PROPOSED ENHANCEMENTS TO THE REGULARISATION PLANS FOR FINANCIALLY DISTRESSED LISTED ISSUERS AND PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR LISTED ISSUERS WITH INADEQUATE LEVEL OF OPERATIONS UNDER PART 2 OF THE CONSULTATION PAPER

MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS

CHAPTER 8 – CON	ITINUING LISTING OBLIGATIONS			
Paragraph 8.03A	Level of operations			
	(1) A listed issuer must maintain an adequate level of operations to warrant continued trading or listing on the Official List.			
	(2) The following are circumstances which indicate that a listed issuer may not have a level of operations that is adequate to warrant continued trading or listing on the Official List:			
	(a) the listed issuer has suspended or ceased –			
	(i) all of its business or its major business; or			
	(ii) its entire or major operations,			
	for any reasons whatsoever including, amongst others, due to or as a result of -			
	(aa) the cancellation, loss or non-renewal of a licence, concession or such other rights necessary to conduct its business activities;			
	(bb) the disposal of the listed issuer's business or major business; or			
	(cc) a court order or judgment obtained against the listed issuer prohibiting the listed issuer from conducting its major operations on grounds of infringement of copyright of products etc; or			
	(b) the listed issuer has an insignificant business or operations.			
	(3) Subject to subparagraphs (5) and (6) below, a listed issuer that triggers subparagraphs (2)(a) or (2)(b) above ("affected listed issuer") must comply with the following, failing which the Exchange may suspend the trading of listed securities of such listed issuer or de-list the listed issuer, or both:			

	 (a) immediately announce to the Exchange of its condition and provide such information from time to time for public release in accordance with the disclosure obligations set out in paragraph 4.0 of Practice Note 17, with the necessary modifications; (b) regularise its condition by complying with the requirements set out in paragraph 8.04(3) and paragraph 5.0 of Practice Note 17, with the necessary modifications; and (c) comply with such other requirements or do such other acts or
(4)	things as may be prescribed or required by the Exchange. Where the Exchange approves the regularisation plan of an affected
(+)	listed issuer pursuant to subparagraph (3)(b) above, such approval may be unconditional or subject to such conditions, as it deems fit. If the regularisation plan is rejected by the Exchange, the affected listed issuer may appeal against the decision of the Exchange within 30 days from the date of its rejection.
<u>(5)</u>	An affected listed issuer need not comply with the requirements set out in subparagraph (3) above provided that -
	(a) the affected listed issuer is able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Exchange that its remaining business is viable, sustainable and has growth prospects, supported with appropriate justifications; and
	(b) in the view of the Exchange, its level of operations warrant continued trading or listing on the Official List.
<u>(6)</u>	An affected listed issuer intending to rely on subparagraph (5) above must announce the following to the Exchange:
	(a) immediately upon the affected listed issuer triggering subparagraphs (2)(a) or (2)(b) above, a statement to that effect and that it has made or will be making an application to the Exchange pursuant to subparagraph (5) above; and
	(b) immediately upon its receipt of the Exchange's decision on its application, the Exchange's decision and the conditions imposed (if any).
<u>(7)</u>	For the purposes of this paragraph, unless the context otherwise requires –
	(a) in relation to subparagraph (2)(a) above, " major " means such proportion that contributes or generates 70% or more of the listed issuer's revenue on a consolidated basis based on its latest annual audited or unaudited financial statements;

<u>(b)</u>	"insignificant bu	isiness or operations	" means business or
	operations which	generates revenue on	a consolidated basis
		i% or less of the issue	
		edeemable preference t holders capital of the l	
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	statements.		
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	For the purpose o	f computation, the follow	wing applies:
		on a consolidated	
		of the listed issuer, its s from the listed issuer's a	
		d on a proportionate bas	
		equity holding in the a	
	and		
	(ii) where the	ere is/are a change/cha	anges to the Capital in
	that finan	ncial year, the weighte	d average Capital for
		ncial year must be	
		Capital means the total ginning of the financial	
		of increase or reduction	
		cial year multiplied by a	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
		-weighting factor is the	
		fic Capital is outstandi	
	the total n	number of days in that fi	nancial year.
	Example - Weig	hted Average of Cap	ital for financial year
	ended 31 Decemb		
			Issued and Paid up
			Capital (RM)
	1 Jonuary	Delenee	60,000,000
	<u>1 January</u> 2xx1	Balance	<u>60,000,000</u>
	<u>1 June 2xx1</u>	Issue of 10,000,000	<u>70,000,000</u>
		new shares for cash	
	<u>1 Dec 2xx1</u>	Issue of 12,000,000	82,000,000
		new shares for cash	
	Computation of w	eighted average:	
		454/2052 . (70.000	000 × 400/005)
		<u>151/365) + (70,000,</u> <u>365) = 66,882,185</u>	, <u>000 x 183/365) +</u>
(8) Subpara	agraph (2)(b) above	e is not applicable to a	closed-end funds. real
estate in	nvestment trusts, e	exchange-traded funds	, infrastructure project
		ot completed and com	
their infr	astructure project(s	s) and special purpose a	acquisition companies.
[Cross reference	ce: Practice Notes 1	<u>17 and 29]</u>	
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Paragraph 8.04		cial condition-and level of operations			
	(1)	consolida	ated basi	is mu	and level of operations of a listed issuer on a ust, in the opinion of the Exchange, warrant ing on the Official List.
	(2)	condition Criteria") ("PN17 I prescribe	and lev). When a I ssuer "), ed by the	a liste it mu Exch	escribe certain criteria in relation to the financial f operations of a listed issuer (" Prescribed ed issuer triggers any of the Prescribed Criteria ust comply with such requirements as may be lange, failing which the Exchange may suspend urities of such listed issuer or de-list it, or both.
	(3)	A PN17 I	ssuer mu	ust -	
		(a) re	egularise	e its co	ondition in the following manner:
		(i	,		2 months from the date it announces that it is a ssuer:
			(a	ia)	submit a regularisation plan to the SC if the plan will result in a significant change in the business direction or policy of the PN17 Issuer; or
			(b	bb)	submit a regularisation plan to the Exchange if the plan will not result in a significant change in the business direction or policy of the PN17 Issuer, and obtain the Exchange's approval to implement the plan; and
		(i			ent the plan within the timeframe stipulated by or the Exchange as the case may be;
					information as may be prescribed by the time to time for public release; and
		. ,	lo such Exchange		acts or things as may be required by the
	(4)	Issuer, s conditions Exchange	such app s, as it d e, the Pl	proval deems N17 I	approves the regularisation plan of a PN17 I may be unconditional or subject to such s fit. If the regularisation plan is rejected by the ssuer may appeal against the decision of the th- <u>30 days</u> from the date of its rejection.
	(5)		graph (3)	(a) a	to comply with any part of its obligations under bove <u>within the timeframes permitted by the</u> ge shall –
		tł <u>a</u>	he next i	marke	ading of the PN17 Issuer's listed securities on at day after 5 market days from6 th market day of notification of suspension by the Exchange;

