

## ASX APPENDIX 4G AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Authorised for release by the Board of Eastern Iron Limited.

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lan K White **Company Secretary** 

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# Appendix 4G

## Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Name of entity:	
Eastern Iron Limited	
ABN / ARBN:	Financial year ended:
126 678 037	30 June 2020

Our corporate governance statement<sup>2</sup> for the above period above can be found at:<sup>3</sup>

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This URL on our website: www.easterniron.com.au/company-profile/corporate-governance

The Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and up to date as at 25 September 2020 and has been approved by the board.

The annexure includes a key to where our corporate governance disclosures can be located.

Date:

25 September 2020

Print name:

lan K White

Signature:

Company Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Under Listing Rule 4.7.3, an entity must lodge with ASX a completed Appendix 4G at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX.

Listing Rule 4.10.3 requires an entity that is included in the official list as an ASX Listing to include in its annual report either a corporate governance statement that meets the requirements of that rule or the URL of the page on its website where such a statement is located. The corporate governance statement must disclose the extent to which the entity has followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council during the reporting period. If the entity has not followed a recommendation for any part of the reporting period, its corporate governance statement must separately identify that recommendation and the period during which it was not followed and state its reasons for not following the recommendation and what (if any) alternative governance practices it adopted in lieu of the recommendation during that period.

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Mark whichever option is correct and then complete the page number(s) of the annual report, or the URL of the web page, where the entity's corporate governance statement can be found.

#### ANNEXURE – KEY TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURES

Corpo	rate Governance Council recommendation	We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed	We have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed
PRINC	IPLE 1 - LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVE	RSIGHT	
1.1	<ul> <li>A listed entity should disclose:</li> <li>(a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and</li> <li>(b) those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li> the fact that we follow this recommendation:</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location: [insert location here]</li> <li> and information about the respective roles and responsibilities of our board and management (including those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management):</li> <li>in at this location: www.easterniron.com.au/company-profile/corporate- governance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>
1.2	<ul> <li>A listed entity should:</li> <li>(a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a director; and</li> <li>(b) provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li> the fact that we follow this recommendation:</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location: [insert location here]</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>
1.3	A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	<ul> <li> the fact that we follow this recommendation:</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location: [insert location here]</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>

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1.4	The company secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the board.	<ul> <li> the fact that we follow this recommendation:</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location: [insert location here]</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>
1.5	<ul> <li>A listed entity should:</li> <li>(a) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the board or a relevant committee of the board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them;</li> <li>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and</li> <li>(c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them and either:</li> <li>(1) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or</li> <li>(2) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under that Act.</li> </ul>	the fact that we have a diversity policy that complies with paragraph (a):	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>

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1.6	<ul> <li>A listed entity should:</li> <li>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and</li> <li>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li> the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a):</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location:         <ul> <li>[insert location here]</li> <li> and the information referred to in paragraph (b):</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location:                 <ul> <li>[insert location here]</li> <li> and the information referred to in paragraph (b):</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>
1.7	<ul> <li>A listed entity should:</li> <li>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and</li> <li>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li> the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a):</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location:         <ul> <li>[insert location here]</li> <li> and the information referred to in paragraph (b):</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location:                 <ul> <li>[insert location here]</li> <li> and the information referred to in paragraph (b):</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>

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

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2.2	A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.	our board skills matrix:     in our Corporate Governance Statement     OR     at this location:     [insert location here]	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>
2.3	<ul> <li>A listed entity should disclose:</li> <li>(a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors;</li> <li>(b) if a director has an interest, position, association or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 but the board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the director, the nature of the interest, position, association or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and</li> <li>(c) the length of service of each director.</li> </ul>	the names of the directors considered by the board to be     independent directors: <ul> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location:                 [insert location here]</li> <li> where applicable, the information referred to in paragraph (b):</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location:                 [insert location here]</li> <li> the length of service of each director:                 in our Corporate Governance Statement</li>                 OR <li>at this location here]</li> <li> the length of service of each director:</li></ul>	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
2.4	A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	<ul> <li> the fact that we follow this recommendation:</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location: [insert location here]</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>
2.5	The chair of the board of a listed entity should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	the fact that we follow this recommendation:     in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> at this location:	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> </ul>

