



## CARLO RINO GROUP BERHAD

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### ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION POLICY

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

**CARLO RINO GROUP BERHAD** (“the Company” or “CRG”) and its subsidiaries (“the Group” or “CR Group”) are committed to ethical, transparent and responsible business practices as well as complying with all applicable laws, which include compliance with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009 (“MACC Act 2009”) and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (Amendment) Act 2018 and any of its amendments or re-enactments that may be made by the relevant authority from time to time.

This Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy (“Policy”) sets out the parameters to prevent the occurrence of bribery and corrupt practices in relation to the businesses of the Group.

This Policy is supplemental to, and shall be read in conjunction with the Group’s Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (“CBCE”) as annexed herewith, Whistleblowing Policy, the MACC Act 2009 and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (Amendment) Act 2018.

#### 2. OBJECTIVE

This Policy sets out the Group’s position on matters pertaining to bribery and corruption that may be encountered by the Directors and employees of the Group in the course of business for the purpose of providing guidance in dealing with and preventing acts of bribery and corruption. The Group will take reasonable and appropriate measures to ensure that its Directors, employees and businesses do not participate in corrupt activities for its advantage or benefit.

#### 3. SCOPE

This Policy applies to the following:

- (i) All Directors and employees of the Group working at all levels and grades (“CRG Personnel”) and any third parties associated with the Group, which may include but not limited to business partners, suppliers, contractors, agents, consultants, outsourced personnel, distributors, advisers, government and public bodies including their advisers, representatives and officials (collectively referred to as “Business Associates”).
- (ii) The Group’s business dealings with private and public sector entities, including their directors, employees and representatives; and
- (iii) All jurisdictions in which the Group operates.

For the purpose of this Policy:

- (a) **Bribery** means the act of giving or receiving something of value in exchange for some kind of influence or action in return, that the recipient would otherwise not offer;
- (b) **Corruption** means the act of soliciting, giving, accepting or receiving gratification, directly or indirectly, to/from a person in authority either in the form of money, services or valuable goods as an inducement or reward to or not to do an act in relation to the person’s principal affairs – in short, corruption is essentially an abuse of entrusted power or position to obtain a personal gain or benefit; and



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- (c) **Gratification** is defined in Section 3 of the MACC Act 2009 and includes money, donation, gift, loan, fee, reward, valuable security, property or interest in property, employment, appointment, release, forbearance, undertaking, promise, rebate, discount, services employment or contract of employment or services and agreement to give employment or render services in any capacity. The provision or receipt of gratification is not an offence unless it is done corruptly.

#### 4. ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION STATEMENT

We take a zero-tolerance approach to corruption and bribery. We conduct all of our business in an honest and ethical manner. We are committed to acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all our relationships and business dealings in accordance with our CBCE, and to implement and enforce effective system to counter bribery.

In the event of an investigation into corruption involving the Group, we shall ensure our full co-operation with the enforcement agencies and other competent authorities.

In the event of suspicious behaviour, allegations and/or investigations relating to bribery or corruption, the Group Human Resources reserves the right to request the relevant CRG Personnel to declare information regarding the assets owned by them as deemed necessary.

The CRG Personnel who found violating this Policy may be subjected to disciplinary action as well as potential criminal investigation and prosecution.

#### 5. SPONSORSHIPS, DONATIONS AND POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- (i) Donations and sponsorships may be permissible by law depending on the circumstances and should be made directly to an official entity and be capable of being publicly disclosed. All donation and sponsorship for any amount would require prior approval from the Managing Director with sufficient details and supporting documents.
- (ii) Donations and sponsorships must not be made to influence business decisions or to cover up undue payments or bribery.
- (iii) The provisions relating to donations and sponsorships also apply to charitable support and donations, whether of in kind services, knowledge, time, or direct financial contributions.
- (iv) Subject to any prevailing laws that govern political contribution, the Group may make contribution to political parties or candidates.
- (v) All donations, sponsorship payments and political contributions must be accurately reflected in the Group's accounting books and records, be permitted by the applicable law and be capable of being publicly disclosed.
- (vi) Prior written approval, on a case-by-case basis, must be obtained from the Managing Director before the Group's funds or resources may be utilised for any direct or indirect political contributions.



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#### 6. FACILITATION PAYMENTS AND KICKBACKS

The CRG Personnel and Business Associates dealing with the Group shall not accept or obtain or attempting to accept or obtain, solicit, offer, promise or give facilitation payments or “kickbacks” of any kind to secure or expedite the performance of their duty. However, the Group recognises that, in exceptional circumstances, a facilitation payment may be an immediate recourse to protect the safety of the CRG Personnel. In such situations, the prior approval of the Managing Director is required or, in an emergency, retroactively as soon as possible after the payment.

