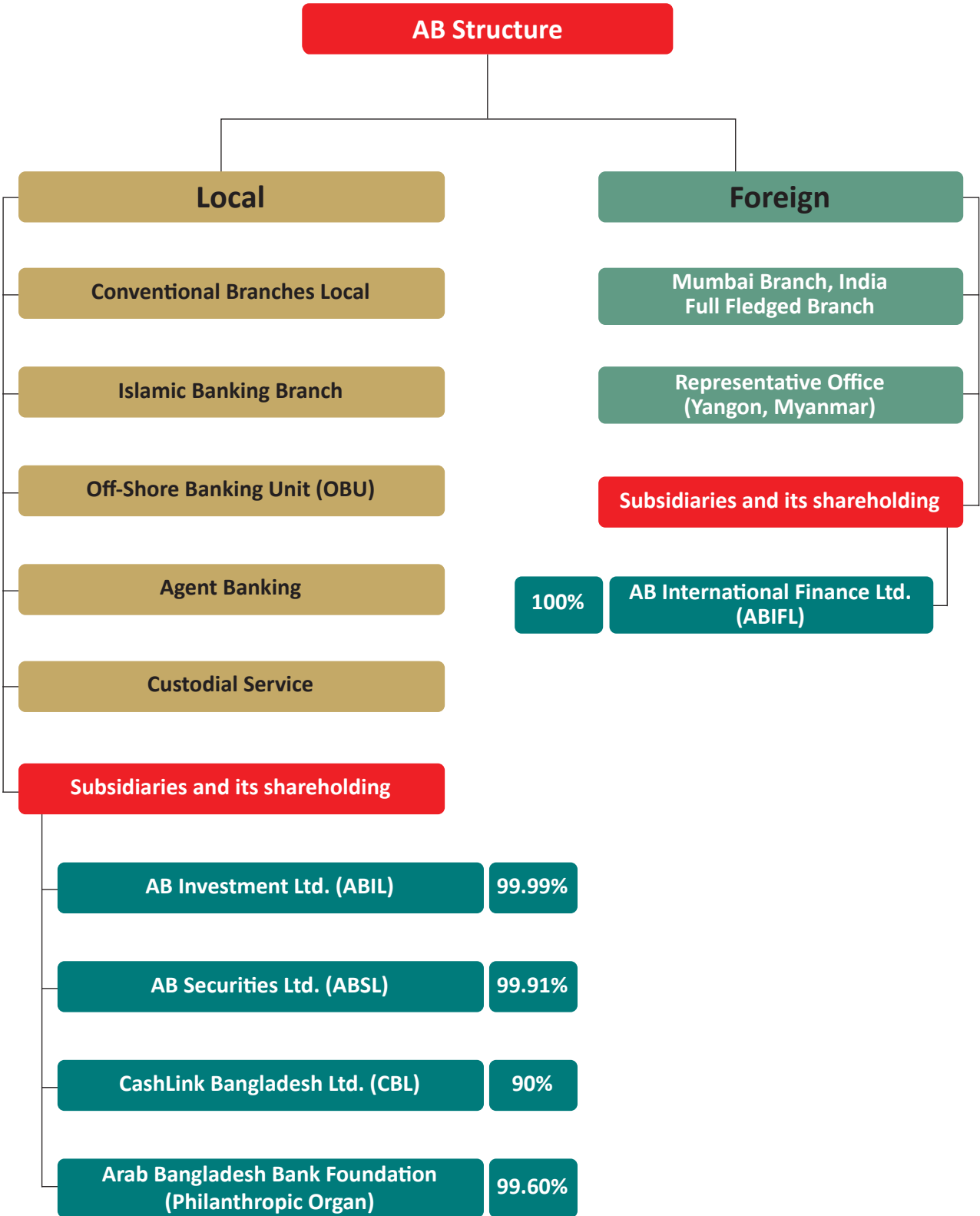


CORPORATE GOVERNANCE



AB STRUCTURE



CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Corporate Governance policies and practices of the Bank are focused on ensuring fairness, transparency and accountability in the organization as a whole. Bank is structured and systems and processes are organized aligned with accepted Corporate Governance practices and also in line with guidelines of Bangladesh Bank and the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) in this regard. While pursuing the goal of Shareholders value addition, Bank attached utmost importance to setting up of well-defined compliance oriented organization and business structure.

Board of Directors of AB Bank Limited comprises of 7 (seven) Members including President & Managing Director. Board of Directors of AB Bank is a professionally run forum having Members from various backgrounds and professions.

Board is the apex body for strategy and policy formulations and for taking decisions on business, operational and financial matters besides ensuring compliance and risk management of the Bank. This is run professionally following the guidelines of Bangladesh Bank and within the authorities of the Memorandum and Articles of Associations of the Bank. Management of the Bank operates within the policies, guidance and limits approved by the Board.

During 2020, Board Meeting held at least once in a month.