		(b) de-list such PN17 Issuer subject to the latter's right to appeal against the de-listing under subparagraph (6) below.
	(6)	<u>Unless otherwise specified, Aa</u> PN17 Issuer which intends to appeal against a de-listing under this paragraph 8.04 must submit its appeal to the Exchange within 5 market days from the date of notification of de-listing by the Exchange.
	(7)	Where there is an appeal against de-listing has been submitted to the Exchange, the Exchange shall stay the de-listing of the PN17 Issuer concerned pending consideration of the appeal. However, the Exchange shall suspend the trading of the PN17 Issuer's listed securities on the next6th market day after 5 market days from the date of notification of suspension by the Exchange even though the decision of the appeal is still pending.
	(8)	For a PN17 Issuer to be no longer considered a PN17 Issuer, the PN17 Issuer must –
		(a) complete the implementation of its regularisation plan; and
		(b) submit an application to the Exchange to demonstrate that it is no longer a PN17 Issuer, together with all the necessary documentary evidence.
		The fact that a PN17 Issuer has ceased to trigger the Prescribed Criteria before it completes the implementation of its regularisation plan, would not entitle it to be no longer considered as a PN17 Issuer for the purpose of this subparagraph.
	(9)	If a PN17 Issuer triggers any one or more of the Prescribed Criteria within 3 years after it is no longer considered a PN17 Issuer, such PN17 Issuer must undertake a regularisation plan which will result in a significant change in its business direction or policy and submit the plan to the SC for approval. The PN17 Issuer must also comply with all requirements set out in this paragraph 8.04.
	[Cross	reference: Practice Notes 17 and 29]
PRACTICE NOTE 17	7 – CRI1	ERIA AND OBLIGATIONS OF PN17 ISSUERS
Practice Note 17	CRITE	RIA AND OBLIGATIONS OF PN17 ISSUERS
	1.0	Introduction
	1.1	This Practice Note sets out, amongst others, the following:
		(a) the criteria in relation to the financial condition and level of operations of a listed issuer, which if triggered will give rise to an obligation for the listed issuer to comply with the provisions of this Practice Note; and

	(b)	the requirements that must be complied with by a PN17 Issuer, including a PN17 Business Trust.
2.0	Criteria	a
2.1	listed i Criteria	ant to paragraphs 8.04(2) of the Listing Requirements, where a issuer triggers any one or more of the following Prescribed a it must comply with the provisions of paragraph 8.04 and this e Note:
	(a)	the shareholders' equity of the listed issuer on a consolidated basis is 25% or less of the issued and paid-up capital (excluding treasury shares) of the listed issuer and such shareholders' equity is less than RM40 million;
	(b)	receivers or managers have been appointed over the asset of the listed issuer, its subsidiary or associated company which asset accounts for at least 50% of the total assets employed of the listed issuer on a consolidated basis;
	(c)	a winding up of a listed issuer's subsidiary or associated company which accounts for at least 50% of the total assets employed of the listed issuer on a consolidated basis;
	(d)	the auditors have expressed an adverse or disclaimer opinion in the listed issuer's latest audited financial statements;
	(e)	the auditors have expressed an emphasis of matter on the listed issuer's ability to continue as a going concern in the listed issuer's latest audited financial statements and the shareholders' equity of the listed issuer on a consolidated basis is 50% or less of the issued and paid-up capital (excluding treasury shares) of the listed issuer; <u>or</u>
	(f)	a default in payment by a listed issuer, its major subsidiary or major associated company, as the case may be, as announced by a listed issuer pursuant to Practice Note 1 and the listed issuer is unable to provide a solvency declaration to the Exchange;
	(g)	the listed issuer has suspended or ceased -
		(i) all of its business or its major business; or
		(ii) its entire or major operations,
		for any reasons whatsoever including, amongst others, due to or as a result of -
		(aa) the cancellation, loss or non-renewal of a licence, concession or such other rights necessary to conduct its business activities;

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		(bb)	the disposal of the listed issuer's business or major business; or
		(cc)	 a court order or judgment obtained against the listed issuer prohibiting the listed issuer from conducting its major operations on grounds of infringement of copyright of products etc; or [deleted];
	(†		listed issuer has an insignificant business or ations.[deleted].
	b C p	usiness tru riteria (" PN aragraph 2	to a listed issuer which is a business trust, where the list triggers any one or more of the following Prescribed (17 Business Trust") instead of the Prescribed Criteria in .1 above, it must comply with the provisions of paragraph is Practice Note:
	(;	,	unit holders' fund (excluding non-controlling interest) on a solidated basis is negative;
	(I	the	vivers or managers have been appointed over the asset of business trust, which asset accounts for at least 50% of the assets employed of the business trust on a consolidated s;
	((com	inding up of a business trust's subsidiary or associated pany which accounts for at least 50% of the total assets loyed of the business trust on a consolidated basis;
	(0		auditors have expressed an adverse or disclaimer opinion e business trust's latest audited financial statements; or
	((trus ann and	efault in payment of loans or credit facilities of a business t or its major subsidiary or major associated company, as bunced by the trustee-manager pursuant to Practice Note 1 the trustee-manager is unable to provide a solvency aration to the Exchange.;
	(1) [del	eted];the trustee-manager has suspended or ceased -
		(i)	all of the business trust's business or its major business; or
		(ii)	the business trust's entire or major operations,
			any reasons whatsoever including, amongst others, due to s a result of –
		(aa)	the cancellation, loss or non-renewal of a licence, concession or such other rights necessary to conduct the business trust's business activities;
		(bb)	the disposal of the business trust's business or major business; or

