

MASTER DRILLING GROUP LIMITED

Application of the King IV Report on Corporate Governance for South Africa 2016 (“King IV™”)

Master Drilling Group Limited (“Master Drilling” or “the Company”) is a listed company on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange operated by the JSE Limited (“JSE”). Paragraph 3.84 of the JSE Listings Requirements stipulates that issuers must comply with certain specific requirements concerning corporate governance. Master Drilling certifies that it complies with all the requirements detailed in paragraph 3.84.

Master Drilling believes in ensuring:

- an ethical culture
- good performance
- effective control
- legitimacy

In its drive to ensure the achievement of these outcomes, Master Drilling has applied all the principles outlined in King IV™ adequately during 2017 and sets out hereunder a brief description of the principles and their application within the Master Drilling environment.

PRINCIPLE 1: The governing body should lead ethically and effectively - Satisfactorily applied

Integrity – Master Drilling’s directors must always act ethically, in good faith and in the best interests of the Company. The Board’s deliberations, decisions and actions are based on ethical values of responsibility, accountability, fairness and transparency.

An employee ethics and code of conduct policy is in force throughout the Group. All directors and employees, irrespective of the country in which they are employed, are obligated under the code to act with honesty and integrity and to maintain the highest ethical standards.

Declarations of interest are managed in line with the Companies Act 71 of 2008 (“the Companies Act”) and directors are required to disclose their shareholdings and additional directorships on an annual basis. Any potential conflict of interest with any agenda item must be disclosed at the meeting at which such matters are considered. Master Drilling’s directors, executives and certain employees identified from time to time are prohibited from dealing in Master Drilling securities during certain prescribed periods. The Board will take the necessary steps concerning untenable conflicts.

Competence - Master Drilling’s directors have the necessary competence to discharge their responsibilities and to provide strategic direction and control of the Company. Directors are expected to act with due care, skill and diligence.

The development of industry knowledge is a continuous process and the Board is continually appraised of new developments and changes in Master Drilling’s business environment. Training is also provided to individual directors on request. The Company has an induction programme, which includes the opportunity for new directors to visit key operations.

Responsibility - The Board sets the direction of the Company and is committed to driving Master Drilling’s strategy and operations to support a sustainable business, taking into account Master Drilling’s short- and long-term impact on the economy, society, environment and its stakeholders, and oversees and monitors implementation and execution by management, ensuring accountability for the Company’s performance.

Directors are devoted to ensuring the sustainable success of the Company and therefore attend meetings as required and dedicate sufficient time and effort in preparation for such meetings.

Risk management is part of Master Drilling’s culture and is inherent in all decisions and activities. The Board, with the support of its committees, regularly considers the risks and opportunities prevalent in the environment the Group operates in, ensuring a balanced outcome between risk and reward, taking into consideration the best interests of the Company.

Accountability -The Board of directors remain accountable for the actions of the Company and will answer for the execution of their responsibilities, even if delegated.

Fairness - Master Drilling recognises that the sustainability of its business is totally dependent on successful and inclusive interaction with its stakeholders. A stakeholder engagement policy sets out the strategies and objectives behind the Group’s engagement with material stakeholders, with the primary objective that the Company be recognised as a responsible corporate citizen.

Transparency - The Board is transparent in the manner in which it exercises its role and responsibilities and ensures that appropriate disclosures are made as required.

PRINCIPLE 2: The governing body should govern the ethics of the organisation in a way that supports the establishment of an ethical culture - Satisfactorily applied

Organisational ethics - The Board determines and sets the tone of the organisation's values, including principles of ethical business practices, human rights considerations and the essential requirements of corporate citizenship. Master Drilling is committed to conducting its business in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and has the necessary processes in place to ensure that all directors, entities and employees in the Group adhere to essential Group requirements and appropriate corporate governance standards.

The employee ethics and code of conduct policy, approved by the Board, sets the minimum standards expected of all directors, employees and suppliers. It is expected that all directors, employees and suppliers within the Group, act ethically with each other, with external stakeholders and society in general. Key ethical risks are considered and monitored by the Board with the support of the Board committees. Alleged violations may be reported through "Tip-Offs Anonymous", which is independently administered from the Group and is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. No human rights violations were reported during the year, nor were any incidents of corruption detected or reported.

