## **Corporate Governance Statement**

## Cobalt Blue Holdings Limited ACN 614 466 607 (Company)

The Board of the Company is committed to principles of best practice in corporate governance and is responsible for ensuring the existence of an effective corporate governance environment to safeguard the interests of the Company, its Shareholders and other stakeholders.

This statement sets out the Company's current compliance with the third edition of the *ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, 2014 (**Principles** or **Recommendations**). The Principles are not prescriptive regarding the conduct of ASX listed companies. Rather, an ASX listed company is required to disclose the reasons why it is not complying fully with its obligations under the Principles. To the extent that they are relevant to the organisation, the Company has adopted the Principles.

Following admission to the Official List of the ASX, the Company will report any departures from the Principles in its annual report.

The Board considers that the Company generally complies with the Principles and, where the Company does not comply, this is primarily due to the current relative size of the Company and scale of its current operations. Comments on compliance and departures are set out below.

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Principle 1- L	Principle 1- Lay solid foundations for management and oversight				
Recommendation 1.1: A listed entity should disclose:  (a) the respective roles and responsibilities of		Compliant	The Board's responsibilities are contained in the Company's Board Charter. The Board Charter also sets out the responsibilities of the CEO. The functions of the Board, Chairman and CEO are also specifically set out		
(b)	its board and management; and those matters expressly reserved to the		in the Board Charter. The Board Charter also explains the relationship between the Board and management.  The Board has appointed committees to oversee certain		

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board and those delegated to management.		functions, including the Audit and Risk Committee and the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.  A copy of the Board Charter is available on the Company's website at http://www.cobalt
Recommendation 1.2: A listed entity should:  (c) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a director; and  (d) provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or reelect a director.	Compliant	blueholdings.com.  The Board undertakes appropriate checks, including police clearance checks, bankruptcy searches, verification of qualifications and experience of potential Directors before appointing a Director or putting forward to Shareholders a candidate for election as a Director.  All material information in relation to potential Directors will be provided to Shareholders as the need arises, including in the form of disclosures contained in an explanatory memorandum to a notice of meeting, seeking the approval of Shareholders for the election or re-election of Directors.
Recommendation 1.3: A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	Compliant	The Company has entered into non-executive Director appointment letters with each of Robert Biancardi, Hugh Keller and Anthony Johnston which sets out the terms of their appointments as Directors.  The Company has entered into an executive services agreement with Josef Kaderavek in respect of his appointment as CEO and Executive Director respectively.

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Recommendation 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.		Compliant	The Company Secretary, Ian Morgan, is directly accountable to the Board in relation to matters of governance. His role includes advising the Board and its committees on governance matters, monitoring that policy and procedures are followed, coordinating the timely completion and despatch of Board papers and ensuring that the business at meetings is accurately captured in the minutes.
			The Company Secretary is accessible to all Directors. The Board is responsible for the appointment and removal of the Company Secretary. The Company has entered into a services agreement with Ian Morgan in respect of his appointment as Company Secretary.
Recommend (e)	have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the board or a relevant committee of the board to set measurable	Compliant	The Board has established a Diversity Policy.  The Company has a strong commitment to diversity in business which is evidenced through its Diversity Policy.  A copy of the Diversity Policy is available on the
	objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them;		Company's website at http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com.  The Company will provide details as to compliance with this Recommendation 1.5 in its future annual reports,
(f)	disclose that policy or a summary of it; and		including the matters set out in Recommendation 1.5(c).
(g)	disclose as at the end of each reporting period the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board		

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	or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them, and either:		
	<ul> <li>(i) 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</li> <li>(ii) 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.</li> </ul>		
Recommend (h)	have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its	Compliant	The Board has appointed the Nomination and Remuneration Committee to oversee the process of appointment and remuneration of the Non-executive Directors and Managing Director.
(i)	committees and individual directors; and disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in		The Board has adopted the Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter which specifies the authority of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and sets out its role and responsibilities.  A copy of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee

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	accordance with that process.		Charter is available on the Company's website at http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com.		
			The Company will provide details as to compliance with this Recommendation 1.6 in its future annual reports, including the matters set out in Recommendation 1.6(b).		
Recommendation 1.7: A listed entity should:  (j) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and		Compliant	The Board has appointed the Nomination and Remuneration Committee to oversee the process of appointment and remuneration of the Company Secretary, CFO and other senior executives and employees of the Company.		
(k)	disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in		The Board has adopted the Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter which specifies the authority of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and sets out its role and responsibilities.		
	accordance with that process.		A copy of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter is available on the Company's website at <a href="http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com">http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com</a> .		
			The Company will provide details as to compliance with this Recommendation 1.7 in its future annual reports, including the matters set out in Recommendation 1.7(b).		
Principle 2 –	Principle 2 – Structure the board to add value				
Recommend should:	ation 2.1: The Board of a listed entity	Compliant	The Board has appointed the Nomination and Remuneration Committee to oversee the process of appointment and remuneration of the Directors and Company Secretary, CFO and other senior executives		

