

AVZ Minerals Limited, its wholly owned subsidiaries ("the Group") and the Board are committed to achieving and demonstrating the highest standards of corporate governance. The Board continues to review the framework and practices to ensure they meet the interests of shareholders. The directors are responsible to the shareholders for the performance of the Group in both the short and the longer term and seek to balance sometimes competing objectives in the best interests of the Group as a whole. Their focus is to enhance the interests of shareholders and other key stakeholders and to ensure the Group is properly managed.

The executives undertake the day-to-day management of the Group's affairs while the implementation of the corporate strategy and policy initiatives are undertaken by the Board.

ASX Listing Rule 4.10.3 requires listed companies to disclose the extent to which they have complied with the ASX Best Practice Recommendations of the ASX Corporate Governance Council in the reporting period. A description of the Group's main corporate governance practices is set out in this document. The Group has considered the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th edition) ("Principles") to determine an appropriate system of control and accountability to best fit its business and operations commensurate with these Principles.

The Corporate Governance Statement ("Statement") reporting period disclosures are for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 (unless stated otherwise). The Statement has been approved by the Board of Directors. All these practices, unless otherwise stated, were in place for the entire financial year.

# **Disclosure of Corporate Governance Practices Summary Statement**

	ASX Principles and Recommendations	"If not, why not"
Recommendation 1.1	\(\sigma\)	
Recommendation 1.2	✓	
Recommendation 1.3	✓	
Recommendation 1.4	✓	
Recommendation 1.5		<b>√</b>
Recommendation 1.6	<b>√</b>	
Recommendation 1.7	<b>√</b>	
Recommendation 2.1	<b>√</b>	
Recommendation 2.2	✓	
Recommendation 2.3	<b>√</b>	
Recommendation 2.4	<b>√</b>	
Recommendation 2.5	✓	
Recommendation 2.6	✓	
Recommendation 3.1	✓	
Recommendation 3.2	✓	
Recommendation 4.1	✓	
Recommendation 4.2	✓	
Recommendation 4.3	✓	
Recommendation 5.1	✓	
Recommendation 5.2	✓	
Recommendation 5.3	✓	
Recommendation 6.1	✓	
Recommendation 6.2	✓	
Recommendation 6.3	✓	
Recommendation 6.4	✓	
Recommendation 6.5	✓	
Recommendation 7.1	✓	
Recommendation 7.2	✓	
Recommendation 7.3		✓
Recommendation 7.4	✓	
Recommendation 8.1	✓	
Recommendation 8.2	✓	
Recommendation 8.3	✓	



# Disclosure - Principles & Recommendations - financial year 2020/2021

# Principle 1 - Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

#### **Recommendation 1.1**

A listed entity should have and disclose a board charter setting out the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management and those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.

#### Disclosure:

The Directors are responsible to the shareholders for the performance of the Group in both the short and the longer term and seek to balance sometimes competing objectives in the best interests of the Group as a whole. Their focus is to enhance the interests of shareholders and other key stakeholders and to ensure the Group is properly managed.

The day-to-day management of the Group's affairs and the implementation of the corporate strategy, goals and financial objectives set by the Board are undertaken by the Managing Director and the senior executive team.

The matters that the Board has specifically reserved for its decision are:

- the appointment and management of the Managing Director;
- approval of the overall corporate strategy and annual budgets of the business;
- overseeing the accounting and corporate reporting systems, including the external audit; and
- compliance with constitutional documents.

The Managing Director is delegated the authority to ensure the effective day-to-day management of the business and the Board monitors the exercise of these powers. The Managing Director is required to report regularly to the Board on the performance of the Business.

Information regarding the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board and management (including those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management) is found in the Company's Constitution and Board Charter which are both available on the Company's website.

#### **Recommendation 1.2**

A listed entity should undertake appropriate checks before appointing a director or senior executive or putting forward for election as a director; and 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.

#### Disclosure:

The Company undertakes appropriate checks on any person who is being considered as a director. These checks include character, experience, education, criminal, financial history and details of any other interest, position or relationship that might influence the candidate's ability to act in the best interest of the Company.

