# Charter of the Board of Director

### **Board of Directors' Responsibilities**

The Board of Directors has responsibility for the shareholders about business operations of Buriram Sugar Group, monitoring the corporate governance in compliance with laws, objectives, articles of association, and resolution of the shareholders' meeting with honesty, carefulness, and consideration on the benefit of Buriram Sugar Group as the first priority. Thus, the details of the Board of Directors: composition, roles, scope of duties, and responsibilities, and others are stated as follows:

# 1.1.1 Composition, Qualifications and Appointment

- 1. The Board of Directors must consist of at least 5 Directors and not less than half of total number of directors must be resident in the Kingdom of Thailand.
- 2. The Board of Directors consists of Executive Director and non-Executive Director which must be qualified according to the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Thailand ("SEC") including the independent directors have to be equal or more than 1/3 of the total number of directors.
- 3. Directors must be qualified according to the laws and no prohibitions which show the lack of proper to be entrusted to manage public affairs especially the business of the listed company owned by shareholders in accordance with the notification of Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities and Exchange Act B.E. 2535 (as amended).
- 4. Directors must come from a variety of highly qualified professions that are necessary for business management of the Buriram Sugar Group ("BSG") which should be namely the knowledge or experiences in sugar industry; agricultural crops especially sugarcane, biomass energy, laws, accounting and finance, including qualifications that are consistent with the company's strategy and business goals.
- 5. The directors shall not hold shares, be an entrepreneurship or a director in the partnership or foreign companies that operate the same types of business or be business competitors with the Company unless it has been approved by shareholders in the shareholders' meeting before the appointment.
- 6. Election of directors shall comply with the nomination and appointment process specified by the Company which must be transparent and precise. However, the nomination of directors needs to use a professional search firm as a consultant or Director Pool database of the Thai Institute of Directors Association (IOD) for consideration of nomination as well. In addition, the appointment and the removal from office of the directors shall comply with the resolution in the shareholders' meeting in accordance with the terms and conditions under the regulation article 14 of the Company which defines that the shareholders have the rights to elect directors by majority of votes deemed as a resolution, counted by 1 share per 1 vote with individually voting for director election. The nominee who gets the highest votes arranged in descending order shall be elected as directors. If the nominees elected in following order get equal votes in which the number of directors in that term is exceeding as regulated for the Company, chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

7. The Board of Directors shall select one of directors as Chairman and one or more than one directors as vice chairman.

### 1.5.2 Tenure and Retirement

- The directors have the period of tenure in accordance with regulation article 15 of the Company which is defined that one third of the directors who are in the position in longest period shall be retired. If the number of directors cannot be divided as mentioned, the number of directors who shall be retired should be similar to one third as possible. Additionally, the directors who shall be retired by rotation can be re-elected as director as well.
- 2. In addition to the retirement by rotation, the directors shall be retired as follows.
  - Deceased
  - Resign
  - Lack of qualifications or illegal characteristics
  - Resolution approved by the shareholders' meeting
  - Court's order
- 3. Any of directors who resign from the position shall submit a resignation letter which will be effective as of the date that the Company well-received the resignation letter.
- 4. In case the position of director becomes vacant which is derived from other reasons apart from the retirement by rotation, the Board of Directors shall select the qualified person with no illegal actions as director in the following Board of Directors' meeting unless the term of the previous director is less than 2 months. However, the new coming director shall be in the position as long as the remaining period of tenure of the previous director. The required voting for this agenda must not less than three-fourths of votes by the existing directors.
- 5. The shareholders' meeting may approve to retire the directors prior to expired term with not less than three-fourths of votes and not less than half of total shares of the shareholders who attend the Meeting and have the right to vote.

### 1.5.3 Independence of the Board of Directors

- The Board of Directors must be neutral, not be influenced by the control of executives or management or a group or juristic person because the Board of Directors is the representative of shareholders who select in order to protect the interests of all shareholders.
- 2. The Board of Directors should have leadership, vision and independence in making decisions for the best benefit of BSG, and all shareholders. The Chairman must be able to control the operation of the executives or management effectively.
- 3. The Board of Directors should provide a clearly separation of roles and responsibilities between the Board of Directors and the management.
- 4. Maintain the balance of power within the Board of Directors, so all directors can express their opinions independently. Therefore, the composition of the Board of Directors shall consist of executive and non-executive directors.
- 5. The independent directors are able to access the financial data and business information adequately in order to provide opinions independently and preserve the benefit of all shareholders and company.

