## **Corporate governance statement**

This Corporate Governance summary discloses the extent to which the Company will follow the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council in its publication 'Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4<sup>th</sup> Edition)' (**Recommendations**). The Recommendations are not mandatory, however, the Recommendations that will not be followed have been identified and reasons have been provided for not following them.

The Company's Corporate Governance Plan & Policies have been posted on the Company's website at www.kulagold.com.au.

Principles And Recommendations	Comply	Explanation	
Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight			
Recommendation 1.1  A listed entity should have and disclose a board charter setting out:  (a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and  (b) those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.	Complying	The Company has adopted a Board Charter.  The Board Charter sets out the specific responsibilities of the Board, requirements as to the Boards composition, the roles and responsibilities of the Chairman and Company Secretary, the establishment, operation and management of Board Committees, Directors access to company records and information, details of the Board's relationship with management, details of the Board's performance review and details of the Board's disclosure policy.  A copy of the Company's Board Charter is available on the Company's website.	
Recommendation 1.2  A listed entity should:  (a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a director or senior executive or putting someone forward for election, as a director; and  (b) provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.	Complying	<ul> <li>(a) The Company has detailed guidelines for the appointment and selection of the Board. The Company's Corporate Governance Plan &amp; Policies requires the Board to undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election as a director.</li> <li>(b) Material information relevant to any decision on whether, or not, to elect or re-elect a Director will be provided to security holders in the notice of meeting holding the resolution to elect or re-elect the Director.</li> </ul>	
Recommendation 1.3  A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.	Non- Complying	The Company's Corporate Governance Plan & Policies requires the Board to ensure that each Director and senior executive is a party to a written agreement with the Company which sets out the terms of that Director's or senior executive's appointment. Currently no Director or senior executive has a written agreement however, each Director and senior executive, given their experience, is aware of their duties, remuneration and termination conditions.	
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.	Complying	The Board Charter outlines the roles, responsibility and accountabil of the Company Secretary. The Company Secretary is accountable directly to the Board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board.	
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:  (1) the measurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender diversity;  (2) the entity's progress towards achieving those objectives; and  (3) either:  (A) 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); or  (B) 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.	Complying	<ul> <li>(a) The Company has adopted a Diversity Policy.         <ul> <li>(i) The Diversity Policy provides a framework for the Company to achieve a list of 5 measurable objectives that encompass gender equality.</li> <li>(ii) The Diversity Policy provides for the monitoring and evaluation of the scope and currency of the Diversity Policy. The Company is responsible for implementing, monitoring and reporting on the measurable objectives.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) The Diversity Policy is outlined in the Corporate Governance Plan &amp; Policies which is available on the company website.</li> <li>(c)         <ul> <li>(i) The measurable objectives set by the Board will be included in the annual key performance indicators for the Managing Director and senior executives. In addition, the Board will review progress against the objectives in its annual performance assessment.</li> <li>(ii) The Company has a limited number of employees and utilises external consultants and contractors as and when required.</li> <li>(iii) The Board will review this position on an annual basis and will implement measurable objectives as and when they deem the Company to require them.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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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; 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.	Part- Complying	<ul> <li>(a) The Board is responsible for evaluating the performance of the Board and individual directors on an annual basis. It may do so with the aid of an independent advisor. The process for this car be found the Company's Corporate Governance Plan &amp; Policies which is available on the Company's website.</li> <li>(b) The Company's Performance Evaluation Policy requires the Board to disclosure whether or not performance evaluations were conducted during the relevant reporting period.</li> <li>Due to the size of the Board and the nature of the business, it has not been deemed necessary to institute a formal documented performance review program of individuals. However, the Chairman intends to conduct formal reviews each financial year whereby the performance of the Board as a whole and the individual contributions of each director are disclosed. The Board considers that at this stage of the Company's development are informal process is appropriate.</li> <li>The review will assist to indicate whether the Board's performance is appropriate and efficient with respect to the Board Charter.</li> <li>The Board regularly reviews its skill base and whether it remains appropriate for the Company's operational, legal and financial requirements.</li> </ul>
Recommendation 1.7  A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose a process for 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.	Complying	<ul> <li>(a) The Board is responsible for evaluating the performance of senior executives. The Board is to arrange an annual performance evaluation of the senior executives.</li> <li>(b) The Company's Performance Evaluation Policy requires the Board to conduct annual performance of the senior executives. The Policy requires the Board to disclose whether, or not performance evaluations were conducted during the relevant reporting period.</li> <li>During the financial year an evaluation of performance of the individuals was not formally carried out. However, a general review of the individuals occurs on an on-going basis to ensure that structures suitable to the Company's status as a listed entity are in place.</li> </ul>
Principle 2: Structure the board to be effective	and add value	ie
Recommendation 2.1  The board of a listed entity should:  (a) have a nomination committee which:  (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and  (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:  (3) the charter of the committee;  (4) the members of the committee; and  (5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or  (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	Part- Complying	(b) Due to the size and nature of the existing Board and the magnitude of the Company's operations the Company currently has no Nomination Committee. Pursuant to clause 6 of the Company's Board Charter, the full Board carries out the duties that would ordinarily be assigned to the Nomination Committee under the written terms of reference for that committee.  The duties of the Nomination Committee are outlined in Annexure D of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan & Policies available online.  The Board devotes time at each board meeting to discuss board succession issues. All members of the Board are involved in the Company's nomination process, to the maximum extent permitted under the Corporations Act and ASX Listing Rules.  The Board regularly updates the Company's board skills matrix (in accordance with recommendation 2.2) to assess the appropriate balance of skills, experience, independence and knowledge of the entity.

