

## ANNUAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT OF

### **Forticare Health Systems International Inc.**

(Name of Company)

1. For the fiscal year ended: **December 31, 2023**
2. Certificate Authority Number: **HMO-2022-01-R**
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	COMPLIANT/ NON- COMPLIANT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	EXPLANATION
<b>The Board's Governance Responsibilities</b>			
<b>Principle 1:</b> The Company should be headed by a competent working board to foster the long-term success and sustainability of the corporation in a manner consistent with its corporate objectives and the long-term best interests of its shareholders and stakeholders.			
<b>Recommendation 1.1</b>			
1. Board is composed of directors with collective working knowledge, experience, or expertise that is relevant to the Company's industry/sector.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	The academic qualifications, industry knowledge, professional experience, expertise, and relevant trainings of directors can be found in the <b>Bio-Data</b> or <b>Curriculum Vitae (CV)</b> we submitted to the Commission.  The qualification standards for directors to facilitate the selection of potential nominees and to serve as the benchmark for the evaluation of their performance is enumerated and discussed in our <b>Company By-Laws</b> and our <b>Corporate Governance Manual (CGM)</b> .	
2. Board has an appropriate mix of competence and expertise.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
3. Directors remain qualified for their positions individually and collectively to enable them to fulfill their roles and responsibilities and respond to the needs of the organization.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
<b>Recommendation 1.2</b>			
1. Board is composed of a majority of non-executive directors.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>General Information Sheet (GIS)</b> identifies our directors and the type of their directorships	
<b>Recommendation 1.3</b>			
1. Company provides in its Board Charter or Manual on Corporate Governance a policy on the training of directors.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	<b>Corporate Governance Manual (CGM)</b> talks about our policy on the training of directors.	

2. Company provides in its Board Charter or Manual on Corporate Governance an orientation program for first-time directors.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	<b>Corporate Governance Manual (CGM)</b> talks about the training and development of our directors. The orientation program is also discussed in the section.	
3. Company has relevant annual continuing training for all directors.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
<b>Recommendation 1.4</b>			
1. Board has a policy on board diversity.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	In reference to our <b>CGM</b> it contains information on our board diversity policy.	
<b>Recommendation 1.5</b>			
1. Board is assisted in its duties by a Corporate Secretary.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>GIS</b> and <b>CGM</b> contain information on our Corporate Secretary (CS), including her name, qualifications, duties, and functions.	
2. Corporate Secretary is a separate individual from the Compliance Officer.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
3. Corporate Secretary is not a member of the Board of Directors.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
4. Corporate Secretary attends training/s on corporate governance.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our CS attended the initial course on Corporate Governance conducted by the ICD (Institute of Corporate Directors). Update courses are to be scheduled and are being followed.	
<b>Recommendation 1.6</b>			
1. Board is assisted by a Compliance Officer	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		

<p>2. Compliance Officer has the rank of Vice President or an equivalent position with adequate stature and authority in the corporation</p>	<p><b>NON-COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>Our <b>CGM</b> contains information on our Compliance Officer (CO), including his qualifications, duties, and functions.</p>	<p>Our Compliance Officer (CO) has the rank of <b>Assistant Vice President</b>, which is considered an Executive position in our Company. He <b>reports directly</b> to Executive Committee and he <b>answers to our CEO</b>. The CO is also a member of our Management Committee.</p>
<p>3. Compliance Officer is not a member of the Board.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>		
<p>4. Compliance Officer attends training/s on corporate governance annually.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>Our CO attended the initial course on Corporate Governance. Update courses are to be scheduled and are being followed.</p>	
<p>Principle 2: The fiduciary roles, responsibilities, and accountabilities of the Board as provided under the law, the Company's articles and by-laws, and other legal pronouncements and guidelines should be clearly made known to all directors as well as to stockholders and other stakeholders.</p>			
<p><b>Recommendation 2.1</b></p>			
<p>1. Directors act on a fully informed basis, in good faith, with due diligence and care, and in the best interest of the Company.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>There are <b>Minutes of the Meeting</b>, both for Board Committee meetings and the actual Board meeting, and <b>Board Resolutions</b> and approvals that contain information on how the directors performed their duties.</p>	

