
**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN RELATION TO
BURSA MALAYSIA SECURITIES BERHAD MAIN MARKET LISTING REQUIREMENTS
(As at 1 July 2023)**

CHAPTER 9 – CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

General

9.01 Does the Main LR impose an obligation on listed issuers to make an announcement on financial estimate, forecast or projection?

The Main LR does not impose an obligation on listed issuers to announce its financial estimate, forecast or projection.

However, if the listed issuers choose to announce their financial estimate, forecast or projection, the listed issuers must, amongst others, comply with the following:

- the requirements on the standard of disclosure prescribed for contents of announcement as set out in paragraph 9.35A of the Main LR and in particular, the preparation and the announcement of the financial estimate, forecast or projection must comply with Chapters 9 and 10 in Division 1, Part II of the SC's Prospectus Guidelines in relation to future financial information ("**SC FFI Standards**") as required under paragraph 9.35A(2) of the Main LR. This includes the obligation to ensure that the underlying accounting policies and assumptions of the financial estimate, forecast or projection are reviewed by the external auditors or reporting accountants, as the case may be, in accordance with the SC FFI Standards;
- the requirements as set out in paragraph 9.19(36) of the Main LR and Notes 3(b) and 4 of Appendix 9B of the Main LR; and
- the disclosure must adhere to the Corporate Disclosure Policy prescribed under the Main LR including the requirement that there should not be selective disclosure of the financial estimate, forecast or projection to the investors, press, analysts or any other parties prior to the release or simultaneous release, of the financial estimate, forecast or projection through Bursa Link.

9.02 If a listed issuer chooses to announce its internal targets that are set as part of its business plan, is it required to comply with the SC FFI Standards in respect of such announcement?

No. The listed issuer need not comply with the SC FFI Standards. However, the listed issuer must comply with the following obligations instead when it announces its internal targets:

- the requirements on the contents of announcement as set out in paragraph 9.35A of the Main LR and in particular the announcement on its internal target must explain the nature of the internal targets in accordance with paragraph 9.35A(1)(f) of the Main LR;
- the immediate and periodic disclosures must comply with paragraph 9.19(36) of the Main LR and Notes 3(b) and 4 of Appendix 9B of the Main LR; and

- the disclosure must adhere to the Corporate Disclosure Policy prescribed under the Main LR including the requirement that there should not be selective disclosure of the internal targets to the investors, press, analysts or any other parties prior to the release or simultaneous release, of the internal targets through Bursa Link.

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9.04 **Does the “agreement, arrangement, joint venture or collaboration” mentioned in Bursa Securities’ letter dated 4 August 2006 include a project or contract which is in the ordinary course of business?**

Yes. As such, the listed issuer must comply with the obligations stipulated by Bursa Securities vide the letter dated 4 August 2006 in respect of any announcement made in relation to such a project or contract even though it is in the ordinary course of business.

9.05 **Corporation A and Corporation B have entered into an arrangement to acquire shares in Corporation C where Corporation A will take up an equity interest of 60% and the balance 40% will be taken up by Corporation B. Both Corporation A and B are listed on Bursa Securities. The arrangement involved Corporation C being appointed the sole distributor to market products in Malaysia which are produced by Corporation B. The arrangement is neither to bid nor secure a project/contract. Is Corporation A required to comply with Bursa Securities’ letter dated 4 August 2006 in relation to the announcement of this arrangement?**

No. The said directive is only for any “Venture” within the meaning stipulated in letter dated 4 August 2006. An arrangement to acquire securities in another corporation which does not come within the ambit of “Venture” as defined in the letter dated 4 August 2006 would not be subject to the said letter.

Immediate disclosure of material information

9.06 **Is a listed issuer required to make immediate disclosure of a notice of demand issued pursuant to section 466(1)(a) of the Companies Act 2016 (“S. 466 Notice”)?**

There is usually no requirement for an immediate announcement to be made by a listed issuer of a S.466 Notice as this is merely a letter of demand. However, where a S.466 Notice is considered to be material pursuant to paragraph 9.03 of the Main LR based on the facts and circumstances of a particular listed issuer, the listed issuer must make an immediate announcement of the same.

9.07 *Mr. P* was required to despatch certain private and confidential documents pertaining to a material corporate proposal of *X Bhd* which has yet to be announced. *Mr. P* subsequently discovered that the documents were missing under suspicious circumstances and hence, was unable to despatch the same. *Mr. P* immediately reported the matter to *X Bhd*. Is *X Bhd* required to make an immediate disclosure of the corporate proposal?

X Bhd would be required to make an assessment of the circumstances and must make an immediate announcement pursuant to the paragraph 9.06(3) of the Main LR if the suspicious circumstances aforesaid would reasonably lead to the belief that the material information has been inadvertently disclosed. It is to be noted that the illustration provided above is not exhaustive and the circumstances which may cause a listed issuer to believe that material information may have been inadvertently disclosed are varied and subjective on a case to case basis. It may include situations where a listed issuer is of the view that the necessary degree of confidentiality cannot be maintained or suspicious 'leak' of the information by party(ies) privy to the material information have occurred. In such circumstances, the listed issuer would have to make an immediate announcement notwithstanding that there is no unusual market activity or insider trading in the listed issuer's securities or rumours/reports concerning the information.

9.07A What are some of the examples where a listed issuer cannot rely on the exceptional circumstance of "prejudicing the ability of a listed issuer to pursue its corporate objectives" to delay disclosure of material information?

The following are some examples where the listed issuer **cannot** rely on this exceptional circumstance to delay disclosure of material information:

- (a) when there is a material default in a loan by a listed issuer and it is in the process of negotiating with the bank;
- (b) when a listed issuer is involved in a material litigation which adversely impacts the listed issuer; or
- (c) when there is a termination of a material contract and the listed issuer is renegotiating with the counter party.

In the above examples, while disclosure of the information may have an unfavourable impact to the listed issuer, such information is critical for investors to make informed investment decision. In such instances, non-disclosure of the material information is prejudicial to the interest of investors. Hence, announcement of the default, litigation or termination of contract must be made immediately.

9.07B Paragraph 9.05(2) of the Main LR stipulates that disclosure of material information may be temporarily withheld if the facts are in a state of flux and a more appropriate moment for disclosure is imminent. In this regard, what constitutes facts that are in a state of flux?

This refers to information that, although material, is subject to rapid change. If the situation is about to stabilise or resolve itself in the near future, it may be proper to withhold public announcement until a firm announcement may be made, since successive public announcements concerning the same subject but based on changing facts may confuse or mislead the public rather than enlighten it.

As an illustration, a listed issuer is in negotiations for the acquisition of another corporation. In the course of the successful negotiation, the only information known to each party at the outset may be the willingness of the other to hold discussions. Shortly after that, it may become apparent to the parties that it is likely an agreement can be reached. Finally, an agreement in principle is reached on specific terms.

In such circumstances, the listed issuer need not issue a public announcement at each stage of the negotiations to describe the current state of constantly changing facts, but may wait until agreement in principle is reached on specific terms. If, on the other hand, progress in the negotiations should stabilise at some other point, disclosure should then be made if the information is material.