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		[insert location here]	we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.6	A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	<ul> <li> the fact that we follow this recommendation:</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location: [insert location here]</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>
PRINCIP	PLE 3 – ACT ETHICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY		
3.1	<ul> <li>A listed entity should:</li> <li>(a) have a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and</li> <li>(b) disclose that code or a summary of it.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li> our code of conduct or a summary of it:         <ul> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location:</li></ul></li></ul>	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCI	PRINCIPLE 4 – SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY IN CORPORATE REPORTING			
4.1	<ul> <li>The board of a listed entity should:</li> <li>(a) have an audit committee which: <ul> <li>(1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and</li> <li>(2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board,</li> <li>and disclose:</li> <li>(3) the charter of the committee;</li> <li>(4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and</li> <li>(5) in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.</li> </ul>	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] the fact that we have an audit committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2): I in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at this location: [insert location here] and a copy of the charter of the committee: I at this location: www.easterniron.com.au/company-profile/corporate-governance and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): I in our Corporate Governance Statement OR I at this location: www.easterniron.com.au/company-profile/corporate-governance and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): I in our Corporate Governance Statement OR I at this location: Annual Report pages 4 and 8 [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] the fact that we do not have an audit committee and the processes we employ that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of our corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner: I in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at this location: [ insert location here]	☑ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement	
4.2	The board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed	<ul> <li> the fact that we follow this recommendation:</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location:         <ul> <li>[insert location here]</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement	

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	on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.		
4.3	A listed entity that has an AGM should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.	<ul> <li> the fact that we follow this recommendation:</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location:         <ul> <li>[insert location here]</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>we are an externally managed entity that does not hold an annual general meeting and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>
PRINCI	PLE 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE		
5.1	<ul> <li>A listed entity should:</li> <li>(a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and</li> <li>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li> our continuous disclosure compliance policy or a summary of it:         <ul> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location:                  <ul></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	□ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
PRINCI	PLE 6 – RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS		
6.1	A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	<ul> <li> information about us and our governance on our website:</li> <li>at this location:</li> <li>www.easterniron.com.au/company-profile/corporate-governance</li> </ul>	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.2	A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	<ul> <li> the fact that we follow this recommendation:</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location: [insert location here]</li> </ul>	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.3	A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.	<ul> <li> our policies and processes for facilitating and encouraging participation at meetings of security holders:</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location:</li> <li>www.easterniron.com.au/company-profile/corporate-governance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>we are an externally managed entity that does not hold periodic meetings of security holders and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>

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

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		[insert location here]	
7.3	<ul> <li>A listed entity should disclose:</li> <li>(a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or</li> <li>(b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes.</li> </ul>	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]         how our internal audit function is structured and what role it performs:         in our Corporate Governance Statement         OR         at this location:         [insert location here]         [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]         the fact that we do not have an internal audit function and the processes we employ for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of our risk management and internal control processes:         Image: Imag	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
7.4	A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.	<ul> <li> whether we have any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if we do, how we manage or intend to manage those risks:</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>AND</li> <li>at this location: Annual Report pages 27 - 30</li> </ul>	□ an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIPLE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY					
8.1	<ul> <li>The board of a listed entity should:</li> <li>(a) have a remuneration committee which: <ul> <li>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</li> <li>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</li> <li>(3) the charter of the committee;</li> <li>(4) the members of the committee; and</li> <li>(5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.</li> </ul>	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] the fact that we have a remuneration committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2): I in our Corporate Governance Statement OR at this location: [insert location here] and a copy of the charter of the committee: I at this location: www.easterniron.com.au/company-profile/corporate-governance and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): I in our Corporate Governance Statement OR I at this location: www.easterniron.com.au/company-profile/corporate-governance and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5): I in our Corporate Governance Statement OR I at this location: [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] the fact that we do not have a remuneration committee and the processes we employ for setting the level and composition of remuneration is appropriate and not excessive: I in our Corporate Governance Statement OR I at this location: [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] the fact that we do not have a remuneration committee and the processes we employ for setting the level and composition of remuneration is appropriate and not excessive: I in our Corporate Governance Statement OR I at this location: [Insert location here]	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>		
8.2	A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.	separately our remuneration policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives:     in our Corporate Governance Statement     AND     at this location:     Annual Report pages 6 - 8	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>		