Recommendation 2.2			
1. Board oversees the development, review, and approval of the Company's business objectives and strategy.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	There are <b>Minutes of the Meeting</b> , both for Board Committee meetings and the actual Board meeting, and <b>Board Resolutions</b> and approvals that contain information on how the directors performed their duties.  Our Board meets every quarter or as needed to review business objectives and strategies.	
2. Board oversees and monitors the implementation of the Company's business objectives and strategy in order to sustain the Company's long-term viability and strength.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
Recommendation 2.3			
1. Board is headed by a competent and qualified Chairperson.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>GIS</b> and the <b>Bio-Data/Curriculum Vitae (CV)</b> of our chairperson contain information on his name and qualifications.	
Recommendation 2.4			
1. Board ensures and adopts an effective succession planning program for directors, key officers, and management.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Section V(CGF) Article D of our <b>CGM</b> contains information on our Company's succession plan and retirement policies and programs. Our Human Resource Department ( <b>HRD</b> ) ensures the proper implementation of these policies and programs.	
2. Board adopts a policy on the retirement of directors and key officers.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
Recommendation 2.5			
1. Board formulates and adopts a policy specifying the relationship between remuneration and performance of key officers and board members.	<b>NON-COMPLIANT</b>	The <b>Executive Committee</b> (EXECOM) shall aid the Board of Directors in evaluating and approving compensation plans, policies, and programs for the Directors, Management Employees, and Key Employees, the adoption of policies that govern the	Our <b>HRD</b> is working for remuneration policy, specifying the relationship between remuneration and the performance of crucial officers and board members.
2. Board aligns the remuneration of key officers and board members with the long-term interests of the Company.	<b>NON-COMPLIANT</b>		In reality, this principle is already being observed. To show full compliance, the new policy will be presented to the Executive Committee

		<p>Company's compensation and benefits programs.</p> <p>In accordance with the Corporation's By-Laws, the compensation of the Directors is determined by the Board and subject to the approval of the shareholders representing at least a majority of the outstanding capital stock at a regular or special meeting of the shareholders.</p>	<p><b>on or before end of August 2024</b> for endorsement to the board and subsequent approval. However, was moved for remuneration and update <b>on or before end of July 2025</b> due to CDO &amp; Conservatorship issuance against Forticare on July 31, 2024.</p> <p>This new policy will be communicated accordingly to all concerned personnel.</p> <p>The new remuneration policy to be proposed by HRD will align with the Company's long-term interests.</p>
3. Directors do not participate in discussions or deliberations involving his/her own remuneration.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
<b>Recommendation 2.6</b>			
1. Board has a formal and transparent board nomination and election policy.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	<p>Our <b>CGM</b> contain information on the Company's nomination and election policy and process and its implementation, including the criteria used in selecting new directors, how the shortlisted candidates are, and how it encourages nominations from shareholders.</p> <p>Moreover, the <b>EXECOM</b> provides that the Nomination Committee (now, "Corporate Governance, Nomination, and Remuneration Committee,") shall aid the Board of Directors in identifying, screening, and reviewing individuals who</p>	
2. Board nomination and election policy is disclosed in the Company's Manual on Corporate Governance.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
3. Board nomination and election policy include how the Company accepts nominations from minority shareholders.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
4. Board nomination and election policy include how the board reviews nominated candidates.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		

