
Syndicated Metals Limited - Corporate Governance Statement

Approach to Corporate Governance

Syndicated Metals Limited ACN 115 768 986 (**Company**) has established a corporate governance framework, the key features of which are set out in this statement. In establishing its corporate governance framework, the Company has referred to the recommendations set out in the ASX Corporate Governance Council's Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations 3rd edition (**Principles & Recommendations**). The Company has followed each recommendation where the Board has considered the recommendation to be an appropriate benchmark for its corporate governance practices. Where the Company's corporate governance practices follow a recommendation, the Board has made appropriate statements reporting on the adoption of the recommendation. In compliance with the "if not, why not" reporting regime, where, after due consideration, the Company's corporate governance practices do not follow a recommendation, the Board has explained its reasons for not following the recommendation and disclosed what, if any, alternative practices the Company has adopted instead of those in the recommendation.

The following governance-related documents can be found on the Company's website at www.syndicatedmetals.com.au, under the section marked "Corporate Governance":

Charters

Board

Nomination Committee

Audit and Risk Committee

Remuneration Committee

Policies and Procedures

Process for Performance Evaluation

Policy and Procedure for the Selection and (Re)Appointment of Directors

Induction Program

Procedure for the Selection, Appointment and Rotation of External Auditor

Code of Conduct (summary)

Diversity Policy (summary)

Policy on Continuous Disclosure (summary)

Compliance Procedures (summary)

Shareholder Communication and Investor Relations Policy

Securities Trading Policy

The Company reports below on whether it has followed each of the recommendations during the 2014/2015 financial year (**Reporting Period**). The information in this statement is current at and was approved by a resolution of the Board on 20 August 2015.

Principle 1 – Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

Recommendation 1.1

The Company has established the respective roles and responsibilities of its Board and management, and those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management and has documented this in its *Board Charter*.

Recommendation 1.2

The Company undertakes appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to shareholders a candidate for election as a director and provides shareholders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.

The checks which are undertaken, and the information provided to shareholders are set out in the Company's *Policy and Procedure for the Selection and (Re)Appointment of Directors*.

Recommendation 1.3

The Company has a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment. The material terms of any employment, service or consultancy agreement the Company, or any of its child entities, has entered into with its Managing Director, any of its directors, and any other person or entity who is a related party of the Managing Director or any of its directors has been disclosed in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 3.16.4 (taking into consideration the exclusions from disclosure outlined in that rule).

Recommendation 1.4

The Company Secretary is accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board as outlined in the Company's *Board Charter*. The Company Secretary's role is also outlined in the employment agreement between the Company Secretary and the Company.

Recommendation 1.5

The Company has a Diversity Policy, pursuant to which the Board may set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity that are appropriate for the Company, and if objectives are set, to assess annually both the objectives and the Company's progress in achieving them.

The Company's Diversity Policy does not require the Board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity, nor has the Board set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity. The Board considers that it is not practical at this stage of the Company's operations to establish measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity given the small number of employees. However, the Board will review this position as its circumstances change.

The respective proportions of men and women on the Board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation are set out in the following table. "Senior executive" for these purposes means those persons who have the opportunity to materially influence the integrity, strategy and operation of the Company and its financial performance.

| | Proportion of women |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Whole organisation | 1 out of 10 (10%) |
| Senior executive positions | 0 out of 2 (0%) |
| Board | 0 out of 4 (0%) |

Recommendation 1.6

The Chair is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Board, Board committees and individual directors in accordance with the process disclosed in the Company's *Process for Performance Evaluations*.

During the Reporting Period an evaluation of the Board, its committees and individual directors took place in June 2015 in accordance with the process disclosed in the Company's *Process for Performance Evaluations*.

Recommendation 1.7

The Managing Director is responsible for evaluating the performance of senior executives in accordance with the process disclosed in the Company's *Process for Performance Evaluations*.

During the Reporting Period an evaluation of senior executives took place in June 2015 in accordance with the process disclosed in the Company's *Process for Performance Evaluations*.