#### 7. GIFTS, BENEFITS, HOSPITALITY AND ENTERTAINMENT

The CRG Personnel should be mindful in giving or receiving gifts, benefits or hospitality as it could be perceived as a way of improperly influencing the decision making of the recipient. Hence, the intention behind the gifts or hospitality should always be considered.

All persons who are subject to this Policy shall NOT:

- (i) offer, give, or promise to give a bribe or anything which may be viewed as a bribe to secure or award an improper business advantage;
- (ii) offer, give, or promise to give a bribe or anything which may be viewed as a bribe to a government official, agent or representative to facilitate, expedite, or reward any action or procedure;
- (iii) request or receive a bribe or anything which may be viewed as a bribe from a third party knowing or suspecting it is offered with the expectation that it will obtain a business advantage for them; or
- (iv) engage in any activity that might lead to a breach of this Policy.

All persons who are subject to this Policy shall not accept or receive any Gift, Benefits and/or Entertainment from a third party or stakeholder of the Company except if it is made from gestures that are construed to be legitimate contribution and provided that the Gifts, Benefits and/or Entertainment are presented in good faith and a maximum monetary value of equivalent to **RM500.00** or below, which may be directly or indirectly offered as a result of or in anticipation of the CRG Personnel and Business Associates’ position or performance of duties with the Company or for cultivating good business relationship.

#### 8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The CRG Personnel shall not use their official position, confidential information, assets and other resources for their personal gain or the advantage of their family and associates.

Should the CRG Personnel encounter a conflict-of-interest situation, they are required to disclose the said situation.



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#### 9. BUSINESS ASSOCIATES

- (i) The Business Associates are expected to abide by ethical business practices and avoid corrupt practices, including bribery.
- (ii) The Business Associates acting on behalf of the Group must contractually agree to abstain from bribery and corrupt practices.
- (iii) The Business Associates are required to sign the declaration confirming they have been provided with a copy of the Policy and that they undertake to abide by the provisions of the Policy directly or indirectly applicable to them.
- (iv) Appropriate assessment shall be conducted on the Business Associates acting on behalf of the Group to ensure the business and background of the potential business partners are free from bribery elements or conflict of interest prior to procurement process with the duly completed declaration form submitted to the Group.
- (v) If there are suspicions of bribery and corruption on the part of the Business Associates in their dealings with the Group, the Group reserves the right to seek an alternative supplier for the goods or services.

#### 10. PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND POLITICAL EXPOSED PERSON

All CRG Personnel and Business Associates acting for or on behalf of the Group must not offer, promise, give anything which might reasonably be regarded as gift, entertainment, corporate hospitality, CSR programme, donation, sponsorship to Public Official or Political Exposed Person or Person Connected to them in all countries including High Risk Country in which the Group operates, unless it is permissible under the applicable laws and regulations and prior approvals are obtained from Managing Director.

#### 11. COMMUNICATION AND TRAINING

The Group will on a continuing basis provide specific and regular training in relation to anti-corruption and bribery laws and compliance with this Policy, for all new and existing CRG Personnel.

This Policy is published on the Company's website and/or intranet and awareness is reinforced through emails, newsletters, Employee's Handbook and Training & Resources section of the Group Intranet.

All CRG Personnel are required to sign a declaration that they have read and understood and will abide by the Policy. It is envisaged that the declaration may be submitted electronically in the future.

#### 12. CONFIDENTIALITY AND PROTECTION

Any individual who knows of, or suspects, a violation of this Policy, is encouraged to whistle blow or report the concerns through the mechanism set out under the Group's Whistleblowing Policy.



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The provision, protection and procedures of the Whistleblowing Policy for reporting of the violations of this Policy are available on the Company's website and/or intranet.

No individual will be discriminated against or suffer any sort or manner of retaliation for raising genuine concerns or reporting in good faith on violations or suspected violations of this Policy. All reports will be treated confidentially.

#### **13. MONITORING AND REVIEW**

The CRG Personnel and the Business Associates are responsible for the success of this Policy and should ensure adherence to this Policy and use it to disclose any suspected danger or wrongdoing.

Internal control systems and procedures of the Group will be subject to regular review to provide assurance that they are effective in countering corruption and bribery.

The Company will conduct regular risk assessments to identify the bribery and corruption risks facing the business, set anti-bribery and corruption objectives and assess the effectiveness of existing controls in achieving those objectives.

#### **14. RECORDS-KEEPING REVIEW**

It is important that proper and complete records be maintained of all payments made to third parties in the usual course of business as these would serve as evidence that such payments were bona fide, and not linked to corrupt and/or unethical conduct. All accounts, invoices, documents and records relating to dealings with Business Associates are maintained and recorded with accuracy and completeness.