All applicable releases to security holders will contain material information following the guidance contained in the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th edition) about any candidate to be elected for the first time or re-elected to enable an informed decision to be made.

#### **Recommendation 1.3**

A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.

#### Disclosure:

Each senior executive and Executive Director has a formal employment contract and each Non-Executive Director has a Letter of Appointment including a director's interest agreement with respect to disclosure of security interests. Any material variations to the directors' agreements are disclosed in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 3.16.4.



#### **Recommendation 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.

#### Disclosure:

Each of the Company's Joint-Company Secretary has a direct reporting line to the Board, through the Chair in providing advice to the Board on corporate governance matters, the application of the Company's Constitution, the ASX Listing Rules and other applicable laws.

#### **Recommendation 1.5**

A listed entity should have and disclose a diversity policy; through its board or a committee of the board set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board, senior executives and workforce generally; and disclose in relation to each reporting period: (1) the measurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender diversity; (2) the entity's progress towards achieving those objectives; and (3) either: (A) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole workforce (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or (B) 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 the Act.

#### Disclosure:

The Company has in place a Diversity Policy which is available on the Company's website. The Company and Group is committed to workplace diversity and recognises the benefits arising from employee and Board diversity, including a broader pool of high-quality employees, improving employee retention and motivation, accessing different perspectives and ideas and benefiting from all available talent. The Company is committed to inclusion at all levels of the organisation, regardless of gender, marital or family status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disabilities, ethnicity, religious beliefs, cultural background, socio-economic background, perspective and experience.

However, given the size of the Company and stage of development, the Company is yet to define measurable objectives for achieving diversity targets, and expects to set in place appropriate objectives that are consistent with the Company's future growth.

There are currently three permanent female employees employed across the Group. These women do not hold a senior executive position within the Group and are not on the Board. In reaching its opinion that these individuals do not hold senior office, the Company has used the definition given in Section 9 (Definitions) of the Corporations Act 2001 for an executive officer, being "a person who makes, or participates in making, decisions that affect the whole, or a substantial part, of the business of the corporation; or has the capacity to affect significantly the corporation's financial standing".

#### **Recommendation 1.6**

A listed entity should have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.

# Disclosure:

The Company's Nomination and Remuneration Committee is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Board, the Board's Committees and individual Directors. Each evaluation is to include a consideration of the currency of each Director's knowledge and skills and whether a Director's performance has been impacted by other commitments. A copy of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter is available on the Company's website.

During the reporting period, an internal Board performance evaluation and assessment was undertaken by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

#### **Recommendation 1.7**

A listed entity should have and disclose a process for evaluating the performance of its senior executives at least once every reporting period; and disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation has been undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.



#### Disclosure:

Senior executive performance continues to be measured by the efficiency and effectiveness of the enhancement of the Company's mineral resources portfolio, the designing and implementation planning of the exploration and development programs at its majority owned Manono Lithium and Tin Project, the maintenance of relationships with stakeholders, the securing of sufficient and ongoing funding so as to continue its exploration and development activities and to ensuring the Company's environmental and occupational health and safety performance is consistent with industry best practice. As a result, individual performance evaluation is not based on specific financial indicators such as earnings or dividends as the Company is at the exploration and evaluation stage and during this period is expected to incur operating losses.

The Company's Nomination and Remuneration Committee is responsible for evaluating the performance of senior executives.

During the reporting period, an internal performance evaluation and assessment was undertaken on each of the Company and Group senior executives by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee, in conjunction with input from the Managing Director.

# Principle 2 - Structure the board to be effective and add value

#### Recommendation 2.1

The board of a listed entity should have a nomination committee which has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors and is chaired by an independent director and disclose the charter of the committee; the members of the committee; and 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.

The Board has established a Nomination and Remuneration Committee. A copy of the Company's Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter is available on the Company's website.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee has three members, comprising the Non-Executive Chairman, Dr John Clarke and Non-Executive Directors, Mr Peter Huljich and Mr Rhett Brans, of whom are all independent. The Chair of the Committee is Dr John Clarke, who is an independent director. The Committee met three times during the reporting period of which all members of the Committee were in attendance.

