# **Appendix 4G**

# Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Name of entity:					
Golden State Mining Limited					
ABN / ARBN:		Financial year ended:			
52 621 105 995		30 June 2020			
Our corporate governance statement <sup>2</sup> for the above period above can be found at: <sup>3</sup>					
	Attached to this Appendix 4	Attached to this Appendix 4G after the Annexure			
	www.goldenstatemining.com	www.goldenstatemining.com.au			
The Corporate Governance Statement is a board.	The Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and up to date as at 30 June 2020 and has been approved by the board.				
The annexure includes a key to where our	corporate governance disclosures	s can be located.			
Date: 15 September 2020					
Name of Director or Secretary authorising Marc Boudames, Company Secretary lodgement:					

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Under Listing Rule 4.7.3, an entity must lodge with ASX a completed Appendix 4G at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX. Listing Rule 4.10.3 requires an entity that is included in the official list as an ASX Listing to include in its annual report either a corporate governance statement that meets the requirements of that rule or the URL of the page on its website where such a statement is located. The corporate governance statement must disclose the extent to which the entity has followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council during the reporting period. If the entity has not followed a recommendation for any part of the reporting period, its corporate governance statement must separately identify that recommendation and the period during which it was not followed and state its reasons for not following the recommendation and what (if any) alternative governance practices it adopted in lieu of the recommendation during that period.

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

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

## ANNEXURE – KEY TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURES

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

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

Corpo	rate Governance Council recommendation	We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed	We have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed $\ldots^4$
1.5	<ul> <li>A listed entity should: <ul> <li>(a) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the board or a relevant committee of the board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them;</li> <li>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and</li> <li>(c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them and either: <ul> <li>(1) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or</li> <li>(2) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under that Act.</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>	the fact that we have a diversity policy that complies with paragraph (a):  in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  at [insert location]  at a twww.goldenstatemining.com.au  and the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with our diversity policy and our progress towards achieving them:  in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  at [insert location]  and the information referred to in paragraphs (c)(1) or (2):  in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  at [insert location]	<ul> <li>□ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</li> <li>□ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>
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.	the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a):  in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> at [insert location]  and the information referred to in paragraph (b):  in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> at [insert location]	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></li> <li>we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>
1.7	A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and  (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.	the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a):  ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  ☐ at [insert location]  and the information referred to in paragraph (b):  ☑ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  ☐ at [insert location]	<ul> <li>□ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>

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

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

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PRINCIP	PRINCIPLE 4 – SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY IN CORPORATE REPORTING				
4.1	The board of a listed entity should:  (a) have an audit committee which:  (1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and  (2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board, and disclose:  (3) the charter of the committee;  (4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and  (5) in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or  (b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] the fact that we have an audit committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2):  □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location] and a copy of the charter of the committee: □ at www.goldenstatemining.com.au and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at the Directors' Report in the 2020 Annual Report [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] the fact that we do not have an audit committee and the processes we employ that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of our corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner: □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement		
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 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.	the fact that we follow this recommendation:  in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement		

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

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

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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.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] how our internal audit function is structured and what role it performs:  □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] the fact that we do not have an internal audit function and the processes we employ for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of our risk management and internal control processes: □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
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.	whether we have any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if we do, how we manage or intend to manage those risks:    in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIP	LE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY		
8.1	The board of a listed entity should:  (a) have a remuneration committee which:  (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and  (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:  (3) the charter of the committee;  (4) the members of the committee; and  (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or  (b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] the fact that we have a remuneration committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2):  □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location] and a copy of the charter of the committee: □ at www.goldenstatemining.com.au and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at the Directors' Report in the 2020 Annual Report [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] the fact that we do not have a remuneration committee and the processes we employ for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive: □ in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ at [insert location]	<ul> <li>         □ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR         □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable     </li> </ul>
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.	separately our remuneration policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives:  in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  at the Directors' Report in the 2020 Annual Report	<ul> <li>□ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</li> <li>□ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>
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.	our policy on this issue or a summary of it:  in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  at www.goldenstatemining.com.au	<ul> <li>□ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we do not have an equity-based remuneration scheme and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>