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(I)	have	a nomination committee which:		and employees of the Company.
	(i)	has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and		The Nomination and Remuneration Committee comprises three members, being Robert Biancardi, Hugh Keller and Anthony Johnston, the majority of whom are independent directors.
	(ii)	is chaired by an independent director,		The Nomination and Remuneration Committee is chaired by Anthony Johnston, who is an independent Director.
and d	isclose: (iii) (iv)	the charter of the committee; the members of the committee; and		The Board has adopted the Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter which specifies the authority of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and sets out its role and responsibilities.
	(v)	as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the		A copy of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter is available on the Company's website at <a href="http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com">http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com</a> .
		period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or		The Company will provide details as to compliance with this Recommendation 2.1 in its future annual reports.
(m)	disclo emplo issue: appro exper	bes not have a nomination committee, use that fact and the processes it bys to address board succession is and to ensure that the board has the apriate balance of skills, knowledge, itence, independence and diversity to e it to discharge its duties and		

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	responsibilities effectively.		
Recommendation 2.2: 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.		Compliant	The Company's Board skills matrix is set out in Section 7.2 of the Prospectus dated on or about 1 November 2016.  The Board has established a Diversity Policy.  The Company has a strong commitment to diversity in business which is evidenced through its Diversity Policy.  A copy of the Diversity Policy is available on the Company's website at http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com.
Recommend	ation 2.3: A listed entity should disclose:	Compliant	The Board considers that the following Directors are independent:
(n) (o)	the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors;  if a director has an interest, position, association or relationship of the type described in the Box 2.3 of the Principles 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		(q) Robert Biancardi; and  (r) Hugh Keller.  Each of these Directors has been recently appointed by the Company.
	an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and		

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(p) the length of service of each director.		
Recommendation 2.4: A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	Not Compliant	The Board comprises one Executive Director and three Non-executive Directors. Two of the Non-executive Directors are considered independent.  In view of the size of the Company and the nature of its activities, the Board considers that the current mix of skills, qualifications and experience on the Board is consistent with the Company's current circumstances and its long-term interests. The Company considers that the Board possesses the skills and experience suitable for building the Company.  The Board intends to review its composition as the Company's operations evolve.
Recommendation 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.	Compliant	The Company's Chair is Robert Biancardi. Robert Biancardi is not the CEO and is considered to be independent.
Recommendation 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.	Compliant	The Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter and Board Charter exist to comply with this recommendation.  The Nomination and Remuneration Committee will be responsible for the induction program for new directors and the development of a director's education program.

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Principle 3 -	Act ethically and responsibly		
Recommend	ation 3.1: A listed entity should:	Compliant	The Board has established and adopted a Code of Conduct.
(s) (t)	have a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and disclose that code or a summary of it.		The Code of Conduct sets out the Company's commitment to making positive economic, social and environmental contributions to each of the communities in which it operates, while complying with all applicable laws and regulations and acting in a manner that is consistent with the Company's foundational principles of honesty, integrity, fairness and respect.  A copy of the Code of Conduct is available on the Company's website at <a href="http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com">http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com</a> .
Principle 4 -	Safeguard integrity in corporate reporting		
Recommend	ation 4.1: The board of a listed entity	Compliant	The Board has established an Audit and Risk Committee.
(u)	have an audit committee which:		The Audit and Risk Committee currently comprises Robert Biancardi, Hugh Keller and Anthony Johnston, majority of whom are independent directors.
	<ul><li>(i) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and</li></ul>		The Audit and Risk Committee is chaired by Hugh Keller, who is an independent Director. Hugh Keller is not the chair of the Board.
	(ii) is chaired by an independent		The Board has adopted an Audit and Risk Committee Charter to assist with ensuring the integrity and reliability

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director, who is not the chair of the board,  and disclose:  (iii) the charter of the committee;  (iv) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and  (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  (v) 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.		of information prepared for use by the Board.  A copy of the Audit and Risk Committee Charter is available on the Company's website at http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com.  The Company will provide details as to compliance with this Recommendation 4.1 in its future annual reports.  A summary of the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the Audit and Risk Committee is set out in Section 7.2 of the Prospectus dated on or about 1 November 2016.
Recommendation 4.2: The board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO	Compliant	The Board Charter and Audit and Risk Committee Charter make provision for the CEO and CFO to provide this declaration.