All expenses claims relating to gifts or entertainment made to third parties must be submitted in accordance with the Group's reimbursement procedures and/or applicable policy and specifically recorded the reasons for such expenditure.

All documents, accounts and records relating to dealings with the third parties, such as customers, business partners, suppliers and business contracts, should be prepared and maintained with strict accuracy and completeness. No accounts should be kept "off-book" to facilitate or conceal improper payments.

The Group will also maintain records of the relevant declaration submitted by the CRG Personnel and Business Associates to ensure that all persons subject to this Policy comply with the requirements.

#### **15. COMPLIANCE TO THE LAW**

The Group will comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations of the governments, commissions and exchanges in jurisdictions within which the Group operates. The CRG Personnel are expected to understand and comply with the MACC Act 2009 (including any amendments thereof). The Group reserves the right to report any actions or activities suspected of being criminal in nature to the police or other relevant authorities.



## 16. PERIODIC REVIEW

This Policy will be reviewed from time to time to ensure its effectiveness and consistency with the governing legislation and regulatory requirements, or more frequently should there be material changes to the said legislation and regulations or circumstance of the business, if any.

## 17. POTENTIAL RISK SCENARIOS - “RED FLAGS”

The following is a non-exhaustive list of possible red flags (for illustrative purposes only) that may arise and which may raise concerns under various anti-corruption laws.

If the CRG Personnel and Business Associates come across any of these red flags or believe it may occur potentially while working with the Group, he/she must make report promptly in accordance with the procedures as set out in our Whistleblowing Policy.

- (i) Become aware that a third party engages in, or has been accused of engaging in improper business practices, improper conduct or has a reputation for paying bribes or requiring bribes;
- (ii) A third party demands gifts, benefits, commission or fees before committing or continue to sign up a contract;
- (iii) A third party requests that payment is made to a country or geographic location different from where the third party resides or conducts business;
- (iv) A third party refuses to provide or provide insufficient, false, or inconsistent information in response to due diligence questions;
- (v) A third party requests the use of an agent, intermediary, consultant, distributor or supplier that is not typically used by or known to us, or a shell entity serves as a middleman especially when domiciled in secrecy haven;
- (vi) There are signs that the third party is not acting on his own behalf, but is trying to conceal the true beneficial owner’s identity;
- (vii) A third party has a reputation of having a “special relationship” with a government, political party or other public official or has been specifically requested by a public official;
- (viii) A third party requests an unusually large or inappropriate commission, retainer, bonus or other fee or an unexpected additional fee or commission to “facilitate” a service;
- (ix) A third party requests payment in cash or cash equivalent such a money order; refuses to provide an invoice or receipt;
- (xi) A third party refuses to provide an invoice or receipt for a payment, or you receive an invoice or receipt that appears to be non-standard or customized;
- (xii) A third party requests that a transaction is structured to evade normal record-keeping or reporting requirements;
- (xiii) A third party refuses to abide by this Policy or does not demonstrate that it has adequate internal anti-corruption policies and procedures in place; and
- (xiv) Been offered an unusually generous gift or lavish benefits or entertainment by a third party.



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#### Annexure

### CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS (“CBCE”)

Every CRG Personnel and Business Associates of the Group in exercising and/or discharging his/her powers or duties shall comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations including the Constitutions of the Company. The core areas of conduct include the following:-

- a) Compliance at all times with the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (“CBCE”).
- b) Observe high standards of business, professional and ethical conduct, and to refrain themselves from offering, giving or receiving any gifts and any other form of benefits (in kind, cash, advantages and/or favour and etc) from persons or entities who deal with the Group where the gift / other form of benefits would reasonably be expected to influence the performance of the CRG Personnel on his/her duties in any aspect.
- c) Adhere to the principles of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership, including fair dealing and the ethical handling of conflicts of interest.
- d) Not misuse information gained in the course of duties for personal gain or for political purposes.
- e) Uphold accountability and act in good faith and in the best interests of the Group corporate opportunities, assets and confidential information.
- f) Ensure the protection of the Group's legitimate business interests, including corporate opportunities, assets and confidential information.
- g) Ensure full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure.
- h) Declaration of any personal, professional or business interests that may conflict with responsibilities.

In the event of any violation of this CBCE by CRG Personnel and Business Associates of the Group, the Board of Directors of the Company (“Board”) shall determine appropriate actions to be taken after considering all relevant information and circumstances.

The Board will review the CBCE regularly to ensure that it continues to remain relevant and appropriate.