**IRONGATE** 

# Corporate Governance Statement

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# 1. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

# Our commitment to corporate governance

Irongate Group comprises two Australian domiciled real estate investment trusts, Irongate Property Fund I and Irongate Property Fund II (together, the **Fund or IAP**), the units in which are stapled together. The Fund is dual primary listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (**JSE**) and the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**). The Fund must comply with the ASX Listing Rules, the listing requirements of the JSE (**JSE Listings Requirements**), the Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th Edition) published in February 2019 by the ASX Corporate Governance Council, (**ASX Corporate Governance Principles**) and the King IV Code principles (**King IV**) which outline the corporate governance guidelines that apply to all JSE listed entities.

The Responsible Entity is Irongate Funds Management Limited (**RE**). The RE's role is defined by the Fund's constitution (**Constitution**), the Corporations Act 2001 (Cwth) (**Corporations Act**), the Corporations Regulations 2001 (Cwth) (**Corporations Regulations**) and the general law.

The board of directors of the RE (**Board**) recognises the importance of corporate governance in achieving the investment objectives of the Fund and discharging its responsibilities to all stakeholders of the Fund. The governance framework, as summarised in this Corporate Governance Statement, has been designed to ensure that the Fund is effectively managed, the statutory obligations are met, and that a culture of corporate integrity is reinforced.

This Corporate Governance Statement provides a summary of the key governance practices in place and (unless stated otherwise) for the Fund against both the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and King IV.

The RE's key corporate policies can be found on its website www.irongategroup.com.au

# PART A - ASX CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

Principle	Comments			
Principle 1 – Lay solid foundations for management and oversight				
ASX Corporate Governance Principle 1.1	Those functions and responsibilities reserved to the Board are set out in the Board Charter, which is available to view at www.irongategroup.com.au			
A listed entity should have and disclose a board charter setting out:	andwhich complies with ASX Corporate Governance Principle 1.1.			
(a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and	Subject to appropriate Board oversight of the Fund, those RE executives and senior managers that have responsibility for the business activities of the Fund have delegated authority to make decisions in respect of the day to day management of the Fund and its assets. This includes appointment of advisers, approvals of asset business plans, budgets, capital expenditure			
(b) those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.	and hedging (within approved hedging policy).			

# ASX Corporate Governance Principle 1.2

A listed entity should:

- (a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to securityholders a candidate for election as a director; and
- (b) provide securityholders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.

Such checks as the Board considers appropriate in the circumstances are made before appointing a person as a Director.

In considering the appointment of a new Director appointment, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee may engage the services of an external executive search firm to identify suitable candidates for consideration. They may also carry out appropriate reference and background checks.

At the time a candidate's nomination for election is being put forward for approval by securityholders at an Annual General Meeting, all material information in the RE's possession that the Board considers relevant to the candidate's election as a Director will be provided to securityholders in therelevant notice of meeting.

# ASX Corporate Governance Principle 1.3

A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.

The current non-executive Directors have each signed a letter setting out the terms of their appointment. The letter covers, among other matters:

- the roles and responsibilities of the Board and each of its Committees;
- expectations of the time commitment to be made by Directors in serving on the Board and its Committees, and of their participation in an annual review of the Board, its Committees and individual Directors;
- requirements with respect to the disclosure of Directors' interests;
- the confidentiality of all non-public information obtained during the Director's appointment;
- the fees payable to the Directors; and
- other key policies that Directors are re-quired to comply with, such as the Personal Account Dealing and Trading Policy.

Any new director will sign a letter on similar terms.

The CEO and each of the executives who report to him have service contracts setting out their responsibilities, conditions of service and termination entitlements.

The RE will have processes in place to evaluate the performance of senior executives. Each senior executive, including the CEO, will be subject to key performance indicators and objectives in line with continued delivery of the Fund's strategy and operational requirements.

The performance evaluation of the CEO will be handled by the chairman and considered by the Board. Assessment and monitoring of the performance of other senior executives will be handled by the CEO who reports on those matters to the chairman and the Nomination and Remuneration Committee. Performance evaluations of the CEO and other senior executives will be conducted annually.