		(cc) a court order or judgment obtained against the trustee- manager prohibiting the trustee-manager from conducting the business trust's major operations on grounds of infringement of copyright of products etc; or
	(g)	the business trust has an insignificant business or operations[deleted].
2.2	For the require	e purposes of this Practice Note, unless the context otherwise s -
	(a)	" shareholders' equity " refers to the equity attributable to equity holders of the listed issuer;
	(b)	"total assets employed" must be based on the listed issuer's latest audited or unaudited financial statements;
	(c)	in relation to paragraphs 2.1(g) and 2.1A(f), " major " means such proportion that contributes or generates 70% or more of the listed issuer's revenue on a consolidated basis based on its latest annual audited or unaudited financial statements; [deleted]:
	(d)	"insignificant business or operations" means business or operations which generates revenue on a consolidated basis that represents 5% or less of the issued and paid-up capital (excluding any redeemable preference shares and treasury shares) or the unit holders capital of the listed issuer ("Capital") based on its latest annual audited or unaudited financial statements.[deleted].
		(i) "revenue on a consolidated basis " comprises of the revenue of the listed issuer, its subsidiaries, as well as revenue from the listed issuer's associated companies, calculated on a proportionate basis, based on the listed issuer's equity holding in the associated companies; and
		(ii) where there is/are a change/changes to the Capital in that financial year, the weighted average Capital for that financial year must be used. The weighted average Capital means the total amount of the Capital at the beginning of the financial year, adjusted by the amount of increase or reduction in the Capital during that financial year multiplied by a time-weighting factor. The time-weighting factor is the number of days that the specific Capital is outstanding as a proportion of the total number of days in that financial year.
		Example - Weighted Average of Capital for financial year ended 31 December 2xx1

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						Issued and Paid up Capital (RM)
			1 Janu	ary 2xx1	Balance	60,000,000
			1 June	-2xx1	lssue 10,000,000 nc shares for cash	
			1 2xx1	December	lssue 12,000,000 ne shares for cash	
			Compu	tation of wei	ghted average:	
					5 1/365) + (70,0 ; 5) = 66,882,185	00,000 x 183/365) +
		(e)			the net profit af ms, such as the fo	ter minority interest and llowing:
			(i)	interest wai	ver;	
			(ii)	U U	oodwill credited to ner comprehensive	statement of profit and income;
			(iii)	-	-	investment in associated ad and building; and
			(iv)	restructuring	g cost;	
		(f)		olders' fun of the busin		fund attributable to unit
	2.3	investn corpora their	nent tru ations wh	i <mark>sts, excha</mark> nich have no sture proje	nge-traded funds t completed and c	d-end_funds, real_estate c, infrastructure_project ommenced operations on al_purpose_acquisition
	3.0	Regula	arisation	Plan [Delet	ed].	
	3.1	Issuer plan. I	must re	gularise its	condition by und 117 Issuer and its	g Requirements, a PN17 ertaking a regularisation s Principal Adviser must
		(a)	problem	ns, financial		capable of resolving all t had caused the PN17 a;
		(b)	and lev	el of operat	Issuer to regulari ions, such that th Prescribed Criteria;	se its financial condition e PN17 Issuer no longer and

	(c)	is fair and reasonable to the PN17 Issuer and its securities holders and will increase value for its securities holders.
4.0	Disclo	osure obligations of the PN17 Issuer
4.1		ant to paragraph 8.04(3)(b) of the Listing Requirements, a PN17 r must announce to the Exchange -
	(a)	on an immediate basis (" First Announcement ") upon the PN17 Issuer triggering one or more of the Prescribed Criteria -
		(i) that the listed issuer is a PN17 Issuer pursuant to this Practice Note;
		(ii) the listed issuer's obligations pursuant to this Practice Note;
		(iii) the consequences of non-compliance with such obligations; and
		(iv) the status of the listed issuer's regularisation plan or the status of its endeavours to formulate such a plan, whichever is applicable, or where neither a plan nor any endeavour to formulate such a plan has been undertaken, an appropriate negative statement to such effect;
	(b)	within 3 months from the First Announcement, on whether the regularisation plan will result in a significant change in the business direction or policy of the PN17 Issuer;
	(c)	the status of its regularisation plan and the number of months to the end of the relevant timeframes referred to in paragraph 5.1, or 5.2 or 5.3 below, as may be applicable, on a monthly basis (" Monthly Announcement ") until further notice from the Exchange;
	(d)	its compliance or non-compliance with a particular obligation imposed pursuant to this Practice Note, on an immediate basis;
	(e)	details of the regularisation plan which announcement must fulfill the requirements set out in paragraph 4.2 below (" Requisite Announcement "); and
	(f)	where the PN17 Issuer fails to regularise its condition, the dates of suspension and de-listing of its listed securities, immediately upon notification of suspension and de-listing by the Exchange.

