document

Not Provided

P26Q2(b)

If yes:

when was it last reviewed?

Date of last review

2/12/2021

Supporting document

Not Provided

P26Q3

How does the Board monitor compliance with the policy?

Explanation

Through Sustainability Reporting submitted by Management to the Board Risk Management Committee

Supporting document

Not Provided

P26Q4

How does the Board report compliance with the policy?

Explanation

A report detailing the company's sustainability initiatives is presented to the board. The board relies on this report to monitor compliance with the initiatives.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P26Q5(a)

Is there a Board-approved policy on diversity in the workplace?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Ye, there is a Board-approved policy.

Supporting document

Not Provided

P26Q6(b)

If yes:

When was it last reviewed?

Date of last review

11/17/2022

Supporting document

Principle 27:

Communicating and interacting with stakeholders keeps them conversant with the activities of the Company and assists them in making informed decisions

P27Q3(b)

If yes, provide the link.

Explanation

https://www.stanbicibtcassetmanagement.com/nigeriaassetmanagement/individual-investor/About-us/legal/Policy

Supporting document

Not Provided

P27Q1

Is there a Board-approved policy on stakeholder management and communication?

Answer

Yes

Explanation

Yes, there is a Board - approved policy on stakeholder management and communication

Supporting document

Not Provided

P27Q2(a)

Does the Company have an up to date investor relation portal?

Answer

Yes

Supporting document

Principle 28:

Full and comprehensive disclosure of all matters material to investors and stakeholders, and of matters set out in this Code, ensures proper monitoring of its implementation which engenders good corporate governance practice

P28Q1

Does the company's annual report include a summary of the corporate governance report?

Yes

Supporting document

Not Provided

P28Q2(a)

Has the company been fined by any regulator during the reporting period?

Answer

No

Supporting document

Not Provided

P28Q3(b)

If yes:

provide details of the fines and penalties.

Explanation

No Input provided

Supporting document

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