## ASX Recommendation 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. Lucy Spenceley has been appointed as company secretary and is accountable to the RE as the responsible entity of the Fund.

ASX Recommendation 1.5

A listed entity should:

- (a) have and disclose a diversity policy
- (b) Through its board or a committee of the board set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board, senior executives and workforce generally and
- (c) disclose in relation to each reporting period:
  - the measurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender diversity;
  - the entity's progress towards achieving those objectives; and
  - either:
    - the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole workforce (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes);
    - 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.

The RE has a Diversity Policy which has been implemented to comply with the JSE Listings Requirements and King IV acknowledging the unique nature of the Fund in a South African context. The Diversity Policy also complies with the ASX Corporate Governance Principles. A copy of the Diversity Policy is available at www.irongategroup.com.au.

The Board has set a target of 30% for female representation across each of the Board, senior executives and staff to be achieved on an ongoing basis. Currently, female representation is as follows:

- 40% of the Board are female:
- 50% of the executive team\* are female; and
- 33% of all staff are female.

\*includes CEO, CFO, Fund Manager and Company Secretary

ASX Recommendation 1.6

A listed entity should:

- (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors;
- (b) disclose, for each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.

The Board, its committees and individual directors have their overall performance reviewed annually in order to identify areas for improvement in the discharge of individual director's and the Board's functions on an annual basis.

The annual review is be undertaken by the chairman and, if so determined by the Board, an independent service provider. The performance review of the chairman is carried out by the lead independent director.

The annual review for FY21 was carried out by the chairperson through a questionnaire. The outcomes of the review are contained in the Governance section of the Sustainability Report

ASX Recommendation 1.7

A listed entity should:

- (a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives at least once every reporting period; and
- (b) disclose, for each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation has been undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.

The Board will regularly monitor the performance of senior executives and the implementation of strategy against measurable and qualitative indicators. The performance of the CEO will be evaluated and assessed by the Board each year.

The CEO will conduct performance reviews of senior executives (key management personnel) by comparing performance against agreed measures, examining the effectiveness and quality of performance of the individual, both as a divisional leader and in their individual capacity, and assessing whether various expectations of stakeholders have been met.

For more information see the Remuneration Report in our Annual Report which can be found at www.irongategroup.com.au

## Principle 2: Structure the Board to add value

ASX Recommendation 2.1

The Board of a listed entity should:

- (a) have a nomination committee which:
  - Has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors and;
  - Is chaired by an independent director and disclose:
  - · The charter of the committee;
  - The members of the committee; and
  - 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
- (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.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee is a standing committee of the Board. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee has three members, who are independent non- executive directors of the Board. The committee is chaired by the Chairman of the Board who is an independent non-executive director.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee Charter is available at www.irongategroup.com.au

Details of the number of times the Nomination and Remuneration Committee met in the financial year and the individual attendance of the members at those meetings is disclosed in the Governance section of the Sustainability Report which can be found at www.irongategroup.com.au

## ASX Recommendation 2.2

A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in itsmembership.

The Board has a high level of skills and experience obtained over a number of years. Collectively these skills ensure the Board is able to fulfill its obligations and act in the best interest of the securityholders. The Board has a skills matrix which considers practical experience, qualifications and length of experience, particularly at a senior level.

- The key areas of focus for the Board are:

   Leadership experience
  - Industry expertise and experience
  - Accounting and financial literacy
  - Corporate and business experience
  - Risk and compliance experience
  - Governance and listed entity experience
  - Global markets experience
  - Cyber risk

The Board is satisfied that they have a comprehensive  $\min$  of skills to discharge their duties .

The level of experience in key areas are shown below.