Management has been delegated the responsibility for the implementation and execution of the employee ethics and code of conduct policy. The Board, with the assistance of the Social, Ethics and Sustainability Committee, exercises ongoing oversight of the management and monitoring of ethics ensuring it is integrated in the operations of the Company.

The ethics programme, which includes the whistle-blowing policy and the provision of an independent reporting line to detect breaches of ethical standards together with dedicated efforts to create awareness,

detect and resolve ethical violations and provide training all contribute to a strong ethical foundation.

The code of ethics is published on the website and is incorporated by reference in supplier and employee contracts. A high-level overview of the governance and management of governing and managing ethics is also disclosed in the integrated report.

PRINCIPLE 3: The governing body should ensure that the organisation is and is seen to be a responsible corporate citizen - Satisfactorily applied

Being a responsible corporate citizen - It is a Master Drillings imperative to be a values-driven organisation fulfilling both its legal and moral obligations.

The Board approves the strategy and priorities of the business, including Master Drilling's material issues as set out in its annual integrated report. Through stakeholder engagement and collaboration, Master Drilling is committed to understanding and being responsive to the interests and expectations of stakeholders and to collaborating with them in finding lasting solutions to sustainability challenges.

The Board, with the support of the Social, Ethics and Sustainability Committee, the Risk Committee and the Management team, oversees and monitors how the operations and activities of the Company affect its status as a responsible corporate citizen and reports annually on the Group's sustainability activities.

PRINCIPLE 4: The governing body should appreciate that the organisation's core purpose its risks and opportunities, strategy, business model, performance and sustainable development are all inseparable elements of the value creation process - Satisfactorily applied

Strategy and performance - The Board informs and approves Master Drilling's strategy which is aligned with the purpose of the Company, the value drivers of its business and the legitimate expectations of its stakeholders whilst taking into account the key risks facing the Group. The Board oversees and monitors, with the support of its committees, the implementation and execution by management of the policies and priorities and ensures that the Company accounts for its performance by, amongst others, reporting and disclosure. More details regarding the Company's performance against its strategic objectives is included in the integrated report.

PRINCIPLE 5: The governing body should ensure that reports issued by the organization enable stakeholders to make informed assessments of the organisation's performance, and its short-, medium- and long-term prospects - Satisfactorily applied

Reporting - The Board, through the Audit Committee, ensures that the necessary controls are in place to verify and safeguard the integrity of the annual reports and any other disclosures. The Company ensures that all disclosures are made in accordance with stipulated requirements.

The Audit Committee oversees the integrated reporting process and reviews the audited financial statements.

Master Drilling ensures that the annual reports, including the annual financial statements, the integrated report and any other relevant information to stakeholders are published on the Company's website, as well as through other media as is appropriate.

PRINCIPLE 6: The governing body should serve as the focal point and custodian of corporate governance in the organisation - Satisfactorily applied

Our primary role - The Board has an approved charter, which it reviews regularly. The charter sets out its governance responsibilities, including its role, responsibilities, membership requirements and procedural conduct.

The Board as well as any director or committee may obtain independent, external professional advice at the Company's expense concerning matters within the scope of their duties and the directors may request documentation from and set up meetings with management as and when required.

Master Drilling has the necessary processes in place to ensure that all entities in the Group adhere to essential Group requirements and minimum corporate governance standards. As a direct or indirect shareholder, the Company exercises its rights and is involved in the decision-making of its subsidiaries on material matters. Master Drilling has a Corporate Governance Committee which has the following responsibilities: ensure that sufficient attention will be given by management to successfully accomplish the transition to King IV; ensure continued compliance with required legislation and the JSE Listings Requirements; and ensure that the Corporate Governance Committee reports on compliance to the Board on a regular basis.

Master Drilling's governance framework and corporate governance practices is disclosed in the integrated report.