Audit Committee comprises of 3 (three) Members. Chairman of the Audit Committee is the Independent Director of the Board. Company Secretary acts as the Secretary of the Committee while other Members of the Management attend the Committee Meeting on invitation only. Audit Committee works within scope of Bangladesh Bank guidelines and Corporate Governance Codes.

Risk Management Committee (RMC) of the Bank has been formed in compliance of Bank Company Act, 1991 as amended up to 2018, under section 15 Kha, and subsequent BRPD Circular # 11 Dated October 27, 2013. At present, RMC comprises of 3 (three) Board Members and the Chairman of the Audit Committee is also the Chairman of the RMC. Function of the RMC is to minimize risk regarding Strategic planning & implementation and to accomplish Board functions accurately related to risk.

Shariah Supervisory Committee of the Bank has 7 (seven) Members for overseeing and strategic guidance of the Islamic Banking business. The Committee comprises of scholarly persons and operates as per the assigned responsibilities.

Regulatory Compliance Disclosure

Bank has been following related guidelines on submission

of Quarterly, Half-yearly and Yearly Financial Statements and other statutory reports. Any significant development in the business is forth-with disclosed through the adherence of proper rules/guidelines/directives in the form of Price Sensitive Declarations.

Bank also ensures submission of returns to Regulatory Bodies in full-compliance of the requirements and appropriate disclosures ensuring transparency and accountability.

Board of Directors ensures adequate disclosures for the Shareholders and other stakeholders through the Annual Report or other specific disclosures if required.

Delegation of Power

Management empowered with appropriate finance and business decision making authorities as per the guidelines of Bangladesh Bank.

Credit Committee delegated with the authority for credit approval up to a given limit. Board has approved a Procurement Manual to cover the purchase of goods and services and other procurements of the Bank. Limited formal delegation in this respect has also been given to the Management.

Besides, various manuals, policies and guidelines were approved by the Board from time to time with levels of authority and process delegation varied across the Bank.

Bank also has well empowered ALCO to deal with funding and treasury matters.

President & Managing Director is the Executive Head of the Bank. Bank has approved Organizational Structure (Organogram) up to the Unit Level with clear functional segregation and segregation of processing functioning (Front and Back office) authorities. This ensures Core Risk Management compliance across the Bank. Bank's functions and plans also consider various regulatory limits and restrictions to be risk compliant, as well.

Risk Management Division (RMD) formed in compliance with the relevant guidelines of Bangladesh Bank. Bank also has a strong Supervisory Review Process (SRP) Team in place.

In the overall, Bank is governed by the rules, regulations, codes, directions, and policies as applicable for the Banking business and operation. Different control aspects based on need are in place, which includes capital adequacy, risk management, market, liquidity, anti-money laundering compliance, prudential guidelines, reporting standards among others.

Other operations of AB Bank like AB International Finance Limited (ABIFL) at Hong Kong, and the Branch in Mumbai, India, governed by the rules and regulations of the respective countries. While the three local subsidiaries - AB Investment Limited (ABIL) and AB Securities Limited (ABSL), Cashlink Bangladesh Limited (CBL) governed by rules and regulations of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) mostly. Arab Bangladesh Bank Foundation, philanthropic entity of the Bank is being conducted under the Society Registration Act.

Business Plan vs Achievements in 2020

Business Plan of the Bank provides for the Working Platform embodying the growth aspect, profitability, risk appetite, capital management etc. It also embodies accountability in terms of set KPI's and acts as a roadmap for Shareholders value addition.

Overall performance of the Bank in 2020 with respect to Business Plan Target are given below:

Amount in Crore Tk.

Performance	BGT 2020	ACT 2020	Variance	
			Amount	%
Operating Profit	972	647	(325)	(33)
Provisions for loans and others	617	514	(103)	(17)
Profit before Tax	355	132	(222)	(63)
Provision for Tax	206	93	(113)	(55)
Net Profit After Tax	149	39	(110)	(74)
Loans and Advances	27,651	27,483	(133)	(0)
Import	10,000	3,265	(6,735)	(67)
Export	8,272	4,680	(3,592)	(43)
Guarantee	2,000	818	(1,182)	(59)
Inward Remittance (USD)	100	21	(79)	(79)

Inspection by Bangladesh Bank

Bangladesh Bank conducted comprehensive inspection for the year ended December 31, 2020. Tripartite meeting among Bangladesh Bank, External Auditors and Management of AB held for finalization of Annual Financial Statements.

External Audit

External Auditors covered 11 (eleven) Branches and Head Office as part of the Annual Audit Program. Auditors covered 82% of the risk assets.

Auditors submitted a Management Report with a Special Section on the "Internal Control & Compliance" and "Money Laundering Prevention Risk Management" of the Bank. The Report was discussed in the Audit Committee.

Department of Internal Control and Compliance (DICC)

Bank has a separate Department for Internal Control & Compliance. This Department operates independently in line with the Bangladesh Bank guidelines. Head of Audit is accountable to the Audit Committee of the Board.

Credit Rating

AB Bank was rated by ARGUS Credit Rating Services Limited (ACRSL) based on the financials of the Bank up to December 31, 2019 (audited) as well as for the period ended September 30, 2020 (unaudited) and other relevant quantitative and qualitative information up to the date of rating declaration i.e. December 09, 2020.

