## **Bastion Minerals Limited**

## **Corporate Governance Statement**

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 1.1 Condition 16, this Corporate Governance Statement sets out the extent to which Bastion Minerals Limited ACN 147 948 883 (**Company**) will follow the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (**ASX Recommendations**) set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council, as at the date of admission of the Company to the official list of the ASX.

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	Principle 1 – Lay solid foundations for management and oversight  A listed entity should clearly delineate the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management and regularly review their performance.					
1.1	(a) the respective and	Id have and disclose a board charter setting out: we roles and responsibilities of its board and management; rs expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to it.	Yes	The Board operates under a board charter (Board Charter), a copy of which is available on the Company's website at <a href="www.bastionminerals.com/site/about/corporate-governance">www.bastionminerals.com/site/about/corporate-governance</a> .  The Board Charter sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board and management, and a description of those matters that are expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management.  To assist in the execution of the Board's responsibilities, the Board has established the following committees of the Board (Board Committees):  Nomination, Remuneration and Human Resources Committee  Audit and Risk Committee  The key responsibilities of each Board Committee are set out in their respective charters. Copies of those Board Committee charters are available on the Company's website. The Board Committees do not take actions or make decisions on behalf of the Board unless specifically mandated by prior Board authority to do so.		
1.2	executive or (b) provide secu	ld: appropriate checks before appointing a director or senior putting someone forward for election as a director; and urity holders with all material information in its possession a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.	Yes	The Constitution sets out the process of appointment, retirement and rotation of directors.  In accordance with the Nomination, Remuneration and Human Resources Committee Charter, before a person is appointed as a director or put forward to shareholders as a candidate to be elected as a director, the Company will ensure that appropriate checks are undertaken.  In accordance with the requirements for listing on the ASX, the Company has undertaken background checks in respect of all of its directors.  The Nomination, Remuneration and Human Resources Committee is responsible for reviewing potential candidates for directorship and making a recommendation to the		

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					Board. The Company will provide shareholders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a person as a director.
1.3			d have a written agreement with each director and senior the terms of their appointment.	Yes	In accordance with the Board Charter, the appointment of any new director of the Company and each senior executive will be made by, and in accordance with, a formal letter of appointment or services agreement setting out the key terms and conditions relevant to that appointment.  Each of the Company's Executive Directors has entered into a services agreement with the Company. Each of the Company's non-executive directors has signed an appointment letter with the Company.
1.4			tary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the hair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the	Yes	In accordance with the Board Charter, the company secretary of the Company is accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board. The key roles and responsibilities of the company secretary are set out in the Board Charter.
1.5	(b) thro	e and disc augh its I ectives for ior execut close in rel the me diversi	close a diversity policy; board or a committee of the board set measurable achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board, ives and workforce generally; and ation to each reporting period: easurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender ty; tity's progress towards achieving those objectives; and	Yes	The Company has adopted a Diversity Policy, a copy of which is available on the Company's website. The Company recognises that a diverse workforce achieved through merit-based decision-making is integral to building and sustaining a culture that fosters equal opportunity.  The Board will review and approve measureable objectives for achieving gender diversity in the composition of the Board, senior management and the workforce generally. The Nomination, Remuneration and Human Resources Committee will make recommendations to the Board regarding the measurable objectives.  Given the Company has only recently adopted its Diversity Policy, the Company is currently in the process of establishing measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity in accordance with the Diversity Policy. It is the intention of the Company that these objectives will be disclosed in the Company's next Corporate Governance Statement.