Principle 2 – Structure the board to add value

Recommendation 2.1

The Board has not established a separate Nomination Committee. Given the current size and composition of the Board, the Board believes that there would be no efficiencies gained by establishing a separate Nomination Committee. Accordingly, the Board performs the role of the Nomination Committee.

Although the Board has not established a separate Nomination Committee, it has adopted a *Nomination Committee Charter*, which describes the role, composition, functions and responsibilities of the full Board in its capacity as the Nomination Committee. When the Board convenes as the Nomination Committee it carries out those functions which are delegated to it in the Company's Nomination Committee Charter. Items that are usually required to be discussed by a Nomination Committee are marked as separate agenda items at Board meetings when required. The Board deals with any conflicts of interest that may occur when convening in the capacity of the Nomination Committee by ensuring that the director with conflicting interests is not party to the relevant discussions.

The full Board convened once as a Nomination Committee during the Reporting Period. Details of director attendance at the meeting of the full Board in its capacity as the Nomination Committee during the Reporting Period are set out in the table in the Directors' Report on page 24 of the Company's 2015 Annual Report.

The Company's *Nomination Committee Charter* is disclosed on the Company's website.

Recommendation 2.2

The Company's objective is to have an appropriate mix of skills and diversity on its Board and Committees to enable it to effectively carry out its oversight and corporate governance responsibilities.

The Board currently has the following mix of skills, expertise, qualifications and experience represented by its members:

Expertise

Strategy
Governance and compliance
Health and safety
Risk management
Executive management
Commercial acumen
Financial knowledge and experience

Qualifications

Geological qualifications
Mining engineering qualifications
Management qualifications.

Experience

Mining industry experience
Technical experience
Operational experience
Project development skill and experience
Business development skill and experience
Equity and debt financing experience

The Board is not currently looking to increase its size. However, as the Company's activities develop, the Board will consider the appointment of a further independent director, ideally with financial qualifications, to support and strengthen the current Board and management team.

Recommendation 2.3

The Board considers the independence of directors having regard to the relationships listed in Box 2.3 of the Principles & Recommendations. The sole independent director of the Company is Mr Langworthy.

The remaining directors are not independent for the following reasons:

- Mr Munckton is the Company's Managing Director.
- Mr Morgan has within the last three years been employed in an executive capacity with the Company.
- Mr Cooper is the Chief Executive Officer of CopperChem Limited, the Company's largest shareholder (30.89%), and was appointed to the Board as CopperChem Limited's nominee.

The length of service of each director is set out in the Directors' Report on pages 3 and 4 of the Company's 2015 Annual Report.

Recommendation 2.4

The Board does not have a majority of directors who are independent. The Board considers that its composition is suitable for the Company's current size and operations, and includes an appropriate mix of skills and expertise relevant to the Company's business. In particular, the Board includes members with disciplines from geology, mine engineering and business development such that the combined expertise and judgment means that the Board is able to adequately discharge its responsibilities, and has an adequate understanding of the Company's current and emerging business.

Recommendation 2.5

The independent Chair of the Board is Mr Langworthy, who is not also the Managing Director.

Recommendation 2.6

The Company has an induction program that it uses when new directors join the Board and when new senior executives are appointed. The goal of the program is to assist new directors to participate fully and actively in Board decision-making at the earliest opportunity and to assist senior executives to participate fully and actively in management decision-making at the earliest opportunity. The Company's *Induction Program* is disclosed on the Company's website.

The Board regularly reviews whether the directors as a group have the skills, knowledge and familiarity with the Company and its operating environment required to fulfil their role on the Board and the Board committees effectively using a Board skills matrix. Where any gaps are identified, the Board considers what training or development should be undertaken to fill those gaps. In particular, the Board ensures that any director who does not have specialist accounting skills or knowledge has a sufficient understanding of accounting matters to fulfil his or her responsibilities in relation to the Company's financial statements. Directors also receive ongoing education as required on developments in accounting standards that are relevant to the Company

Principle 3 – Act ethically and responsibly

Recommendation 3.1

The Company has established a *Code of Conduct* for its directors, senior executives and employees, a summary of which is disclosed on the Company's website.