- The independent directors must have the independent qualifications in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission as well as other qualifications are required. For the composition and appointment of independent directors, the Board of Directors will fundamentally consider the qualifications of a person who will be appointed as an independent director with the qualifications and disqualification of directors under the Limited Public Company Act, law on the securities and exchange, Notification of the Capital Markets Supervisory Board, as well as relevant notifications, rules and/or regulations. Moreover, the Board of Directors will consider and select an independent director who is qualified, expertise, competent, and use other appropriate elements for additional consideration, and then propose such matter at the shareholders' meeting for further appointment. Thus, the company has a policy to appoint the independent directors at least 1/3 of the total number of directors, which consists of not less than 3 persons. The qualification of the independent directors must comply with the Securities and Exchange Commission No. 28/2008 for permission and grant of permission to offer newly issued shares on 15th December 2008 (as amended) as follows:
  - The person must hold no more than 1% of shares with voting rights of the Company, the parent Company, the subsidiaries, the associates, the major shareholders or the entities with the authority to control the Company; inclusive of shareholding by individuals related to such independent directors.
  - The person must not be serving, or have served, as a director who is involved with the management, or a staff member, an employee or a consultant with a monthly wage. The person also must not be or be an individual with the authority to control the Company, the parent Company, the subsidiaries, the associates, the associates of the same level, the major shareholders or of the entities with the authority to control the Company, with the exception of the case where he or she has retired from such a position for at least two years prior to the day on which he or she is appointed as an independent director. The ineligibility however does not include the case where an independent director has previously served as a public servant or a consultant of a government agency which is a major shareholder of, or an entity with the authority to control the Company.
  - The person must not be related by blood or law as father, mother, spouse, sibling or child, spouse of son or daughter of executives, major shareholders, individuals with the authority to control the Company or candidates for the position of an executive or an individual with the authority to control the Company or a subsidiary.
  - The person must not have, or have had, a business relationship with the Company, the parent Company, the subsidiaries, the associates, the major shareholders or the entities with the authority to control the Company, in such a manner that may interfere with one's independent discretion. The person also must have not been or has been a shareholder, individuals with the authority to control the Company, of the person who has business relationship with the Company, the parent Company, the subsidiaries, the associates, the major shareholder or the entities with the authority to control the Company. There is an exception in the case where he or she has retired from such a position for at least two years prior to the day on which he or she is appointed as an independent director. The business relationship as described is inclusive of normal trading transactions for the conduct of business; lease or letting of immovable; transactions relating to assets or service; provision or acceptance of financial assistance through acceptance or provision of loans and guarantees, the use of assets as collateral and other such practices which result in the Company or the party to the agreement being under the obligation to repay the other party for an

amount from 3% of net tangible assets of the Company or from Twenty Million Baht whichever is lower. The calculation of such obligation to debt is to be in accordance with the related transaction value calculation method as per the Announcement of the Capital Market Supervisory Board on the Related Transaction Criteria with exceptions. The said obligation to debt includes that which has materialized during the period of one year prior to the day of business relationship with the same individual.

