Eclipse Metals Limited - Corporate Governance Statement

ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations - 4th edition

For the year ended 30 June 2022 and approved by the Board

The Company is committed to high standards of corporate governance designed to enable the Company to meet its performance objectives and better manager its risks.

The Company has adopted a comprehensive governance framework in the form of a formal corporate governance charter together with associated policies, protocols and related instruments.

A full copy of the Company's corporate governance charter and associated policies, protocols and related instruments is available on the Company's website under its "Corporate Governance" heading – https://www.eclipsemetals.com.au/corporate/corporate-governance/

The Company intends to follow the ASX CGC P&R in all respects other than as specifically provided below.

In particular, each of the recommendations of the ASX CGC P&R which will not be followed by the Company and the reasons why they respectively will not be followed, are set out below. The independent directors of the Company are Mr Rodney Dale, Mr Ibrar Idrees and Mr Oliver Kreuzer. When determining the independent status of a Director the Board used the Guidelines detailed in the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Principles of Good Corporate Governance and Best Practice Recommendations.

Rec	ommendation	Current Practice See Board Charter in the corporate governance section of website.
1.1	A listed entity should have and disclose a Board Charter setting	
	out:	Satisfied. The functions reserved for the Board and delegated to senior executives have
	The respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and	been established and are further disclosed in the annual report.
	b. Those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.	
1.2	A listed entity should: a. Undertake appropriate checks before appointing a director or senior executive, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a director; and	Satisfied. Appropriate checks have been undertaken and material information provided to security holders with regards election of directors.
	 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 	
1.3	A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	Satisfied. Agreements are in place.
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 proper functioning of the board.	Satisfied. This practice is in place.

- 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 the board, senior executives and workforce generally;
 - c. Disclose in relation to each reporting period
 - The measurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender diversity;
 - The entity's progress towards achieving these objectives; and
 - The respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole workforce.

Satisfied, see Diversity Policy in the corporate governance section of website.

Not satisfied. To drive diversity and inclusion within the Company, the Board has set the following objectives: To increase the percentage of women in the business and more specifically, in leadership roles, and actively promote a culture that values diversity, inclusion and flexibility across the workforce generally.

New Directors

To promote the specific objective of gender diversity in the new Director selection process, the following is required:

- (a) Determine the skills and characteristics required based on the skills matrix, internal and competitive data and ensure the required qualities align with the Company's values and business objectives
- (b) Selection of candidates is formal and transparent;
- (c) Candidates should be selected from a diverse, experienced and skilled pool. Understand and research the pool in which candidates are being "pulled" from; look at the statistics. A wider pool can be established by engaging a professional search firm and by advertising Board vacancies;
- (d) At least one female candidate should be present on every shortlist. If at the end of the selection process, a female candidate is not selected, the existing Board must be satisfied there are objective reasons to support its determination.

Employees including Senior Management Roles

To promote the specific objective of gender diversity in the new Director selection process, the following is required:

- (a) Candidates should be selected from a diverse, experienced and skilled pool; and
- (b) A short-list identifying potential candidates for the appointment should include a mix of both male and female candidates wherever possible.

Mature Age

It is important for the Company to attract and retain mature age workers (50 years and older) in recognition of a skill set comprising of accumulated knowledge, skills, wisdom and experience which can be of great benefit to the Company.

No Board members are women and there are two women senior executives within the Company.

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 Satisfied, see process in corporate governance policies.

 Disclose whether performance evaluations were undertaken in accordance with that process for each reporting period. Not satisfied. No evaluations have been undertaken in the reporting period.