PRINCIPLE 7: The governing body should comprise the appropriate balance of knowledge, skills, experience, diversity and independence for it to discharge its governance role and responsibilities objectively and effectively - Satisfactorily applied

Including notes on Master Drilling's compliance with the following JSE Listings Requirements: *JSE3.84(e): Categorisation of directors. JSE3.84(a): Balance of power and authority on the Board. JSE3.84(b): Appointment of CEO and Chairman. JSE3.84(i) and (j): Policy on the promotion of gender and race diversity on the Board. JSE3.84 (d): CV of each director standing for election or re-election.*

Composition - The capacity of each director is categorised in accordance with the JSE listings requirements, also taking into consideration King IV™ and other factors included in the Board charter. The Board comprises a majority of independent non-executive directors. A review on the independence and performance of independent non-executive directors serving more than 9 years is undertaken by the Board with the support of the Nominations Committee. [*JSE3.84(e)*]

There are four executive directors on the Board namely the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”), the Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”), the Chief Operations Officer for the America’s (“COO”) and the Technical Director (“TD”) In accordance with the Company’s memorandum of incorporation (“MOI”), one-third of the non-executive directors must retire at every annual general meeting (“AGM”) and are eligible for re-election. When considering the appointment or re-election of directors, the Board, with the support of the Nominations Committee, gives consideration to the knowledge, skills and resources required of directors for conducting the business as well as size, diversity and demographics of the Board to ensure its effectiveness.

There is a clear distinction drawn between the roles of the CEO and the Chairman and these positions are occupied by separate individuals. [*JSE3.84(b)*] Four of the five non-executive directors have been determined by the Board to be independent. As recommended by King IV™, the appointment of a lead independent director will be considered to lead in the absence of the chairman and act as chairman in certain circumstances as appropriate. [*JSE3.84(b)*]

A policy on the promotion of gender and race diversity at Board level has been approved by the Board. The Board reports on how it has considered and applied the policy in the integrated report. [*JSE3.84 (i) and (j)*]

The process for the appointment and election of directors is set out in the Company’s MOI. The Nominations Committee assists with the process of identifying suitable candidates to be proposed for appointment to the Board and election by the shareholders, taking into consideration the review of the Board’s effectiveness, which includes, amongst others, its composition. All facets of diversity including the Board’s gender and race diversity policy are considered in determining the optimal composition of the Board, which should be balanced appropriately to enable the Board to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively. [*JSE3.84(a)*]

A brief *curriculum vitae* for each director standing for election or re-election accompanies the notice of the AGM.

Newly appointed directors are inducted into the business of the Company, Board matters and their duties and responsibilities as directors under the guidance of the Company Secretary, in accordance with each director’s specific needs. Directors are given the opportunity to visit key operations and receive briefings on new legal developments and changes in the risk and general business environment on an on-going basis.

The succession plan of directors is reviewed on an on-going basis.

PRINCIPLE 8: The governing body should ensure that its arrangements for delegation within its own structures promote independent judgement, and assist with balance of power and the effective discharge of its duties - Satisfactorily applied

Including notes on Master Drilling's compliance with the following JSE Listings Requirements: JSE3.84(c): Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Social and Ethics and Sustainability Committee. JSE3.84(g): Expertise and experience of the financial director.

Board committees - Committees have been established to assist the Board in discharging its responsibilities. The committees of the Board comprise the Audit, Nominations, Remuneration, Social Ethics and Sustainability, Risk and Corporate Governance Committees respectively.

The committees are appropriately constituted, and members are appointed by the Board. The Nominations Committee reviews the composition of Board committees and makes recommendations to the Board with regard to their composition, including the appointment of the chairman of each committee, taking into account factors such as diversity and skills and the need to create an even spread of power and authority.

External advisors, executive directors and members of management attend committee meetings by invitation. The committees play an important role in enhancing high standards of governance and achieving increased effectiveness within the Group. Formal charters outlining the role and responsibilities of each committee have been aligned to the requirements of King IV™ and approved by the Board. These charters will be reviewed annually. The charters of the committees are available on Master Drilling's website.

A delegation by the Board of its responsibilities to a committee will not in or of itself constitute a discharge of the Board's responsibilities or accountability. The Board applies its collective mind to the information, opinions, recommendations, reports and statements presented by the chairman of a committee.