- The person must not be, or has been, an auditor of the Company, the parent Company, the subsidiaries, the associates, the major shareholders or the entities with the authority to control the Company. The person also must not be a significant shareholder, an individual with the authority to control or a partner of the audit office with which the auditor the Company, the parent Company, subsidiaries, the associates, the major shareholders or the entities with the authority to control the Company is associated. There is an exception in such case where he or she has retired from such a position for at least two years prior to the day on which he or she is appointed as an independent director.
- The person must not be, or has been, a provider of a professional service including the service as a legal consultant or a financial consultant for which greater than Two Million Baht of fee is paid per year by the Company, the parent Company, subsidiaries, the associates, the major shareholders or the entities with the authority to control the Company. The person also must not be a significant shareholder or an individual with the authority to control or a partner of such provider of professional service. There is an exception in such case where he or she has retired from such a position for at least two years prior to the day on which he or she is appointed as an independent director.
- The person must not be a director appointed to represent a director of the Company, a major shareholder or a shareholder who is related to a major shareholder.
- The person must not be in a business of the same nature as, and of significant competition to, that of the Company or an associate. The person also must not be a significant partner in a partnership; a director who is involved with the management; a staff member; an employee; a consultant with a monthly wage; as well as, a shareholder who holds more than 1% of shares with voting rights of another Company which is engaged in a business of the same nature as and of significant competition to that of the Company or an associate.
- The person must not have any other characteristic which an obstacle to the giving of free opinion on the operation of the Company.
- The person must not be assigned by the Board of Directors to make a consideration relating to the business operations of the Company, the subsidiaries, the associates, for the subsidiaries in the same level, the major shareholders, or controlling persons.

### 1.5.4 Duty, Roles and Responsibility of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has precisely separated the authorities and responsibilities in policy establishment of governance and operation management in general and the authorities and responsibilities in practical management. Presently, the Chairman of the Board of Directors is not the executive and the authorized director as well as the managing director and also person who involves with day-to-day operations, on the other hand, the Chairman of Board of Directors is responsible for supporting and giving the advices to management through the executives. Meanwhile, the managing director is responsible for managing and supervising the business operation of the company under the

authorities assigned by the Board of Directors. Thus, the authority of the Board of Directors is as follows:

Thus, the authorities and responsibilities of the Chairman are specified as below:

- 1. Take responsibility as the leader of the Board of Directors in monitoring and supervising the operations of the Board of Directors and sub-committees.
- 2. Preside at the Board of Directors' meeting. In case of tie, the Chairman adds an additional vote as a casting vote.
- 3. Summon the Board of Directors' meeting or may assign another person to act on own behalf.
- 4. Preside at the shareholders' meeting and control the meeting to be in accordance with the company's articles of association regarding the meeting. Conduct the meeting according to the agenda items specified in the invitation notice, unless the meeting resolves to change the order of the agenda items required by votes of not less than two-thirds of the shareholders presenting at the meeting.
- 5. Engage in other acts as assigned by the Board of Directors.

Thus, the scope of duties of the Board of Directors is as follows:

### **Authority of the Board of Directors**

- 1. Administer the business of the company in order to generate the profit maximization for shareholders. According to the business operation of the Company, the directors shall perform duties with the responsibility, discretion, honesty in compliance with laws, Articles of Association and regulation including the resolutions from shareholders' meeting as well as the Board of Directors' meeting.
- 2. Consider and approve the important matters concerning to the operation of the Company, for example, vision, mission, policies, business strategy, goals and operation plan, financial target and budgeting of the Company, subsidiaries and associates.
- 3. Supervise the business operation in general as well as the management department in accordance with vision, mission, policies, business strategy, goals and operation plan, financial target and budget of the Company.
- 4. Organize the accounting system, financial reporting and auditing as well as the system of internal control, internal audit, risk management and anti-corruption including set up the effective measures to follow the performance of the Company, subsidiaries, and associates.
- 5. Provide an annual report of the company and/or the Board of Directors according to the laws and regulations.
- 6. Supervise and provide the mechanism of supervision and prevent the conflict of interest between stakeholders with companies, subsidiaries and associates.
- 7. Consider and approve and/or consider and give opinion in order to present to the shareholders' meeting for approval of the transactions that are significant to the company in compliance with laws, regulations, and related applicable rules and/or the articles of association of the company, subsidiaries, and associates.
- 8. Appoint one of the Directors of the company as Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Vice Chairman according to the appropriate number.