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	published under that Act.  If the entity was in the S&P/ASX 300 Index at the commencement of the reporting period, the measurable objective for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board should be to have not less than 30% of its directors of each gender within a specified period.		
1.6	A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and  (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.	Yes	The Company has a Performance Evaluation Policy, which is available on the Company's website. This policy sets out the Company's process for evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors.  At least once per year the Board will, with the advice and assistance of the Nomination, Remuneration and Human Resources Committee, review and evaluate the performance of the Board, each Board Committee and each individual director against the relevant charters, corporate governance policies (including, without limitation, the Company's Performance Evaluation Policy), and agreed goals and objectives.
1.7	A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives at least once every reporting period; and  (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	Yes	The Company has a Performance Evaluation Policy, which is available on the Company's website. This policy sets out the Company's process for evaluating the performance of its senior executives.  Performance reviews for Executive Directors and senior executives will take place at least annually. The Nomination, Remuneration and Human Resources Committee is responsible for overseeing these reviews and reporting to the Board on their outcome.  The Company will ensure that appropriate disclosures in the remuneration report are made in relation to each reporting period as to the performance evaluations that were undertaken and the process that was followed.
Principle 2 – Structure the board to be effective and add value  The board of a listed entity should be of an appropriate size and collectively have discharge its duties effectively and to add value.			nitment and knowledge of the entity and the industry in which it operates, to enable it to
2.1	The board of a listed entity should:  (a) have a nomination committee which:  (i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and  (ii) is chaired by an independent director;	Yes	The Company has established a Nomination, Remuneration and Human Resources Committee, governed by the Nomination, Remuneration and Human Resources Committee Charter. A copy of the Committee Charter is available on the Company's website.  The Committee is comprised of Ralph Stagg, Sam El-Rahim and Andrew Stewart, all of whom are non-executive directors and independent directors. The Chair of the Committee is Ralph Stagg, an independent director.

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	and disclose:  (iii) the charter of the committee;  (iv) the members of the committee; and  (v) 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  (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.		The Board is satisfied that the composition of the Committee reflects an appropriate balance of independence, skills and experience for the Company.  The Committee will report the number of times it meets throughout each reporting period, and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings. Disclosure of this information will be made in the Company's Annual Reports.
2.2	A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.	Yes	The Company is in the process of implementing a Board skills matrix which sets out the mix of skills that the Board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership, a copy of which will be available on the Company's website.  In establishing the Board, the Company had regard to the skills and expertise required of the directors relevant to the Company's business and its listing on ASX.
2.3	<ul> <li>A listed entity should disclose:</li> <li>(a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors;</li> <li>(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 or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and</li> <li>(c) the length of service of each director.</li> </ul>	Yes	The Board is comprised of 5 directors, Ralph Stagg, David Nolan, Ross Landles, Andrew Stewart and Sam El-Rahim.  The Board Charter sets out the criteria adopted by the Board for determining the independence of directors, in accordance with the guidelines provided by the ASX Recommendations. A director will be considered independent by the Company if he or she is free of any interest, position or relationship that might influence, or reasonably be perceived to influence, in a material respect his or her capacity to bring an independent judgement to bear on issues before the Board and to act in the best interests of the Company as a whole and its shareholders generally. The Board is will regularly review the independence of each Director.  Ralph Stagg, Andrew Stewart and Sam El-Rahim are considered independent directors.  David Nolan and Ross Landles are Executive Directors and therefore not considered to be independent.  The length of service of each director will be disclosed in future Annual Reports.
2.4	A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	Yes	Three of the directors are independent directors (Ralph Stagg, Andrew Stewart and Sam El-Rahim) and the remaining two directors are non-independent directors (David Nolan