#### **Recommendation 2.2**

A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.

## Disclosure:

The Board Charter provides that the Board will review capabilities, technical skills and personal attributes of its directors. It will normally review the Board's composition against those attributes and recommend any changes in Board composition that may be required. An essential component of this will be the time commitment and availability of Directors.

The Board's skills matrix is set out below:

	Chairman	Managing Director	Executive Director	Non-executive Directors
Leadership	Χ	X	X	-
Strategy / Risk	Χ	X	X	X
Communication	Χ	X	X	-
Fundraising	Χ	X	X	-
Mining Industry	Χ	X	X	X
Governance	Χ	X	X	X
Health, safety and environment	Χ	X	X	X
Financial acumen	Χ	X	X	X



#### **Recommendation 2.3**

A listed entity should disclose the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors, if a director has an interest, position or relationship that might raise issues about independence but the board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the director, the nature of the interest, position or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion and length of service of each director.

#### Disclosure:

The Board's assessment of independence, as defined in the Board Charter and under the Independence Criteria detailed in Recommendation 2.3, and length of service of each current director as at 30 September 2021, is set out below:

		Independent	Date of	
Director	Role	(Y/N)	appointment	Length of service
John Clarke	Non-Executive Chairman	Υ	2/12/2019	1 year, 9 months
Nigel Ferguson	Managing Director	N	2/02/2017	4 years, 7 months
Graeme Johnston	Executive Director	N	30/07/2018	3 years, 2 months
Rhett Brans	Non-Executive Director	Υ	5/02/2018	3 years, 7 months
Peter Huljich	Non-Executive Director	Υ	1/05/2019	2 years, 4 months

#### **Recommendation 2.4**

A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.

In respect to the composition of the Board, three of the five Board members are considered independent directors. As a result, the majority of the Board is considered independent.

#### Recommendation 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.

## Disclosure:

Since December 2019, Mr John Clarke has held the role of Non-Executive Chairman of the Company. Mr Clarke is an independent director.

#### **Recommendation 2.6**

A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and for periodically reviewing whether there is a need for existing directors to undertake professional development to maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.

#### Disclosure:

The Company has in place an established induction process for new Directors, which is set out in a new Director's Letter of Appointment as facilitated by the Company Secretary. Also set out in his/her letter is the right of a Director to have access to all relevant Company and Group information and to management and, subject to consultation with other members of the Board, to seek independent professional advice and professional development appropriately tailored to the nature, scope and size of the Company's business activities at the time.

## Principle 3 - Instil a culture of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly

#### **Recommendation 3.1**

A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values.

## Disclosure:

The Company's ultimate mission and objective is to leverage its significant in-house African, financial and project development expertise to advance the world-class Manono Lithium and Tin Project up the value curve for the benefit of all stakeholders.



In the achievement of its business objectives, the Company expects all Directors and employees to act lawfully with the utmost integrity, honesty and objectivity, striving at all times to enhance the values, performance and reputation of the Company and the Group.

#### Recommendation 3.2

A listed entity should have and disclose a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and ensure that the board or committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that code.

#### Disclosure:

The Company has a Code of Conduct that applies to all Directors, executives, employees, contractors and consultants and sets out amongst other things a benchmark for professional behaviour including setting out the Company's policies on various matters including ethical and business conduct, compliance, privacy and conflicts of interest.

In addition, the Company has put in place a Whistleblower Protection Policy and an Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy that demonstrates the Company is committed to the highest standards of conduct and ethical behaviour, whilst maintaining high standards of integrity and accountability in conducting its business. Any material breaches of these three policies are raised at the next Board meeting.

Copies of the Code of Conduct, Whistleblower Protection Policy and the Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy are available on the Company's website.

# Principle 4 - Safeguard the integrity of corporate reports

#### **Recommendation 4.1**

The board of a listed entity should have an audit committee which has at least three members, all of whom are nonexecutive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors and is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board and disclose the charter of the committee; the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and 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.