1.7 A listed entity should:

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Satisfied, see process in corporate governance policies.

	performance of senior management at least once every reporting period; and	
	 Disclose whether performance evaluations were undertaken in accordance with the process. 	Not satisfied. No evaluations have been undertaken in the reporting period.
2.1	A listed entity should have a	Not satisfied.
	nomination committee which: - Consists of at least 3 members, a majority of whom are independent directors;	The board has not established a separate nomination committee as the role of the committee is undertaken by the full board.
	 Is chaired by an independent director; And disclose: 	The Company's Nomination Committee Charter is available in the corporate government policies disclosed on the website.
	 The charter of the committee; The members of the committee The number of times the 	The committee, comprising the full Board met once during the period.
	committee met and individual attendance at those meetings	Satisfied.
	If it does not have a nomination committee disclose that fact and the process it follows to address that role.	
2.2	A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the skills that the board currently has or is looking to achieve.	Refer Schedule 1 of this document.
2.3	A listed entity should disclose: The names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors and	Currently Non-Executive Directors Rodney Dale, Ibrar Idrees and Oliver Kreuzer are considered to be independent directors as defined in ASX guidelines.
	 length of service. If a director has an interest / association / relationship that meets the factors of assessing independence. 	Length of Service as at September 2022 Rodney Dale: Appointed 7 October 2013 (8 years, 11 months) Carl Popal: Appointed 19 March 2013 (8 years, 6 months) Ibrar Idrees: Appointed 29 May 2018 (4 year, 4 months) Oliver Kreuzer: Appointed 15 December 2021 (9 months)
2.4	A majority of the board should be independent directors.	Satisfied: (75%). Rodney Dale, Ibrar Idrees and Oliver Kreuzer are considered to be independent directors as defined by ASX guidelines. Due to the size of the Company and only being a four-person board, the Company considers the structure of the Board to be appropriate to manage the level of activity of the Company at the current stage. As the Company develops it will aim to identify and appoint further independent directors at the appropriate time.

2.5	The chair should be an independent director.	Not Satisfied. Carl Popal is not considered to be independent Chairman as defined by ASS guidelines. The Board considers it appropriate to have the Chairman engaged in ar executive capacity at this critical stage of the Company's development.
	The roles of Chair and Chief Executive Officer should not be exercised by the same individual.	Not Satisfied. The Board considers it appropriate to have the Chairman engaged in an executive capacity at this critical stage of the Company's development.
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 roles as directors effectively.	The Company will provide induction material for any new directors and, depending o specific requirements, will provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors.
3.1	A listed entity should articulate and disclose its Statement of Values.	Satisfied. The Statement of Values is available on the Company's website at the Corporate Governance Section.
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 is informed of any material breaches of that code.	Satisfied. The Code of Conduct is available on the Company's website at the Corporate Governance Section.
3.3	A listed entity should: have and disclose a Whistleblower Policy; and ensure that the Board is informed of any material breaches of that policy.	Satisfied. The Whistleblower Policy is available on the Company's website at the Corporat Governance Section.
3.4	A listed entity should: - have and disclose an Anti- Bribery and Corruption Policy; and - ensure that the Board is informed of any material breaches of that policy.	Satisfied. The Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy is available on the Company's website in th Corporate Governance Section.
4.1	The board of a listed entity should have an audit committee which: - Has at least three members all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and - Is chaired by an independent chair, who is not chair of the	Not satisfied. The board has not established a separate audit committee due to the size of the Company's operations, the role of the committee is undertaken by the full board. The full Board undertakes the duties that would otherwise fall to such a committee. The Company is small, has a four-person board and a tight management structure. The Company does not perceive that the gains to be derived through the operation of a formation committee structure in the manner contemplated by the Principles and Recommendation can be cost justified. The Audit Committee Charter is available on the Company's website in the Corporate
	board. Disclose: The charter of the committee;	Governance Section. The relevant member qualifications for each member are reported in the Annual Report. The audit committee, comprising the full board met once during the Period. The Company will review the need to form a separate committee as it develops.