Principle 4 – Safeguard integrity in corporate reporting

Recommendation 4.1

The Board has not established a separate Audit and Risk Committee. Given the current size and composition of the Board, the Board believes that there would be no efficiencies gained by establishing a separate Audit and Risk Committee. Accordingly, the Board performs the role of the Audit and Risk Committee. Although the Board has not established a separate Audit and Risk Committee, it has adopted an Audit and Risk Committee Charter, which describes the role, composition, functions and responsibilities of the full Board in its capacity as the Audit and Risk Committee. Annual action points for the Audit and Risk Committee are set out in the Audit and Risk Committee Charter. When the Board convenes as the Audit and Risk Committee it carries out those functions which are delegated to it in the Company's Audit and Risk Committee Charter. Items that are usually required to be discussed by an Audit and Risk Committee are marked as separate agenda items at Board meetings when required. The Board deals with any conflicts of interest that may occur when convening in the capacity of the Audit and Risk Committee by ensuring that the director with conflicting interests is not party to the relevant discussions.

The Company has also established a *Procedure for the Selection, Appointment and Rotation of its External Auditor*, which is disclosed on the Company's website. The Board is responsible for the initial appointment of the external auditor and the appointment of a new external auditor when any vacancy arises. Candidates for the position of external auditor 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. The performance of the external auditor is reviewed on an annual basis by the Board.

Details of director attendance at meetings of the full Board, in its capacity as the Audit and Risk Committee, during the Reporting Period, are set out in a table in the Directors' Report on page 24 of the Company's 2015 Annual Report.

The Company's *Audit and Risk Committee Charter* is disclosed on the Company's website.

Recommendation 4.2

Before the Board approved the Company financial statements for the half year ended 31 December 2014, the full-year ended 30 June 2015 and each of the quarters ending 30 September 2014, 31 December 2014, 31 March 2015 and 30 June 2015, it received from the Managing Director and the Chief Financial Officer a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the Company for the relevant financial period have been properly maintained and that the financial statements for the relevant financial period comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company and the Group and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.

Recommendation 4.3

Under section 250RA of the Corporations Act, the Company's auditor is required to attend the Company's annual general meeting at which the audit report is considered, and must arrange to be represented by a person who is a suitably qualified member of the audit team that conducted the audit and is in a position to answer questions about the audit. Each year, the Company writes to the Company's auditor to inform them of the date of the Company's annual general meeting. In accordance with section 250S of the Corporations Act, at the Company's annual general meeting where the Company's auditor or their representative is at the meeting, the Chair allows a reasonable opportunity for the members as a whole at the meeting to ask the auditor (or its representative) questions relevant to the conduct of the audit; the preparation and content of the auditor's report; the accounting policies adopted by the Company in relation to the preparation of the financial statements; and the independence of the auditor in relation to the conduct of the audit. The Chair also allows a reasonable opportunity for the auditor (or their representative) to answer written questions submitted to the auditor under section 250PA of the Corporations Act.

A representative of the Company's auditor, PKF Mack attended the Company's annual general meeting held on 8 October 2014.

Principle 5 – Make timely and balanced disclosure

Recommendation 5.1

The Company has established written policies and procedures for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the ASX Listing Rules. A summary of the Company's *Policy on Continuous Disclosure and Compliance Procedures* are disclosed on the Company's website.

Principle 6 – Respect the rights of security holders

Recommendation 6.1

The Company provides information about itself and its governance to investors via its website at www.syndicatedmetals.com.au as set out in its *Shareholder Communication and Investor Relations Policy*.

Recommendation 6.2

The Company has designed and implemented an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors. Details of the program are set out in the Company's *Shareholder Communication and Investor Relations Policy*.

Recommendation 6.3

The Company has in place a *Shareholder Communication and Investor Relations Policy* which outlines the policies and processes that it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of shareholders. The policy was updated in December 2014.

Recommendation 6.4

Shareholders are given the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the Company and its share registry electronically. The Company's website contains an email subscription service and a link to a Company info email address. The website also contains a link to the Company's share registry website.