#### Disclosure:

The Board has established a separate Audit and Risk (AR) Committee. The AR Committee Charter is available on the Company's website.

The AR Committee comprises the Non-Executive Chairman, Dr John Clarke and Non-Executive Directors, being Mr Peter Huljich and Mr Rhett Brans. The Chair of the Committee is Mr Peter Huljich, who is an independent director. The Committee met twice during the reporting period at which all members of the Committee were in attendance.

Details regarding the directors' qualifications and experience can be found in the Director's Report contained in the Company's 2021 Annual Report.

#### **Recommendation 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 on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.

## Disclosure:

As a requirement before it approves the interim and full year consolidated entity's financial statements, the Board receives the necessary declaration in writing from the Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer with respect to the financial records, the financial statements and the system of risk management and internal control.



#### **Recommendation 4.3**

A listed entity should disclose its process to verify the integrity of any periodic corporate report it releases to the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external auditor.

#### Disclosure:

All periodic corporate reports which are released to the market, and which are not audited or reviewed by an external auditor, are reviewed, and approved by the Board.

# Principle 5 - Make timely and balanced disclosure

#### Recommendation 5.1

A listed entity should have and disclose a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the listing rule 3.1.

#### Disclosure:

The Company's Continuous Disclosure Policy aims to achieve compliance with continuous disclosure obligations under ASX Listing Rule 3.1

A copy of the Continuous Disclosure Policy is available on the Company's website.

#### **Recommendation 5.2**

A listed entity should ensure that its board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.

#### Disclosure:

The Board receives copies of all announcements prior to them being released to the market and directors are duly notified once announcements have been made.

#### Recommendation 5.3

A listed entity that gives a new and substantive investor or analyst presentation should release a copy of the presentation on the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead of the presentation.

#### Disclosure:

The Board is committed to the promotion of investor confidence by ensuring that trading in the Company's securities take place in an efficient and informed market and in compliance with the Company's Security Trading Policy (as applicable). As and when the Company releases new investor or analyst presentations, the Company Secretary ensures they are released to the ASX in compliance with the Continuous Disclosure Policy and the Communications with Shareholders Policy.

# Principle 6 - Respect the rights of security holders

## **Recommendation 6.1**

A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.

The Company has a website for making this information available to shareholders and investors.

#### **Recommendation 6.2**

A listed entity should have an investor relations program that facilitates effective two-way communication with investors.

#### Disclosure:

It is the policy of the Company, as stated in the Communication with Shareholders Policy, to communicate effectively with its shareholders by giving them ready access to balanced and understandable information about the Company. The Company's senior executives makes themselves available to meet shareholders at shareholder presentation meetings and regularly responds to enquiries from investors made via telephone and in writing.



#### **Recommendation 6.3**

A listed entity should disclose how it facilitates and encourages participation at meetings of security holders.

#### Disclosure:

The Company encourages shareholders to attend and participate in general meetings. The Company uses general meetings to effectively communicate with shareholders and allow shareholders a reasonable opportunity to ask questions of the Board and senior executives.

#### **Recommendation 6.4**

A listed entity should ensure that all substantive resolutions at a meeting of security holders are decided by a poll rather than a show of hands.

#### Disclosure:

It is the preferred method of the Company to have all substantive resolutions to be put to shareholders at a meeting of shareholders decided by way of a poll, to account for the large number of proxy votes that the Company receives from shareholders.

#### **Recommendation 6.5**

A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.

#### Disclosure:

Information about the Company is emailed to all shareholders, who are able to lodge their email contact details with the Company. Information on lodging email addresses and on submitting information requests with the Company is available on the Company's website. Shareholders can receive communications from, and send communications to, the Company's security registry electronically.

# Principle 7 - Recognise and manage risk

#### Recommendation 7.1

The board of a listed entity should have a committee or committees to oversee risk which has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors and is chaired by an independent director and disclose the charter of the committee; the members of the committee; and 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.

# Disclosure:

The Board considers risk management as a key part of the Company's everyday business operations and is responsible for the oversight of the Group's risk management and control framework to ensure that all business operations are performed within Board approved risk tolerance levels.