9.07C Can a listed issuer withhold immediate disclosure of material information -

- **due to confidentiality obligations pursuant to the terms of negotiations or agreements; or**
- **where consent is required from the counter party for the disclosure of the terms of the agreements?**

No. A listed issuer must avoid putting itself in a position where it is bound by confidentiality obligations or required to seek consent from the counter party that may defeat its obligation to disclose material information on an immediate basis.

Clarification, confirmation or denial of rumours or reports

9.07D Paragraph 9.10(1)(a) of the Main LR requires a listed issuer to immediately announce a denial or clarification of erroneous rumour or report and take reasonable effort to bring the announcement to the attention of the party that initially distributed such rumour or report. How does the listed issuer comply with taking “reasonable effort to bring the announcement to the attention of the party that initially distributed the erroneous rumour or report”?

The listed issuer may do so by sending a copy of the announcement to such party, for e.g. the newspaper's editor (in the case of an erroneous newspaper article), or the broker responsible for the erroneous market report.

Thorough public dissemination**9.08 Is selective disclosure of material information allowed under the Main LR?**

Pursuant to paragraph 9.08(2) of the Main LR, listed issuers must ensure that under no circumstances disclosure of material information is made on an individual or selective basis to analysts, shareholders, journalists or other persons unless such information has previously been fully disclosed and disseminated to the public.

However, pursuant to paragraph 9.08(3) of the Main LR, under limited circumstances, selective disclosure to such persons where it is necessary towards achieving certain corporate objectives is permitted subject to the requirements in the said paragraph. Hence, disclosure of unpublished material information to solicitors and advisers in undertaking a corporate or due diligence exercise is permitted provided that the strictest confidentiality is imposed and maintained, and the market activity of the listed issuer is closely monitored.

Preparation of announcements – content of press or public announcement

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Prescribed events which require immediate announcement

9.11 A Bhd does not have a chief financial officer. Financial matters fall under the responsibility of its general manager, Mr. X. These matters include signing cheques, monitoring cash flow, financial planning and preparing the financial statements. Mr. X is also responsible for signing the statutory declaration in relation to the accounts of A Bhd. Mr. X has recently resigned from A Bhd. Must A Bhd announce Mr. X's resignation and provide reasons for the resignation in accordance with paragraph 9.19(14A)(b) of the Main LR?

Under paragraph 9.19(14A) of the Main LR, A Bhd is required to announce the cessation of office of its chief financial officer and to include the reasons for such cessation. Paragraph 1.01 of the Main LR further defines “**chief financial officer**” to mean the person primarily responsible for the management of the financial affairs of the corporation (such as record keeping, financial planning and financial reporting) by whatever name called. As Mr. X is primarily responsible for the management of A Bhd's financial affairs, Mr. X would fall within the definition of “**chief financial officer**”. Hence, A Bhd is required to make the relevant announcement under paragraph 9.19(14A)(b) of the Main LR in relation to the resignation of Mr. X.

- 9.12 Listed issuers are required to immediately announce the reasons given for cessation of office of a director¹, chief executive² and chief financial officer³ including but not limited to any information relating to his disagreement with the board and a statement as to whether or not there are any matters that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders. If the reasons for cessation are contentious in nature, for example, where the reasons are defamatory or where there is an existing dispute in relation to the cessation of office, how does a listed issuer ensure compliance with such requirement?**

Listed issuers must adhere to the standard of disclosure set out in paragraph 9.35A under the Main LR. Amongst others, the listed issuers must ensure that its announcement is factual, clear, unambiguous, accurate, succinct and contains sufficient information to enable securities holders and investors to make informed investment decisions. Further, the announcement must be balanced and fair, and does not contain any language which is inflammatory, defamatory or scandalous of another person. In instances where the reasons for cessation of office are contentious in nature, the listed issuer should seek prior legal advice in the preparation of the announcement required.

- 9.13 A director resigns from a listed issuer and does not provide reasons for his resignation. Is the listed issuer still required to provide reasons for the resignation of the director in the announcement under paragraph 9.19(12)(b) of the Main LR?**

Under paragraph 9.19(12)(b), the listed issuer is required to disclose the reasons for the cessation of office of its director. Hence, the listed issuer must engage with the relevant director for the reasons of his resignation.

- 9.14 If a listed issuer's shareholders requisition for the removal of a director or auditor of the listed issuer, is the listed issuer required to disclose the reasons for removal pursuant to the shareholders' requisition, under paragraphs 9.19(12)(b) or 9.19(15) of the Main LR respectively?**

The listed issuer is expected to use its best endeavours to obtain the reasons for such removal from the shareholders making the requisition, and subsequently announce the reasons under paragraphs 9.19(12)(b) or 9.19(15) of the Main LR, as the case may be.

¹ See paragraph 9.19(12)(b) of the Main LR.

² See paragraph 9.19(14)(b) of the Main LR.

³ See paragraph 9.19(14A)(b) of the Main LR.

- 9.15 A chief executive resigns and provides the official reasons for his resignation in his letter to the listed issuer. The listed issuer makes the announcement required under paragraph 9.19(14)(b) of the Main LR. Subsequently, the actual reasons for the resignation of the chief executive surfaced. Will there be any enforcement action taken against the listed issuer in this instance by Bursa Securities?**

In making an announcement, the listed issuer must ensure adherence to the requirements under the Main LR including paragraph 9.35A(1) which requires the listed issuer to make, amongst others, clear, factual and accurate announcements. Where there are discrepancies in the said announcement, Bursa Securities will investigate to see whether the listed issuer has done all that is necessary to ensure factual and accurate disclosure of facts. Additionally, under 9.35A(5) of the Main LR, the listed issuer is required to immediately notify Bursa Securities when it becomes aware that the announcement does not fulfil the requirements of paragraph 9.35A(1) of the Main LR, and do the necessary to rectify the earlier announcement made. If, in the course of Bursa Securities' investigation, it is found that the listed issuer has not taken the necessary steps to ensure accurate and complete disclosure of information, Bursa Securities may take the necessary enforcement action.

- 9.16 Paragraph 9.19(14B) of the Main LR requires a listed issuer to announce any appointment or change in the legal representative(s) with sole powers to represent, exercise rights or enter into binding obligations, on behalf of the listed issuer or its foreign principal subsidiary pursuant to any relevant law applicable to the listed issuer or its foreign principal subsidiary. Who is a legal representative for purposes of paragraph 9.19(14B) of the Main LR?**

As expressly stated in paragraph 9.19A(14B) of the Main LR, a legal representative is a person with sole powers to represent, exercise rights or enter into binding obligations, on behalf of the listed issuer or its foreign principal subsidiary. It is a requirement imposed under the law of the relevant country like China for example which permits the appointment of a legal person who has the sole power to manage and direct the corporation, holds the corporation's common seal and is authorized to perform all acts regarding the general administration of the corporation including executing powers of attorney and any legal transaction on the corporation's behalf. The legal representative however, is separate from the director or senior officers of the listed issuer or its foreign principal subsidiary.

- 9.17 A winding-up petition is served on the subsidiary of a listed issuer. However, the winding-up petition has no financial or operational impact on the listed issuer and the listed issuer forms the view that there is no merit to the winding-up petition. Is the listed issuer still required to make an immediate announcement of the winding-up petition?**

Yes. Pursuant to paragraph 9.19(19) of the Main LR, a listed issuer must make an immediate announcement of any presentation of winding up petition against the listed issuer or any of its subsidiaries or major associated companies irrespective of whether -

- the winding-up has financial or operational impact on the listed issuer;
- the listed issuer is contesting the winding-up petition or forms the view that there is no merit to the winding-up petition; or
- the listed issuer is in negotiation with the petitioner to arrive at a settlement arrangement.

