

TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) BOARD AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE (BARC) INSTITUT KEUSAHAWANAN NEGARA BERHAD (INSKEN)

1. OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE

- **1.1** To ensure transparency, integrity and accountability in the INSKEN's activities so as to safe guard the rights and interests of the shareholders;
- **1.2** To provide assistance to the Board in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities relating to corporate accounting and reporting practices;
- **1.3** To improve the INSKEN's business efficiency, the quality of the accounting and audit function and strengthen public confidence in the INSKEN's reported financial results;
- **1.4** To maintain, through regularly scheduled meetings, a direct line of communication between the Board and the External and Internal Auditors;
- **1.5** To ensure the independence of the external and internal audit functions; and
- **1.6** To create a climate of discipline and control which will reduce the opportunity for fraud.

2. <u>COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE</u>

Members of the BARC shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees (BOTs) and shall consist of not less than three Trustees, all of whom must be independent, BOTs.

Where the members for any reason are reduced to less than three, that Board shall within three months of the event, appoint such number of new members as may be required to make up the minimum number of three members.



- 2.1 At least one member of the Committee must meet the criteria i.e.:
 i) must be a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants or
 ii) if he/she is not a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants, he/she must have a recognized Accounting degree and at least 10 years' of working experience in related field
- 2.2 The Board shall elect a Chairman from the Committee who shall be an Independent Trustee.
- 2.3 The term of office and performance of the Committee shall be reviewed by the Board to determine whether the Committee has carried out its duties in accordance with its terms of reference.
- 2.4 No alternate Trustees shall be appointed to the BARC.

3. AUTHORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee is authorized by the Board to:

- 3.1 investigate any activity within its Terms of Reference; or as directed by the Board of Trustees
- 3.2 determine and obtain the resources required to perform its duties, including approving the budget for the external and internal audit functions;
- 3.3 have full and unrestricted access to all employees, INSKEN's properties and works, to all books, accounts, records and other information of INSKEN in whatever form
- 3.4 have direct communication channels with external auditors and person(s) carrying out the internal audit function or activity for INSKEN
- 3.5 direct the Internal Audit Function in INSKEN
- **3.6** approve the appointment of the Internal Auditor
- 3.7 engage independent advisers and to secure the attendance of outsiders with relevant experience and expertise if it considered necessary; and
- 3.8 review the adequacy of the structure and Terms of Reference of the Board Committees, including the BARC.



4. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The functions and responsibilities of the Committee are as follows:

4.1 Corporate Financial Reporting

- 4.1.1To review and recommend acceptance or otherwise of accounting policies, principles and practices.
- 4.1.2 To review the annual financial statements of the Company before submission to the Board. The review should focus primarily on:
 (i) any changes in existing accounting policies or implementation of new accounting policies; (ii) major judgment areas, significant and unusual events; (iii) significant adjustments resulting from audit; (iv) the going concern assumptions; (v) compliance with accounting standards; and (vi) compliance SSM and other legal and statutory requirements.
- 4.1.3 To review with management and the external auditors the results of the audit, including any difficulties encountered.

4.2 Risk Management

- 4.2.1 To review the adequacy and to provide independent assurance to the Board of the effectiveness of the risk management functions in INSKEN.
- 4.2.2 To ensure that the principles and requirements of managing risk are consistently adopted throughout INSKEN.

4.3 Internal Control

- 4.3.1 To assess the quality and effectiveness of the system of internal control and the efficiency of the INSKEN's operations.
- 4.3.2 To review the findings on internal control in INSKEN by the internal and external auditors.



4.4 Internal Audit

- 4.4.1 To approve the appointment of internal auditor from time to time to undertake internal audit functions and has the necessary authority, resources and competency to carry out its work. This includes a review of the organizational structure, resources, budgets and qualifications of personnel involved.
 - 4.4.2 To review internal audit reports and management's response and actions taken in respect of these. Where actions are not taken within an adequate timeframe by management, the BARC will report the matter to the Board.
 - 4.4.3 To review the adequacy of internal audit plans and the scope of audits, and ensure that the internal audit functions are carried out without any hindrance.