The Board has delegated responsibly for control and risk management to the Audit and Risk (AR) Committee.

The overall basis for risk management is to provide recommendations about:

- 1. Assessing the internal processes for determining and managing key risk areas, particularly:
  - non-compliance with laws, regulations, standards and best practice guidelines, including environmental and industrial relations laws;
  - litigation and claims; and
  - relevant business risks.
- 2. Ensuring that the Group has an effective risk management framework and that major risks to the Group are reported at least annually to the Board.
- 3. Receiving from management reports on all suspected and actual frauds, thefts and breaches of laws.
- Evaluating the process the Group has in place for assessing and continuously improving internal controls, particularly those related to areas of significant risk.
- Assessing whether management has controls in place for unusual types of transactions and/or any potential transactions that may carry more than an acceptable degree of risk.

A copy of the Company's Risk Management Policy is available on the Company's website.



#### **Recommendation 7.2**

The board or a committee of the board should review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound and that the entity is operating with due regard to the risk appetite set by the board; and disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.

#### Disclosure:

The Board has delegated responsibly for control and risk management to the AR Committee and the appropriate level of management within the Group.

The AR Committee reviews the Company and its subsidiaries risk management and internal control policies and processes on an annual basis. As part of this review, all risks are considered including but not limited to strategic, operational, legal, reputation and financial risks.

A copy of the Company's Risk Management Policy is available on the Company's website.

#### Recommendation 7.3

A listed entity should disclose if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the process it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its governance, risk management and internal control processes.

#### Disclosure:

The Company does not have an internal audit function but reviews its risk management and internal control policies and processes on an annual basis under the supervision of the AR Committee. The Board considers that the Company is not currently of a size, nor are its affairs of such complexity, to justify the formation of an internal audit function at this time. The Board as a whole regularly discusses how the Company and its subsidiaries could improve the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes and makes improvements where short comings in controls and processes are identified.

#### **Recommendation 7.4**

A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to environmental or social risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.

# Disclosure:

The Company is of the view that it has adequately disclosed the nature of its operations and relevant information on exposure to environmental risks.

On the anticipation that future climate change conditions will present unique opportunities and risks through physical changes to the environment, changes in government policy and changes in investor, consumer and stakeholder preferences and expectations, the Group has put in place a Climate Change Strategy, in the ultimate environmental goal to achieving. carbon emission neutrality as soon as possible after commencing mining operations at its majority owned Manono Lithium and Tin Project, located in the DRC. The Strategy details on actions to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at Manono during the life of the project, including the up-front use of hydro power, utilising low emission technologies such as solar with battery systems and the future use of hydrogen electrolysis for powering Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEVs).

A copy of the Group's Climate Change Strategy is available on the Company's website.



# Principle 8 - Remunerate fairly and responsibly

#### **Recommendation 8.1**

The board of a listed entity should have a remuneration committee which has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors and is chaired by an independent director and disclose the charter of the committee; the members of the committee; and 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.

The Board has established a Nomination and Remuneration Committee. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter is available on the Company's website.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee comprises the Non-Executive Chairman, Dr John Clarke and Non-Executive Directors, being Mr Peter Huljich and Mr Rhett Brans. The Chair of the Committee is Dr John Clarke, who is an independent director. The Committee met three times during the year of which on all occasions all members of the Committee were in attendance.

Details regarding the directors' qualifications and experience can be found in the Director's Report contained in the Company's 2021 Annual Report.

#### **Recommendation 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.

#### Disclosure:

The Company provides disclosure of all Directors and executives remuneration in its annual report.

Non-Executive Directors are remunerated for time, commitment and responsibilities. Remuneration for Non-Executive Directors is not linked to the performance of the Group. There are no documented agreements providing for termination or retirement benefits to non-executive directors (other than for superannuation).

Executive Directors and executives are offered a competitive level of base pay at market rates and are reviewed annually to ensure market competitiveness. Long term performance incentives may include performance and production bonus payments, shares and / or options granted at the discretion of the Board and subject to obtaining the relevant regulatory approvals.