The summary of their ratings are given below:

CREDIT RATING	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
Long-Term*	AA-	A+
Short-Term	ST-2	ST-2
Date of Rating	December 09, 2020	
Date of Validity	December 08, 2021	

*AA-: equivalent Bangladesh Bank Rating Grade 1

A+: equivalent Bangladesh Bank Rating Grade 2

Rating Description

AA-	Investment grade. Very high credit quality and minimal expectation of credit risk. When assigned this rating indicates the obligor has very strong capacity to meet its financial obligations and is unlikely to be impacted adversely by foreseeable events.
ST-2	High certainty of timely payment. Liquidity factors are strong and supported by good fundamental protection factors. Risk factors are very small.

Compliance

Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) issued Corporate Governance Code-2018 (Notification dated June 3, 2018) for the companies listed with the Stock Exchanges. Certification on Compliance status is enclosed herewith.

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[Certificate issued as per condition #1(5)(xxvii) of Corporate Governance Code of BSEC vide notification no. BSEC/CMRRCD/2006-158/207/Admin/80 dated 03 June 2018]

We have examined the compliance status with the Corporate Governance Code by AB Bank Limited ("The Company") for the year ended 31 December 2020. This code relates to the notification no. BSEC/CMRRCD/2006-158/207/Admin/80 dated 03 June 2018 of Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission.

Such compliance with Corporate Governance Code is the responsibility of the Company. Our examination was limited to the procedures and implementation thereof as adopted by the management in ensuring compliance with the conditions of the Corporate Governance Code.

This is a scrutiny and verification and an independent audit on compliance with the conditions of the Corporate Governance Code as well as the provisions of relevant Bangladesh Secretarial Standards (BSS) as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries of Bangladesh (ICSB) in so far as those standards are not inconsistent with any condition of this Corporate Governance Code.

We state that we have obtained all the information and explanations, which we have required, and after due scrutiny and verification thereof, we report that, in our opinion:

- (a) The Company has complied with the conditions of Corporate Governance Code as stipulated in above mentioned Corporate Governance Code issued by the Commission; except condition no.1(7), 4(ii) and 6 due to regulations of Bangladesh Bank as stated in Annexure-A;
- (b) The Company has complied with the provisions of relevant Bangladesh Secretarial Standards (BSS) as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries of Bangladesh (ICSB) as required by this Code;
- (c) Proper books and records have been kept by the Company as required under the Companies Act, 1994, the securities laws and other relevant laws; and
- (d) The governance of the Company is satisfactory.

Dhaka, Bangladesh
Dated, 11 May 2021



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Annexure: A

Status of Compliance with the conditions imposed by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission's Notification No(SEC/CMRRCD/2006-158/207/Admin/80 dated 03 June 2018 issued under section 2CC of the Securities and Exchange Ordinance, 1969 is presented below:

Condition No	Title	Compliance Status ("√" has been put in the appropriate column)		Remarks (if any)
		Complied	Not Complied	
1	Board of Directors (BoD)			
1(1)	Board size (number of Board members - minimum 5 and Maximum 20)	√		
1(2)	Independent Directors			
1(2)(a)	At least one fifth (1/5) of the total number of Directors shall be Independent Directors	√		
1(2)(b)	Independent Director means a Director			
1(2)(b)(i)	who either does not hold any share in the company or holds less than one percent (1%) shares of the total paid-up Capital of the company	√		
1(2)(b)(ii)	who is not a sponsor of the company or is not connected with the company's any sponsor or director or nominated director or shareholder of the company or any of its associates, sister concerns, subsidiaries and parents or holding entities who holds one percent (1%) or more shares of the total paid-up shares of the company on the basis of family relationship and his or her family members also shall not hold above mentioned shares in the company	√		
1(2)(b)(iii)	who has not been an executive of the company in immediately preceding 2 (two) financial years	√		
1(2)(b)(iv)	who does not have any other relationship, whether pecuniary or otherwise, with the company or its subsidiary/ associated companies	√		
1(2)(b)(v)	who is not a member or TREC holder, director or officer of any stock exchange	√		
1(2)(b)(vi)	who is not a shareholder, director or officer of any member of stock exchange or an intermediary of the capital market	√		
1(2)(b)(vii)	who is not a partner or executive or was not a partner or an executive during the preceding 3 (three) years of the company's statutory audit firm or audit firm engaged in internal audit services or audit firm conducting special audit or professional certifying compliance of this code.	√		
1(2)(b)(viii)	who shall not be an independent director in more than 5 (five) listed companies	√		
1(2)(b)(ix)	who has not been convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction as a defaulter in payment of any loan to a bank or a Non-Bank Financial Institution (NBFI)	√		
1(2)(b)(x)	who has not been convicted for a criminal offence involving moral turpitude	√		
1(2)(c)	Independent Director(s) shall be appointed by BoD approved by the shareholders in the Annual General Meeting (AGM)	√		
1(2)(d)	The post of independent director(s) cannot remain vacant for more than 90 (ninety) days	√		
1(2)(e)	The tenure of office of an independent director shall be for a period of 3 (three) years, which may be extended for 1 (one) term only.	√		
1(3)	Qualification of Independent Director			
1(3)(a)	Independent director shall be a knowledgeable individual with integrity who is able to ensure compliance with financial, regulatory and corporate laws and can make meaningful contribution to business	√		