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Recommendation 2.2  A listed entity should have and disclose a board skill matrix setting out the mix of skills that the board currently has or is	Complying	Board Skills Matrix	Number of Directors that Meet the Skill
looking to achieve in its membership.		Executive & Non- Executive experience	3
		Industry experience & knowledge	3
		Leadership	3
		Corporate governance & risk management	3
		Strategic thinking	3
		Desired behavioural competencies	3
		Geographic experience	3
		Capital Markets experience	3
		Subject matter expertise:	
		- accounting	3
		- capital management	3
		- corporate financing	3
		- industry taxation <sup>1</sup>	0
		- risk management	3
		- legal <sup>2</sup>	0
		- IT expertise <sup>2</sup>	0
		<ol> <li>Skill gap noticed however an external ta to maintain taxation requirements.</li> </ol>	
		(2) Skill gaps noticed however external employed on an adhoc basis to maintain	
Recommendation 2.3  A listed entity should disclose:  (a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors;  (b) if a director has an interest, position or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 but the board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the director, the nature of the interest, position or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and  (c) the length of service of each director	Complying	<ul> <li>(a) The Board Charter provides for the disc Directors considered by the Board to be is size and nature of the existing Board ar Company's operations the Company independent director.</li> <li>(b) The Board Charter requires Directors to positions and relationships and requires the Directors is regularly assessed by the interests disclosed by Directors. Details of positions and relationships are provided in Company website.</li> <li>(c) The Board Charter provides for the determination of the disclosed. The length of service of each Directors Report on pages 2-3 of the 202</li> </ul>	ndependent. Due to the did the magnitude of the y currently has one of disclose their interest, hat the independence of a Board in light of the fithe Directors interests, in the Annual Report and mination of the Director to be prector is provided in the 3 Annual Report.
Recommendation 2.4  A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.	Non- Complying	The Board Charter requires that where pract Board will be independent. Due to the size an Board and the magnitude of the Company's o currently has one independent director.  Details of each Director's independence are Report and Company website.	d nature of the existing perations the Company
Recommendation 2.5  The chair of the board of a listed entity should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	Part- Complying	The Board Charter provides that where practic Board will be an independent non-executive did Due to the size and nature of the existing Board the Company's operations the Company's Chaindependent director however is not the Company's Managing Director.	rector. rd and the magnitude of irman currently is not an
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.	Complying	The Board Charter states that a specific respon- procure appropriate professional developm Directors. The Board is responsible for the a induction and continuing professional devel- procedures for Directors to ensure that they can their responsibilities.	nent opportunities for approval and review of opment programs and
Principle 3: Instil a culture of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly			
Recommendation 3.1 A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values.	Complying	The Board Charter states and articulates the C	ompany values.