The Audit Committee - The Board has an independent Audit Committee and its independence and effectiveness is reviewed on an annual basis. The Audit Committee is constituted as a statutory committee of Master Drilling Limited in respect of its statutory duties in terms of section 94(7) of the Companies Act and a committee of the Board in respect of all other duties assigned to it by the Board. [JSE3.84(c)]

The Audit Committee performs the functions as set out in the Companies Act. Adequate processes and structures have been implemented to assist the Audit Committee in providing oversight and ensuring the integrity of financial reporting, internal control and other governance matters relating to subsidiaries.

The Audit Committee consists of 4 members, 3 of whom are independent non-executive members. The Chairman of the Board is not a member of the Committee. Members of the Committee are elected by shareholders at the AGM. All Committee members are financially literate and have the requisite experience to serve on the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee provides independent oversight of, amongst others, the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal and financial controls and its approach to combined assurance. The Audit Committee gives annual consideration to and satisfies itself of the appropriateness of the expertise and experience of the CFO and the finance function. [JSE3.84(g)]

Refer to the Audit Committee report included in the annual financial statements for further details regarding the Committee.

Committee responsible for Nominations of members of the Board - The Board has delegated oversight of, amongst others, the following to the Nominations Committee:

- (i) the process for nominating, electing and appointing members of the Board,

- (ii) (ii) succession planning of directors and (iii) evaluation of the performance of the Board and its committees.

Two of the three members of the Nominations Committee are non-executive independent directors, and the Chairman of the Board is the chairman of this Committee.

Committee responsible for remuneration - The Remuneration Committee is responsible for overseeing remuneration and comprises 3 non-executive directors. Two of the three members of the committee are independent, non-executive directors. The Chairman of the Board is not a member of this Committee.

Social, Ethics and Sustainability Committee - The Social, Ethics and Sustainability Committee is responsible to oversee and report on ethics, responsible corporate citizenship, sustainable development and stakeholder relationships and comprises 4 non-executive directors, three of whom are independent, the CEO, the CFO and the Group Human Resources Manager. It is also responsible to execute on its statutory duties.

PRINCIPLE 9: The governing body should ensure that the evaluation of its own performance and that of its committees, its chair and its individual members, support continued improvement in its performance and effectiveness - Satisfactorily applied

Our performance evaluation - The effectiveness of the performance of the Board, its committees, individual directors and the Chairman is assessed every second year.

Priority focus recommendations for the year ahead are reported in the integrated report. Master Drilling is satisfied that the evaluation process improves the Board's performance and effectiveness.

Annually the Nominations Committee considers the commitments of all directors to determine whether directors have sufficient time to fulfill their responsibilities as directors effectively and are free from conflicts. Should

the Committee be of the view that a director is over committed or has an unmanageable conflict, the Chairman will meet with that director to discuss the resolution of the matter to the satisfaction of the Committee.

The role of the Chairman is formalized, and each alternate year an assessment of the Chairman's ability to add value and his performance against what is required of his role and function is conducted by the Board.

This year, the Board will consider the appointment of a lead independent director, who if appointed will in future be responsible for ensuring that the performance of the Chairman is evaluated. The Board and the Nominations Committee are responsible for the succession planning for the position of the Chairman.

The performance of the Board, its committees and the directors is disclosed in the integrated report. The role and responsibilities of the Board, its committees, the Chairman and the directors are outlined in the Board Charter, available on the Master Drilling website.

PRINCIPLE 10: The governing body should ensure that the appointment of, and delegation to, management contribute to role clarity and the effective exercise of authority and responsibilities - Satisfactorily applied

Including notes on Master Drilling 's compliance with the following JSE Listings Requirements: JSE-3.84(h): The Company Secretary.

CEO and Group Management ("GM") - On the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, the CEO was appointed by the directors. The role and function of the CEO are specified in the Board charter and the performance of the CEO is evaluated by the Board against the criteria specified. The Nominations Committee assists the Board in ensuring that succession plans are in place for the position of CEO.

The CEO appoints members of the GM and ensures that succession plans are in place for the position of members of the GM.

The CEO is not a member of the Remuneration-, Audit- or Nominations Committees, but attends meetings, or parts thereof, where he is required to contribute pertinent insights and information by invitation.

The CEO's performance is evaluated each alternate year against agreed performance measures and targets.