Condition No	Title	Compliance Status ("√" has been put in the appropriate column)		Remarks (if any)
		Complied	Not Complied	
1(3)(b)(i)	Independent Director should be a Business Leader who is or was a promoter or director of an unlisted company having minimum paid-up capital of Tk 100.00 million or any listed company or a member of any national or international chamber of commerce or business association; or			Not Applicable
1(3)(b)(ii)	Independent Director should be a Corporate Leader who is or was a top level executive not lower than Chief Executive Officer or Managing Director or Deputy Managing Director or Chief Financial Officer or Head of Finance or Accounts or Company Secretary or Head of Internal Audit and Compliance or Head of Legal Service or a candidate with equivalent position of an unlisted company having minimum paid-up capital of Tk. 100.00 million or of a listed company; or	√		
1(3)(b)(iii)	Independent Director should be a Former official of government or statutory or autonomous or regulatory body in the position not below 5th Grade of the national pay scale, who has at least educational background of bachelor degree in economics or commerce or business or Law; or			Not Applicable
1(3)(b)(iv)	Independent Director should be a University Teacher who has educational background in Economics or Commerce or Business Studies or Law			Not Applicable
1(3)(b)(v)	Independent Director should be a Professional who is or was an advocate practicing at least in the High Court Division of Bangladesh Supreme Court or a Chartered Accountant or Cost and Management Accountant or Chartered Financial Analyst or Chartered Certified Accountant or Certified Public Accountant or Chartered Management Accountant or Chartered Secretary or equivalent qualification			Not Applicable
1(3)(c)	The independent director shall have at least 10 (ten) years of experiences in any field mentioned in clause (b)	√		
1(3)(d)	In special cases the above qualifications may be relaxed subject to prior approval of Commission			Not Applicable
1(4)	Duality of Chairperson of the Board of Directors and Managing Director or Chief Executive Officer			
1(4)(a)	The positions of the Chairperson of the Board and the Managing Director (MD) and/or Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company shall be filled by different individuals	√		
1(4)(b)	The Managing Director (MD) and/or Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of a listed company shall not hold the same position in another listed company	√		
1(4)(c)	The Chairperson of the Board shall be elected from among the non-executive directors of the company	√		
1(4)(d)	The Board shall clearly define respective roles and responsibilities of the Chairperson and the Managing Director and/or Chief Executive Officer	√		
1(4)(e)	In the absence of the Chairperson of the Board, the remaining members may elect one of themselves from non- executive directors as Chairperson for that particular Board's meeting; the reason of absence of the regular Chairperson shall be duly recorded in the minutes	√		
1(5)	The Directors' Report to Shareholders			
1(5)(i)	Industry outlook and possible future developments in the industry	√		
1(5)(ii)	Segment-wise or product-wise performance	√		
1(5)(iii)	Risks and concerns including internal and external risk factors, threat to sustainability and negative impact on environment, if any	√		
1(5)(iv)	A discussion on Cost of Goods sold, Gross Profit Margin and Net Profit Margin	√		Discussion on interest income, expense and net profit provided.