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Recommendation 3.2  A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and (b) ensure that the board or a committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that code.	Complying	<ul> <li>(a) The Code of Conduct applies to the Company's directors, senior executives and employees.</li> <li>(b) The Company's Code of Conduct can be found contained within the Corporate Governance Plan &amp; Policies and found on the Company's website.</li> </ul>
Recommendation 3.3  A listed entity should:  (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.	Complying	(a) The Company's Whistleblower Policy can be found contained within the Corporate Governance Plan & Policies and found on the Company's website.
Recommendation 3.4  A listed entity should:  (a) have and disclose an anti-bribery and corruption policy; and  (b) ensure that the board or committee of the board is informed of any material breaches of that policy.	Complying	(a) The Company's Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy can be found contained within the Corporate Governance Plan & Policies and found on the Company's website.
Principle 4: Safeguard the integrity of corporate	reports	
Recommendation 4.1  The board of a listed entity should:  (i) have an audit committee which:  (ii) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and  (iii) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board,  and disclose:  (iii) the charter of the committee;  (iv) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and  (v) 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 that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.	Part- Complying	(b) Due to the size and nature of the existing Board and the magnitude of the Company's operations the Company currently has no separate Audit and Risk Committee. Under the Company's Board Charter, the full Board carries out the duties that would ordinarily be assigned to the Audit and Risk Committee under the written terms of reference for that committee.  The role and responsibilities of the Audit and Risk Committee are outlined in Annexure B of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan & Policies available online on the Company's website.  The Board devotes time annually at a board meeting to fulfilling the roles and responsibilities associated with maintaining the Company's internal audit function and arrangements with external auditors. All members of the Board are involved in the Company's audit function to ensure the proper maintenance of the entity and the integrity of all corporate reporting.
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.	Complying	The Company's Corporate Governance Plan & Policies states that a duty and responsibility of the Board is to ensure that before approving the entity's financial statements for a financial period, the Chairman and Company Secretary have declared 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.
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.	Complying	The Company's Corporate Governance Plan & Policies include the process to ensure all periodic corporate reports that are released to the market that are not audited or reviewed by an external auditor are correct and accurate. This mainly applies to the Company's quarterly activities and cash flow reports.

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Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosu	re	
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.	Complying	The Company's Continuous Disclosure Policy details the Company's disclosure requirements as required by the ASX Listing Rules and other relevant legislation.  The Company's Continuous Disclosure Policy is contained within the Corporate Governance Plan & Policies available on the Company website.
Recommendation 5.2 A listed entity should ensure that its board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.	Complying	The Company has disclosed this in the Continuous Disclosure Policy contained within the Corporate Governance Plan & Policies available on the Company website.
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.	Complying	The Company has disclosed this in the Continuous Disclosure Policy contained within the Corporate Governance Plan & Policies available on the Company website.
Principle 6: Respect the rights of security holde	ers	
Recommendation 6.1 A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	Complying	Information about the Company and its governance is available in the Corporate Governance Plan & Policies which can be found on the Company's website.
Recommendation 6.2 A listed entity should have an investor relations program that facilitates effective two-way communication with investors.	Complying	The Company has adopted a Shareholder Communications Policy which aims to promote and facilitate effective two-way communication with investors. The Shareholder Communications Policy outlines a range of ways in which information is communicated to Shareholders.
Recommendation 6.3  A listed entity should disclose how it facilitates and encourages participation at meetings of security holders.	Complying	The Shareholder Communication Policy states that as a part of the Company's developing investor relations program, Shareholders can register with the Company Secretary to receive email notifications of when an announcement is made by the Company to the ASX, including the release of the annual report, half yearly reports and quarterly reports. Links are made available to the Company's website on which all information provided to the ASX is immediately posted. Shareholders are encouraged to participate at all GMs and AGMs of the Company. Upon the despatch of any notice of meeting to Shareholders, the Company Secretary shall send out material with that notice of meeting stating that all Shareholders are encouraged to participate at the meeting.
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.	Complying	The Company ensures that all resolutions are passed at a meeting of security holder's via a poll.
Recommendation 6.5 A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	Complying	Security holders can register with the Company to receive communications from and send communications to the entity and its security registry electronically. This can be done by following the instructions of the Company's website.

