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Report to the Shareholders of Midland Bank PLC. on compliance on the Corporate Governance Code

We have examined the compliance status to the Corporate Governance Code by Midland Bank PLC. for the year ended on 31 December 2023. This Code relates to the Notification No. BSEC/CMRRCD/2006-158/207/Admin/80, dated 03 June 2018 of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission and it's subsequent amendment.

Such compliance with the Corporate Governance Code is the responsibility of the Company. Our examination was limited to the procedures and implementation thereof as adopted by the Management in ensuring compliance to the conditions of the Corporate Governance Code.

This is a scrutiny and verification and an independent audit on compliance of the conditions of the Corporate Governance Code as well as the provisions of relevant Bangladesh Secretarial Standards (BSS) as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries of Bangladesh (ICSB) in so far as those standards are not inconsistent with any conditions of this Corporate Governance Code.

We state that we have obtained all the information and explanations, which we have required, and after due scrutiny and verification thereof, we report that, in our opinion:

- The Company has complied with the conditions of the Corporate Governance Code as stipulated in the above mentioned Corporate Governance Code issued by the Commission except those mentioned in the statement of compliance status;
- The Company has complied with the provisions of the relevant Bangladesh Secretarial Standards (BSS) as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries of Bangladesh (ICSB) as required by this Code;
- Proper books and records have been kept by the Company as required under the Companies Act, 1994, the Securities Laws and other relevant laws; and
- The governance of the Company is satisfactory.

Place: Dhaka
Dated: 30 April 2024



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Compliance Status on Corporate Governance Guidelines

Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has introduced a new checklist for Compliance Status of Corporate Governance Guidelines vide Notification dated 03 June 2018 for the Companies listed with Stock Exchanges. Bank's Status of compliance is appended below:

Status of Compliance with the conditions imposed by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission's Notification No.SEC/CMRRCD/2006-158/207/Admin/80 dated 03 June 2018 issued under section 2CC of the Securities and Exchange Ordinance, 1969:

(Report under condition no. 9)

(Annexure C)

Condition No.	Title	Compliance Status (✓ has been Put in the appropriate column)		Remarks (if any)
		Complied	Not complied	
1	Board of Directors:			
1 (1)	Size of the Board of Directors : The total number of members of a company's Board of Directors (he reinafter referred to as “Board”) shall not be less than 5 (five) and more than 20 (twenty).	✓		
1 (2)	Independent Directors:			
1 (2) (a)	At least 2(two) directors or one-fifth (1/5) of the total number of directors in the company's Board, whichever is higher, shall be independent directors; any fraction shall be considered to the next integer or whole number for calculating number of independent director(s)	✓		
1 (2) (b)	Without contravention of any provision of any other laws, for the purpose of this clause, an “independent director” means a director			
1 (2) (b) (i)	Who either does not hold any share in the company or holds less than one percent (1%) shares of the total paid-up shares of the company;	✓		Does not hold any shares in the Bank (company).
1 (2) (b) (ii)	Who is not a sponsor of the company or is not connected with the company's any sponsor or direct or or nominated director or shareholder of the company or any of its associates, sister concerns, subsidiaries and parents or holding entities who holds one percent (1%) or more shares of the total paid -up shares of the company on the basis of family relationship and his or her family members also shall not hold above mentioned shares in the company: Provided that spouse, son, daughter, father, mother, brother, sister, son-in-law and daughter -in-law shall be considered as family members;	✓		
1 (2) (b) (iii)	Who has not been an executive of the company in immediately preceding 2 (two) financial years;	✓		
1 (2) (b) (iv)	Who does not have any other relationship, whether pecuniary or otherwise, with the company or its subsidiary or associated companies;	✓		
1 (2) (b) (v)	Who is not a member or TREC (Trading Right Entitlement Certificate) holder, director or officer of any stock exchange;	✓		
1 (2) (b) (vi)	Who is not a shareholder, director excepting independent director or officer of any member or TREC holder of stock exchange or an intermediary of the capital market;	✓		
1 (2) (b) (vii)	Who is not a partner or an executive or was not a partner or an executive during the preceding 3 (three) years of the concerned company's statutory audit firm or audit firm engaged in internal audit services or audit firm conducting special audit or professional certifying compliance of this Code;	✓		
1 (2) (b) (viii)	Who is not independent director in more than 5 (five) listed companies;	✓		