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		Complied	Not Complied	
1(5)(v)	Discussion on continuity of any Extra-Ordinary gain or loss			Not Applicable
1(5)(vi)	A detailed discussion on related party transactions along with a statement showing amount, nature of related party, nature of transactions and basis of transactions of all related party transactions	√		
1(5)(vii)	Utilization of proceeds from public issues, rights issues and/or through any other instrument			Not Applicable
1(5)(viii)	An explanation if the financial results deteriorate after the company goes for Initial Public Offering (IPO), Repeat Public Offering (RPO)(Rights Share Offer, Direct Listing, etc			Not Applicable
1(5)(ix)	If significant variance occurs between Quarterly Financial performance and Annual Financial Statements, the management shall explain about the variance	√		
1(5)(x)	Remuneration to directors including independent directors	√		
1(5)(xi)	The financial statements present fairly its state of affairs, the result of its operations, cash flows and changes in equity	√		
1(5)(xii)	Proper books of account have been maintained	√		
1(5)(xiii)	A statement that appropriate accounting policies have been consistently applied in preparation of the financial statements and that the accounting estimates are based on reasonable and prudent judgment	√		
1(5)(xiv)	A statement that International Accounting Standards (IAS)/ International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS), as applicable in Bangladesh, have been followed in preparation of the financial statements and any departure there-from has been adequately disclosed	√		
1(5)(xv)	The system of Internal control is sound in design and has been effectively implemented and monitored	√		
1(5)(xvi)	Minority shareholders have been protected from abusive actions by, or in the interest of, controlling shareholders acting either directly or indirectly and have effective means of redress	√		
1(5)(xvii)	Going Concern (ability to continue as going concern)	√		
1(5)(xviii)	Highlight and explain significant deviations from the last year's operating results	√		
1(5)(xix)	Key operating and financial data of at least preceding 5(five) years shall be summarized	√		
1(5)(xx)	Reason for non-declaration of Dividend			Not Applicable
1(5)(xxi)	Board's statement to the effect that no bonus share or stock dividend has been or shall be declared as interim dividend			Not Applicable
1(5)(xxii)	The total number of Board meetings held during the year and attendance by each director	√		
1(5)(xxiii)	A report on the pattern of shareholding disclosing the aggregate number of shares (along with name-wise details where stated below) held by			
1(5)(xxiii)(a)	Parent or Subsidiary or Associated Companies and other related parties	√		
1(5)(xxiii)(b)	Directors, Chief Executive Officer, Company Secretary, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Internal Audit and Compliance and their spouses and minor children	√		
1(5)(xxiii)(c)	Executives Explanation: For the purpose of this clause, the expression "Executive" means top 5 (five) salaried employees of the company, other than the Directors, Chief Executive Officer, Company Secretary, Chief Financial Officer and Head of Internal Audit & Compliance.	√		
1(5)(xxiii)(d)	Shareholders holding ten percent (10%) or more voting interest in the company (name wise details);	√		Nil
1(5) (xxiv)	The appointment or reappointment of a director, a disclosure on the following information to the shareholders			
1(5)(xxiv)(a)	A brief resume of the director	√		
1(5) (xxiv)(b)	Nature of his or her expertise in specific functional areas	√		

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		Complied	Not Complied	
1(5)(xxiv)(c)	Names of companies in which the person also holds the directorship and the membership of committees of the Board	√		
1(5) (xxv)	A Management's Discussion and Analysis signed by CEO or MD presenting detailed analysis of the company's position and operations along with a brief discussion of changes in the financial statements, among others, focusing on			
1(5) (xxv)(a)	Accounting policies and estimation for preparation of financial statements	√		
1(5) (xxv)(b)	Changes in accounting policies and estimation, if any, clearly describing the effect on financial performance or results and financial position as well as cash flows in absolute figure for such changes	√		
1(5) (xxv)(c)	Comparative analysis (including effects of inflation) of financial performance or results and financial position as well as cash flows for current financial year with immediate preceding five years explaining reasons thereof	√		
1(5) (xxv)(d)	Compare such financial performance or results and financial position as well as cash flows with the peer industry scenario	√		
1(5) (xxv)(e)	Briefly explain the financial and economic scenario of the country and the globe	√		
1(5) (xxv)(f)	Risks and concerns issues related to the financial statements, explaining such risk and concerns mitigation plan of the company	√		
1(5) (xxv)(g)	Future plan or projection or forecast for company's operation, performance and financial position, with justification thereof, i.e., actual position shall be explained to the shareholders in the next AGM	√		
1(5) (xxvi)	Declaration or certification by the CEO and the CFO to the Board as required under condition No. 3(3) disclosed as per Annexure-A	√		
1(5) (xxvii)	The report as well as certificate regarding compliance of conditions of this Code as required under condition No.9 disclosed as per Annexure-B and Annexure-C	√		
1(6)	The company conducted its Board meetings and record the minutes of the meetings as well as keep required books and records in line with the provisions of the relevant Bangladesh Secretarial Standards (BSS) as adopted by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries of Bangladesh (ICSB) in so far as those standards are not inconsistent with any condition of this Code	√		
1(7)	Code of Conduct for the Chairperson, other Board members and Chief Executive Officer			
1(7)(a)	The Board laid down a code of conduct, based on the recommendation of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC) at condition No(6, for the Chairperson of the Board, other board members and Chief Executive Officer of the company	-		Clause#5 of BRPD Circular no. 11 dated October 27, 2013 issued by Bangladesh Bank does not permit any Bank in Bangladesh to form any other Committee except three committees namely, Executive Committee, Audit Committee and Risk Management Committee. Accordingly, the Bank has not formed NRC.
1(7)(b)	The code of conduct as determined by the NRC posted on the website of the company including, among others, prudent conduct and behavior, confidentiality, conflict of interest, compliance with laws, rules and regulations, prohibition of insider trading, relationship with environment, employees, customers and suppliers and independency	-		
2	Governance of Board of Directors of Subsidiary Company			