4.2	The Re	equisite Announcement must -
	(a)	contain details of the regularisation plan and sufficient information to demonstrate that the PN17 Issuer is able to comply with all the requirements set out under paragraph <u>5.4</u> <u>below</u> <u>3.1 above</u> after implementation of the regularisation plan;
	(b)	include a timeline for the complete implementation of the regularisation plan; and
	(c)	be announced by the PN17 Issuer's Principal Adviser.
4.3	Before ensure	a PN17 Issuer makes the Requisite Announcement, it must that -
	(a)	all agreements to be entered into with third parties as part of the regularisation plan, have been duly executed by all parties to such agreements; and
	(b)	where the regularisation plan involves a compromise or arrangement with the PN17 Issuer's creditors, the PN17 Issuer has taken reasonable steps to procure the agreement-in- principle of such creditors.
4.4	each n	onthly Announcements must be made on the first market day of nonth beginning with the month following the date of the First neement.
5.0	Obliga	tion to Regularise
5.1	signific	17 Issuer undertakes a regularisation plan which will result in a ant change in the business direction or policy of the PN17 it must –
	(a)	submit the plan to the SC for approval, within 12 months from the date of the First Announcement; and
	(b)	complete the implementation of the plan within such timeframe as may be prescribed by the SC.
5.2	a signi	17 Issuer undertakes a regularisation plan which will not result in ficant change in the business direction or policy of the PN17 it must –
	(a)	submit to the Exchange the plan and obtain the Exchange's approval to implement the plan within 12 months from the date of the First Announcement;
	(b)	complete the implementation of the plan within 6 months from the date the plan is approved by the Exchange. However, for cases which involve court proceedings, a PN17 Issuer has up to 12 months from the date the plan is approved by the Exchange, to complete the implementation of the plan; and

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	(c)	record a net profit in 2 consecutive quarterly results immediately after the completion of the implementation of the plan. In this regard, the PN17 Issuer must ensure that the relevant quarterly results are subjected to a limited review by an external auditor before they are announced to the Exchange.
5.3	undert	tion to a PN17 Business Trust, if the PN17 Business Trust akes a regularisation plan which will not result in a significant e in the business direction or policy of the PN17 Business Trust,
	(a)	comply with the requirements in paragraph 5.2(a) and (b) above; and
	(b)	record either a net profit or positive operating cash flow in 2 consecutive quarterly results immediately after the completion of the implementation of the plan. In this regard, the PN17 Business Trust must ensure that the relevant quarterly results are subjected to a limited review by an external auditor before they are announced to the Exchange.
5.4	Pursua	ant to paragraph 5.2 above, a PN17 Issuer and its Principal
		r must ensure that a regularisation plan which will not result in a cant change in the business direction or policy of the PN17 Issuer
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	<u>(a)</u>	is sufficiently comprehensive and capable of resolving all problems, financial or otherwise that had caused the PN17 Issuer to trigger the Prescribed Criteria;
	<u>(b)</u>	enables the PN17 Issuer to regularise its financial condition such that the PN17 Issuer no longer triggers any of the Prescribed Criteria; and
	<u>(c)</u>	is fair and reasonable to the PN17 Issuer and its securities holders and will increase value for its securities holders.
<u>5.5</u>	<u>PN17</u>	nplying with the requirements under paragraph 5.4 above, the Issuer and its Principal Adviser must demonstrate to the ction of the Exchange, the following:
	<u>(a)</u>	the regularisation plan is able to strengthen the financial position of the PN17 Issuer including its securities holders' equity, gearing, net asset position, cash flow position, and address its accumulated losses position;
	<u>(b)</u>	the steps taken or proposed to be taken to address the issues that had caused the PN17 Issuer to trigger the Prescribed Criteria, such that the PN17 Issuer shall –
		(i) no longer trigger any of the Prescribed Criteria upon implementation of the regularisation plan; and
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	(ii) will not trigger any of the Prescribed Criteria in the near future;
<u>(c)</u>	the core business activities of the PN17 Issuer post- implementation of the regularisation plan is viable, sustainable and has growth prospects to warrant continued trading or listing on the Official List. In this respect, the PN17 Issuer must provide sufficient information in support of its regularisation plan, including -
	(i) a detailed business plan of its core business activities;
	(ii) profitability of the core business. Generally, low profit margin or loss making business will raise concerns on the viability of the core business.
	In the case of a PN17 Business Trust, the ability to generate profits or positive operating cash flow from the core business;
	(iii) sufficiency of resources to achieve its business plan and expected level of operations;
	(iv) industry prospects;
	(v) competitive advantage; and
	(vi) market position; and
<u>(d)</u>	the ability of the PN17 Issuer to immediately generate net profits or positive operating cash flow (in the case of a PN17 Business Trust) in 2 consecutive quarterly results immediately after the completion of the implementation of the regularisation plan.
syster	17 Issuer must review its risk management and internal control n, and submit to the Exchange the results of such review together s action plans to address the weaknesses identified.
<u>5.7 A PN1</u>	7 Issuer must ensure that the submission to the Exchange under
parag	raphs 5.2(a) and 5.3(a) above is accompanied by the following:
<u>(a)</u>	a cover letter signed by 2 authorised signatories of the Principal Adviser, containing details of the proposals, any approval, clearance or waiver sought, and such other information as may be prescribed by the Exchange from time to time;
<u>(b)</u>	a draft circular to securities holders containing the relevant information prescribed in the Listing Requirements, such as Appendix 6B or Appendix 10B, where applicable, and the additional information set out in Annexure PN17-A;

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	(c) the listing application(s) together with the relevant submission documents as required under Chapter 6 of the Listing Requirements; and			
	(d) any other supporting documents, including experts' reports, where relevant.			
Annexure PN17-A	Additional content of circular in relation to a submission of a			
	regularisation plan to the Exchange			
	(paragraph 5.7(b))			
	(1) The historical financial information of the PN17 Issuer for the last 5 years or since listing, whichever is later, based on the audited or unaudited financial statements. This includes:			
	(a) the turnover;			
	(b) the gross profit/loss;			
	(c) the net profit/loss;			
	(d) the shareholders' funds or unit holders funds;			
	(e) the borrowings; and			
	(f) the key ratios such as gross profit margin and gearing.			
	(2) A commentary on the performance of the PN17 Issuer for the past 5 years or since listing, whichever is later.			
	(3) A description of the business plan including information on the viability and profitability of the business and sufficiency of resources to achieve the plan and expected level of operations.			
	(4) An analysis of the business post implementation of the regularisation plan including -			
	(a) the nature and operational environment of the PN17 Issuer's business such as the introduction of new asset/business, new products, new markets or new contracts, to address the operational issues faced by the PN17 Issuer;			
	(b) industry overview and growth prospects of the business; and			
	(c) the risk factors affecting the PN17 Issuer and its business.			
	(5) The reasons or issues which caused the PN17 Issuer to trigger any of the Prescribed Criteria, the steps taken or to be taken (whether short term or long term) to address such reasons or issues.			