1 (2) (b) (viii)	Who is not independent director in more than 5 (five) listed companies;	✓		
1 (2) (b) (ix)	who has not been reported as a defaulter in the latest Credit Information Bureau (CIB) report of Bangladesh Bank for non-payment of any loan or advance or obligation to a bank or a financial institution; and	✓		
1 (2) (b) (x)	Who has not been convicted for a criminal offence involving moral turpitude;	✓		
1 (2) (c)	The independent director(s) shall be appointed by the Board and approved by the shareholders in the Annual General Meeting (AGM): “Provided that the Board shall appoint the independent director, subject to prior consent of the Commission, after due consideration of recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC) of the company;”	✓		
1 (2) (d)	The post of independent director(s) cannot remain vacant for more than 90 (ninety) days; and			No Vacancy occurred
1 (2) (e)	The tenure of office of an independent director shall be for a period of 3 (three) years, which may be extended for 1 (one) tenure only: Provided that a former independent director may be considered for reappointment for another tenure after a time gap of one tenure, i.e., three years from his or her completion of consecutive two tenures [i.e. six years]: Provided further that the independent director shall not be subject to retirement by rotation as per the কোম্পানী আইন, ১৯৯৪ (১৯৯৪ সনের ১৮নং আইন) (Companies Act, 1994). Explanation : For the purpose of counting tenure or term of independent director, any partial term of tenure shall be deemed to be a full tenure.	✓		
1 (3)	Qualification of Independent Director:			
1 (3) (a)	Independent director shall be a knowledgeable individual with integrity who is able to ensure compliance with financial laws, regulatory requirements and corporate laws and can make meaningful contribution to the business;	✓		
1 (3) (b) (i)	He or she shall be a Business Leader who is or was a promoter or director of an unlisted company having minimum paid-up capital of Tk.100.00 million or any listed company or a member of any national or international chamber of commerce or registered business association; or			Not Applicable
1 (3) (b) (ii)	He or she shall be a Corporate Leader who is or was a top level executive not lower than Chief Executive Officer or Managing Director or Deputy Managing Director or Chief Financial Officer or Head of Finance or Accounts or Company Secretary or Head of Internal Audit and Compliance or Head of Legal Service or a candidate with equivalent position of an unlisted company having minimum paid-up capital of Tk. 100.00 million or of a listed company; or Explanation: Top level executive includes Managing Director (MD) or Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Additional or Deputy Managing Director (AMD or DMD), Chief Operating Officer (COO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Company Secretary (CS), Head of Internal Audit and Compliance (HIAC), Head of Administration and Human Resources or equivalent positions and same level or ranked or salaried officials of the company.	✓		Amongst the four Independent Directors, Mr. Mahbubul Hady Fazle Rab and Mr. Khandaker Tanveer Shamsul Islam are Corporate Leaders who worked in the equivalent positions as stipulated. Detailed biography and their expertise mentioned in their profile furnished with the annual report.
1 (3) (b) (iii)	He or she shall be a Former or existing official of government or statutory or autonomous or regulatory body in the position not below 5th Grade of the national pay scale, who has at least educational background of bachelor degree in economics or commerce or business or Law;	✓		Mr. Nazimuddin Chowdhury and Mr. Mohammad Asif-uz-zaman are veteran Civil Servant, worked as Secretary and Senior Secretary of GoB respectively. Detailed biography and their expertise mentioned in their profile furnished with the annual report.
1 (3) (b) (iv)	He or she shall be a University Teacher who has educational background in Economics or Commerce or Business Studies or Law; or			Not Applicable

