

# Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad Announced Further Temporary Relief Measures for Public Listed Entities

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak and extended Movement Control Order (“MCO”), Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad (“the Exchange”) had on 16 April 2020 announced additional temporary relief measures for Main Market Listed Issuers / ACE Market Listed Corporations (“Public Listed Entities”).

The summary of additional temporary relief measures by the Exchange are as follows:

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1.	Further Extension of Time for Submission of Quarterly Reports (“QR”) and Annual Reports (“AR”) which are due by 31 May 2020	<p><b>Extended until 30 June 2020.</b></p> <p>For issuance of QR and AR that include annual audited financial statements and the auditors’ and directors’ reports which are:</p> <p>(a) due by 31 May 2020; and            (b) due by 30 April 2020 (which had been extended to 31 May 2020 via the Exchange letters dated 26 March 2020).</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above:</p> <p>(a) Public Listed Entities must continue to comply with the continuing disclosure obligations under the Main Market Listing Requirements (“Main LR”) / ACE Market Listing Requirements (“ACE LR”) , including the obligation to make immediate announcement of any material information under paragraph 9.03 / Rule 9.03; and</p> <p>(b) If the preparation of the QR or AR is not adversely affected by the extended MCO or the COVID-19 pandemic, and Public Listed Entities are able to issue the said reports within the prescribed timelines under the Main LR / ACE LR, they must continue to do so without any undue delay.</p> <p><b>Illustration of deadline for AR/QR with the following financial years:</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Financial Year End</th> <th>Q4 Deadline for QR</th> <th>Annual Report Deadline</th> <th>Q1 Deadline for QR for the next Financial Year</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>31 December 2019</td> <td>29 February 2020</td> <td>30 June 2020</td> <td>30 June 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31 January 2020</td> <td>30 April 2020</td> <td>30 June 2020</td> <td>30 June 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29 February 2020</td> <td>30 June 2020</td> <td>30 June 2020</td> <td>31 July 2020</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31 March 2020</td> <td>30 June 2020</td> <td>31 July 2020</td> <td>31 August 2020</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p> <span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: #92d050; border: 1px solid black;"></span> Applying extension relief based on the Exchange letters dated 16 April 2020  <span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: #c6e0b4; border: 1px solid black;"></span> Applying extension relief based on the Exchange letters dated 26 March 2020           </p>	Financial Year End	Q4 Deadline for QR	Annual Report Deadline	Q1 Deadline for QR for the next Financial Year	31 December 2019	29 February 2020	30 June 2020	30 June 2020	31 January 2020	30 April 2020	30 June 2020	30 June 2020	29 February 2020	30 June 2020	30 June 2020	31 July 2020	31 March 2020	30 June 2020	31 July 2020	31 August 2020
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2.	Increased General Mandate Limit for New Issue of Securities	<p>Allow Public Listed Entities to seek a higher general mandate of not more than <b>20%</b> of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) for issue of new securities provided the following are complied with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) shareholders' approval for the 20% general mandate <b>procured</b> at a general meeting;</li> <li>(b) all the relevant applicable legal requirements (includes constitution/relevant constituent documents) <b>complied with</b>; and</li> <li>(c) views from its board of directors that 20% general mandate is in the best interest of the listed entities and its shareholders, and the basis for such views, <b>are disclosed</b>.</li> </ul> <p>The 20% general mandate can be used to issue new securities until 31 December 2021, and thereafter, the 10% limit will be reinstated.</p>				
3.	Further Relief Measures to Public Listed Entities with Unsatisfactory Financial Condition	<p>Practice Note 17 ("PN17") of Main LR / Guidance Note 3 ("GN3") of ACE LR relief measures will be available to Public Listed Entities that trigger any of the following <b>suspended criteria</b> from 17 April 2020 to 30 June 2021.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="411 790 1522 2065"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="411 790 951 853">PN17</th> <th data-bbox="951 790 1522 853">GN3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="411 853 951 2065"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Its shareholders' equity on a consolidated basis is 25% or less of its share capital (excluding treasury shares) and such shareholders' equity is less than 40 million;</li> <li>ii. 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3.	Further Relief Measures to Public Listed Entities with Unsatisfactory Financial Condition (Continued)	Relief measures granted to Public Listed Entities that trigger the suspended criteria and other PN17 / GN3 criteria:			
		Triggering Criteria	Trigger the Suspended Criteria		Trigger other PN17 / GN3 criteria
		Period	2 January 2019 to 16 April 2020 (both date inclusive)	17 April 2020 to 30 June 2021 (both date inclusive)	2 January 2019 to 31 December 2020 (both date inclusive)
		Relief Measures	Public Listed Entities will be classified as PN17 listed issuers / GN3 listed corporations but accorded with a longer timeframe of 24 months (instead of the existing 12 months) for submission of regularisation plan as provided in the Exchange letters dated 26 March 2020.	Public Listed Entities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• will not be classified as PN 17 listed issuers / GN3 listed corporations;</li> <li>• are required to make immediate announcement that they have triggered the Suspended Criteria and the relief provided (“Relief Announcement”); and</li> <li>• are required to reassess the condition upon expiry of the 12 months from the Relief Announcement and announce whether they continue to trigger any of the criteria in PN17 / GN3 <sup>1</sup></li> </ul> <p><sup>1</sup> If Public Listed Entities continue to trigger any of the criteria in PN 17 / GN3, they will then be classified as PN17 listed issuers/ GN3 listed corporations and must comply with all the obligations under paragraph 8.04 and PN17 of the Main LR/ Rule 8.04 and GN3 of the ACE LR, including the obligation to submit a regularisation plan (“RP”) to the relevant authorities within 12 months from the announcement.</p>	Public Listed Entities will be classified as PN17 listed issuers / GN3 listed corporations but accorded with a longer timeframe of 24 months (instead of the existing 12 months) for submission of regularisation plan as provided in the Exchange letters dated 26 March 2020.

**Source:**

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