- 9.18 Does a listed issuer need to inform Bursa Securities when a listed issuer wants to utilise the balance of its initial public offerings proceeds which have been allocated for a project as disclosed in the prospectus, for another project?**

Pursuant to paragraph 9.19(32) of the Main LR, a listed issuer must announce to Bursa Securities any change to the utilisation of proceeds raised from issuance of securities (including arising from initial public offerings) that deviates by 5% or more from the total proceeds raised.

- 9.19 *Z Bhd* has disclosed in its prospectus issued for the initial public offering of *Z Bhd* that it expects the gross proceeds from the public issue of approximately RM35million to be fully utilised as set out in column (i) of the table below. Subsequent to the listing of *Z Bhd*, *Z Bhd* decides that it would need to purchase additional equipment and thus, *Z Bhd* would need a total of RM8.15 million towards the purchase of equipment. *Z Bhd* further decides that the additional RM2.15 million would be from its working capital as follows:**

Details of proposed utilisation of proceeds	Proceeds (RM'000) (i)	Revisions to Utilisation (RM'000)	Balance Revised Utilisation (RM'000)
Acquisition of a new factory	5,000	-	5,000
Purchase of equipment	6,000	2,150	8,150
Repayment of bank borrowings	13,000	-	13,000
Working capital	10,000	(2,150)	7,850
Estimated listing expenses	1,000	-	1,000
Total	35,000	-	35,000

Is *Z Bhd* required to make an immediate announcement of these changes to its proposed utilisation of proceeds under paragraph 9.19(32) of the Main LR⁴?

Yes. As *Z Bhd* would now utilise RM8.15 million towards the purchase of equipment, *Z Bhd* would be required to make an immediate announcement of the changes including the deviation in the utilisation of the RM2.15 million which was originally proposed for working capital purposes pursuant to paragraph 9.19(32) of the Main LR. This is because the deviation amounts to more than 5% of the the total proceeds raised:

$$\text{RM2.15 million/RM35 million} \times 100 = 6.14\%.$$

⁴ Paragraph 9.19(32) of the Main LR requires a listed issuer to make immediate announcement on any change to the utilisation of proceeds raised by the listed issuer from the issuance of securities that deviates by 5% or more from the total proceeds raised.

- 9.20** Based on the same facts as in Question Error! Reference source not found. above, would *Z Bhd* be required to make an immediate announcement pursuant to paragraph 9.19(32) of the Main LR notwithstanding that *Z Bhd* has yet to proceed with the purchase of the additional equipment?

Yes, *Z Bhd* would be required to make the immediate announcement pursuant to paragraph 9.19(32) of the Main LR notwithstanding that *Z Bhd* has yet to proceed with the purchase. For purposes of paragraph 9.19(32) of the Main LR, listed issuers would be required to make the announcement once a decision has been made to change the proposed utilization of proceeds which triggers the prescribed 5% threshold and not upon actual implementation of the change.

- 9.21** Paragraph 9.19(36) of the Main LR requires the listed issuer to make an immediate announcement of any circumstances or development which are likely to materially affect the results or outcome of any financial estimate, forecast, projection or internal targets of the listed issuer previously announced or disclosed in a public document. What is the extent of the variation to the results or outcome of the financial estimate, forecast, projection or internal targets that would be considered as “material”?

Bursa Securities does not prescribe a threshold where the variation would be considered “material” for purposes of making the requisite announcement under paragraph 9.19(36) of the Main LR. The variation would be considered material if the information of such variation is reasonably expected to have a material effect on -

- (a) the price, value or market activity of any of the listed issuer’s securities; or
- (b) the decision of a holder of securities of the listed issuer or an investor in determining his choice of action.

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- 9.23A** Under paragraph 9.19(37) of the Main LR, a listed issuer is required to make an immediate announcement of any modified opinion or material uncertainty related to going concern, as contained in the external auditor’s report of its annual audited financial statements. When must the listed issuer make the immediate announcement as required under paragraph 9.19(37) of the Main LR?

If the auditor’s report contains a modified opinion or material uncertainty related to going concern, the listed issuer must immediately announce such modified opinion or material uncertainty related to going concern, as soon as the annual audited financial statements have been approved by its board of directors. The listed issuer should not delay or defer the announcement until the issuance of its annual report.

As an illustration, the listed issuer has a financial year ending 31 December 2016. In the auditor’s report of its annual financial statements, the external auditors have highlighted a material uncertainty related to going concern. Pursuant to paragraph 9.23(1) of the Main LR, the listed issuer must issue its annual report that includes annual audited financial statements together with the auditors’ and directors’ reports, within 4 months from the close of the financial year of the listed issuer i.e. by 30 April 2017. On 17 April 2017, its board of directors approves the annual audited financial statements of the listed issuer. In this regard, the listed issuer must

immediately make the announcement required under paragraph 9.19(37) of the Main LR on 17 April 2017, after the approval of its board of directors for the annual audited financial statements. The listed issuer must not wait until the issuance of its annual report which is targeted on 30 April 2017.

9.23B Under paragraph 9.19(37) of the Main LR, a listed issuer must immediately announce any modified opinion or material uncertainty related to going concern in an external auditors' report. The announcement must set out the full details of such modified opinion or material uncertainty related to going concern and include the following:

- (a) all key audit matters disclosed in the external auditors' report;
- (b) steps taken or proposed to be taken to address those key audit matters that relate to the modified opinion or material uncertainty related to going concern; and
- (c) the timeline for the steps referred to in sub-paragraph (b) above.

What is a listed issuer expected to disclose under paragraphs 9.19(37)(a) and (b) of the Main LR respectively?

In announcing "*all key audit matters disclosed in the external auditors' report*" pursuant to paragraph 9.19(37)(a) of the Main LR, the listed issuer must state -

- (i) those matters giving rise to a modified opinion in accordance with ISA 705 (Revised), or a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the listed issuer's ability to continue as a going concern in accordance with ISA 570 (Revised), as described in the "**Basis for Qualified (Adverse) Opinion**" or the "**Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern**" section of the external auditor's report; and
- (ii) those matters that, in the auditor's professional judgment, were of most significance in the audit of its financial statements for the reporting period, as described in the "**Key Audit Matters**" section of the external auditor's report.

On the other hand, in the announcement pursuant to paragraph 9.19(37)(b) of the Main LR, the listed issuer will only be required to state the steps taken or proposed to be taken to address those matters set out in paragraph (i) above.

9.24 Paragraph 9.19(46) of the Main LR requires an immediate announcement of any valuation which has been conducted on the non-current assets of the group, where the revaluation surplus or deficit will be incorporated in the financial statements of the listed issuer. Would this include valuation of the listed issuer's investment in subsidiaries?

No. For purposes of paragraph 9.19(46) of the Main LR, the valuation is only in respect of the non-current assets of the group and thus, it would not include valuation of the listed issuer's investment in subsidiaries.

- 9.25** Paragraph 9.19(47) of the Main LR requires a listed issuer to make an immediate announcement of any material development to corporate proposals previously announced. What will be considered “corporate proposals” under paragraph 9.19(47) of the Main LR?