- 9. Arrange and/or change the name of Directors who have the authority.
- 10. Recruitment and appointment of person who have knowledge, ability, experience and qualified according to law and regulation to be a Directors in the case of the position of Directors becomes vacant due to reasons other than retirement by rotation.
- 11. Recruit individuals who have the knowledge, ability and experience according to the laws and related regulations to propose to the shareholders' meeting to consider and appoint as the Directors of the company.
- 12. The person who has been appointed or nominated as the Directors or executives of subsidiaries and/or associates should be in accordance with the shareholding proportion of subsidiaries and associates. Thus, the said nominated persons must have proper knowledge, ability and experience, must not have characteristics indicating a lack of appropriateness in respect of trustworthiness in managing business as specified in the notification of the SEC.
- 13. Consider the annual and interim dividend of the company, subsidiaries and associates.
- 14. Consider the remuneration criteria of the Board of Directors, sub-committees, and senior executives.
- 15. Considering the amount of the remuneration of the Directors in the company according to the criteria for compensation. Then, the Board of Directors proposes such remuneration at the shareholders' meeting to consider and approve.
- 16. Evaluate the Managing Director's performance and consider the remuneration amount according to the remuneration criteria specifies by the Board of Directors.
- 17. Appoint the sub-committees by recruiting the person who have knowledge, ability, and experience and qualified as the Board of Directors seem appropriate to be appointed as member in sub-committees, as well as specify the authority and scope of work of such committees.
- 18. Appoint one of the Executive Directors of the company as the Managing Director including instruct the scope of authority of the Managing Director.
- 19. Appoint the company secretary by recruiting the person who have knowledge, ability, and experience and qualified according to law and regulation.
- 20. Arrange the succession plan of Managing Director position by reviewing the plan annually.
- 21. Appoint and/or authorize the Directors or other person to have the power to take any action that is within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors as the Board deems appropriate. The Board of Directors may abolish, rescind, or change such authority.
- 22. Supervise to provide a channel to communicate with each shareholders group and the stakeholders of the company.
- 23. Supervise to disclose significant information related the company and the subsidiaries correctly, completely, and transparently via easily accessible channel with equal and trustworthy treatment.
- 24. Create and modify laws and regulations within the company.
- 25. Have duties and responsibilities as defined in laws and regulations, articles of association, and resolution of shareholders' meeting.

- 26. Establish, review policies, and enhance the effectiveness of anti-corruption practices as well as monitor executives and management to comply with anti-corruption policy, code of conduct, and code of ethics, and act as a model steering such awareness to be a part in an organization culture. Thus, in case of any evidence indicating that one of the Board of Directors involves any actions or accepting or supporting corruption, the company will punish in line with the working regulations, the highest penalty is the dismissal from service or termination of contract. In addition, in case of any actions breaking rules or laws, those who violate any laws will be punished in accordance relevant applicable laws.
- 27. Specify and review the good corporate governance and code of conduct and be aware of the duties and responsibilities as a leader to create sustainable value for the company, as well as supervise the development plan for enhancing the corporate governance suitable for the company's nature of business.

In addition, The Board of Directors or any authorized persons who have conflict of interest with company and/or subsidiaries and/or related companies do not have the right to approve the administration of conflict of interest or connected transactions except such transactions operated under policies and criteria considered and approved by the Board of Directors and/or shareholders' meeting (as the case may be), which must be in accordance with laws, regulations, objectives and articles of association.

### 1.5.5 Board of Directors' Meeting

- 1. The Board of Directions has to arrange the meeting at least 4 times a year to consider and approve the annual financial statements and quarterly reports including other important events and meetings as appropriate, as well as specify each agenda clearly such as approval for reviewed or audited financial statements by an auditor, etc.
- 2. Assign the next year's annual meeting of the Board of Directors and sub-committees at the end of the year. In order to make the Board of Directors, sub-committees and executives to attend the meeting and give an opinion or approval in any matter.
- 3. Regarding the Board of the Directors'meeting, the Chairman or other authorized person is responsible for sending an invitation at least 7 days before the meeting. Unless it is necessary and urgent or is to protect the right and benefit of BSG, the meeting can be arranged in other way or earlier than the specified meeting date. Thus, the directors of two or more persons may request the Chairman to call a date for the meeting within 14 days of the request.
- 4. The Board of Directors has to receive proper and timely information. The company secretary will ensure that Directors received the agenda and supporting documents prior to the meeting.
- 5. Minutes of meeting must have been written and kept as an evident if approved by the Board of Directors, which the Board of Directors and related persons can check such minutes of meeting.
- 6. There must be Directors at the meeting not less than half of the number of Directors. If the Chairman cannot attend the meeting then the Vice Chairman will instead take the responsibility. If the Vice Chairman is not present, then one of the Directors will be appoint to act as the Chairman.
- 7. The minimum amount of a quorum of the Board of Directors will be voted at the meeting shall be not less than 2/3 of the total number of directors.