Principle 7 – Recognise and manage risk

Recommendation 7.1

The Board has not established a separate Risk Committee. As noted above in relation to Recommendation 4.1, the full Board performs the role of an Audit and Risk Committee. Please refer to the disclosure in relation to Recommendation 4.1, which is also relevant to Recommendation 7.1.

Recommendation 7.2

The Board reviews the Company's risk management framework annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound, to determine whether there have been any changes in the material business risks the Company faces and to ensure that the Company is operating within the risk appetite set by the Board. The Board carried out this review during the Reporting Period.

Recommendation 7.3

The Company does not have an internal audit function. To evaluate and continually improve the effectiveness of the Company's risk management and internal control processes, the Board relies on ongoing reporting and discussion of the management of material business risks as outlined in the Company's *Risk Management Policy*.

Recommendation 7.4

The Company has material exposure to the following economic, environmental and/or social sustainability risks:

| Risk description | Risk management approach |
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| <i>Equity Market-related risks</i> | |
| Ability to source timely access to additional equity funding as required. | The Group maintains close financial control of expenditure and maintains good relationships with shareholders and equity market participants. |
| <i>Commodity Market-related risks</i> | |
| Adverse global demand for commodities and/or adverse commodity price movements. | The Group continually monitors global commodity demand and price and is well positioned to adjust or curtail its exploration focus. |
| <i>Exploration operations risks</i> | |
| Ability to retain exploration tenure and meet tenement commitments. | The Group utilises dedicated employees and external consultants to continually monitor its tenement holding and tenement management system. The Group maintains a tenement position of a size that allows it to be able to effectively explore and meet its tenement expenditure commitments. The Group continually assesses its tenement holding to enable it to relinquish ground that is considered to be not prospective. |
| Exploration efforts are unsuccessful in delivering new projects. | The Group follows a systematic exploration approach and utilises technical experts and new technologies to assess its projects and the results of its exploration activities. |
| <i>Environmental risks</i> | |
| Non-compliance with environmental, native title, heritage and/or landholder requirements. | The Group has agreements in place with all stakeholders, regularly undertakes compliance activities and communicates with stakeholders. The Group undertakes an annual audit of compliance with these agreements. |
| <i>Health and safety risks</i> | |
| Any health and safety incident in or around the Company's operations has the potential to put employees or community members at risk. | The Group is committed to the health and safety of its employees, contractors and the community in which it operates. The Group has an OH&S policy and risk management system in place. OH&S performance is a standing agenda item at each Board Meeting. All site based staff receive training required to perform their assigned tasks safely and correctly. The OH&S policy and risk management system is audited annually. |

In addition, the following risk management measures have been adopted by the Board to manage the Company's material business risks:

- the Board has established expenditure authority limits for management, which, if expected to be exceeded, require prior Board approval;
- the Board has adopted a policy and procedure for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the Company's continuous disclosure obligations; and
- the Board has adopted a corporate governance manual which contains other policies and procedures to assist the Company to establish and maintain its governance practices.

The Company has formalised its approach to risk management by documenting all material business risks in a risk register and allocating ownership for material business risks to the Managing Director and management of individual material business risks to senior management and individuals within the organisation. The risk register is reviewed by management and updated six-monthly and presented to the Board. All risks identified in the risk register are reviewed and assessed by management and the Board at least annually.

Principle 8 – Remunerate fairly and responsibly

Recommendation 8.1

The Board has established a Remuneration Committee comprising two non-executive directors, Mr Langworthy (independent) and Mr Morgan (not independent). The composition of the Remuneration Committee does not meet the requirements of Recommendation 8.1 as it comprises only two members and does not comprise a majority of independent directors. Given the composition of the Board, it is unable to establish a Remuneration Committee that meets the structural requirements of Recommendation 8.1. However, the Board considers that the composition of the Remuneration Committee is appropriate as it comprises only non-executive directors, noting the potential for conflict of interest if the Remuneration Committee includes executives, and an equal number of independent and non-independent directors.