“**Corporate proposals**” for purposes of paragraph 9.19(47) of the Main LR refers to any proposals, transactions, arrangements or exercises by a listed issuer. Corporate proposals include but are not limited to capital raising exercises, transactions, rights issue, bonus issue, capital consolidation, scheme of arrangement, compromise, amalgamation capital reduction, capital repayment and employee share schemes.

Disclosure of information to the Exchange – ETFs

- 9.25A** Under paragraph 9.46(1)(a) of the Main LR, a management company of an ETF must make available on the Exchange, the indicative optimised portfolio value (“IOPV”) per unit of the ETF on real-time basis or within such time as may be allowed under the SC’s Guidelines on Exchange-Traded Funds. How can the IOPV be made available on the Exchange pursuant to this requirement?

The manner in which the IOPV can be made available on the Exchange includes, among others, publishing the real time IOPV on the Exchange’s website or announcing to the Exchange the link to the website of the ETF or an appointed third-party service provider where the real time IOPV can be accessed.

Prescribed events which require immediate announcement – business trust

- 9.26** Paragraph 9.53(1)(f) of the Main LR requires a trustee-manager to immediately announce any material modification to the deed. How does the trustee-manager determine whether a modification is material or otherwise?

In assessing whether the modification is material, the trustee-manager should apply the materiality test as set out in paragraph 9.03 of the Main LR.

Immediate disclosure requirements – dealings in quoted securities

- 9.27** For the purpose of paragraph 9.20 of the Main LR, is a listed issuer only required to aggregate the purchases or sales of the quoted securities of a particular corporation?

No. Pursuant to paragraph 9.20 of the Main LR, a listed issuer is required to aggregate all purchases or sales of quoted securities respectively within the preceding 12 months excluding such purchases or sale which has been previously announced.

9.28 Website

- (a) Under the Main LR, paragraph 9.21 mandates a listed issuer to have its own website. Is there a timeframe prescribed by Bursa Securities for the listed issuer to set up its website?

A listed issuer must have its own website by 3 August 2009 when the Main LR takes effect.

(b) Is a listed issuer required to comply with a prescribed minimum content in respect of its website?

No. However, a listed issuer must publish on its website all announcements made to Bursa Securities. Further, the listed issuer must ensure that the website is current, informative and contains all information which may be relevant to the listed issuer's shareholders including analyst's briefings.

(c) When is a listed issuer required to publish announcements on its website?

A listed issuer is required to publish announcements made to Bursa Securities on its website as soon as practicable after such announcements are released on Bursa Securities' website. The listed issuer must not publish any announcements on its website before the same is released by Bursa Securities.

(d) Paragraph 9.21(3) of the Main LR requires a listed issuer to ensure that its website contains the email address, name(s) of designated person(s) and their contact numbers to enable the public to forward queries to the listed issuer. What are the queries envisaged by this requirement and must the listed issuer answer all queries?

This requirement is imposed to enable a listed issuer to improve the investor relations with its stakeholders, especially the shareholders. Hence, a shareholder may forward any query to its listed issuer. The listed issuer should use its best endeavours to respond to the queries.

(e) Paragraph 9.21(2) of the Main LR requires every listed issuer to publish on its website all announcements made to the Exchange pursuant to the Main LR. How long must a listed issuer maintain such announcements on its website?

The Main LR does not prescribe the duration for such announcements to be maintained on a listed issuer's website. The listed issuer may exercise its discretion on how long it will maintain its announcements on its website. In any event, a listed issuer should ensure that its website is current, informative and contain all information which may be relevant to its shareholders, as provided under paragraph 9.21(4) of the Main LR.

(f) Can a listed issuer provide a link in its website that enables its announcements that are posted on Bursa Securities' website to be similarly made available on its website?

Yes, a listed issuer may do so only if it procures Bursa Malaysia's approval and enters into an agreement with Bursa Malaysia. This is to avoid any issue of copyright infringement by such listed issuer. Further, the listed issuer must ensure that the link will enable announcements to be viewed seamlessly as part of the listed issuer's web pages. The listed issuer may contact Bursa Malaysia's Information Services Division for further details on such arrangements.

(g) Can a group of companies share one website?

Yes, provided that each listed issuer within the group has its own distinctive and designated webpages and shareholders are able to retrieve the information on each of their listed issuers easily. In short, the listed issuers within the group must each ensure compliance of its webpages within the shared website with paragraph 9.21 of the Main LR.

Publication of certain information in annual reports on the listed issuer's website**9.29 What information set out in Part A of Appendix 9C which may be published on the listed issuer's website pursuant to paragraph 9.25(1) of the Main LR?**

Under paragraph 9.25(1) of the Main LR, a listed issuer may publish information set out in Part A of Appendix 9C which has been **previously announced or disclosed to shareholders pursuant to these Requirements, or remains substantially unchanged from year to year ("said information")** provided that the listed issuer discloses in the annual report, the address of its website and the place on its website where the information can be accessed. The said information may include -

- (a) list of material properties;
- (b) profile of directors, chief executive and key senior management;
- (c) material contracts and loans involving the interest of directors, chief executive who is not a director and major shareholders; and
- (d) terms of references, policies and processes of board committees.

9.29A Can a collective investment scheme or business trust publish the information required to be included in its annual report, on its website?

Yes, a collective investment scheme or business trust can do so provided the following conditions in paragraph 9.25(1) of the Main LR are complied with:

- (a) the information has been previously announced or disclosed to unit holders or shareholders pursuant to the Main LR, or remains substantially unchanged from year to year;
- (b) the collective investment scheme or business trust publishes such information on its website; and
- (c) the collective investment scheme or business trust discloses in the annual report, the address of its website and the place on its website where the information can be accessed.

9.30 Is the listed issuer required to update the said information published on its website from time to time?

Yes, the listed issuer must update the said information as and when there is a material change to the information. The listed issuer must also ensure that it complies with following requirements of the Main LR:

- (a) paragraph 9.21 which, among others, provide that a listed issuer should ensure that its website is current, informative and contains all information relevant to the listed issuer's shareholders; and
- (b) paragraph 2.18 which requires a listed issuer to ensure that any application, proposal, statement, information or document presented, submitted or disclosed pursuant to Main LR is –
 - clear, unambiguous and accurate;
 - does not contain any material omission; and
 - is not false or misleading.

Publication of summary of key matters discussed at annual general meetings on the listed issuer's website**9.30A What should be covered under the summary of key matters discussed at the annual general meetings which a listed issuer must publish on its website pursuant to paragraph 9.21(2)(b) of the Main LR?**

The summary of the key matters discussed at the annual general meeting which must be published on the listed issuer's website should include a summary of the discussions or explanations on the matters set out in the agenda, substantial or pertinent comments or queries from shareholders relating to the agenda and responses from the board and management.

Issuance of annual report in electronic format

9.31 [Deleted]

Periodic disclosures – quarterly report**9.32 If a listed issuer changes its financial year end which results in a change to the periods to be covered by the quarterly report, how would the listed issuer determine such periods?**

Paragraph 9.22(3) of the Main LR states that a listed issuer must consult Bursa Securities to determine the period to be covered by the quarterly reports if there is a change of financial year end.