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ADDITIO	NAL DISCLOSURES APPLICABLE TO EXTERNALLY MANAGED	LISTED ENTITIES		
-	Alternative to Recommendation 1.1 for externally managed listed entities:  The responsible entity of an externally managed listed entity should disclose:  (a) the arrangements between the responsible entity and the listed entity for managing the affairs of the listed entity;  (b) the role and responsibility of the board of the responsible entity for overseeing those arrangements.	the information referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b):  in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement	
-	Alternative to Recommendations 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 for externally managed listed entities:  An externally managed listed entity should clearly disclose the terms governing the remuneration of the manager.	the terms governing our remuneration as manager of the entity:  in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  at [insert location]	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement	

## GOLDEN STATE MINING LIMITED ACN 621 105 995 (COMPANY)

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020**

The Board of Golden State Mining Limited ("Board") is committed to ensuring that the Company's obligations and responsibilities to its various stakeholders are fulfilled through its corporate governance practices. The directors of the Company ("Directors", being either "Non-Executive Directors" or Executive Directors") undertake to perform their duties with honesty, integrity, care and diligence, to act in good faith in the best interests of the Company in a manner that reflects the highest standards of corporate governance.

The Company's Board is committed to a high standard of corporate governance practices, and, subject to the "if not, why not" statement below, ensures that the Company complies with the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), ASX Listing Rules, Company Constitution and other applicable laws and regulations.

## **Corporate Governance Compliance**

The Company has followed the 3rd edition of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Principles and Recommendations ("Principles and Recommendations") where the Board has considered the recommendations to be an appropriate benchmark for its corporate governance practices. The Recommendations are not mandatory, however, the Recommendations that will not be followed have been identified and reasons provided for not following them along with what (if any) alternative governance practices the Company intends to adopt in lieu of the recommendation.

The Company has adopted a Corporate Governance Plan that provides the written terms of reference for the Company's corporate governance duties that is available on the Company's website at www.goldenstatemining.com.au.

Due to the current size and nature of the existing Board, the Board has not established individual Board committees. Under the Board's Charter, the duties that would ordinarily be assigned to individual committees are currently carried out by the full Board under the written terms of reference for those committees.

This statement is current as at 30 June 2020 and was approved by the Board on 15 September 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS (3RD EDITION)	COMPLY	EXPLANATION			
Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight					
Recommendation 1.1  A listed entity should have and disclose a charter which sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board, the Chair and management, and includes a description of those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management.	YES	The Company has adopted a Board Charter that sets out the specific roles and responsibilities of the Board, the Chair and management and includes a description of those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management.			
		The Board Charter sets out the specific responsibilities of the Board, requirements as to the Board's composition, the roles and responsibilities of the Chairman and Company Secretary, the establishment, operation and management of Board Committees, Directors' access to Company records and information, details of the Board's relationship with management, details of the Board's performance review and details of the Board's disclosure policy.			
		A copy of the Company's Board Charter, which is part of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan, is available on the Company's website.			
<ul> <li>Recommendation 1.2</li> <li>A listed entity should:</li> <li>(a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a Director; and</li> <li>(b) provide security holders with all material information relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a Director.</li> </ul>	YES	<ul> <li>(a) The Company has guidelines for the appointment and selection of the Board in its Corporate Governance Plan. The Company's Nomination Committee Charter (in the Company's Corporate Governance Plan) requires the Nomination Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) to ensure appropriate checks (including checks in respect of character, experience, education, criminal record and bankruptcy history (as appropriate)) are undertaken before appointing a person or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a Director.</li> <li>(b) In accordance with the Nomination Committee Charter, all material information relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or reelect a Director will be provided to security holders in the Notice of</li> </ul>			
Recommendation 1.3  A listed entity should have a written agreement with each Director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	YES	Meeting containing the resolution to elect or re-elect a Director.  The Company's Nomination Committee Charter requires the Nomination Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) to ensure that each Director and senior executive is a party to a written agreement with the Company which sets out the terms of that Director's or senior executive's appointment.			