Skills and Experience	Level
Leadership experience	High
Industry expertise and experience	High
Accounting and financial literacy	Med/High
Corporate and business experience	High
Risk and compliance experience	Medium
Governance and listed entity experience	Med/High
Global markets experience	Medium
Cyber risk	Medium

ASX Recommendation 2.3	The Board considers that a director is independent if they are independent
A listed entity should disclose:     (a) the names of the directors consid by the Board to be independent directors; and	of management and free of any interest, position, association or relationship that might influence, or could reasonably be perceived to influence, in a material respect their capacity to bring an independent judgment to bear on issues to the Board and to act in the best interests of the Fund and its securityholders generally. The Board evaluates the materiality of any interests or relationships that could be perceived to compromise
(b) if a director has an interest, position association or relationship of the	independence on a case by case basis, having regard to the circumstances
type described in Box 2.3, but the board is of the opinion that it doe not compromise the independenthe director, the nature of the interposition, or relationship in questions.	directors. Three of the non-executive directors are independent directors. Richard Longes is Chair of the Board and is an independent non-executive director.
and an explanation of why the boa of that opinion; and  (c) the length of service of each direct	Directors are expected to be meticulous in their disclosure of any material personal or family contract or relationship. Directors must also strictly adhere to constraints on their participation and voting in relation to matters
	The Board regularly assesses whether directors are independent, and each director is required to provide information relative to this assessment.
	Details of directors and their length of service, experience and qualifications can be found in the Governance section of our Sustainability Report at www.irongategroup.com.au
Recommendation 2.4  A majority of the board of a listed entity sho be independent directors.	The majority of the Board comprises non-executive directors and the majority of non-executive directors (three out of four non-executive directors) are independent.
ASX Recommendation 2.5	The Chair of the RE is Richard Longes. He is independent and is not the same person as the CEO.
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ASX Recommendation 2.6  A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and for periodically reviewing whether there is a need for existing directors to undertake professional development to maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	to whether further professional development opportunities should be provided. Directors will be able to raise any areas in which they wish to receive additional training at any time.
Principle 3: Instil a culture of acting lawfully	
ASX recommendation 3.1  A listed entity should articulate and disclos values	The Board is developing a statement of values and will charge the senior executive team with the responsibility of inculcating those values across the RE.

ASX recommendation 3.2 A listed entity should:		The RE has established a Code of Conduct ( <b>Code</b> ) which applies to the Fund and is periodically reviewed and endorsed by the Board.
(a)	have and disclose a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and	The Board is informed of any material breaches of the Code.
(b)	ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that code.	
ASX Recommendation 3.3		The RE's Whistleblower Policy can be found at www.irongategroup.com.au.
A listed entity should:		All disclosures received under the Whistleblower Policy are reported to the Audit and Risk Committee with details of investigations completed.
(a)	have and disclose a whistleblower policy; and	
(b)	ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material incidents reported under that policy.	
ASX Recommendation 3.4 A listed entity should:		A copy of the RE's anti-bribery and corruption policy can be found at www.irongategroup.com.au. The Board is informed of any material breachesof that policy.
(a)	have and disclose an anti-bribery and corruption policy; and	
(b)	ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that policy.	

# Principle 4: Safeguard integrity in corporate reporting

**Audit Committee** 

ASX Recommendation 4.1

The board of a listed entity should:

- (a) have an audit committee which:
  - has at least three members, all of whom are non- executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and
  - is chaired by an independent director, who is not chair of the board, and disclose:
  - the charter of the committee;
  - the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and
  - 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
- (b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose the fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.

The Board has established an Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) to oversee the quality and integrity of accounting, audit, financial and risk management practices for the Fund. The ARC is comprised of three independent non-executive directors and is chaired by Sally Herman, who is not the chairman of the Board.

A copy of the ARC charter is available at www.irongategroup.com.au.

The ARC members all have an appropriate level of financial and property industry expertise. The number of times the ARC met in each financial year and the individual attendances of ARC members at those meetings is disclosed in the Governance section of the Sustainability Report at <a href="https://www.irongategroup.com.au">www.irongategroup.com.au</a>.

# ASX Recommendation 4.2

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.

The chairperson of the ARC receives a management representation letter from the CEO and CFO for the Fund that the Fund's financial statements are founded on a sound system of risk management and internal control and that the system is operating in all material respects in relation to financial reporting risks. This declaration is supported by a review and sign-off process from senior managers working on the Fund on the key items that make up the risk management and control systems.