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8.3	<ul> <li>A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:</li> <li>(a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and</li> <li>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.</li> </ul>	our policy on this issue or a summary of it:     in our Corporate Governance Statement     OR     at this location:     www.easterniron.com.au/company-profile/corporate-governance	<ul> <li>an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>we do not have an equity-based remuneration scheme and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> <li>OR</li> <li>we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>
ADDITIO	NAL DISCLOSURES APPLICABLE TO EXTERNALLY MANAGED	LISTED ENTITIES	
-	<ul> <li>Alternative to Recommendation 1.1 for externally managed listed entities:</li> <li>The responsible entity of an externally managed listed entity should disclose:</li> <li>(a) the arrangements between the responsible entity and the listed entity for managing the affairs of the listed entity;</li> <li>(b) the role and responsibility of the board of the responsible entity for overseeing those arrangements.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li> the information referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b):</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location:         <ul> <li>[insert location here]</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
-	Alternative to Recommendations 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 for externally managed listed entities: An externally managed listed entity should clearly disclose the terms governing the remuneration of the manager.	<ul> <li> the terms governing our remuneration as manager of the entity:</li> <li>in our Corporate Governance Statement</li> <li>OR</li> <li>at this location:         <ul> <li>[insert location here]</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement



The Board has adopted a corporate framework for the Company which is underpinned by the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (3rd Edition) ("the Recommendations") applicable to ASX-listed entities.

This Corporate Governance Statement has been approved by the Board of Eastern Iron Limited for publication and the framework it represents is current as at 25 September 2020 and has been approved of the Board on this date.

The Statement addresses each of the Corporate Governance Principles and where the Company has not followed a Recommendation, provides the reasons for not following the Recommendation.

## Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

# Recommendation 1.1 – Functions reserved to the Board and delegated to senior executives

The Company has defined the role of the Board through its Board Charter, and established functions reserved to the Board and functions delegated to senior executives.

a) Roles of the Board and management:

The role and responsibility of the Board is set out in the Board Charter which is available on the Company's web-site.

b) Functions of the Board and management:

The functions reserved to the Board include:

- Oversight of the Company, including its control and accountability systems;
- Appointing and removing the Managing Director and or Chief Executive Officer (or equivalent), including
  approving the remuneration of that person and the remuneration policy and succession plans for that
  person;
- Appointing and removing the Chief Financial Officer (or equivalent) and the Company Secretary;
- Input to, and the final approval of management's corporate strategy and performance objectives;
- Reviewing and ratifying systems of risk management, internal control, compliance, code of conduct and legal compliance;
- Monitoring senior management's performance and implementation of strategy, and ensuring appropriate resources are available;
- Approving and monitoring the progress of major capital expenditure, capital management and acquisitions and divestitures;
- Approving and monitoring financial and other reporting;
- Appointment and composition of committees of the Board;
- On recommendation of the Audit Committee, appointment of external auditors; and
- On recommendation of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee, initiating Board and director evaluation.

The functions that may be delegated to senior executives include:

- Implementing the Company's vision, values and business plan;
- Managing the business to agreed capital and operating expenditure budgets;
- Identifying and exploring opportunities to build and sustain the business;
- Allocating resources to achieve desired business outcomes;
- Sharing knowledge and experience to enhance success;

- Facilitating and monitoring the potential and career development of the Company's people resources;
- Identifying and mitigating areas of risk within the business;
- Managing effectively the internal and external stakeholder relationships and engagement strategies;
- Sharing information and making decisions across functional areas;
- Determining the senior executives' position on strategic and operational issues; and
- Determining the senior executives' position on matters that will be referred to the Board.

At the present the Company has no senior executives and the Board undertakes all of these tasks itself.

#### **Recommendation 1.2 – Appointment, election and re-election of Directors**

a) Director background checks

The Board, through the Remuneration and Nominations Committee checks character, experience, education, criminal record and bankruptcy history of potential Directors. This is done informally through reference and background checks with mutually known persons and would be undertaken on a more formal basis if these checks suggested that this was required. Appointments for a company the size of Eastern Iron generally come from a pool of potential directors well known in the industry.