RECOMMENDATIONS (3RD EDITION)		EXPLANATION
		The Company has written agreements with each of its Directors and senior executives.
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.	YES	The Board Charter outlines the roles, responsibility and accountability of the Company Secretary. In accordance with this, the Company Secretary is accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board.
Recommendation 1.5  A listed entity should:  (a) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the Board or a relevant committee of the Board:	PARTIALLY	(a) The Company has adopted a Diversity Policy. While the Diversity Policy provides a framework for the Company to achieve a list of measurable objectives that encompass gender equality, the Company does not propose to establish measurable gender diversity objectives in the foreseeable future as:
<ul> <li>(i) to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity; and</li> <li>(ii) to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them;</li> </ul>		(i) the Company's senior management team is experienced and stable and there is no intention to make changes to the Board or senior management team in the coming year; and
<ul> <li>(b) disclose that policy or a summary or it; and</li> <li>(c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period:</li> <li>(iii) the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the Board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them; and</li> </ul>		(ii) application of a measurable gender diversity objective requiring a specified proportion of women on the Board and in senior executive roles will, given the small size of the Company and the Board, unduly limit the Company from applying the Diversity Policy as a whole and the Company's policy of appointing based on skills and merit.
<ul> <li>(iv) either:</li> <li>(A) 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>(B) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012, the entity's most recent</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>(b) The Diversity Policy is available, as part of the Corporate Governance Plan, on the Company's website.</li> <li>(c) <ul> <li>(iii) The Board does not presently intend to set measurable gender diversity objectives because, if it becomes necessary to appoint any new Directors or senior executives, the Board considered the application of a measurable gender diversity objective requiring a specified proportion of women on the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
"senior executive" for these purposes); or  (B) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace		diversity objectives because, if it becapoint any new Directors or senior exconsidered the application of a measure

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		applying the Diversity Policy as a whole and the Company's policy of appointing based on skills and merit.		
		(iv) As at 30 June 2020, the respective proportions of men and women on the Board were 100% men and 0% women. The proportion of women employees in the whole organisation is zero% (excluding directors) and there are currently no women in senior executive positions.		
Recommendation 1.6		(a) The Company's Nomination Committee (or, in its absence, the Board)		
A listed entity should:	YES	is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Board, its committees, and individual Directors. It may do so with the aid of an		
(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the Board, its committees and individual Directors; and		independent advisor. The process for this is set out in the Company's Corporate Governance Plan, which is available on the Company's website.		
(b) disclose in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.		(b) The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Company to disclose whether or not performance evaluations were conducted during the relevant reporting period. No formal performance evaluations were undertaken during FY20.		
Recommendation 1.7		(a) The Board is responsible for evaluating the performance of the		
A listed entity should:	YES	Company's senior executives on an annual basis. A senior executive, for these purposes, means key management personnel (as defined in		
(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and		the Corporations Act) other than a non-executive Director. The applicable processes for these evaluations can be found in the		
(b) disclose in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance		Company's Corporate Governance Plan, which is available on the Company's website.		
with that process.		(b) The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Company to disclose whether performance evaluations were conducted during the relevant reporting period. No formal performance evaluations were undertaken during FY20.		
Principle 2: Structure the Board to add value				
Recommendation 2.1		Due to the size and nature of the existing Board, and the magnitude of the Company's operations, the Company is of the view that it does not need		