1 (3) (b) (v)	He or she shall be a Professional who is or was an advocate practicing at least in the High Court Division of Bangladesh Supreme Court or a Chartered Accountant or Cost and Management Accountant or Chartered Financial Analyst or Chartered Certified Accountant or Certified Public Accountant or Chartered Management Accountant or Chartered Secretary or equivalent qualification;			Not Applicable
1 (3) (c)	The independent director shall have at least 10 (ten) years of experiences in any field mentioned in clause (b);	✓		
1 (3) (d)	In special cases, the above qualifications or experiences may be relaxed subject to prior approval of the Commission.			Not Applicable
1 (4)	Duality of Chairperson of the Board of Directors and Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer:			
1 (4) (a)	The positions of the Chairperson of the Board and the Managing Director (MD) and/or Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company shall be filled by different individuals;	✓		
1 (4) (b)	The Managing Director (MD) and/or Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of a listed company shall not hold the same position in another listed company;	✓		
1 (4) (c)	The Chairperson of the Board shall be elected from among the non-executive directors of the company;	✓		
1 (4) (d)	The Board shall clearly define respective roles and responsibilities of the Chairperson and the Managing Director and/or Chief Executive Officer;	✓		Roles and responsibilities are defined as per Bangladesh Bank's guidelines and AOA of the Bank.
1 (4) (e)	In the absence of the Chairperson of the Board, the remaining members may elect one of themselves from nonexecutive directors as Chairperson for that particular Board's meeting; the reason of absence of the regular Chairperson shall be duly recorded in the minutes.			No such event occurred
1 (5)	The Directors' Report to Shareholders shall include the following additional statements or disclosures:			
1 (5) (i)	An industry outlook and possible future developments in the industry;	✓		
1 (5) (ii)	The segment-wise or product-wise performance;	✓		
1 (5) (iii)	Risks and concerns including internal and external risks factors, threat to sustainability and negative impact on environment, if any;	✓		
1 (5) (iv)	A discussion on Cost of Goods sold, Gross Profit Margin and Net Profit Margin, where applicable;			Not Applicable
1 (5) (v)	Discussion on continuity of any extra-ordinary activities and their implications (gain or loss);			Not Applicable
1 (5) (vi)	A detailed discussion on related party transactions along with a statement showing amount, nature of related party, nature of transactions and basis of transactions of all related party transactions;	✓		
1 (5) (vii)	A statement of utilization of proceeds raised through public issues, rights issues and/or any others instruments;			Not Applicable
1 (5) (viii)	An explanation if the financial results deteriorate after the company goes for Initial Public Offering (IPO), Repeat Public Offering (RPO), Rights Share Offer, Direct Listing, etc.;			Not Applicable
1 (5) (ix)	An explanation on any significant variance that occurs between Quarterly Financial performances and Annual Financial Statements;			Not Applicable
1 (5) (x)	A statement of remuneration paid to the Directors including Independent Directors;	✓		
1 (5) (xi)	A statement that the financial statements prepared by the management of the issuer company present fairly its state of affairs, the result of its operations, cash flows and changes in equity;	✓		

1 (5) (xii)	A statement that proper books of account of the issuer company have been maintained;	✓		
1 (5) (xiii)	A statement that appropriate accounting policies have been consistently applied in preparation of the financial statements and that the accounting estimates are based on reasonable and prudent judgment;	✓		
1 (5) (xiv)	A statement that International Accounting Standards (IAS)/International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as applicable in Bangladesh, have been followed in preparation of the financial statements and any departure there from has been adequately disclosed;	✓		
1 (5) (xv)	A statement that the system of internal control is sound in design and has been effectively implemented and monitored;	✓		
1 (5) (xvi)	A statement that minority shareholders have been protected from abusive actions by, or in the interest of, controlling shareholders acting either directly or indirectly and have effective means of redress;			Not Applicable
1 (5) (xvii)	A statement that there is no significant doubt upon the issuer company's ability to continue as a going concern, if the issuer company is not considered to be a going concern, the fact along with reasons thereof shall be disclosed;	✓		
1 (5) (xviii)	An explanation that significant deviations from the last year's operating results of the issuer company shall be highlighted and the reasons thereof shall be explained;			Not Applicable
1 (5) (xix)	A statement where key operating and financial data of at least preceding 5 (five) years shall be summarized;	✓		
1 (5) (xx)	An explanation on the reasons if the issuer company has not declared dividend (cash or stock) for the year;			Not Applicable (5% cash dividend declared)
1 (5) (xxi)	Board's statement to the effect that no bonus share or stock dividend has been or shall be declared as interim dividend;			Not Applicable
1 (5) (xxii)	The total number of Board meetings held during the year and attendance by each Director;	✓		
1 (5) (xxiii)	Pattern of shareholding disclosing the aggregate number of shares (along with name wise details where stated below) held by:			
1 (5) (xxiii) (a)	Parent or Subsidiary or Associated Companies and other related parties;			Not Applicable
1 (5) (xxiii) (b)	Directors, Chief Executive Officer, Company Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Internal Audit and Compliance and their spouses and minor children;	✓		
1 (5) (xxiii) (c)	Executives (top 5 (five) salaried employees of the company, other than stated in 1 (5) (xxiii)(b); and	✓		
1 (5) (xxiii) (d)	Shareholders holding ten percent (10%) or more voting interest in the company;			Not Applicable
1 (5) (xxiv)	In case of the appointment or reappointment of a director, a disclosure on the following information to the shareholders:			
1 (5) (xxiv) (a)	A brief resume of the director;	✓		
1 (5) (xxiv) (b)	Nature of his or her expertise in specific functional areas; and	✓		
1 (5) (xxiv) (c)	Names of companies in which the person also holds the directorship and the membership of committees of the Board;	✓		
1 (5) (xxv)	A Management's Discussion and Analysis signed by CEO or MD presenting detailed analysis of the company's position and operations along with a brief discussion of changes in the financial statements, among others, focusing on:			
1 (5) (xxv) (a)	Accounting policies and estimation for preparation of financial statements;	✓		Refer to directors' Report
1 (5) (xxv) (b)	Changes in accounting policies and estimation, if any, clearly describing the effect on financial performance or results and financial position as well as cash flows in absolute figure for such changes;	✓		No changes occurred during the year