ASX Recommendation 4.3  A listed entity should disclose its process to verify the integrity of any periodic corporate report it releases to the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external auditor.  Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure  ASX Recommendation 5.1  A listed entity should have and disclose a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under Listing Rule 3.1.	The Board has adopted a Disclosure Policy which summarises the internal processes to ensure compliance with ASX Listing Rules, the JSE Listings Requirements, South African law and Australian law in respect of continuous disclosure.	
ASX Recommendation 5.2  A listed entity should ensure that its board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.	The Disclosure Policy is available to view at www.irongategroup.com.au.  The Company Secretary or Management are required to provide copies of all material marketannouncements promptly after they have been made to the Board.	
ASX Recommendation 5.3  A listed entity that gives a new and substantive investor or analyst presentation should release a copy of the presentation materials on the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead of the presentation.	The RE will ensure that any new and substantive presentation given in relation to the Fund is uploaded to the ASX Market Announcement Platform ahead of the presentation.	
Principle 6: Respect the rights of security holders		
ASX Recommendation 6.1  A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website	<ul> <li>the right for securityholders to receive annual and half yearly reports and updates which keep them informed of the Fund's performance and operations;</li> <li>posting any ASX and JSE announcements it makes on behalf of the Fund on the Fund's website at <a href="www.irongategroup.com.au">www.irongategroup.com.au</a> as soon as they have been released on the ASX and on SENS; and</li> <li>through the maintenance of an investor relations component on the Fund's website, including a facility for securityholders to direct queries to the RE.</li> </ul>	

ASX Recommendation 6.2  A listed entity should have an investor relations program that facilitates effective two- way communication with investors.	The RE will provide clear and effective communications with stakeholders on matters affecting the Fund, in accordance with the Disclosure Policy.
ASX Recommendation 6.3  A listed entity should disclose how it facilitates and encourages participation at meetings of securityholders.	Trusts such as the Fund are not required by law to hold an AGM, however, the Fund does hold an AGM. Each AGM will cover formal business, but also provide securityholders with an opportunity to be updated on the activities of the RE and the Fund, and to ask questions of the Board and management of the Fund. The external auditor of the Fund will also attend each AGM toanswer questions on the audited accounts of the Fund.  Notices of meeting and explanatory memorandum for unitholder resolutions will be provided to securityholders in accordance with the Constitution and the Corporations Act, and will be accessible on the Fund's website, as well as being lodged with ASX.  Securityholders who are not able to attend an AGM are able to vote by proxy.
ASX Recommendation 6.4  A listed entity should ensure that all substantive resolutions at a meeting of security holders are decided by a poll rather than by a show of hands.	The RE ensures that all substantive resolutions are decided on a poll to enfranchise all securityholders, not just those who attend a meeting in person.
ASX Recommendation 6.5  A listed entity should give securityholders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	The Fund is committed to providing securityholders with timely communications regarding matters that impact or have the potential to influence the investment performance of the Fund. The Fund under-stands its regulatory requirements in respect to continuous disclosure and various other legal obligations as a consequence of its listing on the ASX.  The Fund's website at www.irongategroup.com.au to assist securityholders in obtaining current and historic information in respect to their investment, or prospective investment, in the Fund.  All relevant ASX announcements, reports, results presentations and other media announcements are logged on this website for review by current and prospective securityholders.  Securityholders are able to elect to receive communications from, and sendcommunications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.

# Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk

ASX Recommendation 7.1

The board of a listed entity should:

- (a) have a risk committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:
  - has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and
  - is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:
  - the charter of the committee;
  - the members of the commit-tee; and
  - as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the commit-tee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or
- (b) if it does not have a risk commit-tee or committees to satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.

ASX Recommendation 7.2

The board or a committee of the board should:

- (a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound; and
- (b) disclose, in relation to each re-porting period, whether such a review has taken place.

The Board has established an Audit and Risk Committee, the composition of which is determined in accordance with the Committee Charter (published on the Fund's website at www.irongategroup.com.au), which includes the following requirements:

- the Committee will have at least three members;
- all members of the Committee will be non-executive Directors, a majority of whom are independent; and
- the Committee Chairman cannot also be the Chairman of the Board

The Audit and Risk Committee complies with each of those requirements.