The Board exercises control through the governance framework of the Company, which includes detailed reporting to the Board, and its committees, Board reserved decision-making authority and a system of assurances on internal controls. The GM is constituted to assist the CEO in managing the business of the Group, subject to authority limits delegated to the CEO. The GM assists the CEO in guiding and controlling the overall direction of the business of the Group and acts as a medium of communication and coordination between divisions, Group companies and the Board.

The Company Secretary – Master Drilling has appointed a Company Secretary in accordance with the Companies Act. The Company Secretary is not a director. [JSE3.84(b)]

Having considered the competence, qualifications and experience of the Company Secretary, the Board is satisfied that he is competent and has the appropriate qualifications and experience to serve as the Company Secretary.

The Company Secretary has a direct channel of communication to the Chairman, while maintaining an arm's-length relationship with the Board and the directors. The role and responsibilities of the Company Secretary are described in the Board charter.

PRINCIPLE 11: The governing body should govern risk in a way that supports the organisation in setting and achieving its strategic objectives - Satisfactorily applied

Risk governance - Master Drilling 's risk framework, risk guidelines and other Group policies and procedures inform its risk management culture. The Risk Committee considers the material outcomes of these processes and measures the level of risk exposure against the Group's predetermined risk appetite and tolerance levels. Understanding the risk environment informs the Group strategy and assists with decision making at Board level.

The risk assessment process is formally integrated into Master Drilling's annual business planning, capital expenditure and budgeting cycle. Risks are quantified in terms of their potential impact upon earnings. Risk registers are maintained by operations and updated quarterly.

Risk assessment outputs are evaluated against the Company's defined risk appetite and tolerance parameters, which are based on the Group's EBITDA targets and key financial ratios such as interest cover, total shareholder return, HEPS, ROCE and ROE. In addition, the risk appetite statements address other social, economic and environmental aspects. The risk appetite and tolerance framework is approved by the Board and risk appetite monitoring is governed by the Risk Committee.

Management is formally required to address any intolerable residual risks, and the effectiveness of risk mitigations on a continual basis is evaluated in the context of Group and regional risk control standards, policies and procedures. Strategic risk responses are addressed by the GM, and operational risk responses involve the divisional management teams. Management's risk responses are monitored by the Risk Committee.

Risk management is integrated into the business and risk related information is provided to the GM for review before being presented to the Board's Risk Committee.

Risk trends are monitored using performance data and key risk indicators aligned to the current business plan. Identified risks are monitored at divisional and Group meetings, which are attended, by the CEO and/or CFO. Internal risk reporting is regimented and interaction on various risk issues occurs throughout the year. Historic risk data is retained so that risk mitigation performance can be tracked, and trend-lines established.

A comprehensive programme of risk-based assurance is an established component of the Company's risk management plan. The assurance activities cover a wide spread of risk control disciplines, including operational and insurable risks, safety, regulatory compliance, ethics management, climate change and sustainability, safety and health, internal financial controls and ISO standards. The risk management process itself is subject to internal audit reviews in an effort to continually enhance its effectiveness.

A number of initiatives are in place to ensure continuous improvement of the risk management programme.

For more information regarding the key risks in Master Drilling, refer to the integrated report.

PRINCIPLE 12: The governing body should govern technology and information in a way that supports the organisation setting and achieving its strategic objectives - Satisfactorily applied

Technology and Information management - Information management (IM) is an important part of Master Drilling's business and is essential to the support and sustainability of the Group. The Board is ultimately accountable for the governance of information and technology management; Master Drilling's Board has delegate the ongoing oversight of the management of technology to the IM

Steering Committee comprising the GM and the Chief Information Officer ("CIO"). The IM Steering Committee is responsible for overseeing Information Management Services ("IMS") direction and investments and ensuring alignment with business strategy and priorities.

Master Drilling's IMS adopted ISO38500 & ITIL principles, as a framework for IMS governance for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls, continuity and risk management. IMS is also a standing item for the Risk Committee.

In line with these frameworks, IM policies have been developed and adopted, taking into consideration stakeholder needs, the business imperatives, current legislation and IM trends.

Internal audit provides assurance to management; the Audit- and the Risk Committees monitor the effectiveness of IMS governance.