1 (5) (xxv) (c)	Comparative analysis (including effects of inflation) of financial performance or results and financial position as well as cash flows for current financial year with immediate preceding five year's explaining reasons thereof;	✓		Refer to directors' Report
1 (5) (xxv) (d)	Compare such financial performance or results and financial position as well as cash flows with the peer industry scenario;	✓		Refer to directors' Report
1 (5) (xxv) (e)	Briefly explain the financial and economic scenario of the country and the globe;	✓		Refer to directors' Report
1 (5) (xxv) (f)	Risks and concerns issues related to the financial statements explaining such risks and concerns mitigation plan of the company; and	✓		Refer to directors' Report
1 (5) (xxv) (g)	Future plan or projection or forecast for company's operation, performance and financial position, with justification thereof i.e., actual position shall be explained to the shareholders in the next AGM;	✓		Refer to directors' Report
1 (5) (xxvi)	Declaration or certification by the CEO and the CFO to the Board as required under condition No. 3(3) shall be disclosed as per Annexure-A;	✓		
1 (5) (xxvii)	The report as well as certificate regarding compliance of conditions of this Code as required under condition No. 9 shall be disclosed as per Annexure-B and Annexure-C;	✓		
1 (5) (xxviii)	The Directors' report to the shareholders does not require to include the business strategy or technical specification related to products or services, which have business confidentiality.	✓		
1 (6)	Meetings of the Board of Directors : The company shall conduct its Board meetings and record the minutes of the meetings as well as keep required books and records in line with the provisions of the relevant Bangladesh Secretarial Standards (BSS) as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries of Bangladesh (ICSB) in so far as those standards are not inconsistent with any condition of this Code;	✓		
1 (7)	Code of Conduct for the Chair person, other Board Members and Chief Executive Officer:			
1 (7) (a)	The Board shall lay down a Code of Conduct based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC) at condition No.6, for the Chairperson of the Board, other Board members and Chief Executive Officer of the Company;			Not Applicable
1 (7) (b)	The Code of Conduct as determined by the NRC shall be posted on the website of the company including, among others, prudent conduct and behavior, confidentiality, conflict of interest, compliance with laws, rules and regulations, prohibition of insider trading, relationship with environment, employees, customers and suppliers and independency.			As per Bangladesh Bank letter ref: BRPD/(R-1)717/2021-5064 dated 16 June 2021, advised the scheduled banks that since formation of NRC is contradictory with the Bank Company Act, 1991; the scheduled Banks have no scope to comply with the provisions relating to NRC of Corporate Governance Code.
2	Governance of Board of Directors of Subsidiary Company:			
2 (a)	Provisions relating to the composition of the Board of the holding company shall be made applicable to the composition of the Board of the subsidiary company;			Not Applicable
2 (b)	At least 1 (one) independent director on the Board of the holding company shall be a director on the Board of the subsidiary company;			Not Applicable
2 (c)	The minutes of the Board meeting of the subsidiary company shall be placed for review at the following Board meeting of the holding company;			Not Applicable
2 (d)	The minutes of the respective Board meeting of the holding company shall state that they have reviewed the affairs of the subsidiary company also;			Not Applicable
2 (e)	The Audit Committee of the holding company shall also review the financial statements, in particular the investments made by the subsidiary company.			Not Applicable
3	Managing Director (MD) or Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Head of Internal Audit and Compliance (HIAC) and Company Secretary (CS):			