- b) On election, or re-election of any Director, shareholders are provided with;
  - Biographical details, including their relevant qualifications and experience and the skills they bring to the Board;
  - Details of any other material directorships currently held by the candidate;
    - In the case of a candidate standing for election as a director for the first time:
      - o any material adverse information revealed by the checks the entity has performed about the Director;
      - details of any interest, position, association or relationship that might influence, or reasonably be perceived to influence, in a material respect his or her capacity to bring an independent judgement to bear on issues before the Board and to act in the best interests of the entity and its security holders generally; and
      - if the Board considers that the candidate will, if elected, qualify as an independent director, a statement to that effect.
  - In the case of a candidate standing for re-election as a Director:
    - o the term of office currently served by the Director;
    - o if the Board considers the Director to be an independent director, a statement to that effect; and
    - o a statement by the Board as to whether it supports the election or re-election of the candidate.

All Directors on appointment provide the Company with a Consent to Act form that includes sufficient information to satisfy all of the points above. The form also requires the Director to provide information on the Director's other commitments. Details of the time involved with each of these commitments and an acknowledgement by the Director he or she will have sufficient time to fulfill his or her responsibilities is informally determined by the Chairman through an interview process.

#### **Recommendation 1.3 – Written agreements with Directors**

The Company has a written agreement with each Director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment including:

- The term of appointment;
- The time commitment envisaged, including any expectations regarding involvement with committee work and any other special duties attaching to the position;
- Remuneration, including superannuation entitlements;
- The requirement to disclose directors' interests and any matters which may affect the Director's independence;
- The requirement to comply with key corporate policies, including the entity's code of conduct and its trading policy;
- The Company's policy on when directors may seek independent professional advice at the expense of the Company;
- The circumstances in which the Director's office becomes vacant;
- Indemnity and insurance arrangements;
- Ongoing rights of access to corporate information; and
- Ongoing confidentiality obligations.

#### **Recommendation 1.4 – Company Secretary**

The Company Secretary is accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board. The Company Secretary's role includes:

- Advising the Board and its committees on governance matters;
- Monitoring that Board and Committee policy and procedures are followed;
- Coordinating the timely completion and despatch of Board and Committee papers;
- Ensuring that the business at Board and Committee meetings is accurately captured in the minutes; and
- Helping to organise and facilitate the induction and professional development of Directors.

Each Director is able to communicate directly with the Company Secretary and vice versa.

The decision to appoint or remove a Company Secretary is a matter reserved for the Board.

#### Recommendation 1.5 – Diversity policy

- a) The Company's Diversity Policy is available on its web-site.
- b) The Policy includes requirements for the Board, at the appropriate stage of its development, to establish measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and for the Board to assess annually thereafter both the objectives and progress in achieving them. The Company intends to implement its Diversity Policy in the event that the Company's employee numbers grow to a level where implementation becomes practicable.
  - 1) At present the Company has one part-time female administration clerk.

At this stage in the Company's development, the Board does not consider it practicable to set measurable gender diversity objectives.

2) The Company is not a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act.

#### Recommendation 1.6 – Evaluation of the performance of the Board

- a) In accordance with its Charter, the Remuneration and Nomination Committee is responsible for the:
  - Annual evaluation and review of the performance of the Board against both measurable and qualitative indicators established by the Committee;
  - Evaluation and review of the performance of individual Directors against both measurable and qualitative indicators established by the Committee;
  - Review of and making of recommendations on the size and structure of the Board; and
  - Review of the effectiveness and programme of Board meetings.
- b) An evaluation of the performance of the Board, its committees and individual Directors took place in September 2019 and July 2020. That evaluation was conducted by the Board as a whole, and otherwise in accordance with the process disclosed. The evaluation determined that the Board was satisfied with the performance of each Director and itself as a whole.

#### **Recommendation 1.7 – Evaluation of the performance of senior executives**

- a) The Company has a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives and this is undertaken through the Remuneration and Nomination Committee.
- b) At present the Company has no full time senior executive staff.

## Principle 2: Structure the Board to add value

#### **Recommendation 2.1 – Remuneration and Nomination Committee**

- a) The Company has established a two member Remuneration and Nomination Committee which otherwise complies with Recommendation 2.1.
  - The Remuneration and Nomination Committee consist of two non-executive Directors both of whom are independent Directors. The members of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee are Mr King and Ms Taylor.
  - 2) The Chairman of the Committee is Mr King, an independent director.
  - 3) A copy of the Charter of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee is available on the Company's website.
  - 4) The members of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee are Mr King and Ms Taylor.
  - 5) The Remuneration and Nomination Committee did not meet during the 2020 financial year as there were no nominations and remuneration matters were handled by the Board as a whole.