Condition No	Title	Compliance Status ("√" has been put in the appropriate column)		Remarks (if any)
		Complied	Not Complied	
2(a)	Provisions relating to the composition of the Board of the holding company made applicable to the composition of the Board of the subsidiary company	√		
2(b)	At least 1 (one) independent director on the Board of the holding company shall be a director on the Board of the subsidiary company	√		
2(c)	The minutes of the Board meeting of the subsidiary company placed for review at the following Board meeting of the holding company	√		
2(d)	The minutes of the respective Board meeting of the holding company stated that they have reviewed the affairs of the subsidiary company also	√		
2(e)	The Audit Committee of the holding company also reviewed the financial statements, in particular the investments made by the subsidiary company	√		
3	Managing Director (MD) or Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Head of Internal Audit and Compliance (HIAC) and Company Secretary (CS)			
3(1)	Appointment			
3(1)(a)	The Board appointed a Managing Director (MD) or Chief Executive Officer (CEO), a Company Secretary (CS), a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and a Head of Internal Audit and Compliance (HIAC)	√		
3(1)(b)	The positions of the Managing Director (MD) or Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Company Secretary (CS), Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Head of Internal Audit and Compliance (HIAC) filled by different individuals	√		
3(1)(c)	The MD or CEO, CS, CFO and HIAC of a listed company shall not hold any executive position in any other company at the same time	√		
3(1)(d)	The Board clearly defined respective roles, responsibilities and duties of the CFO, the HIAC and the CS	√		
3(1)(e)	The MD or CEO, CS, CFO and HIAC not removed from their position without approval of the Board as well as immediate dissemination to the Commission and stock exchange(s)	√		
3(2)	The MD or CEO, CS, CFO and HIAC of the company attended the meetings of the Board	√		
3(3)	Duties of Managing Director (MD) or Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO)			
3(3)(a)(i)	The MD or CEO and CFO certified to the Board that they have reviewed financial statements for the year and that to the best of their knowledge and belief these statements do not contain any materially untrue statement or omit any material fact or contain statements that might be misleading	√		
3(3)(a)(ii)	These statements together presented a true and fair view of the company's affairs and are in compliance with existing accounting standards and applicable laws	√		
3(3)(b)	The MD or CEO and CFO also certified that there are, to the best of knowledge and belief, no transactions entered into by the company during the year which are fraudulent, illegal or in violation of the code of conduct for the company's Board or its members	√		
3(3)(c)	The certification of the MD or CEO and CFO disclosed in the Annual Report	√		

Condition No	Title	Compliance Status ("√" has been put in the appropriate column)		Remarks (if any)
		Complied	Not Complied	
4	Board of Directors Committee			
4(i)	Audit Committee	√		
4(ii)	Nomination and Remuneration Committee	-		Clause#5 of BRPD Circular no. 11 dated October 27, 2013 issued by Bangladesh Bank does not permit any Bank in Bangladesh to form any other Committee except three committees namely, Executive Committee, Audit Committee and Risk Management Committee. Accordingly, the Bank has not formed NRC.
5	Audit Committee			
5(1)	Responsibility to the Board of Directors			
5(1)(a)	The Audit Committee is the sub-committee of the BoD	√		
5(1)(b)	The Audit Committee assisted the BoD in ensuring that the financial statements reflected true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and in ensuring a good monitoring system within the business	√		
5(1)(c)	The Audit Committee is responsible to the BoD; The duties of the Audit Committee is clearly set forth in writing	√		
5(2)	Constitution of the Audit Committee			
5(2)(a)	The Audit Committee is composed of at least 3 members	√		
5(2)(b)	The BoD appointed members of the Audit Committee who is the directors of the company and included at least 1 (one) Independent Director	√		
5(2)(c)	All members of the audit committee is "financially literate" and at least 1 (one) member has accounting or related financial management experience	√		
5(2)(d)	When the term of service of the Committee members expires or there is any circumstance causing any Committee member to be unable to hold office before expiration of the term of service, thus making the number of the Committee members to be lower than the prescribed number of 3 (three) persons, the Board shall appoint the new Committee member to fill up the vacancy immediately or not later than 1 (one) month from the date of vacancy in the Committee to ensure continuity of the performance of work of the Audit Committee	√		
5(2)(e)	The Company Secretary acted as the secretary of the Audit Committee	√		
5(2)(f)	The quorum of the Audit Committee meeting is not constituted without at least 1(one) independent director	√		
5(3)	Chairman of the Audit Committee			
5(3)(a)	The BoD selected the Chairman of the Audit Committee, who is an Independent Director	√		
5(3)(b)	In the absence of the Chairperson of the Audit Committee, the remaining members may elect one of themselves as Chairperson for that particular meeting, in that case there shall be no problem of constituting a quorum as required under condition No. 5(4)(b) and the reason of absence of the regular Chairperson shall be duly recorded in the minutes	√		

