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# BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE CHARTER

This Charter is hereby adopted by the Board of Directors of Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc. (the "Company") to outline the core duties and responsibilities and the basic governance processes of the Board Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance (ESCG) Committee.

## A. Purpose

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The purpose of the ESCG Committee (the "Committee") is to carry out the responsibilities delegated by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Company in relation to the following:

- adopting and implementing governance principles and policy guidelines of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Aboitiz Group"), and the establishment of the legal and regulatory compliance structures and processes as required under existing securities laws, rules and regulations and other applicable laws;
- 2. adopting and implementing group-wide integrated approach in addressing its Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) commitments by recommending guidelines and policies related to ESG matters material to the businesses, operations, performance or public image of the Aboitiz Group, and assess current ESG practices with the intend to align with material and emerging ESG principles and best practices.
- 3. adopting a nomination process and procedure for Board membership and senior leadership roles in the Aboitiz Group and set up a review process of various compensation matters;
- 4. identifying and selecting qualified individuals as candidates to become members of the Board;
- 5. determining the appropriate composition of the Board and its committees;
- 6. evaluating and assessing the performance of the Board, its members as well as that of the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Risk Officer, Chief Compliance Officer and Group Internal Audit Head;
- 7. the orientation and continuing education of directors; and
- 8. any additional matters delegated to the Committee by the Board.

The Committee is intended to assist the Board and not to pre-empt any board responsibilities in making the final decisions on corporate governance, nomination and compensation matters.

## B. Structure

The Committee shall consist of at least three (3) directors, three (3) of whom must be independent directors, and at least two (2) non-voting members in the persons of the Human Resources Officer, Chief External Affairs Officers, Chief Compliance Officer, or any company officer performing these functions. The members of the Committee shall be elected annually for a period of one (1) year by a majority vote of the Board.

The members of the Committee may be removed by a majority vote of the directors. Any vacancies in the Committee shall be filled by majority vote of the Board.

The Committee may form and delegate authority to subcommittees as may be appropriate and in accordance with applicable laws or regulations.

#### C. Chairman of the Committee

Upon the recommendation of the Committee, the Board shall appoint one member of the Committee to be its chairman, who may be an independent director.

## D. Responsibilities of Board ESCG Committee

The Committee shall represent the Board in discharging its responsibility relating to issues around the Aboitiz Group's governance principles and guidelines, nomination of persons into Board and the Aboitiz Group's senior leadership roles, various compensation matters and the continuing education of Directors, as outlined in the Manual on Corporate Governance.

It has the following duties and functions, among others:

- 1. Oversees the implementation of the corporate governance framework and periodically reviews the said framework to ensure that it remains appropriate in light of material changes to the Company's size, complexity and business strategy, as well as its business and regulatory environments;
- 2. Oversees the periodic performance evaluation of the Board and its committees as well as executive management, and conducts an annual self-evaluation of its performance;
- 3. Ensures that the results of the Board evaluation are shared, discussed, and that concrete action plans are developed and implemented to address the identified areas for improvement;
- 4. Recommends continuing education/training programs for directors, assignment of tasks/projects to Board committees, succession plan for the Board members and senior officers, and remuneration packages for corporate and individual performance;
- 5. Review and recommend to the Board, on an annual basis, the group salary level (GSL) structure within the Group, including proposed increases in compensation, with the objective of establishing a compensation structure that is adequate to attract candidates and potential successors to key leadership roles and to ensure that the Group's current senior leaders are provided with appropriate incentives to encourage enhanced performance and are, in a fair and responsible manner, rewarded for their individual contributions to the success of the Group;
- 6. Review and recommend to the Board the appointment, promotion, and succession planning of (i) the Company's key officers (including those required to be appointed under applicable laws and regulations), and (ii) Chief Operating Officers of the different strategic business units across the Aboitiz Group;
- 7. Adopts corporate governance policies and ensures that these are reviewed and updated regularly, and consistently implemented in form and substance;
- 8. Proposes and plans relevant trainings for the members of the Board;
- 9. Determines the nomination and election process for the Company's directors and has the special duty of defining the general profile of Board members that the Company may need and ensuring appropriate knowledge, competencies and expertise that complement the existing skills of the Board; and
- 10. Establishes a formal and transparent procedure to develop a policy for determining the remuneration of directors and officers that is consistent with the corporation's culture and strategy as well as the business environment in which it operates.
- 11. Oversees the Company's general strategy with respect to material, current, and emerging ESG matters material the businesses, operations, performance or public image of the Aboitiz Group, and to consider and recommend policies, guidelines, practices, and disclosures that conform with that strategy.