3 (1)	Appointment:			
3 (1) (a)	The Board shall appoint a Managing Director (MD) or Chief Executive Officer (CEO), a Company Secretary (CS), a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and a Head of Internal Audit and Compliance (HIAC);	✓		
3 (1) (b)	The positions of the Managing Director (MD) or Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Company Secretary (CS), Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Head of Internal Audit and Compliance (HIAC) shall be filled by different individuals;	✓		
3 (1) (c)	The MD or CEO, CS, CFO and HIAC of a listed company shall not hold any executive position in any other company at the same time: Provided that CFO or CS of any listed company may be appointed for the same position in any other listed or non-listed company under the same group for reduction of cost or for technical expertise, with prior approval of the Commission: Provided further that the remuneration and perquisites of the said CFO or CS shall be shared by appointing companies proportionately;	✓		
3 (1) (d)	The Board shall clearly define respective roles, responsibilities and duties of the CFO, the HIAC and the CS;	✓		
3 (1) (e)	The MD or CEO, CS, CFO and HIAC shall not be removed from their position without approval of the Board as well as immediate dissemination to the Commission and stock exchange(s).			No such event occurred
3 (2)	Requirement to attend Board of Directors' Meetings: The MD or CEO, CS, CFO and HIAC of the company shall attend the meetings of the Board: Provided that the CS, CFO and/or the HIAC shall not attend such part of a meeting of the Board which involves consideration of an agenda item relating to their personal matters.	✓		
3 (3)	Duties of Managing Director (MD) or Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO):			
3 (3) (a)	The MD or CEO and CFO shall certify to the Board that they have reviewed financial statements for the year and that to the best of their knowledge and belief:	✓		
3 (3) (a) (i)	These statements do not contain any materially untrue statement or omit any material fact or contain statements that might be misleading; and	✓		
3 (3) (a) (ii)	These statements together present a true and fair view of the company's affairs and are in compliance with existing accounting standards and applicable laws;	✓		
3 (3) (b)	The MD or CEO and CFO shall also certify that there are, to the best of knowledge and belief, no transactions entered into by the company during the year which are fraudulent, illegal or in violation of the code of conduct for the company's Board or its members;	✓		
3 (3) (c)	The certification of the MD or CEO and CFO shall be disclosed in the Annual Report.	✓		
4	Board of Directors' Committee: For ensuring good governance in the company, the Board shall have at least following sub - committees:			
4 (i)	Audit Committee; and	✓		
4 (ii)	Nomination and Remuneration Committee.			As per Bangladesh Bank's guideline
5	Audit Committee:			
5 (1)	Responsibility to the Board of Directors:			
5 (1) (a)	The company shall have an Audit Committee as a subcommittee of the Board;	✓		
5 (1) (b)	The Audit Committee shall assist the Board in ensuring that the financial statements reflect true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and in ensuring a good monitoring system within the business;	✓		
5 (1) (c)	The Audit Committee shall be responsible to the Board; the duties of the Audit Committee shall be clearly set forth in writing.	✓		
5 (2)	Constitution of the Audit Committee:			