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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.		Copies of each of the Board Charter and the Audit and Risk Committee Charter are available on the Company's website at http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com.  The Company will ensure compliance with this Recommendation 4.2 in its future annual reports.
Recommendation 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.	Compliant	The Company will ensure compliance with this Recommendation 4.3 at its AGMs.
Principle 5 – Make timely and balanced disclosure		
Recommendation 5.1: A listed entity should:  (w) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and	Compliant	The Company has adopted a Continuous Disclosure and Shareholder Communications Policy. This policy sets out, amongst other matters, the manner in which the Board will ensure compliance with the ASX Listing Rule disclosure requirements.  A copy of the Continuous Disclosure and Shareholder
(x) disclose that policy or a summary of it.		Communications Policy is available on the Company's website at http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com.

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Principle 6 – Respect the rights of security holders		
Recommendation 6.1: A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	Compliant	A page on the Company's website,  http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com, is dedicated to corporate governance, and includes links to copies of all of the Company's corporate governance policies.
Recommendation 6.2: A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	Compliant	The Company has adopted the Continuous Disclosure and Shareholder Communications Policy which sets out, amongst other things, the manner in which the Company will promote effective communication with Shareholders and encourage their participation at general meetings.  A copy of the Continuous Disclosure and Shareholder
		Communications Policy is available on the Company's website at http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com.
Recommendation 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.	Compliant	The Company has adopted the Continuous Disclosure and Shareholder Communications Policy which sets out, amongst other things, the manner in which the Company will promote effective communication with Shareholders and encourage their participation at general meetings.
		A copy of the Continuous Disclosure and Shareholder Communications Policy is available on the Company's website at http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com.
Recommendation 6.4: A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its	Compliant	The Company does give its Shareholders the opportunity for and to receive communications from the Company and its security registry electronically.

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security registry electronically.				
Principle 7 –	Recogi	nise and manage risk		
Recommendation 7.1: The board of a listed entity should:		Compliant	The Board has established an Audit and Risk Committee to assist with risk oversight, risk management and internal control.	
(y)	risk, e	a committee or committees to oversee each of which:		The Audit and Risk Committee currently comprises Robert Biancardi, Hugh Keller, and Anthony Johnston, majority of whom are independent directors.
	(i)	has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and		The Audit and Risk Committee is chaired by Hugh Keller, who is an independent Director. Hugh Keller is not the chair of the Board.
	(ii)	is chaired by an independent director,		The Board has adopted the Audit and Risk Committee Charter which sets out the functions of the Audit and Risk Committee.
and c	disclose: (iii)	the charter of the committee;		A copy of the Audit and Risk Committee Charter is available on the Company's website at <a href="http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com">http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com</a> .
	(iv)	the members of the committee; and		The Company will provide details as to compliance with this Recommendation 7.1 in its future annual reports.
	(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		this Necommendation 7.1 in its ruture annual reports.

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those meetings; or			
(z)	if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy paragraph (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.		
Recommendation 7.2: The board or a committee of the board should:		Compliant	The Audit and Risk Committee is responsible for the review of the Company's risk management program.
(aa)	review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound; and		The Company will provide details as to compliance with this Recommendation 7.2 in its future annual reports, including the matters set out in Recommendation 7.2(b).
(bb)	disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.		

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Recommendation 7.3: A listed entity should disclose:  (cc) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or  (dd) 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.	Compliant	The Board has appointed Hugh Keller to evaluate and continually improve the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes.
Recommendation 7.4: 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.	Compliant	The Company has disclosed its risks including environmental and social sustainability risks and how those risks are mitigated in Section 7 of the Prospectus dated on or about 1 November 2016.
Principle 8 – Remunerate fairly and responsibly		
Recommendation 8.1: The board of a listed entity should:	Compliant	The Board has established a Nomination and Remuneration Committee.
(ee) have a remuneration committee which:  (i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent		The Nomination and Remuneration Committee comprises three members, being Robert Biancardi, Hugh Keller and Anthony Johnston, majority of whom are independent directors.

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co pro an dir en	director, se: the charter of the committee; the members of the committee; and		The Nomination and Remuneration Committee is chaired by Hugh Keller, who is an independent Director.  The Board has adopted the Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter, which sets out the role and the responsibilities of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee in overseeing the process of appointment and remuneration of Non-executive Directors, the Managing Director, Company Secretary, CFO and other senior executives and employees of the Group.  A copy of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter is available on the Company's website at <a href="http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com">http://www.cobaltblueholdings.com</a> .  The Company will provide details as to compliance with this Recommendation 8.1 in its future annual reports.
Recommendation 8.2: A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the		Compliant	The Company will distinguish the structure of Non- executive Directors' remuneration from that of Executive Directors and senior executives in compliance with

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remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.			Recommendation 8.2 in future annual reports.
	ation 8.3: A listed entity which has an remuneration scheme should:	Not applicable.	The Company does not have an equity-based remuneration scheme.
(gg)	have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (and whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and		
(hh)	disclose that policy or a summary of it.		