#### **Recommendation 8.3:**

A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should 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 disclose that policy or summary of it.

The Company's Performance Rights Plan was adopted and approved by shareholders at the Company's 2018 Annual General Meeting. Eligible participants (directors, employees and contractors) are allowed to participate in the Performance Rights Plan once invited by the Board. A summary of the AVZ Performance Rights Plan is available on the Company's website. At its 2021 Annual General Meeting, the Company is seeking shareholder approval to extend and refresh the Performance Rights Plan for a further three years.

# **Appendix 4G**

# Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Name	Name of entity					
AVZ M	AVZ Minerals Limited					
ABN/A	RBN	_	Financial year ended:			
81 125	5 176 703		30 June 2021			
Our co	rporate governance statem	ent <sup>1</sup> for the period above can be fo	und at:2			
	These pages of our annual report:					
$\boxtimes$	This URL on our website:	https://avzminerals.com.au				
The Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and up to date as at 30 September 2021 and has been approved by the Board.						
The annexure includes a key to where our corporate governance disclosures can be located. <sup>3</sup>						
Date:		29 October 2021				
Name of authorised officer authorising lodgement:		Jan de Jager				

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 Listing Rule 4.10.3.

Under Listing Rule 4.7.3, an entity must also lodge with ASX a completed Appendix 4G at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX. The Appendix 4G serves a dual purpose. It acts as a key designed to assist readers to locate the governance disclosures made by a listed entity under Listing Rule 4.10.3 and under the ASX Corporate Governance Council's recommendations. It also acts as a verification tool for listed entities to confirm that they have met the disclosure requirements of Listing Rule 4.10.3.

The Appendix 4G is not a substitute for, and is not to be confused with, the entity's corporate governance statement. They serve different purposes and an entity must produce each of them separately.

See notes 4 and 5 below for further instructions on how to complete this form.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</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>2</sup> Tick whichever option is correct and then complete the page number(s) of the annual report, or the URL of the web page, where your corporate governance statement can be found. You can, if you wish, delete the option which is not applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Throughout this form, where you are given two or more options to select, you can, if you wish, delete any option which is not applicable and just retain the option that is applicable. If you select an option that includes "OR" at the end of the selection and you delete the other options, you can also, if you wish, delete the "OR" at the end of the selection.

# ANNEXURE - KEY TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURES

Corp	orate Governance Council recommendation	Where a box below is ticked, <sup>4</sup> we have followed the recommendation <u>in full</u> for the <u>whole</u> of the period above. We have disclosed this in our Corporate Governance Statement:	Where a box below is ticked, we have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. Our reasons for not doing so are: <sup>5</sup>
PRIN	CIPLE 1 – LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND O	VERSIGHT	
1.1	A listed entity should have and disclose a board charter setting out:  (a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and  (b) those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.	and we have disclosed a copy of our board charter at:  https://avzminerals.com.au/corporate-governance/ [insert location]	□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.2	A listed entity should:     (a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a director or senior executive or putting someone forward for election as a director; and     (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.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
1.3	A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
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.		set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR  we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Tick the box in this column only if you have followed the relevant recommendation in <u>full</u> for the <u>whole</u> of the period above. Where the recommendation has a disclosure obligation attached, you must insert the location where that disclosure has been made, where indicated by the line with "insert location" underneath. If the disclosure in question has been made in your corporate governance statement, you need only insert "our corporate governance statement". If the disclosure has been made in your annual report, you should insert the page number(s) of your annual report (eg "pages 10-12 of our annual report"). If the disclosure has been made on your website, you should insert the URL of the web page where the disclosure has been made or can be accessed (eg "www.entityname.com.au/corporate governance/charters/").