Directors consider that a two member Committee is sufficient for a three member Board.

#### **Recommendation 2.2 – Director skills**

The skills and experience of each Director is set out in the Directors section of the Directors' Report which is included in the Company's Annual Report.

The period of office of each Director up to 30 June 2020 is as follows:

Name	Term in office
E King (appointed 10 July 2017)	3.0 years
T Taylor (appointed 10 July 2017)	3.0 years
N Taylor (Alternate for T Taylor) (appointed 17 July 2017)	3.0 years
M Fang (appointed 12 March 2018)	2.3 years

The Directors have determined that the composition of the current Board represents the best mix of directors that have an appropriate range of qualifications and expertise and that can understand and competently deal with current and emerging business issues.

#### **Recommendation 2.3 – Director independence**

- a) Using the ASX Corporate Governance Council independence factor guidelines, the Board has determined that Mr King, Ms Taylor, Mr Fang and Mr Taylor (alternate Director to Ms Taylor) are independent.
- b) The Company has no Directors that are not independent in terms of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's independence factors, but which it considers to be independent.
- c) The length of service of each Director is shown at the response to Recommendation 2.2.

#### Recommendation 2.4 – A majority of the Board should be independent directors.

The majority of the Directors of the Company are independent.

#### Recommendation 2.5 – The chair should be an independent director

The Company's Chairman, Mr King, is an independent director and is not the CEO of the Company.

#### Recommendation 2.6 – Programme for inducting directors

All new directors receive an induction into the Company and its activities by the Chairman and the Company Secretary. The Company Secretary provides details of all of the Company's Charters and Policies, and the Company's Board reporting practices. The Chairman provides background and details on the Company's projects and strategy.

There are procedures in place and included in the Board Charter, to enable Directors in furtherance of their duties, to seek independent professional advice at the Company's expense, subject to the approval of the Chairman.

## Principle 3: Act ethically and responsibly

#### Recommendation 3.1 – Code of conduct

- a) The Company has established a Code of Conduct covering:
  - Practices necessary to maintain confidence in the Company's integrity;
  - Practices necessary to take into account the Company's legal obligations and the expectations of stakeholders; and
  - Responsibility and accountability of individuals for reporting and investigating reports of unethical practices.
- b) The Code of Conduct is available on the Company's website.

## Principle 4: Safeguard integrity in financial reporting

#### **Recommendation 4.1 – Audit Committee**

- a) The Company has established a two member Audit Committee which otherwise complies with Recommendation 4.1.
  - 1) The Audit Committee consist of two non-executive Directors both of whom are independent Directors. The members of the Audit Committee are Ms Taylor and Mr King.
  - 2) The Chairman of the Committee is Ms Taylor who is an independent director.
  - 3) A copy of the Charter of the Audit Committee is available on the Company's website.
  - 4) The qualifications and experience of each Audit Committee member are shown in the Directors' Report which is included in the Company's Annual Report.
  - 5) The number of meetings and attendance by each Committee member is included in the Directors' Report which is included in the Company's Annual Report.

Directors consider that a two member Committee is sufficient for a three member Board.

#### Recommendation 4.2 – Chairman and CFO declarations

When considering the Audit Committee's review of half-year and full-year financial reports the Board receives a signed statement from each of the Chairman and the Financial Controller in accordance with section 295A of the Corporations Act. This statement also confirms that the Company's financial reports are founded on a sound system of risk management and internal control, and that the system is operating effectively in all material respects in relation to financial risks and that nothing has occurred since the period-end that would materially change that position. The Company does not have a CFO.

#### Recommendation 4.3 – Additional information concerning the Audit Committee

The Company's Auditor always attends the Company's AGM and is available to answer questions.

## Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure

#### Recommendation 5.1 – ASX listing rule disclosure requirements

- a) The Company has established a Continuous Disclosure Policy which sets out the key obligations of Directors and employees in relation to continuous disclosure as well as the Company's obligations under the Listing Rules and the Corporations Act. The Policy also provides procedures for internal notification and external disclosures, as well as procedures for promoting understanding of compliance with disclosure requirements.
- b) A copy of the Company's Continuous Disclosure Policy is available on the Company's website.