<u>(6)</u>	Where the proposal includes an injection of new asset or business, the following information where applicable:
	(a) in relation to the new asset or business -
	(i) name, qualification and experience of the directors, chief executive and key management; and
	(ii) details of the substantial securities holders; and
	(b) in relation to the PN17 Issuer -
	(i) name, qualification and experience of the proposed new directors to the board; and
	(ii) details of the proposed new substantial securities holders.
<u>(7)</u>	A commentary by the PN17 Issuer's board of directors on whether the PN17 Issuer is able to record a net profit or positive operating cash flow (in the case of a PN17 Business Trust) in 2 consecutive quarterly results immediately after the completion of the implementation of the plan.
<u>(8)</u>	The profit and cash flow estimate, forecast or projection, and the assumptions together with a copy of the reporting accountant's letter, if such information is provided to the Exchange in the submission.
<u>(9)</u>	The results of the risk management and internal control review together with the action plans to address the weaknesses identified.
	[End of Annexure]

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ACE MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS

CHAPTER 8 – C	ONTINUING LISTING OBLIGATIONS			
Rule 8.03A	Level of operations			
	(1) A listed corporation must maintain an adequate level of operations to warrant continued trading or listing on the Official List.			
	(2) The following are circumstances which indicate that a listed corporation may not have a level of operations that is adequate to warrant continued trading or listing on the Official List:			
	(a) the listed corporation has suspended or ceased –			
	(i) all of its business or its major business; or			
	(ii) its entire or major operations,			
	for any reasons whatsoever including, amongst others, due to or as a result of -			
	(aa) the cancellation, loss or non-renewal of a licence, concession or such other rights necessary to conduct its business activities;			
	(bb) the disposal of the listed corporation's business or major business; or			
	(cc) a court order or judgment obtained against the listed corporation prohibiting the listed corporation from conducting its major operations on grounds of infringement of copyright of products etc; or			
	(b) the listed corporation has an insignificant business or operations. This is not applicable to a Sponsored Corporation during the Sponsorship Period.			
	(3) Subject to sub-Rules (5) and (6) below, a listed corporation that triggers sub-Rules (2)(a) or (2)(b) above ("affected listed corporation") must comply with the following, failing which the Exchange may suspend the trading of listed securities of such listed corporation or de-list the listed corporation, or both:			
	(a) immediately announce to the Exchange of its condition and provide such information from time to time for public release in accordance with the disclosure obligations set out in paragraph 4.0 of Guidance Note 3, with the necessary modifications;			
	(b) regularise its condition by complying with the requirements set out in Rule 8.04(3) and paragraph 5.0 of Guidance Note 3, with the necessary modifications; and			

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<u>(4)</u>	 (c) comply with such other requirements or do such other acts or things as may be prescribed or required by the Exchange. Where the Exchange approves the regularisation plan of an affected listed corporation pursuant to sub-Rule (3)(b) above, such approval may
	be unconditional or subject to such conditions, as it deems fit. If the regularisation plan is rejected by the Exchange, the affected listed corporation may appeal against the decision of the Exchange within 30 days from the date of its rejection.
<u>(5)</u>	An affected listed corporation need not comply with the requirements set out in sub-Rule (3) above provided that -
	(a) the affected listed corporation is able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Exchange that its remaining business is sustainable and has prospects, supported with appropriate justifications; and
	(b) in the view of the Exchange, its level of operations warrant continued trading or listing on the Official List.
<u>(6)</u>	An affected listed corporation intending to rely on sub-Rule (5) above must announce the following to the Exchange:
	(a) immediately upon the affected listed corporation triggering sub- Rules (2)(a) or (2)(b) above, a statement to that effect and that it has made or will be making an application to the Exchange pursuant to sub-Rule (5) above; and
	(b) immediately upon its receipt of the Exchange's decision on its application, the Exchange's decision and the conditions imposed (if any).
<u>(7)</u>	For the purposes of this Rule, unless the context otherwise requires –
	(a) in relation to sub-Rule (2)(a) above, "major" means such proportion that contributes or generates 70% or more of the listed corporation's revenue on a consolidated basis based on its latest annual audited or unaudited financial statements;
	(b) "insignificant business or operations" means business or operations which generates revenue on a consolidated basis that represents 5% or less of the issued and paid-up capital (excluding any redeemable preference shares and treasury shares) of the listed corporation ("Capital") based on its latest annual audited or unaudited financial statements.
	For the purpose of computation, the following applies:

	(i) "revenue on a consolidated basis" comprises the revenue of the listed corporation, its subsidiaries, as well as revenue from the listed corporation's associated companies, calculated on a proportionate basis, based on the listed corporation's equity holding in the associated companies; and						
	(ii) where there is/are a change/changes to the Capital in that financial year, the weighted average Capital for that financial year must be used. The weighted average Capital means the total amount of the Capital at the beginning of the financial year, adjusted by the amount of increase or reduction in the Capital during that financial year multiplied by a time-weighting factor. The time-weighting factor is the number of days that the specific Capital is outstanding as a proportion of the total number of days in that financial year.						
	Example - Weighted Average of Capital for financial year ended 31 December 2xx1						
	<u>Issued and Paid up</u> <u>Capital (RM)</u>						
	<u>1 January Balance 10,000,000</u> <u>2xx1</u>						
	<u>1 June 2xx1</u> <u>new shares for</u> <u>cash</u>						
	<u>1 Dec 2xx1</u> <u>new shares for</u> <u>cash</u>						
	Computation of weighted average:						
	$\frac{(10,000,000 \times 151/365) + (15,000,000 \times 183/365) + (18,000,000)}{\times 31/365) = 13,186,301}$						
	[Cross reference: Guidance Notes 3 and 20]						
Rule 8.04	Financial condition and level of operations						
	(1) The financial condition and level of operations of a listed corporation on a consolidated basis must, in the opinion of the Exchange, warrant continued trading or listing on the Official List.						