The Board has adopted a *Remuneration Committee Charter* which describes the role, composition, functions and responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee.

Details of director attendance at meetings of the Remuneration Committee, during the Reporting Period, are set out in a table in the Directors' Report on page 24 of the Company's 2015 Annual Report.

Recommendation 8.2

Details of remuneration, including the Company's policy on remuneration, are contained in the "Remuneration Report" which forms part of the Directors' Report and commences at page 26 of the Company's 2015 Annual Report. This disclosure includes a summary of the Company's policies regarding the deferral of performance-based remuneration and the reduction, cancellation or clawback of the performance-based remuneration in the event of serious misconduct or a material misstatement in the Company's financial statements.

Recommendation 8.3

The Company's Remuneration Committee Charter includes a statement of the Company's policy on prohibiting participants in the Syndicated Metals Limited Performance Rights Plan (**Plan**) entering into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the Plan.

Appendix 4G

Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Name of entity:

Syndicated Metals Limited

ABN / ARBN:

61 115 768 986

Financial year ended:

30 June 2015

Our corporate governance statement² for the above period can be found at:³

- These pages of our annual report:
- This URL on our website: <http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/corporate-governance.php>

The Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and up to date as at 20 August 2015 and has been approved by the board.

The annexure includes a key to where our corporate governance disclosures can be located.

Date: 20 August 2015

Name of Director or Secretary authorising
lodgement: Andrew Munckton

¹ Under Listing Rule 4.7.3, an entity must lodge with ASX a completed Appendix 4G at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX.

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 rule 4.10.3.

² "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.

³ Mark whichever option is correct and then complete the page number(s) of the annual report, or the URL of the web page, where the entity's corporate governance statement can be found. You can, if you wish, delete the option which is not applicable.

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

| Corporate Governance Council recommendation | | We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ... | We have NOT followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ... ⁴ |
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| PRINCIPLE 1 – LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT | | | |
| 1.1 | A listed entity should disclose: (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. | ... the fact that we follow this recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i> ... and information about the respective roles and responsibilities of our board and management (including those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/corporate-governance.php (Board Charter) | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> 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 person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate 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. | ... the fact that we follow this recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> 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. | ... the fact that we follow this recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> 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. | ... the fact that we follow this recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable |

⁴ If you have followed all of the Council's recommendations in full for the whole of the period above, you can, if you wish, delete this column from the form and re-format it.

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| <p>1.5 A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the board or a relevant committee of the board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them;</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and</p> <p>(c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them and either:</p> <p>(1) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or</p> <p>(2) 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.</p> | <p>... the fact that we have a diversity policy that complies with paragraph (a):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and a copy of our diversity policy or a summary of it:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/corporate-governance.php (Diversity Policy Summary)</p> <p>... and the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with our diversity policy and our progress towards achieving them:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (c)(1) or (2):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p> <p>(c)the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p> |
| <p>1.6 A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</p> | <p>... the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/corporate-governance.php (Process for Performance Evaluation)</p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraph (b):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p> |

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| PRINCIPLE 2 - STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO ADD VALUE | | | |
| 2.1 | <p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a nomination committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p> | <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</p> <p>... the fact that we have a nomination committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and a copy of the charter of the committee:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/corporate-governance.php (Nomination Committee Charter)</p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</p> <p>... the fact that we do not have a nomination committee and the processes we employ 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:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p> |
| 2.2 | <p>A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.</p> | <p>... our board skills matrix:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p> |

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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, association 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, association or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and (c) the length of service of each director. | ... the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i> ... and, where applicable, the information referred to in paragraph (b): <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i> ... and the length of service of each director: <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/investors-reports.php (Annual Report 2015) at pages 3 and 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement |
| 2.4 | A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors. | ... the fact that we follow this recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> 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. | ... the fact that we follow this recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> 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 provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively. | ... the fact that we follow this recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable |
| PRINCIPLE 3 – ACT ETHICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY | | | |
| 3.1 | A listed entity should: (a) have a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and (b) disclose that code or a summary of it. | ... our code of conduct or a summary of it: <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/corporate-governance.php (Code Of Conduct Summary) | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement |