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The Board of a listed entity should:	YES	a Nomination Committee and that its resources would be better utilised in
(a) have a nomination committee which:		other areas.
(i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent Directors; and		Under clause 4(h) of the Company's Board Charter, the full Board currently carries out the duties that would ordinarily be assigned to the Nomination Committee under the written charter for that committee and in the
(ii) is chaired by an independent Director,		Company's view the experience and skill set of the current Board is
and disclose:		sufficient to perform these roles.
(iii) the charter of the committee;		The duties of the Nomination Committee (which are currently carried out
(iv) the members of the committee; and		by the Board) are outlined in Schedule 5 of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan available online on the Company's website.
<ul> <li>(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</li> </ul>		The Board devotes time at annual Board meetings to discuss Board succession issues. All members of the Board are involved in the Company's nomination process, to the maximum extent permitted under the
(b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and		Corporations Act and ASX Listing Rules.
the processes it employs to address Board succession issues and to ensure that the Board has the appropriate balance of skills, experience, independence and knowledge of the entity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.		The Board regularly updates the Company's Board skills matrix (in accordance with recommendation 2.2) to assess and ensure the Board has the appropriate balance of skills, experience, independence and knowledge of the entity to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.
Recommendation 2.2		
A listed entity should have and disclose a Board skill matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the Board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.	YES	Refer Appendix A – skills matrix.

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Recommendation 2.3  A listed entity should disclose:  (a) the names of the Directors considered by the Board to be independent Directors;  (b) if a Director has an interest, position, association or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 of the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendation (3rd Edition), but the Board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the Director, the nature of the interest, position, association or relationship in question and an explanation of why the Board is of that opinion; and  (c) the length of service of each Director	YES	As at 30 June 2020 the Board consisted of:    Name			
Recommendation 2.4  A majority of the Board of a listed entity should be independent Directors.	NO	The Board Charter requires that, where practical, the majority of the Board must be independent.  At this stage, due to the current size and nature of the existing Board and the magnitude of the Company's operation, two of its directors are independent. As such, independent directors are not currently a majority of the Board.			
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.	NO	The Board Charter provides that, where practical, the Chair of the Board should be an independent Director and should not be the CEO/Managir Director.			

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		The Chair of the Company is not an independent Director. The Company does not have a CEO. The Chair is not the Managing Director.		
		The Board does not have an independent Chair because, at this stage in the Company's development, Mr Damien Kelly is best placed to fulfil this role. The Board has taken the following steps to structure the Board to add value despite not having an independent Chairman:		
		(a) Board meetings are held with a flat structure allowing contribution from all Directors that allows for a diversity of views to be considered;		
		(b) The Board may as necessary consider the appointment of an independent director who can fulfil the role whenever the Chair is conflicted.		
Recommendation 2.6		The Board Charter states that a specific responsibility of the Board is to		
A listed entity should have a program for inducting new Directors and providing appropriate professional development opportunities for continuing Directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as a Director effectively.	YES	procure appropriate professional development opportunities for Directors. The Board is responsible for the approval and review of induction and continuing professional development programs and procedures for Directors to ensure that they can effectively discharge their responsibilities.		
Principle 3: Act ethically and responsibly				
Recommendation 3.1 A listed entity should:	YES	(a) The Company's Corporate Code of Conduct applies to the Company's Directors, senior executives and employees.		
(a) have a code of conduct for its Directors, senior executives and employees; and	120	(b) The Company's Corporate Code of Conduct (which forms part of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan) is available on the Company's website.		
(b) disclose that code or a summary of it.		Company 5 weeshe.		
Principle 4: Safeguard integrity in financial reporting				
Recommendation 4.1 The Board of a listed entity should:	YES	The Company's Corporate Governance Plan contains an Audit and Risk Committee Charter that provides for the creation of an Audit and Risk Committee (if it is considered it will benefit the Company), with at least three members, all of whom must be independent Directors, and which must be chaired by an independent Director who is not the Chair.		