(2	conditio Criteria Criteria may be suspen	The Exchange may prescribe certain criteria in relation to the financial condition and level of operations of a listed corporation (" Prescribed Criteria "). When a listed corporation triggers any of the Prescribed Criteria (" GN3 Company ") it must comply with such requirements as may be prescribed by the Exchange, failing which the Exchange may suspend the trading of listed securities of such listed corporation or delist it or both.				
(3	,	A GN3 Company must comply with the following additional requirements:				
	(a)	regularise its condition in the following manner:				
		 submit to the Exchange a regularisation plan and obtain the Exchange's approval to implement the plan within 12 months from the date the listed corporation announces that it is a GN3 Company; 				
		 (ii) appoint a Sponsor within 3 months from the date the listed corporation announces that it is a GN3 Company and retain the said Sponsor until it is no longer considered as a GN3 Company by the Exchange under sub-Rule (8) below; and 				
		 (iii) implement the regularisation plan within 6 months from the date the regularisation plan is approved by the Exchange. However, for cases which involve court proceedings, a GN3 Company has up to 12 months from the date the regularisation plan is approved by the Exchange, to complete the implementation of the regularisation plan; 				
	(b)	provide such information as may be prescribed by the Exchange from time to time for public release;				
	(c)	retain the services of a Sponsor for at least 3 full financial years after it is no longer considered as a GN3 Company by the Exchange under sub-Rule (8) below. In this regard, the Sponsor referred to in sub-Rule (a)(ii) above must act as the Sponsor of the GN3 Company for at least the first full financial year; and				
	(d)	do such other acts or things as may be required by the Exchange.				
(4	Compa condition Exchar	the Exchange approves the regularisation plan of a GN3 any, such approval may be unconditional or subject to such ons, as it deems fit. If the regularisation plan is rejected by the age, the GN3 Company may appeal against the decision of the age within <u>30 days</u> 1 month from the date of its rejection.				

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	(5)	If a GN3 Company fails to comply with any part of its obligations under sub-Rule (3)(a) above within the timeframes permitted by the Exchange, the Exchange shall –		
		 (a) suspend the trading of the GN3 Company's listed securities on the next market day after 5 market days from 6th market day after the date of notification of suspension by the Exchange; and 		
		(b) de-list such GN3 Company subject to the latter's right to appeal against the de-listing under sub-Rule (6) below.		
	(6)	<u>Unless otherwise specified</u> , <u>Aa</u> GN3 Company which intends to appeal against a de-listing under this Rule 8.04 must submit its appeal to the Exchange within 5 market days from the date of notification of de-listing by the Exchange.		
	(7)	Where there is an appeal <u>against de-listing has been</u> submitted to the Exchange, the Exchange shall stay the de-listing of the GN3 Company concerned pending consideration of the appeal. However, the Exchange shall suspend the trading of the GN3 Company's listed securities on the <u>6th next</u> -market day after <u>5 market days from</u> the date of notification of suspension by the Exchange even though the decision of the appeal may still be pending		
	(8)	For a GN3 Company to be no longer considered a GN3 Company, the GN3 Company must –		
		(a) complete the implementation of its regularisation plan; and		
		(b) submit an application to the Exchange to demonstrate that it is no longer a GN3 Company, together with all the necessary documentary evidence.		
		The fact that a GN3 Company has ceased to trigger the Prescribed Criteria before it completes the implementation of its regularisation plan, would not entitle it to be no longer considered as a GN3 Company for the purpose of this sub-Rule.		
	[Cross	oss reference: Guidance Notes 3 and 20]		
GUIDANCE NOTE	3 – CRI	TERIA AND OBLIGATIONS OF GN3 COMPANIES		
Guidance Note 3	CRITE	RIA AND OBLIGATIONS OF GN3 COMPANIES		
	1.0	Introduction		
	1.1	This Guidance Note sets out, amongst others, the following:		
		(a) the criteria in relation to the financial condition and level of operations of a listed corporation, which if triggered, will give rise to an obligation for a listed corporation to comply with the provisions of this Guidance Note ("GN3 Company"); and		

	(b)	the requirements-of a regularisation plan that must be complied with by a GN3 Company.; and
	(c)	the disclosure requirements that must be complied with by a GN3 Company.
:	2.0 Cri	teria
:	cor	rsuant to Rule 8.04(2) of the Listing Requirements, where a listed poration triggers any one or more of the following Prescribed Criteria, nust comply with the provisions of Rule 8.04 and this Guidance Note:
	(a)	the shareholders' equity of the listed corporation is 25% or less of the issued and paid-up capital of the listed corporation;
	(b)	where the listed corporation has incurred loss in any 1 full financial year commencing on or after its listing, which equal to or exceed the amount of its shareholders' equity at the end of the said financial year and the shareholders' equity is equal to or less than 50% of the issued and paid-up capital of the listed corporation at the end of the said financial year;
	(c)	where the listed corporation has incurred aggregated losses in any 2 consecutive full financial years commencing on or after its listing (" said financial period ") –
		 which exceed the amount of its shareholders' equity at the end of the said financial period;
		 the loss incurred in the second full financial year of the said financial period is 50% or more of the loss incurred in the first full financial year of the said financial period; and
		 (iii) the shareholders' equity is equal to or less than 50% of the issued and paid-up capital of the listed corporation at the end of the said financial period;
	(d)	receivers or managers have been appointed over the asset of the listed corporation, its subsidiary or associated company which asset accounts for at least 50% of the total assets employed of the listed corporation;
	(e)	a winding up of a listed corporation's subsidiary or associated company which accounts for at least 50% of the total assets employed of the listed corporation;
	(f)	the auditors have expressed an adverse or disclaimer opinion in the listed corporation's latest audited financial statements;