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1.5	A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose a diversity policy;  (b) through its board or a committee of the board set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board, senior executives and workforce generally; and  (c) disclose in relation to each reporting period:  (1) the measurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender diversity;  (2) the entity's progress towards achieving those objectives; and  (3) either:  (A) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole workforce (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or  (B) 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.  If the entity was in the S&P / ASX 300 Index at the commencement of the reporting period, the measurable objective for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board should be to have not less than 30% of its directors of each gender within a specified period.	and we have disclosed a copy of our diversity policy at:  [insert location] and we have disclosed the information referred to in paragraph (c) at:  [insert location] and if we were included in the S&P / ASX 300 Index at the commencement of the reporting period our measurable objective for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board of not less than 30% of its directors of each gender within a specified period.	set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable	
1.6	A listed entity should:     (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and     (b) disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation has been undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.	and we have disclosed the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a) at:  Recommendation 1.6 section of the 2021 Corporate Governance Statement [insert location]  and whether a performance evaluation was undertaken for the reporting period in accordance with that process at:  Recommendation 1.6 of the 2021 Corporate Governance Statement [insert location]	<ul> <li>□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>	

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1.	A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose a process for evaluating the performance of its senior executives at least once every reporting period; and  (b) disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation has been undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.	and we have disclosed the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a) at:  Recommendation 1.7 section of the 2021 Corporate Governance Statement [insert location] and whether a performance evaluation was undertaken for the reporting period in accordance with that process at:  Recommendation 1.7 section of the 2021 Corporate Governance Statement [insert location]	<ul> <li>□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>

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PRI	ICIPLE 2 - STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO BE EFFECTIVE AND ADD	VALUE	
2.1	The board of a listed entity should:  (a) have a nomination committee which:  (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and  (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:  (3) the charter of the committee;  (4) the members of the committee; and  (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  (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.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] and we have disclosed a copy of the charter of the committee at: https://avzminerals.com.au/corporate-governance/. [insert location] and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5) at: https://avzminerals.com.au/corporate-governance/ [insert location]	□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.2	A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.	and we have disclosed our board skills matrix at:  Recommendation 2.2 section of the 2021 Corporate Governance Statement [insert location]	<ul> <li>□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>

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2.3	A listed entity should disclose:  (a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors;  (b) if a director has an interest, position, affiliation 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 or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and  (c) the length of service of each director.	and we have disclosed the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors at:  **Recommendation 2.3 section of the 2021 Corporate Governance Statement** [insert location] and, where applicable, the information referred to in paragraph (b) at:  N/A  and the length of service of each director at:  **Recommendation 2.3 section of the 2021 Corporate Governance Statement** [insert location]	set out in our Corporate Governance Statement	
2.4	A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable	
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.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ 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 for periodically reviewing whether there is a need for existing directors to undertake professional development to maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u> □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable	

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PRINC	IPLE 3 – INSTIL A CULTURE OF ACTING LAWFULLY, ETHICALL	Y AND RESPONSIBLY	
3.1	A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values.	and we have disclosed our values at:  Recommendation 3.1 section of the 2021 Corporate Governance Statement [insert location]	□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
3.2	A listed entity should:     (a) have and disclose a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and     (b) ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that code.	and we have disclosed our code of conduct at: <a href="https://avzminerals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://avzminerals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a> [insert location]	□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
3.3	A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose a whistleblower policy; and  (b) ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material incidents reported under that policy.	and we have disclosed our whistleblower policy at:  https://avzminerals.com.au/corporate-governance/ [insert location]	□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
3.4	A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose an anti-bribery and corruption policy; and  (b) ensure that the board or committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that policy.	and we have disclosed our anti-bribery and corruption policy at: <a href="https://avzminerals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://avzminerals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a> [insert location]	□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCI	PLE 4 – SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF CORPORATE REPOR	TS	
4.1	The board of a listed entity should:  (a) have an audit committee which:  (1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and  (2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board, and disclose:  (3) the charter of the committee;  (4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and  (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  (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.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] and we have disclosed a copy of the charter of the committee at: https://avzminerals.com.au/corporate-governance/ [insert location]  and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5) at: Directors' Report within the 30 June 2021 Statutory Consolidated Financial Statements [insert location]	set out 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 on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
4.3	A listed entity should disclose its process to verify the integrity of any periodic corporate report it releases to the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external auditor.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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PRINCIP	PLE 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE		
5.1	A listed entity should have and disclose a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under listing rule 3.1.	and we have disclosed our continuous disclosure compliance policy at: <a href="https://avzminerals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://avzminerals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a> [insert location]	□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
5.2	A listed entity should ensure that its board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
5.3	A listed entity that gives a new and substantive investor or analyst presentation should release a copy of the presentation materials on the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead of the presentation.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
PRINCIP	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.	and we have disclosed information about us and our governance on our website at: <a href="https://avzminerals.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://avzminerals.com.au/corporate-governance/</a> [insert location]	□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.2	A listed entity should have an investor relations program that facilitates effective two-way communication with investors.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.3	A listed entity should disclose how it facilitates and encourages participation at meetings of security holders.	and we have disclosed how we facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders at:  Recommendation 6.3 section of the 2021 Corporate Governance Statement [insert location]	□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.4	A listed entity should ensure that all substantive resolutions at a meeting of security holders are decided by a poll rather than by a show of hands.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement

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6.5	A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.		□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement			
PRINC	NCIPLE 7 – RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK					
7.1	The board of a listed entity should:  (a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:  (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and  (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:  (3) the charter of the committee;  (4) the members of the committee; and  (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  (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.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] and we have disclosed a copy of the charter of the committee at: https://avzminerals.com.au/corporate-governance/ [insert location]  and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5) at: Directors' Report within the 30 June 2021 Statutory Consolidated Financial Statements [insert location]	set out in our Corporate Governance Statement			
7.2	The board or a committee of the board should:  (a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound and that the entity is operating with due regard to the risk appetite set by the board; and  (b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.	and we have disclosed whether a review of the entity's risk management framework was undertaken during the reporting period at:  Recommendation 7.2 section of the 2021 Corporate Governance Statement [insert location]	□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement			

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	7.3 A listed entity should disclose:  (a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or  (b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact an the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its governance, risk management and internal control processes.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] and we have disclosed how our internal audit function is structured and what role it performs at:  [insert location] [If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] and we have disclosed 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 at:	Set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
		[insert location]	
)	7.4 A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to environmental or social risks and, if it does, how i manages or intends to manage those risks.	and we have disclosed whether we have any material exposure to environmental and social risks at:  Recommendation 7.4 section of the 2021 Corporate Governance Statement [insert location]	□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement
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PRINCI	PLE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY		
8.1	The board of a listed entity should:  (a) have a remuneration committee which:  (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and  (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:  (3) the charter of the committee;  (4) the members of the committee; and  (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  (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.	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] and we have disclosed a copy of the charter of the committee at: https://avzminerals.com.au/corporate-governance/ [insert location]  and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5) at: Directors' Report within the 30 June 2021 Statutory Consolidated Financial Statements [insert location]	□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement OR □ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
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.	and we have disclosed separately our remuneration policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives at:  2021 Audited Remuneration Report within the 30 June 2021 Statutory Consolidated Financial Statements [insert location]	<ul> <li>□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>
8.3	A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:     (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     (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	and we have disclosed our policy on this issue or a summary of it at:  *Recommendation 8.3 section of the 2021 Corporate Governance Statement  [insert location]	<ul> <li>□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we do not have an equity-based remuneration scheme and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>

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ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT APPLY ONLY IN CERTAIN CASES							
9.1	A listed entity with a director who does not speak the language in which board or security holder meetings are held or key corporate documents are written should disclose the processes it has in place to ensure the director understands and can contribute to the discussions at those meetings and understands and can discharge their obligations in relation to those documents.	and we have disclosed information about the processes in place at:  [insert location]	<ul> <li>□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></li> <li>☑ we do not have a director in this position and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>				
9.2	A listed entity established outside Australia should ensure that meetings of security holders are held at a reasonable place and time.		<ul> <li>□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we are established in Australia and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <u>OR</u></li> <li>□ we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>				
9.3	A listed entity established outside Australia, and an externally managed 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>□ set out in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></li> <li>☑ we are established in Australia and not an externally managed listed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> <li>□ we are an externally managed entity that does not hold an AGM and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</li> </ul>				