RECOMN	IENDATIONS (3 <sup>RD</sup> EDITION)	COMPLY	EXPLANATION
(a) have (i) (ii) and discl (iii) (iv) (v) (b) if it d proce integ appo	an audit committee which:  has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive Directors and a majority of whom are independent Directors; and is chaired by an independent Director, who is not the chair of the Board,		The Company currently does not have an Audit and Risk Committee as it is of the view that its resources would be better utilised in other areas. This is due to the current size of the Company, the magnitude of its operations and the fact that the Board has sufficient skills and expertise to effectively carry out the role of the Audit and Risk Committee.  Under clause 4(h) of the Company's Board Charter, the full Board currently carries out the duties that would ordinarily be assigned to the Audit and Risk Committee under the written charter for that committee.  The role and responsibilities of the Audit and Risk Committee are outlined in Schedule 3 of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan available online on the Company's website, which include managing the relationship of the Company with its external auditors.  The Board devotes time at annual Board meeting to fulfilling the roles and responsibilities associated with maintaining the Company's internal audit function and arrangements with external auditors. All members of the Board are involved in the Company's audit function to ensure the proper maintenance of the entity and the integrity of all financial reporting.
The Board statement declarati maintain approprie financial been for	d of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial ats for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a fon that the financial records of the entity have been properly ed and that the financial statements comply with the ate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has med on the basis of a sound system of risk management and control which is operating effectively.	YES	The Company's Audit and Risk Committee Charter requires the CEO and CFO (or, if none. the person(s) fulfilling those functions) to provide a sign off on these terms.
Recomm	endation 4.3	YES	The Company's Corporate Governance Plan provides that the Board must ensure the Company's external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.

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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.		
Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure		
Recommendation 5.1  A listed entity should:  (a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and  (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	YES	<ul> <li>(a) The Board Charter provides details of the Company's disclosure policy. In addition, Schedule 7 of the Corporate Governance Plan is entitled 'Continuous Disclosure Policy' and details the Company's disclosure requirements as required by the ASX Listing Rules and other relevant legislation.</li> <li>(b) The Board Charter and Schedule 7 of the Corporate Governance Plan are available on the Company website.</li> </ul>
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.	YES	Information about the Company and its governance is available in the Corporate Governance Plan which can be found on the Company's website.
Recommendation 6.2  A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	YES	The Company has adopted a Shareholder Communications Strategy which aims to promote and facilitate effective two-way communication with investors. The Strategy outlines a range of ways in which information is communicated to shareholders and is available on the Company's website as part of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan.
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.	YES	Shareholders are encouraged to participate at all EGMs and AGMs of the Company. Upon the dispatch of any notice of meeting to Shareholders, the Company Secretary shall send out material in that notice of meeting stating that all Shareholders are encouraged to participate at the meeting.

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Recommendation 6.4  A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	YES	The Shareholder Communication Strategy states that, as a part of the Company's investor relations program, Shareholders will be able to register with the Company Secretary to receive email notifications of when an announcement is made by the Company to the ASX, including the release of the Annual Report, half yearly reports and quarterly reports. Links are made available to the Company's website on which all information provided to the ASX is immediately posted.
		Security holders will be able to register with the Company to receive email notifications when an announcement is made by the Company to the ASX. Shareholders queries should be referred to the Company Secretary at first instance.
Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk		
Recommendation 7.1		(a) The Company's Audit and Risk Committee Charter provides for the
The Board of a listed entity should:	YES	creation of an Audit and Risk Committee (if it is considered it will benefit the Company), with at least three members, all of whom must
(a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:		be independent Directors, and which must be chaired by an
(i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent Directors; and		independent Director.  (b) The Company currently does not have an Audit and Risk Committee
(ii) is chaired by an independent Director,		as it is of the view that its resources would be better utilised in other
and disclose:		areas. This is due to the current size of the Company, the magnitude of its operations and the fact that the Board has sufficient skills and
(iii) the charter of the committee;		expertise to effectively carry out the role of the Audit and Risk
(iv) the members of the committee; and		Committee.
<ul> <li>(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</li> </ul>		Under clause 4(h) of the Company's Board Charter, the full Board currently carries out the duties that would ordinarily be assigned to the Audit and Risk Committee under the written charter for that committee.
(b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the process it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.		The role and responsibilities of the Audit and Risk Committee are outlined in Schedule 3 of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan available online on the Company's website.
		The Board devotes time at quarterly Board meetings to fulfilling the roles and responsibilities associated with overseeing risk and