	(g)	the auditors have expressed an emphasis of matter on the listed corporation's ability to continue as a going concern in the listed corporation's latest audited financial statements and the shareholders' equity of the listed corporation is 50% or less of the issued and paid-up capital of the listed corporation; <u>or</u>
	(h)	a default in payment by a listed corporation, its major subsidiary or major associated company, as the case may be, as announced by a listed corporation pursuant to Guidance Note 5 and the listed corporation is unable to provide a solvency declaration to the Exchange;
	(i)	the listed corporation has suspended or ceased -
		(i) all of its business or its major business; or
		(ii) its entire or major operations,
		for any reasons whatsoever including, amongst others, due to or as a result of -
		(aa) the cancellation, loss or non-renewal of a licence, concession or such other rights necessary to conduct its business activities;
		(bb) the disposal of the listed corporation's business or major business; or
		(cc) a court order or judgment obtained against the listed corporation prohibiting the listed corporation from conducting its major operations on grounds of infringement of copyright of products etc; or[deleted]:
	(j)	the listed corporation has an insignificant business or perations. This is not applicable to a Sponsored Corporation during the Sponsorship Period[deleted].
2.2	For the requires	purposes of this Guidance Note unless the context otherwise
	(a)	" shareholders' equity " refers to the equity attributable to the equity holders of the listed corporation;
	(b)	in relation to subparagraph 2.1(i) above, " major " means such proportion that contributes or generates 70% or more of the listed corporation's revenue on a consolidated basis based on its latest annual audited or unaudited financial statements[deleted];
	(c)	"insignificant business or operations" means business or operations which generates revenue on a consolidated basis that represents 5% or less of the issued and paid-up capital (excluding any redeemable preference shares) of the listed corporation ("Capital") based on its latest annual audited or unaudited financial statements[deleted].

	For the purpose of c	omputation, the followi	i ng apply:-
	revenue of t as_revenue companies,	sis" comprises of the ts subsidiaries, as well poration's associated ortionate basis, based puty holding in the	
	(ii) where there is/are a change/changes to the Capital in that financial year, the weighted average Capital for that financial year must be used. The weighted average Capital means the total amount of the Capital at the beginning of the financial year, adjusted by the amount of increase or reduction in the Capital during that financial year multiplied by a time-weighting factor. The time-weighting factor is the number of days that the specific Capital is outstanding as a proportion of the total number of days in that financial year.		
	Example - Weighted Average of Capital for financial year ended 31 December 2xx1		
			Issued and Paid up Capital (RM)
	1 January 2xx1	Balance	10,000,000
	1 June 2xx1	Issue of 5,000,000 n ew shares for cash	15,000,000
	1 Dec 2xx1	Issue of 3,000,000 new shares for cash	18,000,000
	Computation of weig	ihted average:	
	(10,000,000 x 151/3 x 31/365) = 13,186,		83/365) + (18,000,000
(d)	"issued and paid-u	p capital " excludes tre	asury shares;
(e)	Criteria is fulfilled	must be based on	nore of the Prescribed the latest audited or ments of the listed
(f)		the loss or losses at	(c) above, " loss " or ttributable to ordinary

2.3	The following example above:	ample illustrates th	e application of subp	baragraph 2.1(b)
	Example 1			
	A Bhd		ancial Year Ended (F December 2xx1 (FY	
	Losses (RM'millio		(4)	,
	Shareholders' equity (RM'million	n)	3	
	lssued and Paid- (RM' million)	up Capital	6	
	RM4 million in F	YE 1. The shareh	on A Bhd incurs loss olders' equity for FY p capital of A Bhd as	E 1 amounts to
	shareholders' eq issued and paid- out in subparagr	uity, and the sharel up capital of A Bhd	as exceeded the holders' equity is equ A Bhd has triggere and must therefore Guidance Note.	al to 50% of the d the criteria set
2.4	The following exa above:	ample illustrates th	e application of subp	paragraph 2.1(c)
	Example 2			
	B Bhd			
		FYE 31 December 2xx1 (FYE 1)	FYE 31 December 2xx2 (FYE 2)	
	Losses (RM'million)	(2)	(3)	
	Shareholders' equity (RM'million)	7	4	
	lssued and paid- up capital (RM'million)	9	9	

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	F	n Example 2 above, listed corporation B Bhd incurs losses amounting to RM2 million in FYE 1. The shareholders' equity for FYE 1 amounts to RM7 million.
		n the following financial year, FYE 2, B Bhd incurs losses amounting to RM3 million, whilst the shareholders' equity amounts to RM4 million.
		he issued and paid-up capital for both FYE1 and FYE 2 of B Bhd is RM million.
	a tl a a	The aggregated losses incurred by B Bhd in both FYE 1 and FYE 2 mount to RM5 million, which in absolute terms exceed the amount of the shareholders' equity for FYE 2 of RM4 million. In addition, the amount of losses incurred in FYE 2 is more than 50% of more than the amount of losses incurred in FYE 1 and the shareholders' equity is less than 50% of the issued and paid-up capital of B Bhd as at FYE 2.
	а	As such, B Bhd has triggered the criteria set out in subparagraph 2.1 (c) above and must therefore comply with the requirements of Rule 8.04 and this Guidance Note.
	3.0 F	Regularisation Plan[Deleted].
		The GN3 Company and its Sponsor must ensure that a regularisation lan enables the GN3 Company to regularise its condition, such that -
	(a	a) the regularisation plan is sufficiently comprehensive and capable of resolving all problems, financial or otherwise that had caused the GN3 Company to trigger the Prescribed Criteria;
	(E	 the regularisation plan enables the GN3 Company to regularise its financial condition and level of operations, such that the GN3 Company no longer triggers any of the Prescribed Criteria; and
	(e	the regularisation plan is fair and reasonable to the GN3 Company and its shareholders and will increase shareholder value.
	4.0 D	Disclosure obligations of the GN3 Company
		Pursuant to Rule 8.04(3)(b) of the Listing Requirements, a GN3 Company must announce to the Exchange -
	(4	a) the following, on an immediate basis ("First Announcement") upon the GN3 Company triggering one or more of the Prescribed Criteria:
		 that the listed corporation is a GN3 Company pursuant to this Guidance Note;