The Governance section in the Sustainability Report identifies the current members of the Committee, number of meeting held and their attendance at those meetings.

ASX Recommendation 7.3

A listed entity should:

- (a) disclose if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or
- (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.

The RE does not have an internal audit function. The Audit and Risk Committee is responsible for establishing, reviewing and monitoring the process of risk management. Management are responsible for the implementation of risk management and internal control processes on a continual basis and are subject to the oversight of the Audit and Risk Committee.



## ASX Recommendation 7.4

A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to environmental or social risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.

The RE is committed to playing a leading role in achieving a sustainable future. The ARC oversees and reports on sustainability issues, relevant to the Fund although the Fund has no material exposure to environmental or social risks.

## Principle 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly

ASX Recommendation 8.1

The board of a listed entity should:

- (a) have a remuneration committee which:
  - has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and
  - is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:
  - the charter of the committee;
  - the members of the committee; and
  - 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
- (b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose the 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.

The Board established a Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC). The NRC considers and makes recommendations to the Board on, among other things, remuneration policies applicable to Board members and senior management.

The composition of the NRC is determined in accordance with the NRC Charter (published on the Fund's website at www.irongategroup.com.au), which includes the following requirements:

- the NRC will continue to have at least three members;
- all members of the Committee will be non-executive Directors and a majority of them will be independent Directors; and
- the Committee Chairman will be an independent Director.

The Governance section in the Sustainability Report identifies the current members of the NRC, number of meetings held and their attendance at those meetings.

## ASX Recommendation 8.2

A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.

The RE discloses its policies and practices in regards to remuneration in the Remuneration Report within the Annual Report at www.irongategroup.com.au.

### ASX Recommendation 8.3

A listed entity which has an equity based remuneration scheme should:

- (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
- (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.

The Personal Account Dealing Trading Policy prohibits key management personnel from:

- entering into margin lending arrangements in relation to the Fund's securities; and
- enter into transactions or arrangements with anyone which could have the effect of limiting the exposure of the person to risk relating to an element of the person's remuneration that:
  - has not vested in the person;
  - has vested in the person but remains subject to a holding lock;
     or
- dealing at any time in financial products over or in respect of the Fund's securities, except as permitted by law or by the policy. The Personal Account Dealing and Trading Policy is subject to annual review by the Board and has been lodged with the ASX.

The Personal Account Dealing and Trading Policy is available to view at www.irongategroup.com.au.

## PART B - KING IV CODE PRINCIPLES

King IV must be applied by all JSE listed entities in respect of financial years commencing on or after 1 April 2017. King IV reflects the significant regulatory and corporate governance changes that have been seen locally in the South African market and internationally.

The Board is committed to the continued application and monitoring of the principles prescribed by King IV and recognises it sets the tone for the management of the Fund through transparent and ethical leadership. King IV is applied to the extent applicable, whilst acknowledging the unique nature of the Fund in a South African context. The Board will continue to analyse the Fund's practices to further support and apply the various principles and outcomes in terms of King IV.

The below table sets out the 16 applicable principles of King IV and explains the application of these principles to the Fund.

# Leadership, Ethics and Corporate Citizenship

## PRINCIPLE 1:

The governing body should lead ethically and effectively.

### PRINCIPLE 2:

The governing body should govern the ethics of the organisation in a way that supports the establishment of an ethical culture.

### PRINCIPLE 3:

The governing body should ensure that the organisation is and is seen to be a responsible corporate citizen.

The Board is committed to cultivating a strong ethical culture. This is applied through the Code of Conduct, which guide and hold management and the directors responsible for their conduct.

The Board Charter also sets the tone for the Board in terms of ethical leadership with the following key objectives noted:

- approve the strategy of the RE and the Fund;
- act as a focal point for, and custodian of, corporate governance;
- provide effective and ethical leadership;
- ensure the RE and the Fund are responsible corporate citizens;
- be responsible for the high-level review of risk, including that of information and technology; and
- ensure that the RE and the Fund comply with all the applicable laws and adhere to non-binding rules and standards.

The Board has a standing agenda item at board meetings at least biannually to address ethics, social and environmental impact and good corporate governance in the conduct of its business. These matters are also part of the Charter of the ARC.