- 9.33 Does a listed issuer have to provide the selected explanatory notes in the same sequence as provided in paragraph 16 of FRS 134 on Interim Financial Reporting in the quarterly report? How should the listed issuer disclose the additional information required under Appendix 9B of the Main LR?**

The listed issuer is not required to disclose the selected explanatory notes in the same sequence as paragraph 16 of FRS 134. However, the listed issuer is encouraged to disclose information required under FRS 134 first and then followed by those required by Appendix 9B of the Main LR.

- 9.34 If any one of the notes required under FRS 134 and/or Appendix 9B of the Main LR is not applicable to the listed issuer, does the listed issuer have to state specifically that the particular note is not applicable?**

If a particular note is not applicable to the listed issuer, then the listed issuer is encouraged to state specifically that the particular note is not applicable.

- 9.35 Paragraph 1 in Appendix 9B of the Main LR now requires a listed issuer to disclose a detailed analysis of the performance of all operating segments of the group setting out the material factors affecting the earnings and/or revenue of each segment for the current quarter and financial year-to-date. What is the extent of information required to be disclosed that would be considered as a “detailed analysis”?**

In making the disclosure of a detailed analysis, a listed issuer must comment on the performance of each of its business activity (as segmented in the annual report) and the factors that resulted in the revenue or profits improving or declining as compared to the corresponding period. In this regard, the listed issuer’s board of directors should discuss, among others, the following factors:

- (a) the market condition and demand for its goods and services;
- (b) the level of its operating activities;
- (c) the factors or circumstances affecting the changes to the revenue, costs and profit margin of each business activity or segment;
- (d) any unusual or one-off gains/losses affecting the revenue or profit; or
- (e) any other information which can provide a better understanding of the listed issuer’s performance.

A general statement that the revenue and profit for the period has increased or decreased by a certain percentage without any elaboration of the above factors is not acceptable.

9.36 To what extent must a listed issuer's board of directors comment on the listed issuer's prospects in the quarterly report pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Appendix 9B of the Main LR⁵?

In commenting on the listed issuer's prospects under paragraph 3 of Appendix 9B of the Main LR, the board of directors must discuss in detail the prospects on each segmented activities and the material factors that are likely to influence the listed issuer's prospects for the remaining period of the financial year. The commentary should include -

- (a) the prospects of each of the group's business segments, including contracts at hand, tender book value, competitive challenges, customers' trend and supply constraint;
- (b) significant changes in raw material costs and selling prices affecting demand and profit margins;
- (c) financial impact arising from currency fluctuation and steps taken to mitigate such fluctuation;
- (d) changes in product or service mix and their impact on profit margin;
- (e) financial impact from recently completed acquisition, disposal or merger;
- (f) new regulations or rules which may affect the group's operating activities; or
- (g) any changes in business direction or new development of the group which may have an impact on the prospects of any business segment.

A general statement such as the board is optimistic of achieving better performance for the financial year or the board expects the group's results for the remaining period to be profitable, without discussing the above matters is not acceptable.

9.37 Listed issuers are now required to disclose, on a quarterly basis, the details of major components on their operating, investing and financing activities in their statement of cash flows pursuant to paragraph 17 in Appendix 9B of the Main LR. How should the listed issuers make the additional disclosures in their statement of cash flows?

In making the additional disclosures required under paragraph 17 in Appendix 9B of the Main LR, listed issuers should provide the following details:

- (a) The details in respect of the operating activities may include –
 - receipts from customers
 - payments to suppliers, contractors and employees
 - interest paid
 - payment of income taxes

⁵ Paragraph 3 of Appendix 9B of the Main LR, among others, requires a listed issuer to provide in its quarterly report, a commentary on the prospects, including the factors that are likely to influence the listed issuer's prospects for the remaining period to the end of the financial year or the next financial year if the reporting period is the last quarter.

Total Cash Flow from/(used in) operating activities

- (b) The details in respect of the investing activities may include –
- purchase of property, plant and equipment
 - disposal of property, plant and equipment
 - payment of intangible assets
 - acquisition of investments
 - disposal of investments
 - advances to associates/jointly controlled entities
 - repayment of advances from associates/jointly controlled entities
 - interest received

Total Cash Flow from/(used in) investing activities

- (c) The details in respect of the financing activities may include –
- dividend paid to equity holders
 - proceeds from borrowings
 - repayment of borrowings
 - proceeds from rights issue

Total Cash Flow from/(used in) financing activities**9.38 Is the management company of a REIT required to give quarterly reports pertaining to the REIT to Bursa Securities for public release?**

Yes, the management company of a REIT must give quarterly reports of the REIT for each of the first 3 quarters of its financial year, to Bursa Securities for public release, as soon as the figures are available, and in any event not later than 2 months after the quarter ends as required under paragraph 9.44 of the Main LR respectively. However, the management company of a REIT need not submit any quarterly report for the last quarter of its financial year.

9.39 Is a SPAC required to give Bursa Securities an interim financial report on a quarterly basis in accordance with paragraph 9.22 of the Main LR?

No. Pursuant to paragraph 9.51 of the Main LR, a SPAC need not comply with paragraph 9.22 of the Main LR. A SPAC is only required to announce to Bursa Securities its interim unaudited or audited financial report within 2 months after the close of the SPAC's half financial year.

Timeframe for issuance of annual report

9.40 Paragraph 9.23 of the Main LR in relation to the timeframe for issuance of annual reports has been amended to be implemented in phases in the following manner:

- annual reports for financial years ending on or after 31 December 2014 must be issued to Bursa Securities and shareholders within 5 months from the close of the financial year end (“Phase 1 Requirements”); and
- annual reports for financial years ending on or after 31 December 2015 must be issued to Bursa Securities and shareholders within 4 months from the close of the financial year end, and the separate announcement of the annual audited financial statements can be dispensed with (“Phase 2 Requirements”).

ABC Berhad’s financial year end (“FYE”) falls on 31 December. Is ABC Berhad still required to announce its annual audited financial statements to the Bursa Securities?

ABC Berhad is still required to announce its annual audited financial statements for FYE 31 December 2014 by 30 April 2015 under the Phase 1 Requirements. However, it is not required to announce its annual audited financial statements for FYE 31 December 2015 and the subsequent financial years after 31 December 2015 when the Phase 2 Requirements become effective as its annual reports issued within 4 months for those financial years would already include its annual audited financial statements, directors’ and auditors’ reports.

9.40A *XYZ Bhd’s financial year end (“FYE”) falls on 31 March 2016. Prior to 31 December 2015, XYZ Bhd has been –*

- holding its annual general meeting within 6 months from the close of its financial year (i.e. in September); and
- including the notice convening the annual general meeting and proxy forms in its annual report, and forwarding them together to shareholders.

Pursuant to the Phase 2 Requirements, *XYZ Bhd* is required to issue its annual report that includes the annual audited financial statements together with the auditors’ and directors’ reports, to the Exchange and shareholders by July 2016 (i.e. 4 months from the close of its financial year end).

(a) Does this mean that *XYZ Bhd* is also required to convene its annual general meeting within the shorter timeframe?

The Main LR does not prescribe when a listed issuer must convene its annual general meeting. Hence, it is up to *XYZ Bhd* to determine when it should convene its annual general meeting so long as it complies with the relevant requirements of the Companies Act 2016.

- (b) Assuming that *XYZ Bhd* convenes its annual general meeting in September 2016, can *XYZ Bhd* send the notice convening the annual general meeting and the proxy forms separately from the annual report?