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		maintaining the entity's risk management framework and associated internal compliance and control procedures.
Recommendation 7.2  The Board or a committee of the Board should:  (a) review the entity's risk management framework with management at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound; and  (b) disclose in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.	YES	<ul> <li>(a) The Audit and Risk Committee Charter requires that the Audit and Risk Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) should, at least annually, satisfy itself that the Company's risk management framework continues to be sound.</li> <li>(b) The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Company to disclose at least annually whether such a review of the Company's risk management framework has taken place.</li> </ul>
Recommendation 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	<ul> <li>(a) The Audit and Risk Committee Charter provides for the Audit and Risk Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) to monitor the need for an internal audit function.</li> <li>(b) The Company does not currently have an internal audit function due to its size. The Company is committed to understanding and managing risk and to establishing an organisational culture that ensures risk management is included in all activities, decision making and business processes.</li> </ul>
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.	YES	The Audit and Risk Committee Charter requires the Audit and Risk Committee (or, in its absence, the Board) to assist management determine whether the Company has any material exposure to economic, environmental, and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.  The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Company to 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. The Company will disclose this information on its ASX website as part of its continuous disclosure obligations and certain financial risks are described in the notes to the 2020 Annual Report.

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Recommendation 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 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.	YES	<ul> <li>(a) The Company's Remuneration Committee Charter that provides for the creation of a Remuneration Committee (if it is considered it will benefit the Company), with at least three members, all of whom must be independent Directors, and which must be chaired by an independent Director.</li> <li>(b) The Company does not have a Remuneration Committee as it is of the view that its resources would be better utilised in other areas. This is due to the current size of the Company, the magnitude of its operations and the fact that the Board has sufficient skills and expertise to effectively carry out the role of the Remuneration Committee.</li> <li>Under clause 4(h) of the Company's Board Charter, the full Board currently carries out the duties that would ordinarily be assigned to the Remuneration Committee under the written charter for that committee.</li> <li>The role and responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee are outlined in Schedule 4 the Company's Corporate Governance Plan available online on the Company's website.</li> <li>The Board will devote time at the annual Board meeting to fulfilling the roles and responsibilities associated with setting the level and composition of remuneration for Directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.</li> </ul>
Recommendation 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 and ensure that the different roles and responsibilities of non-executive Directors compared to executive Directors and other senior executives are reflected in the level and composition of their remuneration.	YES	The Company's Corporate Governance Plan requires the Board to disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive, executive and other senior Directors, which is disclosed on the Company's website.
Recommendation 8.3  A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:	YES	The Company's Corporate Governance Plan states that the Board is required to review, manage and disclose the policy (if any) on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of

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(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		participating in the scheme. The Board must review and approve any equity based remuneration schemes and any transactions which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme.
(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.		The Company does not have an equity based incentive remuneration scheme.
		A copy of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan is available on the Company's ASX website.

## **Annexure A**

### **Board Skills Matrix - June 2020**

Skill / experience	DK	ММ	BS	GH
Commercial	✓			✓
Corporate	✓			✓
Corporate Governance	✓			✓
Investor relations	✓	✓		✓
Capital raising	✓	✓		✓
Leadership		✓	✓	
Accounting	✓			
Corporate finance				✓
Capital markets				✓
Business development		✓		
Multi-mineral exploration			✓	
Human resources		✓		
Remuneration strategy				✓
Training			✓	
Geographic experience			✓	
Mineral project development - gold		✓	✓	
Mining – gold		✓	✓	

## Board Skills Matrix – for corporate governance disclosure – June 2020

Collectively, the Board has an extensive range of commercial skills and other relevant experience which are vital for the effective management of the business. Board members, including some who are also directors of other ASX-listed companies, together have a combination of experience in the following business areas:

- Commercial
- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Investor relations
- Capital raising
- Leadership
- Accounting
- Corporate finance
- Capital markets

- Business development
- Multi-mineral exploration
- Human resources
- Remuneration strategy
- Training
- Geographic experience
- Mineral project development gold
- Mining gold