12. Oversees the Company's reporting and disclosure with respect to ESG matters made in compliance with laws and regulations.

## E. Meetings of the Corporate Governance Committee

### 1. Frequency of Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least two (2) times a year to discharge its duties and responsibilities as outlined herein. In addition to regular meetings, special meetings can be called by the chairman of the Committee or any two members as necessary.

### 2. Notice of Meetings

The notice of the Committee meetings shall be given at four (4) weeks prior to the scheduled meeting. Notices for special meetings may be sent at least two (2) days before the date of the special meeting. Notices may be sent in writing, through electronic mail, or by telefacsimile, among others.

#### 3. Agenda

The chairman, in consultation with the other members of the Committee, shall propose a list of items to be addressed by the Committee during the year. The chairman shall ensure that the agenda for each Committee meeting is circulated to each member of the Committee two (2) weeks prior to the meeting and the presentation materials shall be circulated five (5) days prior to the date of actual meeting in accordance with the existing Board Charter of the Company.

# 4. Quorum and Voting

At least two-thirds of all the members of the Committee present in person or by means of a video-conference, teleconference, or other modes of communication in which all persons participating in the meeting can completely and clearly hear each other shall constitute a quorum. The members participating in the meeting shall have received the agenda and all the materials for the meeting in accordance with the Board Charter of the Company.

<u>At least two-thirds</u> vote of the voting Members <u>of the quorum</u> shall be required for the Committee to approve, authorize, or take any action. The Committee may refer to the full Board for consideration in any matter which fails to be approved by a majority vote of all voting Committee Members.

## 5. Secretary

The incumbent Corporate Secretary of the Company shall act as the secretary of the Committee.

### 6. Minutes

All Committee meetings must be duly documented and filed, and shall be maintained with the books and records of the Company. The minutes of the Committee meetings must be available for review and approval not more than five (5) business days after the meeting and for signature at the next committee meeting.

# 7. Per Diems

The Committee members shall be entitled to per diems for every attendance to a Committee meeting.

## F. Reports of the Corporate Governance Committee

The chairman of the Committee shall submit to the Board a copy of the minutes of the Committee meeting five (5) business days prior to the meeting of the Board and discuss with the Board the highlights of the matters discussed during the Committee meetings.

### G. Resources of Corporate Governance Committee

The primary resource of the Committee is the Company's Governance and Compliance Team whose part of its function is to handle Corporate Governance related matters. The Committee may request that any directors, officers or employees of the Company, or other persons whose advice and counsel are sought by the Committee, attend any of its meeting to provide such pertinent information as the Committee requests.

The Committee has the sole authority to appoint, retain and terminate, as it deems necessary or appropriate, any legal advisor or other consultants, including search firms or other professionals to advise and assist the Committee in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities. The Committee shall approve the fees to be paid as well as the terms of the engagement.

#### H. Assessment of the Performance of the Committee

The Board shall provide the standards for evaluating the performance and effectiveness of the Committee in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities as set out in this Charter and in the Company's Manual on Corporate Governance.

#### I. Review

The Committee shall review this Charter at least annually and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval, together with such amendments as it deems necessary and appropriate in order to comply with the legal needs of the Aboitiz Group and any regulatory developments affecting thereto.

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