As the annual general meeting will only be held in September 2016, *XYZ Bhd* may send out the notice convening the annual general meeting and the proxy forms separately from the annual report so long as it complies with the relevant requirements of the Companies Act 2016.

Issuance of interim audited financial statements

- 9.40B Pursuant to paragraph 9.23A of the Main LR, what are the instances where Bursa Securities may not require the issuance of interim audited financial statements if a listed issuer extends its financial year end (“FYE”) to beyond 18 months from the last financial year end?**

Amongst the instances where Bursa Securities may not require a listed issuer to issue an interim audited financial statement are when the change in FYE is to –

- (i) coincide with the financial year of the listed issuer’s holding company pursuant to section 247 of the Companies Act 2016; or
- (ii) allow a listed issuer to undergo a corporate restructuring exercise involving merger or acquisition.

Periodic disclosures – annual report

- 9.41 Pursuant to paragraph 9.25(1) of the Main LR, a listed issuer must set out separately in its annual report, the items set out in Part A of Appendix 9C of the Main LR (hereinafter referred as “Appendix 9C”). Does the listed issuer have to provide a negative statement if a particular item contained in Appendix 9C is not applicable to the listed issuer?**

No, the listed issuer does not have to provide a negative statement if a particular item in Appendix 9C is not applicable to the listed issuer except where it is expressly required under Appendix 9C, namely items (18)(b), (21) and (29) of Appendix 9C.

- 9.42 What is the definition of “family” relationship as stated in items (3)(f), (4)(f) and (4A)(e) of Appendix 9C?**

“Family” relationship shall have the same meaning as assigned to “family” under paragraph 1.01 of the Main LR.

9.43 What is the definition of “conflict of interest” as stated in paragraphs (3)(g), (4)(g) and (4A)(f) in Part A, paragraph 1(c) in Part B, and paragraph 3(c) in Parts C, E and F, of Appendix 9C of the Main LR?

A listed issuer may refer to the Issuers Communication Note No 1/2023 - Guidance on Conflict of Interest issued by Bursa Securities for guidance on complying with the enhanced disclosures on conflict of interest under the Main LR. Among others, the Issuers Communication Note No. 1/2023 highlights some key considerations and guiding principles in determining situations of conflict of interest, potential conflict of interest and interest in competing business, as well as examples and illustrations, as reference.

The Issuers Communication Note No 1/2023 - Guidance on Conflict of Interest is available at https://www.bursamalaysia.com/regulation/communication_notes_guides.

9.44 [Deleted]

9.45 What is the definition of “relevant regulatory bodies” referred to in items (3)(h), 4(h) and 4A(g) of Appendix 9C?

“Relevant regulatory bodies” refers to any regulator that regulates a listed issuer or its subsidiaries or any authority or organisation which regulates the business activity of a listed issuer or its subsidiaries. This includes Bursa Securities, the SC, Bank Negara Malaysia, the Companies Commission of Malaysia, the Employees Provident Fund, the Inland Revenue Board, the Department of Environment and the local municipal councils.

9.46 Pursuant to item (18)(b) of Appendix 9C, are listed issuers required to disclose non-audit fees paid to corporations which are owned by the external auditors i.e. the partners of the auditing firm?

Yes, pursuant to item (18)(b) of Appendix 9C, listed issuers are required to disclose non-audit fees paid to corporations owned by the external auditors of the listed issuers.

9.47 What is considered as “non-audit fees” pursuant to item (18)(b) of Appendix 9C?

“Non-audit fees” would encompass any fees paid for services rendered to the listed issuer or its subsidiaries other than for statutory auditing work. An example would be consultancy services.

9.47A Pursuant to item 18(b) of Appendix 9C, listed issuers are required to set out in their annual reports, the details on the nature of the services rendered by the external auditors if the non-audit fees incurred were significant. For this purpose, what is regarded as “significant” non-audit fees?

In determining what could be regarded as “significant” non-audit fees, listed issuers should consider the amount of non-audit fees incurred compared to the amount of audit fees paid. Generally, if the non-audit fees constitute 50% of the total amount of audit fees paid to their external auditors, then such non-audit fees are regarded as significant.

- 9.48 Pursuant to items (3)(h), (4)(h) and (4A)(g) of Appendix 9C, listed issuers are required to set out in their annual report the particulars of the directors, chief executive and key senior management respectively including the list of convictions for offences within the past 5 years other than traffic offences, if any. What is regarded as “convicted of an offence”?**

“Convicted of an offence” includes any finding of guilt or any order involving any finding of guilt by any court of competent authority in Malaysia or outside Malaysia in relation to any act or omission punishable under criminal law.

- 9.49 In relation to the statement on internal audit function as required under item (30) of Part A, Appendix 9C, where should such statement be located in the annual report?**

There is no specific requirement for the location of the internal audit statement as long as the statement is clear and contains the information required.

- 9.50 In relation to item (30) of Appendix 9C, when the internal audit is conducted in-house, should the cost be disclosed?**

Yes, the cost is to be disclosed regardless of whether the internal audit function is performed in-house or outsourced. Such cost should include all costs involved in performing the internal audit function.

Disclosure of Sustainability Statement in Annual Report

- 9.51 For a corporation that is listed on the Main Market of Bursa Securities after 31 December 2015, how does it determine its market capitalisation for purposes of ascertaining the effective date for such corporation to make a Sustainability Statement in its annual report as stipulated in Notes 1 and 2 to Part III of Practice Note 9?**

The market capitalisation of such corporation is determined based on the offer or issue price of its securities as set out in the prospectus for its initial public offering.

- 9.51A XYZ Berhad has a market capitalization of below RM2 billion as at 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2016. If XYZ Berhad voluntarily makes a Sustainability Statement in its annual report issued for the financial year ending on 31 December 2016, is XYZ Berhad still required to provide a description of its and its subsidiaries’ corporate social responsibility activities or practices, in its annual report issued for the financial year ending on 31 December 2016?**

No. As clarified under Note 5 to Part III of Practice Note 9, XYZ Berhad is not required to provide a description of its and its subsidiaries’ corporate social responsibility activities or practices, if it has made a Sustainability Statement in its annual report issued for the financial year ending on 31 December 2016.

9.51B Is it mandatory for a listed issuer to comply with the Sustainability Reporting Guide issued by the Exchange when it prepares its Sustainability Statement?

No. As stated under paragraph 6.1 of Practice Note 9, a listed issuer is only **encouraged as a best practice** to refer to the Sustainability Reporting Guide when preparing its Sustainability Statement. Whilst adherence to the Sustainability Reporting Guide is voluntary, the Exchange would strongly encourage listed issuers to refer to the Sustainability Reporting Guide, to the extent possible, when preparing their Sustainability Statement.

9.51C Can a listed issuer issue a standalone Sustainability Statement separately from its annual report?

Yes, the listed issuer may do so provided that the standalone Sustainability Statement –

- (a) complies with paragraphs 6.1 to 6.3 of Practice Note 9 of the Main LR or is prepared in accordance with the GRI Sustainability Reporting Guidelines; and
- (b) is issued concurrently with the annual report.

9.51D Assuming that a listed issuer chooses to issue a standalone Sustainability Statement that satisfies the requirements in Question 9.51C above, must the listed issuer send a hard copy of the standalone Sustainability Statement to its shareholders who request for a hardcopy of the annual report?