- 8. Each Director has one vote in the meeting. Interested directors do not have right to vote. The resolution of the meeting is decided by the majority vote. If the votes are equal the Chairman of the meeting shall have a final vote.
- 9. The company secretary will record the minutes of the meeting.

### 1.5.6 Board of Directors' Report

- 1. The Board will provide a report on the operations of the company and subsidiaries in its annual report (Form 56-2) to inform the shareholders.
- 2. The Board of Directors will prepare the report on the Board of Director's Responsibility for the Financial statements together with the report of the auditors and disclose in the annual registration statement (Form 56-1) and annual report (Form 56-2).
- 3. The Board of Directors must supervise every Director of the company to reveal an identity of their own according to the Capital Market Commission Board No. 38/2016 about the criteria, conditions and procedures for disclosure of information about the financial position and the performance of the issuing company (No. 8). For the benefit of the shareholders, investors and the public in the annual registration statement (Form 56-1), the annual report (Form 56-2) and the company website.

# 1.5.7 Performance Evaluation of the Board of Directors, Sub-Committees, and Managing Director

The Board of Directors must provide an annual assessment of the performance of the company at the end of the year divined into As a Whole and Self-assessment according to guidelines for good corporate governance in order to review the work, problems and obstacles encountered and to assess their performance in the past year and find ways to improve the efficiency in the next year.

The criteria for the self-assessment of the Board of Directors and the individual Directors have reference according to the example of the Stock Exchange of Thailand in February, 2015, which was applied according to the company and its subsidiaries' businesses. The details are as follows:

### - The Criteria of Performance Evaluation As a Whole is as follows:

- 1. The structure and qualification of the Board of Directors.
- 2. Duty and responsibility of the Board of Directors.
- 3. The Board of Directors meeting.
- 4. Duty of the Directors.
- 5. Relationship with management department.
- 6. Self-development of the Board of Directors and Executive.

### - The Criteria of Individual Performance Evaluation is as follows:

- 1. The structure and qualification of the Board of Directors.
- 2. The Board of Directors meeting.
- 3. Duty and responsibility of the Board of Directors.

For the process of evaluation, the office of directors/company secretary will send both questionnaire with descriptions and scoring to each of the individual company directors in early December and bring returns within mid-December of the year. After that the office of directors/company secretary will seek the result of both evaluation and report to the Board of Directors in the meeting in order to analyze the causes and find a way to develop in the future. The score rating is as follow:

### -Scoring:

0 = Completely disagree or no action on the matter.

1 = Disagree or have little action in the matter.

2 = Agree or have moderate action in the matter.

3 = Agree quite a lot or have many action in the matter.

4 = Completely Agree or have approve all action in the matter.

In addition, the Board of Directors has provided the additional evaluation of subcommittees which was started in 2017 onwards in line with the criteria as mentioned above.

For the evaluation of the Managing Director, the Board of Directors considered evaluating in every year by using annual evaluation from Corporate Governance Center registered in 2011 of the Stock Exchange of Thailand and/or other appropriate sources as reference together with the company operating performance. Further study the method of other organizations that work well and deliver the result to all directors for evaluation in early January of next year. In order to inspect total earning of company and deliver to the office of directors/ company secretary in mid-January to conclude the assessment and present to the Nomination and Compensation Committee prior to the Board of Directors' meeting for approval.

### 1.5.8 Development of the Directors and Senior Executives

The Board of Directors has policies to promote and facilitate training and educating Directors and those involved in corporate governance systems of BSG in order to improve and develop the operations more efficient. The Board of Directors is required to pass the training course such as Director Accreditation Program (DAP) and/or Director Certification Program (DCP) from Thai Institute of Directors Association (IOD).