The Group's IMS focus remains to deliver value to Master Drilling through benefits realisation, resource optimisation and risk mitigation that are aligned with Master Drilling's strategy and goals.

PRINCIPLE 13: The governing body should govern compliance with applicable laws and adopted, non-binding rules, codes and standards in a way that supports the organization being ethical and a good corporate citizen - Satisfactorily applied

Compliance - Master Drilling is committed to conducting its business in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. In pursuit of that goal, Master Drilling maintains an effective compliance programme. The primary purpose of Master Drilling 's compliance programme is to ensure that Master Drilling conducts its business strictly within the confines of the law. The programme provides for the detection of contraventions of laws, regulations and company policy, enabling the Company to address transgressions immediately.

Compliance is decentralized and relevant laws and regulations are made available to the businesses in the Group. Group Legal assisted by the Company Secretary and where necessary by external professional advisors provides professional legal advice and guidance on all legal matters, including compliance, where required. Policies and procedures are in place to monitor compliance and to mitigate risks, to implement effective training programmes and to report to management and the Board on the effectiveness of the programme. Litigation in the businesses is referred to the Group Legal whom report on material litigation to the Risk Committee and to the extent that legal and regulatory matters have an impact on the financial statements, to the Audit Committee.

Safety, health, environmental and competition laws are all identified as key legal compliance areas and therefore receive the necessary attention on an ongoing basis. Another key area to receive specific attention during the year ahead will be the implementation of the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act, No 4 of 2013.

During the year under review, there were no material violations of any laws or regulations, nor were any material penalties or fines imposed on the Company or its directors for contraventions of any laws or regulations.

PRINCIPLE 14: The governing body should ensure that the organisation remunerates fairly, responsibly and transparently so as to promote the achievement of strategic objectives and positive outcomes in the short, medium and long term - Satisfactorily applied

Also considering: JSE LR 3.84(k): The remuneration policy and the implementation report.

Remuneration - The Remuneration Committee is delegated by the Board to independently approve and oversee the overall remuneration structure

The remuneration policy and the implementation report are reported on in detail in the remuneration report contained in the integrated report.

The remuneration policy aims to enable the attraction and retention of skilled resources and results in rewards, which are aligned with shareholder interests. The policy is designed to:

- attract, motivate, reward and retain human capital;
- promote the achievement of strategic objectives in a manner, which is aligned with the Company's approach to risk management; and
- promote positive outcomes aligned with short, medium and long-term objectives, an ethical culture and responsible corporate citizenship.

The Remuneration Committee will thoroughly consider shareholders' comments and contributions to the remuneration policy and incorporate them into the policy where these enhancements align with the Group's strategy.

At the July 2017 AGM, 96.64% of votes cast were in favour of the policy.

Remuneration of the non-executive and executive directors as well as prescribed officers is disclosed in the Company's integrated report.

In line with the recommended King IV™ practices, a remuneration policy and implementation report will be tabled for a non-binding advisory vote by the shareholders.

The remuneration policy provides for the measures that Master Drilling commit to take in the event that the remuneration policy and implementation report is voted against by 25% or more of the votes exercised.

PRINCIPLE 15: The governing body should ensure that assurance services and functions enable an effective control environment, and that these support the integrity of information for internal decision-making and of the company's external reports- Satisfactorily applied

Assurance - The Audit Committee is responsible for the quality and integrity of Master Drilling's integrated reporting. The current assurance model in place is representative of how the risks are currently being managed between 4 (four) lines of defence, the fourth line being the Board and its committees. The other 3 (three) lines of defence being functions that:

- own and manage the risk - Management and internal controls;
- provide independent assurance – Internal Audit;
- provide external audit and supervision -External Auditors.

The coordination, integration and alignment of assurance activities are under refinement. The aim is to ensure that a robust assurance framework is adopted to provide the governing body with a holistic view of risks and controls and whether the mitigations are effective. This will enable the assurance model to be further entrenched across the Group.

The Board, supported by the Audit Committee, ensures an effective control environment, which supports the integrity of our information. Our systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material misstatement.