5 (2) (a)	The Audit Committee shall be composed of at least 3 (three) members;	✓		
5 (2) (b)	The Board shall appoint members of the Audit Committee who shall be non-executive directors of the company excepting Chairperson of the Board and shall include at least 1 (one) independent director;	✓		
5 (2) (c)	All members of the audit committee should be “financially literate” and at least 1 (one) member shall have accounting or related financial management background and 10 (ten) years of such experience; Explanation: The term “financially literate” means the ability to read and understand the financial statements like statement of financial position, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flows statement and a person will be considered to have accounting or related financial management expertise if he or she possesses professional qualification or Accounting or Finance graduate with at least 10 (ten) years of corporate management or professional experiences.	✓		
5 (2) (d)	When the term of service of any Committee member expires or there is any circumstance causing any Committee member to be unable to hold office before expiration of the term of service, thus making the number of the Committee members to be lower than the prescribed number of 3 (three) persons, the Board shall appoint the new Committee member to fill up the vacancy immediately or not later than 60 (sixty) days from the date of vacancy in the Committee to ensure continuity of the performance of work of the Audit Committee;			No such event occurred
5 (2) (e)	The company secretary shall act as the secretary of the Committee;	✓		
5 (2) (f)	The quorum of the Audit Committee meeting shall not constitute without at least 1 (one) independent director.	✓		
5 (3)	Chairperson of the Audit Committee:			
5 (3) (a)	The Board shall select 1 (one) member of the Audit Committee to be Chairperson of the Audit Committee, who shall be an independent director;	✓		
5 (3) (b)	In the absence of the Chairperson of the Audit Committee, the remaining members may elect one of themselves as Chairperson for that particular meeting, in that case there shall be no problem of constituting a quorum as required under condition No. 5(4)(b) and the reason of absence of the regular Chairperson shall be duly recorded in the minutes.			No such event occurred
5 (3) (c)	Chairperson of the Audit Committee shall remain present in the Annual General Meeting (AGM): Provided that in absence of Chairperson of the Audit Committee, any other member from the Audit Committee shall be selected to be present in the annual general meeting (AGM) and reason for absence of the Chairperson of the Audit Committee shall be recorded in the minutes of the AGM.	✓		The Chairperson of the Audit Committee was present in the 10 th AGM
5 (4)	Meeting of the Audit Committee:			
5 (4) (a)	The Audit Committee shall conduct at least its four meetings in a financial year: Provided that any emergency meeting in addition to regular meeting may be convened at the request of any one of the members of the Committee;	✓		
5 (4) (b)	The quorum of the meeting of the Audit Committee shall be constituted in presence of either two members or two-third of the members of the Audit Committee, whichever is higher, where presence of an independent director is a must.	✓		

5 (5)	Role of Audit Committee (the Audit Committee shall):			
5 (5) (a)	Oversee the financial reporting process;	✓		
5 (5) (b)	Monitor choice of accounting policies and principles;	✓		
5 (5) (c)	Monitor Internal Audit and Compliance process to ensure that it is adequately resourced, including approval of the Internal Audit and Compliance Plan and review of the Internal Audit and Compliance Report;	✓		
5 (5) (d)	Oversee hiring and performance of external auditors;	✓		
5 (5) (e)	Hold meeting with the external or statutory auditors for review of the annual financial statements before submission to the Board for approval or adoption;	✓		
5 (5) (f)	Review along with the management, the annual financial statements before submission to the Board for approval;	✓		
5 (5) (g)	Review along with the management, the quarterly and half yearly financial statements before submission to the Board for approval;	✓		
5 (5) (h)	Review the adequacy of internal audit function;	✓		
5 (5) (i)	Review the Management's Discussion and Analysis before disclosing in the Annual Report;	✓		
5 (5) (j)	Review statement of all related party transactions submitted by the management;	✓		
5 (5) (k)	Review Management Letters or Letter of Internal Control weakness issued by statutory auditors;	✓		
5 (5) (l)	Oversee the determination of audit fees based on scope and magnitude, level of expertise deployed and time required for effective audit and evaluate the performance of external auditors; and	✓		
5 (5) (m)	Oversee whether the proceeds raised through Initial Public Offering (IPO) or Repeat Public Offering (RPO) or Rights Share Offer have been utilized as per the purposes stated in relevant offer document or prospectus approved by the Commission: Provided that the management shall disclose to the Audit Committee about the uses or applications of the proceeds by major category (capital expenditure, sales and marketing expenses, working capital, etc.), on a quarterly basis, as a part of their quarterly declaration of financial results: Provided further that on an annual basis, the company shall prepare a statement of the proceeds utilized for the purposes other than those stated in the offer document or prospectus for publication in the Annual Report along with the comments of the Audit Committee.			Not Applicable
5 (6)	Reporting of the Audit Committee :			
5 (6) (a)	Reporting to the Board of Directors -			
5 (6) (a) (i)	The Audit Committee shall report on its activities to the Board.	✓		
5 (6) (a) (ii)	The Audit Committee shall immediately report to the Board on the following findings, if any:			
5 (6) (a) (ii) (a)	Report on conflicts of interests;			Not Applicable
5 (6) (a) (ii) (b)	Suspected or presumed fraud or irregularity or material defect identified in the internal audit and compliance process or in the financial statements;			Not Applicable
5 (6) (a) (ii) (c)	Suspected infringement of laws, regulatory compliances including securities related laws, rules and regulations; and			Not Applicable
5 (6) (a) (ii) (d)	Any other matter which the Audit Committee deems necessary shall be disclosed to the Board immediately;			Not Applicable
5 (6) (b)	Reporting to the Authorities: If the Audit Committee has reported to the Board about anything which has material impact on the financial condition and results of operation and has discussed with the Board and the management that any rectification is necessary and if the Audit Committee finds that such rectification has been unreasonably ignored,			Not Applicable