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Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk		
Recommendation 7.1  The board of a listed entity should:  (a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:  (i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and  (ii) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:  (iii) the charter of the committee;  (iv) the members of the committee; and  (v) 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 risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the process it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.	Part- Complying	(b) Due to the size and nature of the existing Board and the magnitude of the Company's operations the Company currently has no Audit and Risk Committees. Pursuant to the Company's Board Charter, the full Board currently carries out the duties that would ordinarily be assigned to the Audit and Risk Committees under the written terms of reference for that committee. The role and responsibilities of the Audit and Risk Committees are outlined in Annexure B of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan & Policies available online on the Company's website. The Board devote time at the annual board meeting to fulfilling the roles and responsibilities associated with overseeing risk and maintaining the entity's risk management framework and associated internal compliance and control procedures.
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 that the entity is operating with due regard to the risk appetite set by the board; and  (b) disclose in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.	Complying	<ul> <li>(a) The Company's process for risk management and internal compliance includes a requirement to identify and measure risk, monitor the environment for emerging factors and trends that affect these risks, formulate risk management strategies and monitor the performance of risk management systems. The Corporate Governance Plan &amp; Policies contains the Risk Management Policy and details the Company's disclosure requirements with respect to the risk management review procedure and internal compliance and controls.</li> <li>(b) The Board Charter requires the Board to disclose the number of times the Board met throughout the relevant reporting period, and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings. Details of the meetings will be provided in the Company's Annual Report.</li> </ul>
Recommendation 7.3  A listed entity should disclose:  (a) 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 governance, risk management and internal control processes.	Complying	(b) Annexure B of the Company's Corporate Plan & Policies provides for the internal audit function of the Company. The Board Charter outlines the monitoring, review and assessment of a range of internal audit functions and procedures.
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.	Complying	The Company's Corporate Plan & Policies details the Company's risk management systems which assist in identifying and managing potential or apparent environmental or social risks (if appropriate). Review of the Company's risk management framework is conducted at least annually by the Board who assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the Company's risk management framework and associated internal compliance and control procedures.

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Principle 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly		
Recommendation 8.1  The board of a listed entity should:  (a) have a remuneration committee which:  (i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and  (ii) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:  (iii) the charter of the committee;  (iv) the members of the committee; and  (v) 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 that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.	Part- Complying	(b) Due to the size and nature of the existing board and the magnitude of the Company's operations the Company currently has no Remuneration Committee. The Company's Board Charter outlines that the full Board currently carries out the duties that would ordinarily be assigned to the Remuneration Committee under the written terms of reference for that committee.  The role and responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee are outlined in Annexure C of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan & Policies available online on the Company's website.  The Board devotes time at annual board meetings to fulfill the roles and responsibilities associated with setting the level and composition of remuneration for Directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.
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.	Complying	The Company's Corporate Governance Plan & Policies requires the Board to disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive, executive and other senior directors.  The remuneration of the directors is disclosed in the Directors Report on page 10 of the 2023 Annual Report.
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.	Complying	<ul> <li>(a) Company's Corporate Governance Plan &amp; Policies states that the Board is required to review, manage and disclose the policy (if any) 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. The Board must review and approve any equity-based plans.</li> <li>(b) A copy of the Company's Corporate Governance Plan &amp; Policies is available on the Company's website.</li> </ul>