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		-	and Ross Landles). Accordingly, the majority of the Board are independent directors.
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.	Yes	The Chair of the Board, Ralph Stagg, is an independent director.  The Company does not currently have a CEO, but the CEO function is performed by David Nolan and Ross Landles in their capacity as Executive Directors.
2.6	A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and for periodically reviewing whether there is a need for existing directors to undertake professional development to maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	Yes	In accordance with the Nomination, Remuneration and Human Resources Committee Charter, the Committee is responsible for developing, implementing and reviewing director induction programs and director competencies and to update and enhance directors' continuing education measures to enhance knowledge and skills in order to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.
			The Committee is in the process of implementing a program for inducting new directors, to ensure that all new directors are acquainted with knowledge of the Company and the industry within which it operates.
	ciple 3 – Instil a culture of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly ted entity should instil and continually reinforce a culture across the organisation of	of acting lawfully	, ethically and responsibly.
3.1	A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values.	Yes	The Company's core values are set out in the Company's Code of Conduct, a copy of which is available on the Company's website.
3.2	A listed entity should:  (d) have and disclose a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and  (e) ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that code.	Yes	The Company has adopted a Code of Conduct, a copy of which is available on the Company's website. The Code of Conduct applies to all personnel of the Company and its subsidiaries (including all directors, senior executives, employees, contractors and consultants).  Any material reports of unacceptable behaviour will be reviewed by the Company Secretary and reported to the Board.
3.3	A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose a whistleblower policy; and  (b) ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material incidents reported under that policy.	Yes	The Company has adopted a Whistleblower Policy, a copy of which is available on the Company's website.  The Company will ensure that the Board is informed of any material incidents reported under the Whistleblower Policy.
3.4	A listed entity should:	Yes	The Company has adopted an Anti-bribery and Corruption Policy, a copy of which is

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	(a)	have	and disclose an anti-bribery and corruption policy; and		available on the Company's website.
	(b)		e that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any ial breaches of that policy.		The Company will ensure that the Board is informed of any material breaches of the Anti- bribery and Corruption Policy.
Prin	ciple 4	l – Safe	guard the integrity of corporate reports		
A lis	ted ent	ity shou	ald have appropriate processes to verify the integrity of its corporate	reports.	
4.1	The I	board o	f a listed entity should:	No	The Company has established an Audit and Risk Committee, governed by the Audit and
	(a)	have	an audit committee which:		Risk Committee Charter. A copy of the Committee Charter is available on the Company's website.
		(i)	has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and	The Committee is comprised of Sam El-Rahim, Andrew Stamajority of whom are non-executive, independent directors executive, independent director. However, the board is of the David Nolan to be a member of the Audit and Risk Committ liaising and managing the relationship with the Company's extemple.  The Chair of the Committee is Sam El-Rahim, an independent of the Company's Prospectus dated 3 February 2021 and will also be	The Committee is comprised of Sam El-Rahim, Andrew Stewart and David Nolan, a majority of whom are non-executive, independent directors. David Nolan is not an
		(ii)	is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board,		executive, independent director. However, the board is of the view that it is prudent for David Nolan to be a member of the Audit and Risk Committee as he is best suited to linking and managing the relationship with the Company's external suditor.
		and d	isclose:		
		(iii)	the charter of the committee;		
		(iv)	the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and		The relevant qualifications and experience of the Committee members are set out in the Company's Prospectus dated 3 February 2021 and will also be disclosed in future Annual Reports. The Board is satisfied that the composition of the Committee reflects an
		(v)	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		appropriate balance of independence, skills and experience for the Company.  The Committee will report the number of times it meets throughout each reporting period, and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings. Disclosure of this
	(b)	proce integr appoi	does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the sses it employs that independently verify and safeguard the ity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the ntment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the engagement partner.		information will be made in the Company's Annual Reports.
4.2	state that, main acco and basis	ments f in their tained unting s performs of a s	of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position hance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the sound system of risk management and internal control which is fectively.	Yes	Before the Board approves the Company's financial statements for a financial period, it will receive from the Company's CEO and CFO (of, if the Company does not have a CEO or CFO, the person(s) fulfilling that function) a declaration that, in their opinion, the Company's financial reports have been properly maintained, and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position and performance and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.

