# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE continued

Director	Board		Audit and Compliance		Remuneration		Nomination		Risk, SHE, Socia and Ethics	
	Α	В	А	В	А	В	Α	В	Α	В
C B Sibisi (Chairman)	5	5			2	2	1	1		
PH Staude (CEO)	5	5							2	2
S M Beesley*	5	4	2	2					2	2
F Jakoet	5	5	3	3					2	2
J John	5	4	3	3						
R Kupara	5	5	3	3						
TN Mgoduso	5	5							2	2
N Mjoli-Mncube	5	5			2	2	1	1	2	2
MH Munro	5	5							2	2
SG Pretorius	5	5			2	2	1	1		
TA Salomão	5	5								

#### Board and committee composition and attendance for the year ended 31 March 2017

A: Indicates the number of meetings held during the year while the director was a member of the Board and/or committee.

B: Indicates the number of meetings attended during the year while the director was a member of the Board and/or committee. \* S M Beesley was appointed to the Audit and Compliance Committee on 26 May 2016.

experience as a Company Secretary. She was appointed in December 2009. After assessing the Company Secretary as required by the JSE Listings Requirements, the Board concluded that Ms Mahlari is suitably qualified, competent and meets the appropriate experience requirements to carry out the functions of Company Secretary of a public listed company. Furthermore, the Board is satisfied that Ms Mahlari maintains an arm's length relationship with the Board of directors. She is not a director of the company, nor does she enjoy any related or inter-related relationship with any of the directors or executives of the company that could give rise to a conflict of interest.

# **BOARD COMMITTEE STRUCTURES** AND RESPONSIBILITY

In accordance with the Board charter, the Board has reserved certain matters for its exclusive mandate and has approved and delegated authority for specific matters to various committees, all of which have formal terms of reference. Through transparency, disclosure, review and regular reporting by the committees, the Board is able to receive assurance that, inter alia, key risk and opportunity areas, operational, financial and non-financial aspects relevant to the company's various businesses are monitored. The formal terms of reference and the delegated authority regarding each committee are set out in the Corporate Governance Manual, and are summarised as set out below.

## **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

The Remuneration Committee, which meets at least twice a year, is chaired by an independent non-executive director and comprises only non-executive directors. The current members are SG Pretorius (Chairman), CB Sibisi and N Mjoli-Mncube. PH Staude, as CEO, and relevant HR Executives, attend by invitation and MAC Mahlari is the secretary. The record of attendance is contained above.

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## NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Nomination Committee, which comprises only nonexecutive directors, meets as needed, and as required by the JSE Listings Requirements, is chaired by the Chairman of the Board. Its current members are CB Sibisi (Chairman), N Mjoli-Mncube and SG Pretorius. PH Staude, as CEO, attends by invitation and MAC Mahlari is the secretary. The committee's terms of reference are summarised as follows:

- Ensures that for Board appointments, a rigorous, fair and open nomination and appointment process is followed to provide a balance of appropriate skills, knowledge and experience in the boardroom and support strong corporate performance.
- Makes recommendations to the Board on the size, composition and demographics of the Board, particularly in relation to the balance between executive, non-executive and independent directors.
- Ensures that there is a diversity of experience, gender, race and backgrounds to create a cohesive, balanced and effective Board.
- Gives consideration to succession planning, and ensures • that processes and plans are in place for orderly succession and for appointments to the Board and senior management.

During the period under review, the Nomination committee discussed the directors who would retire by rotation at the next AGM, and recommended the re-election of SM Beesley, F Jakoet and TN Mgoduso to the Board and AGM. The Committee also recommended the election of the Audit and Compliance Committee until the next AGM, comprising of J John, SM Beesley, F Jakoet and RP Kupara. In making the recommendations to the Board and ultimately the AGM, the Nomination committee considered the current skills set on the Board as a collective, the relevant experience and expertise of

the rotating directors, ensuring that the current skills set was sufficient to increase the board's effectiveness. In addition to skills and experience, the Nomination Committee also considered other demographic aspects of the Board, including nationality, race and gender, given that the company operates in six SADC countries.

#### AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

The Audit and Compliance Committee is constituted as a statutory committee in respect of its duties prescribed by the Companies Act, and as a committee of the Board in respect of all additional duties assigned to it by the Board. The members of the committee were elected by the shareholders at the last AGM and include three non-executive directors of the Board, all of whom are independent and possess the necessary skills, knowledge and expertise to direct the committee constructively in the execution of its responsibilities. The current members are J John (Chairman), SM Beesley, F Jakoet and RP Kupara. The Chief Executive Officer, PH Staude, the Chief Financial Officer, MH Munro, the Head of Internal Audit, DK Young and representatives of the internal and external auditors attend by invitation. The Company Secretary, MAC Mahlari, is the secretary for this committee. The committee meets at least three times a year.

The Audit and Compliance Committee's terms of reference, which are aligned with King III and the Companies Act and approved by the Board, include the following objectives and responsibilities:

- Assists the Board in discharging its duties relating to the safeguarding of assets, the operation of adequate systems and controls, the assessment of going concern status, ensuring that pertinent compliance and relevant risk management processes are in place, reviewing the work performed by the external auditors and the internal audit function, and to review interim financial information and annual financial statements which are provided to shareholders and other key stakeholders.
- The committee provides a forum through which the external and internal auditors report to the Board. It is responsible for the appointment and review of internal and independent external auditors, the maintenance of a professional relationship with them, reviewing accounting principles, policies and practices adopted in the preparation of public financial information and examining documentation relating to the interim and annual financial statements. In addition, it reviews procedures and policies of internal audit reports. The adequacy and capability of Tongaat Hulett's external and internal audit functions are also subject to continuous review. The committee further considers the independence and objectivity of external auditors.
- Management is focused on continuous improvements to systems of internal control. An external quality assurance review of the internal audit function was performed in 2013, which concluded that the Tongaat Hulett internal

audit function "generally conforms" to the standards recommended by the Institute of Internal Auditors, which is the highest rating in terms of the standards of the Institute of Internal Auditors. The status of "generally conforms" continues to be applicable for a period of five years from the date of validation in terms of the standards of the Institute of Internal Auditors.

- The external and internal auditors have unrestricted access to members of the Audit and Compliance Committee and its Chairman at all times, ensuring that their independence is in no way impaired. Both the internal and external auditors have the opportunity of addressing the committee and its Chairman at each of the meetings without management being present. The Audit and Compliance Committee determines the purpose, authority and responsibility of the internal audit function in an Internal Audit Charter, which is in line with King III and approved by the committee and the Board.
- The charter sets out the terms of reference of Tongaat Hulett's internal audit function, its reporting line to the Chairman of the committee, the working relationship with the Head of Internal Audit and the fact that the internal auditors have unrestricted company wide access to all functions, records, property and personnel. The committee also reviews the scope and coverage of the internal audit function. While the internal audit function has been outsourced to a professional firm of registered accountants and auditors, co-ordinated by the Head of Internal Audit, the company's independent external auditors do not assist in the performance of any internal audit assignments.
- The nature and extent of all non-audit services provided by the independent external auditors are approved and reviewed by the committee, to ensure compliance with the company's policy on non-audit services.
- The committee is also responsible for ensuring that the combined assurance model espoused in King III is applied to provide a co-ordinated approach to all assurance activities. Tongaat Hulett has adopted a Combined Assurance Strategy and Plan that provides a framework for the various assurance providers to provide assurance to the Board, through the Audit and Compliance and Risk, SHE, Social and Ethics Committees, that all significant risks facing the company are adequately managed and that assurance activities are integrated and co-ordinated in the most efficient and proficient manner. The Combined Assurance Strategy and Plan is discussed further in the Risk Management Process section of the integrated annual report.
- The committee's focus on regulatory compliance is ongoing inline with the regular updates to the regulatory environment. The framework of high priority laws and regulations applicable to Tongaat Hulett's operations has continued to be refined during the year with the aim of strengthening the culture of legal awareness and compliance. The Board-approved compliance policy confirms and firmly entrenches Tongaat Hulett's commitment, through the