

THE STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Adhering to the principles of sustainable development, service strategy, complete integration and harmonic co-creation, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Company is responsible for formulating the Company’s environmental, social and governance (ESG) management policies and strategies including evaluating, prioritising and managing the Company’s ESG-related matters, to ensure that the Company has established an effective ESG risk management and internal control system. The Board oversees ESG matters with the assistance of the Audit Committee. The Company has established a dedicated internal working group and authorised the working group to be responsible for the implementation of the Company’s ESG strategies. The working group regularly reports to the Audit Committee on the ESG material topics, revision on indicator system, negative indicators management and other aspects of the Company, and makes recommendations in this regard. By regularly listening to the Company’s reports on ESG-related work, reviewing the Company’s performance, providing the management and internal working group relevant optimisation opinions, and reviewing the disclosures in the Company’s ESG report, the Board and the Audit Committee ensure the continuous enhancement of the Company’s performance in ESG aspects.

The Board of the Company has participated in the evaluation, prioritisation and management of ESG-related matters, including risks of the Company’s business. During the reporting period, the Board reviewed the Company’s original ESG indicator system and the level of completion of key performance indicators, considered the working group’s suggestions on the adjustment and optimisation of various original indicators in accordance with relevant requirements of the Listing Rules of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, and finally approved the 2022 version of the ESG indicator system and the disclosure plan of key performance indicators. The Board attaches great importance to risk management and has incorporated key ESG risks into the Company’s comprehensive risk management system. The Company regularly keeps track of negative indicators and leverages risk assessment, risk process management and control, and response to risk incidents to promote comprehensive risk management and control covering all processes and all employees. The Board has reviewed various negative indicators, noted relevant management measures adopted by the Company and made recommendations on the effectiveness of the management measures.

With reference to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards, the Company has evaluated important ESG issues related to the Company’s business operations from two dimensions, i.e. the degree of concern of stakeholders and the degree of impact of such issues on the Company’s business operations based on the characteristics of the telecommunications industry, selected material topics and set ESG-related goals relevant to business operations. The Board has reviewed and discussed the material topics and ESG-related goals, and provided disclosure recommendations.

This Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Report has strictly complied with relevant requirements of the ESG Reporting Guide set out in Appendix 27 to the Listing Rules of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Please refer to the index of this report for the compliance of the relevant reporting guide.

This report has been reviewed and approved for publication by the Board.