		(ii)	the <u>listed corporation's</u> obligations of the listed corporation- pursuant to this Guidance Note;
		(iii)	the consequences of non-compliance with such obligations; and
		(iv)	the status of the listed corporation's <u>regularisation</u> plan to comply with its obligations under Rule 8.04(3)(a) of the Listing Requirements or the status of its endeavours to formulate such a plan, whichever is applicable, or where neither a plan nor any endeavour to formulate such a plan has been undertaken, an appropriate negative statement to such effect;
	(b)	subpara of the Listing	nce the status of its <u>regularisation</u> plan as referred to in ragraph (a)(iv) above and the number of months to the end relevant timeframes referred to in Rule 8.04(3) of the Requirements on a monthly basis (" Monthly uncement") until further notice from the Exchange;
	(c)	obligati	nce its compliance or non-compliance with a particular tion imposed pursuant to this Guidance Note, on an diate basis;
	(d)	must fu	nce details of the regularisation plan, which announcement fulfill the requirements set out in paragraph 4.2 below uisite Announcement "); and
	(e)	dates	the GN3 Company fails to regularise its condition, the of suspension and de-listing of its listed securities, diately upon notification of suspension and de-listing by the inge.
4.2	The Re	equisite A	Announcement must -
	(a)	informa comply	n details of the regularisation plan and sufficient ation to demonstrate that the GN3 Company is able to y with all the requirements set out in paragraph <u>5.2</u> 3.1 above after the implementation of the regularisation
	(b)		ninclude a timeline for the complete implementation of the risation plan; and
	(c)	be anno	ounced by the GN3 Company's Sponsor.
4.3	Before ensure		3 Company makes the Requisite Announcement, it must
	(a)	regulari	reements to be entered into with third parties as part of the irisation plan, have been duly executed by all parties to agreements; and

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4.4	 (b) where the regularisation plan involves a compromise or arrangement with the GN3 Company's creditors, the GN3 Company has taken reasonable steps to procure the agreement-in-principle of such creditors. The Monthly Announcements must be made on the first market day of each month beginning with the month following the date of the First Announcement.
<u>5.0</u>	Obligation to Regularise
<u>5.1</u>	Pursuant to Rule 8.04(3)(a)(i) of the Listing Requirements, a GN3 Company must submit to the Exchange a regularisation plan and obtain the Exchange's approval to implement the plan within 12 months from the date of the First Announcement.
<u>5.2</u>	The GN3 Company and its Sponsor must ensure that the regularisation plan referred to in paragraph 5.1 above -
	(a) is sufficiently comprehensive and capable of resolving all problems, financial or otherwise that had caused the GN3 Company to trigger the Prescribed Criteria;
	(b) enables the GN3 Company to regularise its financial condition such that the GN3 Company no longer triggers any of the Prescribed Criteria; and
	(c) is fair and reasonable to the GN3 Company and its shareholders and will increase shareholder value.
<u>5.3</u>	In complying with the requirements under paragraph 5.2 above, the GN3 Company and its Sponsor must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Exchange, the following:
	(a) the regularisation plan is able to strengthen the financial position of the GN3 Company including its shareholders' equity, gearing, net asset position, cash flow position and address its accumulated losses position;
	(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to address the issues that had caused the GN3 Company to trigger the Prescribed Criteria, such that the GN3 Company shall –
	(i) no longer trigger any of the Prescribed Criteria upon implementation of the regularisation plan; and
	(ii) will not trigger any of the Prescribed Criteria in the near future;

	(c) the core business activities of the GN3 Company post- implementation of the regularisation plan is sustainable and has prospects to warrant continued trading or listing on the Official List. In this respect, the GN3 Company must comply with the requirements set out in paragraph 3.1 of Guidance Note 18, with the necessary modifications, and provide sufficient information in support of its regularisation plan.			
	5.4 A GN3 Company must review its risk management and internal control			
	system, and submit to the Exchange the results of such review together			
	with its action plans to address the weaknesses identified.			
	5.5 A GN3 Company must ensure that the submission to the Exchange under paragraph 5.1 above is accompanied by the following:			
	(a) a cover letter signed by 2 authorised signatories of the Sponsor,			
	containing details of the proposals, any approvals, clearance or			
	waivers sought, and such other information as may be			
	prescribed by the Exchange from time to time;			
	(b) a draft circular to shareholders containing the relevant			
	information prescribed in the Listing Requirements, such as			
	Appendix 6B or Appendix 10B, where applicable, and the additional information set out in Annexure GN3-A;			
	(c) the listing application(s) together with the relevant submission			
	documents as required under Chapter 6 of the Listing Requirements; and			
	(d) any other supporting documents, including experts' reports,			
	where relevant.			
Annexure GN3-A	Additional content of circular in relation to a submission of a regularisation			
	plan to the Exchange (paragraph 5.5(b))			
	(1) The historical financial information of the GN3 Company for the last 5			
	years or since listing, whichever is later, based on the audited or unaudited financial statements. This includes:			
	(a) the turnover;			
	(b) the gross profit/loss;			
	(c) the net profit/loss;			
	(d) the shareholders' funds;			
	(e) the borrowings; and			
	(f) the key ratios such as gross profit margin and gearing.			

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(2)	A commentary on the performance of the GN3 Company for the past 5 years or since listing, whichever is later.
<u>(3)</u>	A description of the business plan including information on the prospects of the GN3 Company having regards to the requirements set out in paragraph 3.1 of Guidance Note 18, with the necessary modifications.
(4)	An analysis of the business post implementation of the regularisation plan including –
	(a) the nature and operational environment of the GN3 Company's business such as the introduction of new asset/business, new products, new markets or new contracts, to address the operational issues faced by the GN3 Company;
	(b) industry overview and growth prospects of the business; and
	(c) the risk factors affecting the GN3 Company and its business.
(5)	The reasons or issues which caused the GN3 Company to trigger any of the Prescribed Criteria, the steps taken or to be taken (whether short term or long term) to address such reasons or issues.
<u>(6)</u>	Where the proposal includes an injection of new asset or business, the following information where applicable:
	(a) in relation to the new asset or business -
	(i) name, qualification and experience of the directors, chief executive and key management; and
	(ii) details of the substantial shareholders; and
	(b) in relation to the GN3 Company -
	(i) name, qualification and experience of the proposed new directors to the board; and
	(ii) details of the proposed new substantial shareholders.
(7)	The profit and cash flow estimate, forecast or projection, and the assumptions together with a copy of the reporting accountant's letter, if such information is provided to the Exchange in the submission.
<u>(8)</u>	The results of the risk management and internal control review together with the action plans to address the weaknesses identified.
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