The RE also issues a Sustainability Report which reports on the environmental, social and governance aspects of the business.



# Strategy, Performance and Reporting

## PRINCIPAL 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.

### PRINCIPLE 5:

The governing body should ensure that reports issued by the organisation enable stakeholders to make informed assessments of the organisation's performance, and its short, medium and long term prospects.

The Board and management set the strategy of the Fund through strategy sessions and continued dialogue and review of success throughout the year.

The Board ensures that there are robust processes in place to make sure that meaningful and timely reporting is provided to investors, enabling informed assessment and investment decisions based on accurate and transparent information provided.

The Fund's annual report goes through a thorough review process by the Board and its ARC before being published.

# Governing Structures and Delegation

## PRINCIPLE 6:

The governing body should serve as the focal point and custodian of corporate governance in the organisation.

### 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.

# 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.

## 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.

## 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.

The Board's commitment to good corporate governance is applied through its Board Charter which adheres to the principles set out in King IV, the JSE Listings Requirements, the ASX Listing Rules and the Corporations Act. The Board Charter does this by setting the tone for conduct, details the Board's role and objectives along with a clear description of the delegation framework.

The composition of the Board and the ARC reflect a wide range of expertise and knowledge, the composition of both is contemplated in the Governance section of the Sustainability Report. The Board and the ARC are committed to adherence of the responsibilities as set out in their respective charters.

The RE has a Diversity Policy which has been implemented to comply with the JSE Listings Requirements and King IV acknowledging the unique nature of the Fund in a South African context. The Diversity Policy also complies with the ASX Corporate Governance Principles.

The performance of the Board, its ARC and that of the company secretary are reviewed annually to ensure continued effectiveness and in the case of the company secretary that they continue to have an arm's length relationship with the Board.



## Governance Functional Areas

## PRINCIPLE 11:

The governing body should govern risk in a way that supports the organisation in setting and achieving its strategic objectives.

### PRINCIPLE 12:

The governing body should govern technology and information in a way that supports the organisation setting and achieving its strategic objectives.

## 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 organisation being ethical and a good corporate citizen.

#### PRINCIPLE 14:

The governing body should ensure that the organization remunerates fairly, responsibly and transparently so as to promote the achievement of strategic objectives and positive outcomes in the short, medium and long term.

# 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 organisation's external reports.

The Board is responsible for the overall governance of risk. This is delegated to the ARC and management who have in place mitigation processes and controls and a comprehensive risk register which is reviewed quarterly.

The ARC reports quarterly to the Board on the risk status of the Fund. The management of information and technology is provided by the manager. The Board is committed to complying with any laws that the RE or the Fund is required to comply with from time to time. There were no material or repeated regulatory penalties, sanctions or fines for contravention of, or non-compliance with, statutory obligations imposed on the RE or the Fund. The Board has established a Nomination and Remuneration Committee to consider and make recommendations to the Board on, among other things, remuneration policies applicable to Board members and senior management to ensure that they are remunerated fairly, responsibly and transparently.

Representation from external audit, management and compliance at the ARC enables an effective internal control environment to support the integrity of information used for internal decision-making and support the integrity of external reports. A combined assurance framework includes both coverage of significant risks and reporting of any issues raised relating these risks

# Stakeholder Relations

# 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 organisation over time.

The Board is committed to providing meaningful and transparent communication to stakeholders.

The Fund has a website (www.irongategroup.com.au) where all financial reports, business updates and other information relevant to stakeholders are made available to ensure that stakeholders are kept abreast with the Fund's developments.

## Director appointment rights

While directors of the RE are not technically subject to the approval of securityholders, the Board has provided an undertaking to securityholders that whilst it remains ASX listed and internally managed all directors, other than the Chief Executive Officer, willstand for election by Securityholders. If a nominated director fails to receive a majority vote, that director will cease to be appointed to the Board of the RE.

The RE directors, other than the Chief Executive Officer, will hold office for three years following his or her first appointment (or, if appointed by the Board between Annual General Meetings, from the date of the Annual General Meeting after the initial appointment).