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| PRINCIPLE 4 – SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY IN CORPORATE REPORTING | | | |
| 4.1 | <p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have an audit committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board,</p> <p>and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p> | <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</p> <p>... the fact that we have an audit committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and a copy of the charter of the committee:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/corporate-governance.php (Audit & Risk Committee Charter)</p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/investors-reports.php (Annual Report 2015) at pages 3, 4 and 24.</p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</p> <p>... the fact that we do not have an audit committee and the processes we employ that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of our corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p> |
| 4.2 | <p>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.</p> | <p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p> |

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| 4.3 | A 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. | <p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity that does not hold an annual general meeting and this recommendation is therefore not applicable |
| PRINCIPLE 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE | | | |
| 5.1 | A listed entity should: (a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it. | <p>... our continuous disclosure compliance policy or a summary of it:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/corporate-governance.php (Policy on Continuous Disclosure Summary) | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement |
| PRINCIPLE 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. | <p>... information about us and our governance on our website:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/corporate-governance.php | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement |
| 6.2 | A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors. | <p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement |
| 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. | <p>... our policies and processes for facilitating and encouraging participation at meetings of security holders:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/corporate-governance.php (Shareholder Communications and Investor Relations Policy) | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity that does not hold periodic meetings of security holders and this recommendation is therefore not applicable |
| 6.4 | A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically. | <p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR <input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement |

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| PRINCIPLE 7 – RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK | | | |
| 7.1 | <p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p> | <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</p> <p>... the fact that we have a committee or committees to oversee risk that comply with paragraphs (1) and (2):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and a copy of the charter of the committee:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/corporate-governance.php (Audit & Risk Committee Charter)</p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/investors-reports.php (Annual Report 2015) at page 24.</p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</p> <p>... the fact that we do not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) and the processes we employ for overseeing our risk management framework:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p> |
| 7.2 | <p>The board or a committee of the board should:</p> <p>(a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.</p> | <p>... the fact that board or a committee of the board reviews the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and that such a review has taken place in the reporting period covered by this Appendix 4G:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p> |

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| 7.3 | <p>A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes.</p> | <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] ... how our internal audit function is structured and what role it performs:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] ... 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:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p> |
| 7.4 | <p>A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.</p> | <p>... whether we have any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if we do, how we manage or intend to manage those risks:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <u>OR</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p> |

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| PRINCIPLE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY | | | |
| 8.1 | <p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a remuneration committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p> | <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</p> <p>... the fact that we have a remuneration committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> <p>... and a copy of the charter of the committee:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/corporate-governance.php (Remuneration Committee Charter)</p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/investors-reports.php (Annual Report 2015) at page 24.</p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</p> <p>... the fact that we do not have a remuneration committee and the processes we employ for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p> |
| 8.2 | <p>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.</p> | <p>... separately our remuneration policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/investors-reports.php (Annual Report 2015) (Remuneration Report) at page 26.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p> |

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| 8.3 | <p>A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.</p> | <p>... our policy on this issue or a summary of it:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at http://www.syndicatedmetals.com.au/corporate-governance.php (Remuneration Committee Charter)</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we do not have an equity-based remuneration scheme and this recommendation is therefore not applicable OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p> |
| ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES APPLICABLE TO EXTERNALLY MANAGED LISTED ENTITIES | | | |
| - | <p><i>Alternative to Recommendation 1.1 for externally managed listed entities:</i></p> <p>The responsible entity of an externally managed listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) the arrangements between the responsible entity and the listed entity for managing the affairs of the listed entity;</p> <p>(b) the role and responsibility of the board of the responsible entity for overseeing those arrangements.</p> | <p>... the information referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p> |
| - | <p><i>Alternative to Recommendations 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 for externally managed listed entities:</i></p> <p>An externally managed listed entity should clearly disclose the terms governing the remuneration of the manager.</p> | <p>... the terms governing our remuneration as manager of the entity:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement OR</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at <i>[insert location]</i></p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p> |