The internal audit function was outsourced to KPMG with effect from March 2014. KPMG performed the internal audit of Master Drilling for the year ended 31 December 2017 in accordance with the agreement entered into in November 2016 and the approved internal audit plan.

Internal audit plans are designed to cover the system of internal controls over a number of years and cannot, therefore, be relied upon in any particular year, to provide assurance that all the elements of the system of internal control were operating effectively throughout the

year. Therefore, the internal audit written assessment relates solely to the work performed in accordance with the approved internal audit plan for the year under review and serves as one of several inputs that the Board will consider before concluding on the effectiveness and adequacy of the systems of internal control.

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The Audit Committee, on behalf of the Board, assessed the adequacy and the effectiveness of controls as adequate through the confirmation of management and reports from the internal and external auditors. Based on the assessment of Master Drilling 's systems of internal control and risk management, including the design, implementation and effectiveness of internal financial controls, and considering information and explanations provided by management and discussions with the external auditor on the results of the external audit, it is the Board's opinion that Master Drilling 's systems of internal control and risk management are effective.

The assurance activities of management, internal and external audit are coordinated with each other, with the relationship between the external assurers and management being monitored by the Audit Committee.

An internal audit charter is in place and outlines the responsibilities of the internal audit function. The Audit Committee has been delegated the responsibility for overseeing that internal audit services are executed in line with the charter.

The internal audit plan, approved by the Audit Committee and updated as appropriate to ensure it is responsive to change, is based on an assessment of risk areas identified by internal audit and management, as well as focus areas highlighted by the Audit Committee, GM and management. It includes activities that support the achievement of an effective internal control environment, which supports the integrity of information.

The internal audit service provider was appointed, and may be removed, by the Audit Committee. The Lead Internal Auditor reports to the Chairman of the Audit Committee on the performance of duties and functions that relate to internal audit and the internal audit charter gives him direct access to the CEO, the CFO and the chairs of the other Board committees. The Lead Internal Auditor administratively reports to the CFO.

The Lead Internal Auditor functions independently from management and has the necessary authority, which includes unfettered access to meetings, minutes, documentation and risk registers of Master Drilling's businesses and functions. The performance of the Lead Internal Auditor is evaluated annually by the Audit Committee who ensures that they possess the necessary competence and independence. The Committee also assesses regularly whether the necessary arrangements are in place to ensure that adequate skills and resources are in place and that the internal audit function is supplemented as required by specialist, and as applicable, external services.

The internal audit function will be required to undergo an independent quality review at least every five years.

PRINCIPLE 16: In the execution of its governance role and responsibilities, the governing body should adopt a stakeholder-inclusive approach that balances the needs, interests and expectations of material stakeholders in the best interests of the company over time Satisfactorily applied

The Board is the ultimate custodian of stakeholder relationships in the Group and its decisions and interactions with stakeholders are based on ethical values of responsibility, accountability, fairness and transparency.

The Board, through the Social, Ethics and Sustainability Committee, as part of its social and ethics mandate under the Companies Act, considers issues around stakeholder perceptions. The Committee has oversight of stakeholder engagement and management. Through regular reporting by the Social, Ethics and Sustainability Committee, the Board is equipped with the necessary information to enable it to take the legitimate interests and expectations of stakeholders into account in its decision-making.

The Group recognises that the sustainability of the business is totally dependent on successful interaction with its stakeholders. A stakeholder engagement policy sets out the strategies and objectives behind the Group's engagement with material stakeholders, with an important objective that the Company be recognised as a responsible corporate citizen. It is a business imperative that Master Drilling understands and is responsive to the needs and interests of our key stakeholder groups, which includes employees and their representatives; government and regulators; shareholders; the communities around our operations; suppliers and customers; and business partners. The individual stakeholders within these groups are highly diverse, with sometimes competing interests. Master Drilling is therefore constantly seeking to improve the way in which we engage with our stakeholders to effectively respond to this complexity and diversity.

The Board has delegated to management to proactively deal with stakeholder groupings and to provide feedback where necessary. The Board considers the balance of engagement with each stakeholder grouping and endeavours to achieve a climate of respect with constructive debate.

Interaction with our stakeholders happens during the normal course of business at multiple levels across the Group and we will strive to resolve any disputes with its stakeholders effectively and expeditiously.