## Principle 6: Respect the rights of shareholders

#### Recommendation 6.1 – Corporate governance communication

The Company has a corporate governance landing page on its web-site. This page includes the Company's Board Charter, Audit Committee Charter and Remuneration and Nominations Committee Charter as well as the Company's corporate governance policies. The web-site also includes annual reports, details on the Company's projects, biographical details for the Board and senior management and other relevant details consistent with Recommendation 6.1.

#### Recommendation 6.2 – Investor relations program

The Company has adopted a Shareholder Communications Policy for promoting effective communication with shareholders and encouraging shareholder participation at annual and other general meetings. A copy of this Policy is available on the Company's web-site.

#### Recommendation 6.3 – Availability of shareholder communications policy

A copy of the Company's Shareholder Communications Policy is available on the Company's website.

#### Recommendation 6.4 – Electronic communications with shareholders

All shareholders may communicate with the Company and its share registry electronically. Shareholders may elect not to receive a hard-copy Annual Report preferring to access the electronic version published on the Company's web-site. Shareholders may submit proxy votes electronically for general meetings of the Company.

All ASX announcements including Quarterly Reports, Half-yearly Reports and investor presentations are also published on the Company's web-site.

## Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk

#### **Recommendation 7.1 – Risk Management Committee**

- a) The Company does not have a Risk Management Committee.
- b) The Audit Committee oversees financial risks pursuant to the Audit Committee Charter. This includes internal controls to deal with both the effectiveness and efficiency of significant business processes, the safeguarding of assets, the maintenance of proper accounting records, and the reliability of financial information as well as non-financial considerations such as the benchmarking of operational key performance indicators.

Operational risks are considered by the Chairman and the Board as a whole. For development projects the Company undertakes an in-house risk analysis, utilising the skills and experience of its Directors and staff. For large projects, external consultants may be engaged to provide assistance in this process.

A Risk Management Committee would be considered if the Company's activities were to significantly expand and additional Directors were appointed to the Board.

#### Recommendation 7.2 – Risk management framework review

- a) The Company's financial risk management framework is included in its Audit Committee Charter which is reviewed annually by the Board.
- b) A review of this Charter was undertaken during the financial year.

The Company does not have a formal operational risk management framework but undertakes an in-house risk analysis of any projects it develops, utilising the skills and experience of its Directors and staff.

#### Recommendation 7.3 – Internal audit function

The Company does not have an internal audit function. The Company's financial risk management framework is included in its Audit Committee Charter which is reviewed annually by the Board.

#### **Recommendation 7.4 – Exposure to risk**

At its current stage of development, the Company does not have any exposure to material environmental or sustainability risks. As the Company is a mineral exploration company and not earning any revenue at this stage, there is a risk that the Company may not be able to sustain its operations unless it sources additional finances.

### Principle 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly

#### **Recommendation 8.1 – Remuneration Committee**

- a) The Company has established a two member Remuneration and Nomination Committee which otherwise complies with Recommendation 8.1.
  - The Remuneration and Nomination Committee consist of two non-executive Directors both of whom are independent Directors. The members of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee are Mr King and Ms Taylor.
  - 2) The Chairman of the Committee is Mr King, an independent director.
  - 3) A copy of the Charter of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee is available on the Company's website.
  - 4) The members of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee are Mr King and Ms Taylor.
  - 5) The Remuneration and Nomination Committee did not meet during the 2020 financial year as remuneration matters were handled by the Board as a whole.

The skills and experience of each member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee is set out in the Directors' Report which is included in the Company's Annual Report.

Directors consider that a two member Committee is sufficient for a three member Board.

#### Recommendation 8.2 – Remuneration of executive directors, executives and nonexecutive directors

Details of the Company's policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and senior executives is included in the Remuneration Report in the Directors' Report which is included in the Company's Annual Report.

The aggregate remuneration of the non-executive Directors has been fixed at a maximum of \$250,000 per annum to be apportioned among the non-executive Directors in such a manner as the Board determines.

Neither the non-executive Directors nor the executives of the Company receive any retirement benefits, other than superannuation.

#### Recommendation 8.3 – Equity based remuneration scheme

The Company has issued share options as remuneration to its Directors. The Company's Share Trading Policy prohibits the hedging of options.