The Company has established procedures for the selection, appointment and rotation of its qualifications and experience; The number of times the external auditor. The Board was responsible for the initial appointment of the external auditor committee met and individual and continues to be responsible for the appointment of a new external auditor when the attendance at those meetings vacancy arises. Candidates for the position must demonstrate complete independence from the Company through the engagement period. The Board may otherwise select an external auditor based on criteria relevant to the Company's business and circumstances. 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. The board of a listed entity should, Satisfied. 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. A listed entity should disclose its Satisfied. process to verify the integrity of any Continuous Disclosure Policy is available on the Company's website in the Corporate periodic corporate report it releases Governance Section. to the market that is not audited/reviewed by an external auditor A listed entity should have and Satisfied. disclose a written policy for Continuous Disclosure Policy is available on the Company's website in the Corporate Governance Section. complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under listing rule 3.1. A listed entity should: Satisfied. Continuous Disclosure Policy is available on the Company's website in the Corporate ensure that its board receives copies of all material market Governance Section. announcements promptly after they have been made. A listed entity that gives a new and Satisfied. substantive investor or analyst Continuous Disclosure Policy is available on the Company's website in the Corporate presentation should release a copy Governance Section.

The relevant member

	of the presentation materials on the ASX market announcement	
	platform ahead of the presentation.	
6.1	A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its	Satisfied. See the Company's website including the Corporate Governance Section.
6.2	website. A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	Satisfied. See the Company's website in the Corporate Governance Section.
6.3	A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.	Satisfied. See Communication Policy on the Company's website in the Corporate Governance Section.
6.4	A listed entity should ensure that all substantive resolutions at a meeting of security holders are decided by poll rather than by a show of hands.	Satisfied.
6.5	A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communication to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	Satisfied. See welcome pack to investors.
7.1	The board of a listed entity should have a committee to oversee risk, which: - Has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and - Is chaired by an independent director, Disclose: - The charter of the committee; - The members of the committee; and - The number of times the committee met and individual attendance at those meetings If it does not have a risk committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.	The board has not established a separate risk committee as the role of the committee is undertaken by the full board. The Company has established policies for the oversight and management of materia business risks. Under the policy, the Board is responsible for approving the Company's policies on risk oversight and management and satisfying itself that management has developed and implemented a sound system of risk management and internal control. The Company's Risk Management Policy is available on the Company's website in the Corporate Governance Section. No meeting of the risk committee was held during the Period. Satisfied.
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	Not satisfied. To be undertaken in future periods.

	with due regard for the risk appetite set by the board; - Disclose whether such a review has taken place.	
7.3	A listed entity should disclose: - If has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs;	Not satisfied. The entity does not have an internal audit function. The function is undertaken by the Board.
	- If it does not have an internal audit function, disclose that fact and the process it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its governance, risk management and internal control processes.	The Company's Risk Management Policy is available on the Company's website in the Corporate Governance Section.
7.4	The entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks, and if it does, how it manages those risks.	The operations and proposed activities of the Company are subject to laws and regulations concerning the environment that also have an economic and social sustainability risk. As with most exploration projects and mining operations, the Company's activities are expected to have an impact on the environment, particularly if advanced exploration or mine development proceeds. It is the Company's intention to conduct its activities to the highest standard of environmental and social obligations, including compliance with all environmental laws.
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	Not Satisfied. The Company has not established a separate Remuneration Committee. The full Board undertakes, on an ad-hoc unstructured basis, the duties which normally would be performed by such a committee. The Company does however have a formal Remuneration Committee policy but due to its size and limited resources, this policy is not being implemented.
	 Is chaired by an independent director; and Disclose: 	The level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives is readily determined by what would normally be paid to incumbents in similar sized companies.
	 The charter of the committee; The members of the committee; and 	The Remuneration Committee Charter is available on the Company's website in the Corporate Governance Section.
	The number of times the committee met and individual attendance at those meetings If it does not have a remuneration	One meeting of the Board undertaking the Remuneration Committee's duties was undertaken during the period.
	committee disclose that fact and the process it follows to address that role.	Satisfied.
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.	Satisfied. The structure of Directors' remuneration is disclosed in the remuneration report section of the annual report.
8.3	A listed entity which has an equity- based remuneration scheme should:	The Company does not have an equity-based remuneration scheme.

- Have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme;
- Disclose that policy or a summary of it.

Further information about the Company's corporate governance practices is set out on the Company's website at https://www.eclipsemetals.com.au/corporate/corporate-governance/