Condition No	Title	Compliance Status ("√" has been put in the appropriate column)		Remarks (if any)
		Complied	Not Complied	
5(3)(c)	Chairman of the audit committee remained present in the AGM	√		
5(4)	Meeting of the Audit Committee			
5(4)(a)	The Audit Committee conducted at least its four meetings in a financial year	√		
5(4)(b)	The quorum of the meeting of the Audit Committee is constituted in presence of either two members or two-third of the members of the Audit Committee, whichever is higher, where presence of an independent director is a must	√		
5(5)	Role of Audit Committee			
5(5)(a)	Oversee the financial reporting process	√		
5(5)(b)	Monitor choice of accounting policies and principles	√		
5(5)(c)	Monitor Internal Control Risk Management process	√		
5(5)(d)	Oversee hiring and performance of external auditors	√		
5(5)(e)	Hold meeting with the external or statutory auditors	√		
5(5)(f)	Review the annual financial statements before submission to the board for approval	√		
5(5)(g)	Review the quarterly and half yearly financial statements before submission to the board for approval	√		
5(5)(h)	Review the adequacy of internal audit function	√		
5(5)(i)	Review the Management's Discussion and Analysis before disclosing in the Annual Report	√		
5(5)(j)	Review statement of significant related party transactions submitted by the management	√		
5(5)(k)	Review Management Letters/Letter of Internal Control weakness issued by statutory auditors	√		
5(5)(l)	Oversee the determination of audit fees based on scope and magnitude, level of expertise deployed and time required for effective audit and evaluate the performance of external auditors	√		
5(5)(m)	Disclosure to the Audit Committee about the uses/applications of IPO funds by major category (capital expenditure, sales and marketing expenses, working capital, etc), on a quarterly basis, as a part of their quarterly declaration of financial results(Further, on an annual basis, shall prepare a statement of funds utilized for the purposes other than those stated in the prospectus			Not Applicable
5(6)	Reporting of the Audit Committee			
5(6)(a)	Reporting to the Board of Directors			
5(6)(a)(i)	Reporting to BoD on the activities of the Audit Committee	√		
5(6)(a)(ii)(a)	Reporting to BoD on conflicts of interests			No such incidence arose
5(6)(a)(ii)(b)	Reporting to BoD on any fraud or irregularity or material defect in the internal control system			No such incidence arose
5(6)(a)(ii)(c)	Reporting to BoD on suspected infringement of laws			No such incidence arose
5(6)(a)(ii)(d)	Reporting to BoD on any other matter			No such incidence arose
5(6)(b)	Reporting to BSEC (if any material impact on the financial condition & results of operation, unreasonably ignored by the management)			No such incidence arose
5(7)	Reporting to the Shareholders of Audit Committee activities, which shall be signed by the Chairman and disclosed in the Annual Report	√		
6	Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC)			

Condition No	Title	Compliance Status ("√" has been put in the appropriate column)		Remarks (if any)
		Complied	Not Complied	
6(1)	Responsibility to the Board of Directors			
6(1)(a)	The company has a Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC) as a sub-committee of the Board	-		Clause#5 of BRPD Circular no. 11 dated October 27, 2013 issued by Bangladesh Bank does not permit any Bank in Bangladesh to form any other Committee except three committees namely, Executive Committee, Audit Committee and Risk Management Committee. Accordingly, the Bank has not formed NRC.
6(1)(b)	The NRC assisted the Board in formulation of the nomination criteria or policy for determining qualifications, positive attributes, experiences and independence of directors and top level executive as well as a policy for formal process of considering remuneration of directors, top level executive	-		
6(1)(c)	The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the NRC is clearly set forth in writing covering the areas stated at the condition No(6(5(b)	-		
6(2)	Constitution of the NRC			
6(2)(a)	The Committee is comprised of at least three members including an independent director	-		Clause#5 of BRPD Circular no. 11 dated October 27, 2013 issued by Bangladesh Bank does not permit any Bank in Bangladesh to form any other Committee except three committees namely, Executive Committee, Audit Committee and Risk Management Committee. Accordingly, the Bank has not formed NRC.
6(2)(b)	All members of the Committee is non-executive directors	-		
6(2)(c)	Members of the Committee is nominated and appointed by the Board	-		
6(2)(d)	The Board has authority to remove and appoint any member of the Committee	-		
6(2)(e)	In case of death, resignation, disqualification, or removal of any member of the Committee or in any other cases of vacancies, the board has filled the vacancy within 180 (one hundred eighty) days of occurring such vacancy in the Committee	-		
6(2)(f)	The Chairperson of the Committee may appoint or co-opt any external expert and/or member(s) of staff to the Committee as advisor who shall be non-voting member, if the Chairperson feels that advice or suggestion from such external expert and/or member(s) of staff shall be required or valuable for the Committee	-		
6(2)(g)	The company secretary acted as the secretary of the Committee	-		
6(2)(h)	The quorum of the NRC meeting is not constituted without attendance of at least an independent director	-		
6(2)(i)	No member of the NRC has received, either directly or indirectly, any remuneration for any advisory or consultancy role or otherwise, other than Director's fees or honorarium from the company	-		
6(3)	Chairperson of the NRC			
6(3)(a)	The Board has selected 1 (one) member of the NRC to be Chairperson of the Committee, who is an independent director	-		Clause#5 of BRPD Circular no. 11 dated October 27, 2013 issued by Bangladesh Bank does not permit any Bank in Bangladesh to form any other Committee except three committees namely, Executive Committee, Audit Committee and Risk Management Committee. Accordingly, the Bank has not formed NRC.
6(3)(b)	In the absence of the Chairperson of the NRC, the remaining members elected one of themselves as Chairperson for that particular meeting, the reason of absence of the regular Chairperson is duly recorded in the minutes	-		
6(3)(c)	The Chairperson of the NRC attended the annual general meeting (AGM) to answer the queries of the shareholders	-		