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4.3	A listed entity should disclose its process to verify the integrity of any periodic corporate report it releases to the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external auditor.	Yes	The Company's full-year and half-year reports will be audited or reviewed by an external auditor. The Company's FY19 full-year accounts and HY20 half-year accounts were audited by Ernst & Young.  To date, the Company has not had to issue periodic reports under the ASX Listing Rules. The Board will disclose its process to verify the integrity of any periodic corporate report it releases to the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external auditor in the course of FY21.
Prin	ciple 5 – Make timely and balanced disclosure		
A lis	ted entity should make timely and balanced disclosure of all matters concerning it	that a reasonab	le person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of its securities.
5.1	A listed entity should have and disclose a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under listing rule 3.1.	Yes	The Company has adopted a Continuous Disclosure Policy for complying with its continuous obligations under ASX Listing Rule 3.1 and the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth) (Act). A copy of the Continuous Disclosure Policy is available on the Company's website.  The Company will immediately disclose to ASX any information concerning the Company that it is aware of which a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the Company's securities.  The Continuous Disclosure Policy establishes procedures to ensure that that Company's directors, officers, management, employees and consultants are aware of, and fulfil their obligations in relation to, the Company's disclosure obligations under the ASX Listing Rules and the Act.  The Company is committed to observing its disclosure obligations under the ASX Listing Rules and the Act. Information will be communicated to shareholders through the
			lodgement of all relevant financial and other information with the ASX. All market sensitive information will be made available on the Company's website following receipt of confirmation from ASX that the announcement is made on the ASX Market Announcements Platform.
5.2	A listed entity should ensure that its board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.	Yes	The Company will ensure that the Board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.
5.3	A listed entity that gives a new and substantive investor or analyst presentation should release a copy of the presentation materials on the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead of the presentation.	Yes	In the event that the Company gives a new and substantive investor or analyst presentation, the Company will release a copy of the presentation materials to the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead of the presentation.
			The Continuous Disclosure Policy provides that slides and other materials used in analyst

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			briefings and other public presentations will be given to ASX for release to the market. The information will then be promptly placed on the Company's website following confirmation of release to the market by ASX.
Prin	ciple 6 – Respect the rights of security holders		
A lis	ted entity should provide its security holders with appropriate information and facil	lities to allow the	em to exercise their rights as security holders effectively.
6.1	A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	Yes	The Company's website will be the primary means of providing information to all investors and other stakeholders, in addition to the lodgement of relevant financial and other information with ASX.
			The corporate governance section of the Company's website will contain the following information:
			information about the Company and its governance, including the names, photographs and brief biographical information about its Directors and executives;
			copies of the Company's constitution and key corporate governance documents, including Board and Board Committee charters and corporate governance policies.
			The Company's ASX announcements, annual reports and financial statements will be available on the Company's website following the Listing.
6.2	A listed entity should have an investor relations program that facilitates effective two-way communication with investors.	Yes	The Company has adopted a Shareholder Communication Policy which supports the Board's commitment to effective two-way communication with its shareholders, a copy of which is available on the Company's website.
			The Company communicates with shareholders in a number of ways, including:
			annual and half-yearly reports;
			ASX market announcements in according with the Continuous Disclosure Policy;
			updates on operations and developments;
			announcements on the Company's website;
			analyst and market briefings; and
			presentations at general meetings.
6.3	A listed entity should disclose how it facilitates and encourages participation at meetings of security holders.	Yes	The Shareholder Communication Policy set outs how the Company facilitates and encourages participation at shareholder meetings.