Yes. As the standalone Sustainability Statement forms part of the annual report, the listed issuer must send a hard copy of the standalone Sustainability Statement together with its annual report to its shareholder who has requested for a hard copy of the annual report.

Contents of annual report of a business trust**9.52 Paragraph 5 in Part C, Appendix 9C prescribes that the annual report of a business trust must include the details of fees paid to the trustee-manager for the financial year. What are the details that should be disclosed?**

The details that should be disclosed include, among others, the breakdown of the fees payable to the trustee-manager such as management fee, trustee fee or performance fee, the rate payable, the frequency of payment and whether such fees are paid in cash or in kind.

9.53 Paragraph 7(b)(iv) in Part C, Appendix 9C of the Main LR prescribes that the annual report of the business trust must include the disclosure of the manager's fee to average total asset ratio together with any other ratios that may be appropriate for the specific business of the business trust in its 5 year financial highlights. What are the other ratios envisaged under this requirement?

This may include management fee to operating cash flow ratio.

Statutory declaration in relation to accounts

9.53A It is noted that the requirements in paragraph 9.27 of the Main LR apply to a person signing the statutory declaration pursuant to any guidelines issued by the SC under section 377 of the CMSA. Who is the signatory referred to?

The signatory referred to is the director of the management company or trustee-manager, or person primarily responsible for the financial management of the collective investment scheme or business trust, as the case may be, who may sign the statutory declaration accompanying the audited financial statements pursuant to the relevant guidelines issued by the SC under section 377 of the CMSA.

Periodic reports of ETFs

9.53B Under the Main LR, the management company of an ETF must include information pertaining to Securities Transactions⁶ undertaken by the ETF in its semi-annual report⁷ and annual report⁸. Among others, the management company must disclose the amount of the securities involved in the Securities Transactions as a proportion of the total net asset value of the ETF. What is meant by “amount of securities involved in the Securities Transactions”?

The term refers to the amount of securities lent pursuant to an SBL Negotiated Transaction or Bursa SBL Transaction, or the amount of securities sold pursuant to an ISSBNT Negotiated Transaction.

9.53C Are there any other requirements, apart from the Main LR, that a management company of an ETF must comply with when preparing the ETF’s annual report?

In addition to paragraph 9.49 and Part F of Appendix 9C of the Main LR, the management company must also comply with the requirements in Chapter 12 and Schedule C of the SC’s Guidelines on Exchange-Traded Funds.

⁶ This is defined in paragraph 9.01(5)(c) of the Main LR to mean the following transactions conducted pursuant to the Rules of Bursa Malaysia Securities Clearing Sdn. Bhd:

- (a) securities lending under the SBL Negotiated Transaction or Bursa SBL Transaction; or
- (b) securities selling under the ISSBNT Negotiated Transaction.

⁷ See paragraph 5, Part E of Appendix 9B of the Main LR.

⁸ See paragraph 8, Part F of Appendix 9C of the Main LR.

Circulars and other requirements

- 9.54 Paragraph 9.30(2)(c) of the Main LR provides that the obligation on a listed issuer or offeror in an offer for sale of listed securities to submit a draft copy of all circulars and other documents proposed to be sent to the holders of the listed securities, does not apply, amongst others, to any document that is not prepared by the listed issuer or its advisers on its behalf. What are examples of such documents?**

Examples of documents that have not been prepared by the listed issuer or its adviser on its behalf, include amongst others, representations made by directors to the listed issuer pursuant to section 207(3) of the Companies Act 2016 and notices issued by trustees to bondholders pursuant to the provisions of a trust deed.

- 9.55 What are the main obligations of a listed issuer or the adviser in respect of the Exempt Circulars given that such circulars will not be perused by Bursa Securities?**

Pursuant to paragraph 3.0 of Practice Note 18, the Exempt Circulars must include a statement that Bursa Securities has not perused the circular before its issuance. Further, pursuant to paragraph 9.35 of the Main LR, a listed issuer must submit the requisite number of copies of the Exempt Circulars to Bursa Securities together with a checklist showing compliance with the relevant parts of the Main LR immediately upon issuance of the Exempt Circulars to securities holders. The listed issuer, its directors or adviser must also ensure that the Exempt Circulars comply with the Main LR, including the standard of disclosure prescribed in paragraph 9.35A of the Main LR and the prescribed minimum contents, if any, failing which, Bursa Securities may take enforcement action against the listed issuer, its directors and/or adviser.

- 9.56 What are the areas that Bursa Securities will focus on in respect of the Limited Review Circulars?**

In conducting a limited review, Bursa Securities will only focus on key disclosure areas and not the entire circular. However, Bursa Securities may conduct a full review in circumstances where it deems fit. In any event, listed issuers, their directors and/or advisers must ensure the accuracy and completeness of the Limited Review Circulars pursuant to paragraph 9.35A of the Main LR.

Others – Default in Payment

- 9.57 Paragraph 9.19A(1) of the Main LR among others, requires a listed issuer to immediately announce any default in payment of either interest or principal sums, or both, in respect of debt securities (whether listed or unlisted on Bursa Securities) by the listed issuer. In this regard, what would constitute a default in payment in respect of debt securities?**

Default in payments in respect of debt securities includes -

- (a) default in payments of the interest or principal sum or both in respect of loan stocks or bonds;
- (b) default in payments under a debenture.

- 9.58 Does a listed issuer have to make an immediate announcement when its 49% associated company defaults in payment of either interest or principal sums but the associated company's bankers do not issue any notices/demand letter?**

Pursuant to paragraph 9.19A(1)(b) of the Main LR, any such default in payments (as envisaged in the loan/credit facility agreement) including by an associated company of a listed issuer which is material (i.e. vis-à-vis the group) would require immediate announcement irrespective of whether a notice or demand has been issued by the bankers.

- 9.59 With effect from 27 January 2015, Practice Note 1 will be deleted from the Main LR and the requirements relating to default in payment will be set out in paragraph 9.19A of the Main LR instead.**

- (a) *DEF Bhd*, a listed issuer, triggers the criteria for default in payment on 30 January 2015. Which template under Bursa LINK should *DEF Bhd* use to make the immediate announcement and monthly status updates required under paragraph 9.19A of the Main LR?**

DEF Bhd must make the required immediate announcement and monthly status updates in the “**General Announcement**” template under the main keyword “**Others**” in the “Subject” column. There will no longer be any sub keyword in the “Subject” column for a default in payment announcement.

- (b) If *DEF Bhd* triggered the criteria for default in payment under Practice Note 1 on 15 January 2015 which was announced by *DEF Bhd* on the same date, which template under Bursa LINK should *DEF Bhd* use to make the announcement of the default in payment as well as the monthly status updates?**

DEF Bhd must make the required immediate announcement and monthly status updates in the following manner:

- (i) the announcement of the default in payment on 15 January 2015 should be made in the “**General Announcement**” template under the main keyword “**Practice Note 1/Guidance Note 5**” and sub keyword “**New Default**” in the “Subject” column; and
- (ii) the announcement of the monthly status update in February 2015 and thereafter should be made in the “**General Announcement**” template under the main keyword “**Others**” in the “Subject” column. There will no longer be any sub keyword in the “Subject” column for the monthly status update announcement.