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		Complied	Not Complied	
6(4)	Meeting of the NRC			
6(4)(a)	The NRC has conducted at least one meeting in a financial year	-		Clause#5 of BRPD Circular no. 11 dated October 27, 2013 issued by Bangladesh Bank does not permit any Bank in Bangladesh to form any other Committee except three committees namely, Executive Committee, Audit Committee and Risk Management Committee. Accordingly, the Bank has not formed NRC.
6(4)(b)	The Chairperson of the NRC may convene any emergency meeting upon request by any member of the NRC;	-		
6(4)(c)	The quorum of the meeting of the NRC is constituted in presence of either two members or two third of the members of the Committee, whichever is higher, where presence of an independent director is must as required under condition No(6(2)(h)	-		
6(4)(d)	The proceedings of each meeting of the NRC is duly recorded in the minutes and such minutes is confirmed in the next meeting of the NRC	-		
6(5)	Role of the NRC			
6(5)(a)	NRC is independent and responsible or accountable to the Board and to the shareholders	-		Clause#5 of BRPD Circular no. 11 dated October 27, 2013 issued by Bangladesh Bank does not permit any Bank in Bangladesh to form any other Committee except three committees namely, Executive Committee, Audit Committee and Risk Management Committee. Accordingly, the Bank has not formed NRC.
6(5)(b)	NRC oversees, among others, the following matters and make report with recommendation to the Board			
6(5)(b)(i)	Formulating the criteria for determining qualifications, positive attributes and independence of a director and recommend a policy to the Board, relating to the remuneration of the directors, top level executive, considering the following:	-		Clause#5 of BRPD Circular no. 11 dated October 27, 2013 issued by Bangladesh Bank does not permit any Bank in Bangladesh to form any other Committee except three committees namely, Executive Committee, Audit Committee and Risk Management Committee. Accordingly, the Bank has not formed NRC.
6(5)(b)(i) (a)	The level and composition of remuneration is reasonable and sufficient to attract, retain and motivate suitable directors to run the company successfully	-		
6(5)(b)(i) (b)	The relationship of remuneration to performance is clear and meets appropriate performance benchmarks	-		
6(5)(b)(i) (c)	Remuneration to directors, top level executive involves a balance between fixed and incentive pay reflecting short and long-term performance objectives appropriate to the working of the company and its goals	-		
6(5)(b)(ii)	Devising a policy on Board's diversity taking into consideration age, gender, experience, ethnicity, educational background and nationality	-		
6(5)(b)(iii)	Identifying persons who are qualified to become directors and who may be appointed in top level executive position in accordance with the criteria laid down, and recommend their appointment and removal to the Board	-		
6(5)(b)(iv)	Formulating the criteria for evaluation of performance of independent directors and the Board	-		
6(5)(b)(v)	Identifying the company's needs for employees at different levels and determine their selection, transfer or replacement and promotion criteria	-		

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		Complied	Not Complied	
6(5)(b)(vi)	Developing, recommending and reviewing annually the company's human resources and training policies	-		
6(5)(c)	The company has disclosed the nomination and remuneration policy and the evaluation criteria and activities of NRC during the year at a glance in its annual report	-		
7	External / Statutory Auditors			
7(1)(i)	Non-engagement in appraisal or valuation services or fairness opinions	√		
7(1)(ii)	Non-engagement in designing and implementation of Financial Information System	√		
7(1)(iii)	Non-engagement in Book Keeping or other services related to the accounting records or financial statements	√		
7(1)(iv)	Non-engagement in Broker-dealer services	√		
7(1)(v)	Non-engagement in actuarial services	√		
7(1)(vi)	Non-engagement in internal audit services	√		
7(1)(vii)	Non-engagement in any other services that the Audit Committee determines	√		
7(1)(viii)	Non-engagement in audit or certification services on compliance of corporate governance as required under condition No. 9(1); and	√		
7(1)(ix)	Non-engagement in any other service that creates conflict of interest	√		
7(2)	No partner or employees of the external audit firms possesses any share of the company during the tenure of their assignment	√		
7(3)	Representative of external or statutory auditors remained present in the Shareholders' Meeting (Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting) to answer the queries of the shareholders	√		
8	Maintaining a website by the Company			
8(1)	The company has an official website linked with the website of the stock exchange	√		
8(2)	The company kept the website functional from the date of listing	√		
8(3)	The company made available the detailed disclosures on its website as required under the listing regulations of the concerned stock exchange(s)	√		
9	Reporting and Compliance of Corporate Governance			
9(1)	Obtaining certificate from a practicing Professional Accountant/ Secretary regarding compliance of conditions of Corporate Governance Guidelines of the BSEC and include in the Annual Report	√		
9(2)	The professional will provide the certificate on compliance of this Corporate Governance Code shall be appointed by the shareholders in the annual general meeting	√		
9(3)	Directors statement in the directors' report whether the company has complied with these conditions	√		