	the Audit Committee shall report such finding to the Commission, upon reporting of such matters to the Board for three times or completion of a period of 6 (six) months from the date of first reporting to the Board, whichever is earlier.			
5 (7)	Reporting to the Shareholders and General Investors: Report on activities carried out by the Audit Committee, including any report made to the Board under condition No. 5(6)(a)(ii) above during the year, shall be signed by the Chairperson of the Audit Committee and disclosed in the annual report of the issuer company.			Not Applicable
6	Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC).			
6 (1)	Responsibility to the Board of Directors:			
6 (1) (a)	The company shall have a Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC) as a sub -committee of the Board;			Not Applicable. (As per Bangladesh Bank letter ref: BRPD/(R-1)717/ 2021-5064 dated 16 June 2021, advised the scheduled banks that since formation of NRC is contradictory with the Bank Company Act, 1991; the scheduled Banks have no scope to comply with the provisions relating to NRC of Corporate Governance Code.)
6 (1) (b)	The NRC shall assist the Board in formulation of the nomination criteria or policy for determining qualifications, positive attributes, experiences and independence of directors and top level executive as well as a policy for formal process of considering remuneration of directors, top level executive;			
6 (1) (c)	(c) The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the NRC shall be clearly set forth in writing covering the areas stated at the condition No. 6(5)(b).			
6 (2)	Constitution of the NRC:			
6 (2) (a)	The Committee shall comprise of at least three members including an independent director;			
6 (2) (b)	At least 02 (two) members of the Committee shall be non-executive directors;			
6 (2) (c)	Members of the Committee shall be nominated and appointed by the Board;			
6 (2) (d)	The Board shall have authority to remove and appoint any member of the Committee;			
6 (2) (e)	In case of death, resignation, disqualification, or removal of any member of the Committee or in any other cases of vacancies, the board shall fill the vacancy within 180 (one hundred eighty) days of occurring such vacancy in the Committee;			
6 (2) (f)	The Chairperson of the Committee may appoint or co-opt any external expert and/or member(s) of staff to the Committee as advisor who shall be non-voting member, if the Chairperson feels that advice or suggestion from such external expert and/or member(s) of staff shall be required or valuable for the Committee;			
6 (2) (g)	The company secretary shall act as the secretary of the Committee;			
6 (2) (h)	The quorum of the NRC meeting shall not constitute without attendance of at least an independent director;			
6 (2) (i)	No member of the NRC shall receive, either directly or indirectly, any remuneration for any advisory or consultancy role or otherwise, other than Director's fees or honorarium from the company.			
6 (3)	Chairperson of the NRC:			
6 (3) (a)	The Board shall select 1 (one) member of the NRC to be Chairperson of the Committee, who shall be an independent director;			