In addition, the office of directors/company secretary will plan next year's annual training ahead at the end of the year together with the Human Resources and Administration Department in order to get an approval from The Board of Directors about the training course in the next year. There are compulsory trainings for the Board of Directors and members in sub-committees, and interesting trainings. In each year the company will encourage at least 1 director as well as members in sub-committees and executives to attend the training course and seminar activities from Stock Exchange of Thailand, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the other organization that related to the company.

#### 1.5.9 Orientation of New Directors

The Board of Directors shall organize the orientation for new directors who have been recently appointed. After the appointment, the Managing Director shall introduce the new appointed directors to management and other directors including present the company information, such as, organization chart and nature of business including the related information namely the handbook of good corporate governance and code of conduct of BSG in order to realize the role and scope of duties and authorities of the Board of Directors and also the code of ethics and insider trading and so

on. Therefore, the information was collected as the handbook for new appointed directors for orientation and individual study.

Furthermore, if the new directors have not participated in the courses for directors, the Company shall support the directors to be trained in those necessary courses such as Director Accreditation Program (DAP) or Director Certification Program (DCP), Audit Committee Program (ACP) (in case the directors are also the audit committee) organized by Thai Institute of Directors Association (IOD) and other related training courses that are necessary.

### 1.5.10 Number of Listed Companies that the Directors and Managing Director Hold Office

The Board of Directors recognizes the importance of dedication and time of the directors and managing director to perform their duties effectively. In order to maximize the benefit of the company through the directors' and managing director's competence, the Board of Directors has a policy to define the number of listed companies and other companies that directors or executives hold office according to the good corporate governance principles as follows:

- 1. The directors can hold office as directors of other listed companies not more than 5 listed companies whose type of business not competitive with the Buriram Sugar Group's. In addition, they must dedicate their time, competence to perform duties for the company sufficiently and effectively. Thus, the holding office as a director of other listed companies must be proposed at the Board of Directors' meeting for acknowledgement.
- 2. The managing director's holding office as a director or an executive of other companies or listed companies that are not a subsidiary of the Buriram Sugar Group must be proposed at the Board of the Directors' meeting for approval on the consideration of the appropriateness of such business which is not competitive with the Buriram Sugar Group's type of business, as well as the dedication of time and competence to work for the company sufficiently.

### 1.5.11 Remuneration of Directors, Sub-Committees and Senior Executives

The Board of Directors is aware of remuneration to all Directors, sub-committees and senior executives appropriately in accordance with the duties and responsibilities as assigned which shall comply with the overview performance and operating results of the company. In addition, the Board of Directors has the resolution to appoint the Nomination and Compensation Committee in order to establish and review the policies, terms and conditions and the consideration for compensation or other benefits to directors, sub-committees and senior executives before propose to the Board of Directors and shareholders' meeting to consider and approve respectively.

The determination of remuneration shall be considered from the overview performance and operating results of the company, the operations and the responsibilities which are derived from the performance evaluation. Furthermore, the remuneration of the company shall compare to the remuneration of similar types of business in other companies and refer to the information of remuneration for directors and executives in listed companies according to the survey data on the directors and executives' information in listed companies in 2015 conducted by Stock Exchange of Thailand.

In addition, the remuneration for directors and sub-committees shall be considered and approved by the shareholders' meeting. Nevertheless, the remuneration of senior executives shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions as well as the policies determined by the Board of Directors derived from the consideration of duties and responsibilities including the individual performance and operating results of the company. The Board of Directors, sub-committees and

senior executives shall receive the proper rate of remuneration in compliance with position, duties and responsibility in work and also the resolution of shareholders' meeting.

## 1.5.12 Establishment of Sub-Committees

The Board of Directors has established 5 sub-committees: Audit Committee, Risk Management Committee, Corporate Governance Committee, Nomination and Compensation Committee, and the Executive Board in order to execute the specific matters assigned by the Board of Directors to ensure smooth business operations and in compliance with the good corporate governance.