4.5 External Audit

- 4.5.1 To nominate the External Auditors together with such other functions as may be agreed to by the Board and recommend for approval of the Board the external audit fee, and consider any question of resignation or termination.
- 4.5.2 To review external audit reports and Management's response and actions taken in respect of these. Where actions are not taken within an adequate timeframe by management, the BARC will report the matter to the Board.
- 4.5.3 To review the external audit plans and scope of work.
- 4.5.4. The BARC shall meet the external and internal auditors or both at least twice a year to discuss problems and reservations arising out of audits and any matters the auditors may wish to discuss, in the absence of Management, Executive Directors or Non-independent Directors where necessary.



4.6 Corporate Governance

- 4.6.1 To review the effectiveness of the system for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations and the results of Management's investigation and follow up (including disciplinary action) of any instances of non-compliance.
- 4.6.2 To review the findings of any examinations by regulatory authorities. 4.6.3 To review any related party transaction or conflict of interest situation that arises within the INSKEN including any transaction, procedure or course of conduct that raises questions of integrity.
- 4.6.3 To examine instances and matters that may have compromised the principles of corporate governance and report back to the Board.

5. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 5.1 The Committee shall convene meetings as and when required, and **at least two times** during the financial year of INSKEN
- 5.2 The number of Committee meetings held a year and the details of attendance of each individual member in respect of meetings held should be disclosed in the annual report.
- 5.3 The Chairman, or the Secretary of the Committee on the request of any member, Internal Auditors or the External Auditors, shall at any time summon a meeting of the Committee by giving reasonable notice. It shall not be necessary to give notice of a Committee meeting to any member who at the time is overseas.
- 5.4 No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Committee unless a quorum of minimum two members is satisfied.
- 5.5 The Chairman of the Committee shall chair the Committee meetings and in his absence, the members present shall elect one amongst themselves to be the Chairman of the meeting.



- 5.6 In appropriate circumstances, the Committee may deal with matters by way of circular reports and resolution in lieu of convening a formal meeting.
- 5.7 Officers of INSKEN or others as necessary may be invited to attend meetings where the Committee considers their presence necessary.
- 5.8 All recommendations of the Committee shall be submitted to the Board for approval.
- 5.9 A Committee member shall excuse himself/herself from the meeting during discussions or deliberations of any matter which gives rise to an actual or perceived conflict of interest situation for the member. Where this causes insufficient Trustees to make up a quorum, the Committee has the right to appoint another one or more Trustee(s), who meet the membership criteria.
- 5.10 The Committee, through its Chairman, shall report to the Board after each meeting.
- 5.11 Subject to the provisions of these Terms of Reference and Memorandum and Articles of Association of INSKEN, the Committee shall establish its own procedures for meetings.

6. SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE

- 6.1 The Secretary of the Committee shall be the Company Secretary
- 6.2 The Secretary shall draw up an agenda for each meeting, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee. The Agenda shall be sent to all members of the Committee and appointed Internal Auditor at least three working days before each meeting together with the relevant papers.
- 6.3 The Secretary shall promptly prepare the written minutes of the meeting and distribute it to each member. The minutes of the Committee meeting shall be confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the meeting at the next meeting.



6.4 The minutes of each meeting shall be entered into the minutes book kept at the registered office of the Company under the custody of the Company Secretary. The minutes shall be available for inspection by members of the Board, external auditors, internal auditors, and other persons deemed appropriate by the Company Secretary.

7. DISCLOSURE

- 7.1 The Committee shall assist the Board in making disclosures concerning the activities of the Committee, in the Report of the Board Audit Committee, to be issued in the annual report.
- 7.2 The Board requires all Trustees to submit a Disclosure of Interest to avoid any conflict between their personal interests and the interests of the Company. In the event of a conflict, either perceived or actual, this Disclosure of Interest shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Committee with a copy to the Company Secretary.

8. REVISION OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 8.1 Any revision or amendment to the Terms of Reference, as proposed by the Committee or any third party, shall be presented to the Board for its approval.
- 8.2 Upon the Board's approval, the said revision or amendment shall form part of these Terms of Reference, which shall be considered duly revised or amended.