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			At the Company's annual general meetings, shareholders will be invited to ask the Chair or any member of the Board questions about or comment on the results, operations, strategy and/or management of the Company. The Chair will provide shareholders present with a reasonable opportunity to ask questions and discuss proposals. The external auditor will also be available at the meeting to answer questions about the conduct of the audit and preparation and content of the auditor's report.
6.4	A listed entity should ensure that all substantive resolutions at a me security holders are decided by a poll rather than by a show of hands.		The Company will ensure that all substantive resolutions at shareholders meetings are decided by poll rather than a show of hands.
6.5	A listed entity should give security holders the option to communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its registry electronically.		All shareholders will be able to communicate with the Company and its share registry electronically.
Prin	ciple 7 – Recognise and manage risk		
A lis	ted entity should establish a sound risk management framework and per	iodically review the effect	tiveness of that framework.
7.1	The board of a listed entity should:	Yes	The Board, through the Audit and Risk Committee ensures, amongst other things, that the
	(a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:	:	Company has a sound and effective risk management system in place to manage key risk areas. The Committee is governed by the Audit and Risk Committee Charter, a copy of
	(i) has at least three members, a majority of who	om are	which is available on the Company's website.
	independent directors; and		The Audit and Risk Committee is comprised of Sam El-Rahim, Andrew Stewart and David Nolan, a majority of whom are independent directors. The Chair of the Committee is Sam
	(ii) is chaired by an independent director;		El-Rahim, an independent director.
	and disclose:  (iii) the charter of the committee;		The Board is satisfied that the composition of the Committee reflects an appropriate
	(iv) the members of the committee; and		balance of independence, skills and experience for the Company.
	(v) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of ti committee met throughout the period and the ir attendances of the members at those meetings; or	mes the ndividual	The Committee will report the number of times it meets throughout each reporting period, and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings. Disclosure of this information will be made in the Company's Annual Reports.
	(b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that sa above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for over the entity's risk management framework.		
7.2	The board or a committee of the board should:	Yes	The Audit and Risk Committee is required, at least annually, to review the Company's risk
	(a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annument	nually to	management framework and make recommendations to the Board, to ensure that the framework continues to be sound and that the Company is operating with due regard to

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	satisfy itself that it continues to be sound and that the entity is operating with due regard to the risk appetite set by the board; and  (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.		the risk appetite set by the Board.  The Company will disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place. The first of these reviews will take place during the FY20 reporting period, being the Company's first reporting period as an ASX listed entity.	
7.3	A listed entity should disclose:  (a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or  (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.	Yes	The Company does not have an internal audit function. The Company has engaged an external CFO equivalent and an external auditor to advise and approve the Company's continuing audit function, including risk management and internal control processes. In addition, the Company has adopted a Risk Management Policy, a copy of which is available on its website.	
7.4	A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to environmental or social risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.	Yes	The Company does not currently have any material exposure to environmental or social risks. The Company is subject to risk factors specific to its business activities and that are of a more general nature. Specific risk disclosures are included in the Company's Prospectus dated 3 February 2021.	
A lis	Principle 8 – Remunerate fairly and responsibly  A listed entity should pay director remuneration sufficient to attract and retain high quality directors and design its executive remuneration to attract, retain and motivate high quality sen executives and to align their interest with the creation of value for security holders and with the entity's values and risk appetite.			
8.1	The board of a listed entity should:  (a) have a remuneration committee which:	Yes	The Company has established a Nomination, Remuneration and Human Resources Committee, governed by the Nomination, Remuneration and Human Resources Committee Charter. A copy of the Committee Charter is available on the Company's	

8.1	The board of a listed entity should:  (a) have a remuneration committee which:  (i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and  (ii) is chaired by an independent director,  and disclose:  (iii) the charter of the committee;  (iv) the members of the committee; and  (v) 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  (b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the		The Company has established a Nomination, Remuneration and Human Resources Committee, governed by the Nomination, Remuneration and Human Resources Committee Charter. A copy of the Committee Charter is available on the Company's website.  The Committee is comprised of Ralph Stagg, Sam El-Rahim and Andrew Stewart, all of whom are Non-Executive Directors and are independent directors. The Chair of the Committee is Ralph Stagg, an independent director.  The Board is satisfied that the composition of the Committee reflects an appropriate balance of independence, skills and experience for the Company.  The Committee will report the number of times it meets throughout each reporting period, and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings. Disclosure of this information will be made in the Company's Annual Reports.
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	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.		
8.2	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.	Yes	Information on the Company's remuneration of non-executive directors and executive directors is detailed in the Company's Prospectus dated 3 February 2021 and will be disclosed in the Company's remuneration report (which will be contained in each Annual Report).
8.3	A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:     (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     (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	Yes	The Company does not currently have any equity-based remuneration scheme.  Under the Securities Trading Policy, a copy of which is available on the Company's website, all directors and senior executives of the Company (and any other persons identified by the Board or the Company Secretary from time to time) are prohibited from entering into any transactions that operates to limits the economic risk of their securityholding in the Company.