9.60 *A Berhad's* net assets based on the latest published or announced financial statements is RM100 million. *A Berhad* has procured a credit facility of RM8 million from a bank and has withdrawn RM5 million from the facility as at 30 August 2009. On 30 August 2009, *A Berhad* defaults in the repayment of a monthly installment of RM100,000. As a result, the bank recalls the credit facility and demanded that *A Berhad* repays the bank the total outstanding sum due and owing under the credit facility amounting to RM5 million.

In this case, what is the “total amount outstanding of the defaulted credit facility” referred to in paragraph 9.19A(1)(a) of the Main LR in determining whether *A Berhad* is required to announce the default under paragraph 9.19A of the Main LR?

The “total amount outstanding of the defaulted credit facility” referred to in paragraph 9.19A(1)(a) of the Main LR is the total outstanding sum due and owing under the credit facility when the bank issued the demand, i.e. RM5 million.

9.61 The facts of the matter are as follows:

- *X Berhad* has a financial year end on 31 December.
- *X Berhad's* net assets as at 30 June 2015, based on its latest financial statements published on 30 July 2015 is RM250 million.
- In 2015, *X Berhad* had defaulted in the following payments of its credit facilities/debt securities:

Date	Default in payments	Total Amount Outstanding (RM'000)
31 July 2015	Default in repayment of loan instalments to <i>Bank A</i> (“Default 1”)	10,000
21 August 2015	Default in payment of interests due to bond holders which had become due and payable (“Default 2”)	4,000

Based on the facts above, is *X Berhad* required to immediately announce each default in payment pursuant to paragraph 9.19A of the Main LR?

Under paragraph 9.19A(1)(a) of the Main LR, a listed issuer must immediately announce any default in payment where the total amount outstanding either **singly or collectively** is 5% or more of the net assets of the listed issuer based on the latest published or announced financial statements. In this regard, the table below clarifies the immediate announcement obligation of *X Berhad* as required under paragraph 9.19A(1)(a) of the Main LR:

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[Questions & Answers]

Date	Default in Payments	Total Amount Outstanding (RM'000)	Immediate Announcement Required?
31 July 2015	Default 1	10,000	No as total amount outstanding of Default 1 is only 4% of the net assets.
21 August 2015	Default 1 (which is still outstanding) and Default 2	14,000	Yes as the total amount outstanding of Default 1 and Default 2 are collectively 5.6% of the net assets.

9.62 The facts of the matter are as follows:

- *X Berhad* has a financial year end on 31 December.
- *X Berhad's* net assets as at 30 June 2015, based on its latest financial statements published on 30 July 2015 is RM250 million.
- *X Berhad's* net assets as at 30 September 2015, based on its latest financial statements published on 23 November 2015 is RM200 million.
- In 2015, *X Berhad* had defaulted in the following payments of its credit facilities/debt securities:

Date	Default in payments	Total Amount Outstanding (RM'000)
31 July 2015	Default in repayment of loan instalments to <i>Bank A</i> ("Default 1")	10,000
21 August 2015	Default in payment of interests due to bond holders which had become due and payable ("Default 2")	1,500

Based on the facts above, is *X Berhad* required to immediately announce each default in payment pursuant to paragraph 9.19A of the Main LR?

The table below clarifies the immediate announcement obligation of *X Berhad* as required under paragraph 9.19A(1)(a) of the Main LR:

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[Questions & Answers]**

Date	Default in Payments	Total Amount Outstanding (RM'000)	Immediate Announcement Required?
31 July 2015	Default 1	10,000	No as total amount outstanding of Default 1 is only 4% of the net assets as at 30 July 2015.
21 August 2015	Default 1 (which is still outstanding) and Default 2	11,500	No as the total amount outstanding of Default 1 and Default 2 are collectively only 4.6% of the net assets as at 30 July 2015.
23 November 2015	Default 1 and Default 2 (which are still outstanding)	11,500	Yes as the total amount outstanding of Default 1 and Default 2 are collectively 5.75% of the net assets as at 23 November 2015.

- 9.63 If a listed issuer, its major subsidiary or major associated company commits a default in payment pursuant to paragraph 9.19A of the Main LR, when does the listed issuer have to furnish a statement of solvency declaration to Bursa Securities?**

The statement of solvency declaration duly executed by the board of directors of the listed issuer must be submitted via fax and mail to the Head of Listing, Bursa Securities within 3 market days from the date of the announcement on the default in payment pursuant to paragraph 9.19A of the Main LR.

- 9.64 If a listed issuer has negative net assets, how should the listed issuer determine how material a default in payment is for the purpose of making an announcement under the Main LR?**

Where a listed issuer has negative net assets, any amount in default will be considered as material pursuant to paragraph 9.19A(2) of the Main LR and the listed issuer must announce any amount in default.

Disclosure requirements for MOG listed issuers

9.65 A MOG listed issuer is required to provide a summary of Reserves or Resources at the end of the financial year, including an update, if any, and a comparison with the Reserves or Resources reported in the previous year, in its annual report. Must the summary of Reserves or Resources be supported by a separate independent competent person's report?

No, the MOG listed issuer may exercise its discretion on whether the engagement of a separate independent competent person is necessary for such purpose.

9.66 Pursuant to paragraphs 6.2 of Practice Note 32 of the Main LR, if a MOG listed issuer makes an immediate announcement relating to material exploration results, material discovery of new Reserves or Resources or material change to Reserves or Resources, it is required to publish a copy of the competent person's report on its website and make available a copy of such report for inspection at its registered office.

(a) When is the MOG listed issuer required to publish the competent person's report on its website and make available a copy of such report for inspection at its registered office?

The MOG listed issuer must do so immediately after the competent person's report is available and as soon as practicable from the date of such immediate announcement.

(b) Must the competent person who prepares the competent person's report be an external party?

No. For purposes of immediate announcements, the competent person may be an in-house expert. However, the competent person must meet the requirements as stipulated in Appendix 5 of the SC's Equity Guidelines.

Listed REITs and ETFs with waqf feature

9.67 What is considered a change to the waqf arrangement which warrants an immediate announcement under paragraphs 9.43(1)(q)(ii) and 9.47(1)(n)(ii) of the Main LR?

Details of the *waqf* arrangement are disclosed in the prospectus, disclosure document, information memorandum or product highlights sheet ("**disclosure documents**"). Hence, any change to the details of the *waqf* arrangement as set out in the disclosure documents must be immediately announced and they may include the following:

- (i) changes to the distribution policy such as the amount and percentage of the distributions to be channelled for *waqf* purposes;
- (ii) changes to the *waqf* initiatives such as the identified projects or sectors to which the *waqf* distributions will be channelled; and
- (iii) changes to the *waqf* recipient(s), the policies and processes relating to the selection of the *waqf* recipient(s), or the criteria for selection and the circumstances where the listed issuer will remove, replace or add additional *waqf* recipient.

The announcement of such changes must include the reasons for the changes.

9.68 Where can an investor obtain further information on the *waqf* recipient(s) or progress of the *waqf* initiatives?

An investor can refer to the annual report of the Islamic REIT or ETF with *waqf* feature to find out how to obtain further information on the *waqf* recipient(s) and progress of the *waqf* initiatives. Further, an investor can also find the details of the *waqf* recipient and the hyperlink to the *waqf* recipient's website on the management company's website.