6 (3) (b)	In the absence of the Chairperson of the NRC, the remaining members may elect one of themselves as Chairperson for that particular meeting, the reason of absence of the regular Chairperson shall be duly recorded in the minutes;			DO
6 (3) (c)	The Chairperson of the NRC shall attend the annual general meeting (AGM) to answer the queries of the shareholders: Provided that in absence of Chairperson of the NRC, any other member from the NRC shall be selected to be present in the annual general meeting (AGM) for answering the shareholder's queries and reason for absence of the Chairperson of the NRC shall be recorded in the minutes of the AGM.			
6 (4)	Meeting of the NRC:			
6 (4) (a)	The NRC shall conduct at least one meeting in a financial year;			
6 (4) (b)	The Chairperson of the NRC may convene any emergency meeting upon request by any member of the NRC;			
6 (4) (c)	The quorum of the meeting of the NRC shall be constituted in presence of either two members or two third of the members of the Committee, whichever is higher, where presence of an independent director is must as required under condition No. 6(2)(h);			
6 (4) (d)	(d) The proceedings of each meeting of the NRC shall duly be recorded in the minutes and such minutes shall be confirmed in the next meeting of the NRC.			
6 (5)	Role of the NRC:			
6 (5) (a)	NRC shall be independent and responsible or accountable to the Board and to the shareholders;			
6 (5) (b)	NRC shall oversee, among others, the following matters and make report with recommendation to the Board:			
6 (5) (b) (i)	Formulating the criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a director and recommend a policy to the Board, relating to the remuneration of the directors, top level executive, considering the following:			
6 (5) (b) (i) (a)	The level and composition of remuneration is reasonable and sufficient to attract, retain and motivate suitable directors to run the company successfully;			
6 (5) (b) (i) (b)	The relationship of remuneration to performance is clear and meets appropriate performance benchmarks; and			
6 (5) (b) (i) (c)	Remuneration to directors, top level executive involves a balance between fixed and incentive pay reflecting short and long-term performance objectives appropriate to the working of the company and its goals;			
6 (5) (b) (ii)	Devising a policy on Board's diversity taking into consideration age, gender, experience, ethnicity, educational background and nationality;			
6 (5) (b) (iii)	Identifying persons who are qualified to become directors and who may be appointed in top level executive position in accordance with the criteria laid down, and recommend their appointment and removal to the Board;			
6 (5) (b) (iv)	Formulating the criteria for evaluation of performance of independent directors and the Board;			
6 (5) (b) (v)	Identifying the company's needs for employees at different levels and determine their selection, transfer or replacement and promotion criteria; and			
6 (5) (b) (vi)	Developing, recommending and reviewing annually the company's human resources and training policies;			
6 (5) (c)	The company shall disclose the nomination and remuneration policy and the evaluation criteria and activities of NRC during the year at a glance in its annual report.			

7	External or Statutory Auditors :			
7 (1)	The issuer company shall not engage its external or statutory auditors to per form the following services of the company, namely:			
7 (1) (i)	Appraisal or valuation services or fairness opinions;	✓		
7 (1) (ii)	Financial information systems design and implementation;	✓		
7 (1) (iii)	Book-keeping or other services related to the accounting records or financial statements;	✓		
7 (1) (iv)	Broker-dealer services;	✓		
7 (1) (v)	Actuarial services;	✓		
7 (1) (vi)	Internal audit services or special audit services;	✓		
7 (1) (vii)	Any service that the Audit Committee determines;	✓		
7 (1) (viii)	Audit or certification services on compliance of corporate governance as required under condition No. 9(1); and	✓		
7 (1) (ix)	Any other service that creates conflict of interest.	✓		
7 (2)	No partner or employees of the external audit firms shall possess any share of the company they audit at least during the tenure of their audit assignment of that company; his or her family members also shall not hold any shares in the said company: Provided that spouse, son, daughter, father, mother, brother, sister, son-in-law and daughter -in-law shall be considered as family members.	✓		
7 (3)	Representative of external or statutory auditors shall remain present in the Shareholders' Meeting (Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting) to answer the queries of the shareholders.	✓		
8	Maintaining a website by the Company:			
8 (1)	The company shall have an official website linked with the website of the stock exchange.	✓		
8 (2)	The company shall keep the website functional from the date of listing.	✓		Website is already functional
8 (3)	The company shall make available the detailed disclosures on its website as required under the listing regulations of the concerned stock exchange(s).	✓		
9	Reporting and Compliance of Corporate Governance:			
9 (1)	The company shall obtain a certificate from a practicing Professional Accountant or Secretary (Chartered Accountant or Cost and Management Accountant or Chartered Secretary) other than its statutory auditors or audit firm on yearly basis regarding compliance of conditions of Corporate Governance Code of the Commission and shall such certificate shall be disclosed in the Annual Report. Explanation: "Chartered Accountant" means Chartered Accountant as defined in the Bangladesh Chartered Accountants Order, 1973 (President's Order No. 2 of 1973); "Cost and Management Accountant" means Cost and Management Accountant as defined in the Cost and Management Accountants Ordinance, 1977 (Ordinance No. LIII of 1977); "Chartered Secretary" means Chartered Secretary as defined in the চার্টার্ড সেক্রেটারীজ আইন, ২০১০ (২০১০ সনের ২৫নং আইন) (Chartered Secretaries Act, 2010).	✓		
9 (2)	The professional who will provide the certificate on compliance of this Corporate Governance Code shall be appointed by the shareholders in the annual general meeting.	✓		
9 (3)	The directors of the company shall state, in accordance with the Annexure -C attached, in the directors' report whether the company has complied with these conditions or not.	✓		