<p>5. Board nomination and election policy include an assessment of the effectiveness of the Board's processes in the nomination, election, or replacement of a director.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>are qualified to serve as Directors and succeed as Management Employees and Key Employees. The Nomination Committee has yet to formulate and adopt guidelines on the qualifications of the</p>	
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<p>6. Board has a process for identifying the quality of directors that is aligned with the strategic direction of the Company.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>members of the Board of Directors, and those who will succeed the current Management Employees, and Key Employees of the Company.</p> <p>The Executive Committee (EXECOM)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ensures that the Company shall have the required number of Independent Directors with the qualifications and none of the disqualifications as provided under applicable laws, regulations, and rules;</li> <li>b. Oversees the dissemination of information about the nomination process and the soliciting of recommendations from appropriate entities;</li> <li>c. Provides a slate of candidates for discussion during the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company and the organizational meeting of the Board of Directors; and</li> <li>d. Exercises oversight of the induction program and continuous development program for Board members;</li> <li>e. Reviews the Board of Directors succession plans for Directors, Management Employees, and Key Employees of the Company;</li> <li>f. Reviews key staff appointments defined as Vice President and above;</li> <li>g. Provides a slate of candidates for the discussion of the Board of Directors, and/or other pertinent committees in case of vacancy by reason of death, resignation, disqualification, or for any</li> </ul>	
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		other cause, of a Director, Management Employees, or Key Employees.	
<b>Recommendation 2.7</b>			
1. Board has overall responsibility in ensuring that there is a group-wide policy and system governing related party transactions (RPTs) and other unusual or infrequently occurring transactions.	<b>NON-COMPLIANT</b>	Our Company has in process of creating a <b>Related Party Transactions Policy</b> that should be approved by the Executive Committee (EXECOM). The policy covers the review and approval of significant RPTs. We likewise have an RPT Executive Committee, the functions of which are disclosed in our Executive Committee Charter.	This project is ongoing and should be completed <b>on or before end of August 2024</b> for endorsement to the board and subsequent approval.  However, was moved for renumeration and update <b>on or before end of July 2025</b> due to CDO & Conservatorship issuance against Forticare on July 31, 2024.
2. RPT policy includes appropriate review and approval of material RPTs, which guarantee fairness and transparency of the transactions	<b>NON-COMPLIANT</b>		
3. RPT policy encompasses all entities within the group, considering their size, structure, risk profile, and complexity of operations.	<b>NON-COMPLIANT</b>		
<b>Recommendation 2.8</b>			
1. Board is primarily responsible for approving the selection of Management led by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the heads of the other control functions (Chief Risk Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, and Chief Audit Executive).	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	The <b>EXECOM</b> outlines the Board's policy and responsibility for approving the selection of management. The identities of our Management team can be found in our <b>GIS</b> .	

<p>2. Board is primarily responsible for assessing the performance of Management led by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the heads of the other control functions (Chief Risk Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, and Chief Audit Executive).</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>The <b>EXECOM</b> outlines the Board's policy and responsibility for assessing the performance of management via the different Board Committees.</p> <p>A review of performance is done during quarterly Board meetings. Both quantitative and qualitative performance is reviewed. Performance is reviewed on a comparative period and against budget and whether alignment to the strategic objectives is met.</p> <p>The Board Risk and Compliance Committee meets quarterly to identify risks and mitigations done to address the same. The Committee also reviews the report of the Compliance Officer for the status of compliance.</p> <p>The Audit Committee meets quarterly to review Internal Audit reports and the progress of the resolutions of the audit items. The committee also requires the external financial auditor to present the audit findings for both control assessments and financial adjustments.</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation 2.9</b></p>			
<p>1. Board establishes an effective performance management framework that ensures that Management, including the Chief Executive Officer's performance, is at par with the standards set by the Board and Senior Management.</p>	<p><b>NON-COMPLIANT</b></p>		<p>As mentioned in our response to Recommendations 2.5.1 and 2.5.2, the framework is already in place, but diligent documentation will be improved. In addition, our HRD is currently working to</p>

<p>2. Board establishes an effective performance management framework that ensures that personnel's performance is at par with the standards set by the Board and Senior Management.</p>	<p><b>NON-COMPLIANT</b></p>		<p>develop the Performance Management Framework that will ensure that the performance of Management, including the Chief Executive Officer's performance, and the entire workforce, is at par with the standards set by the Board and Senior Management. The <b>new framework</b>, together with the aforementioned Remuneration Policy, will be presented to the Executive Committee <b>on or before the end of August 2025</b>.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 2.10</b></p>			
<p>1. Board oversees that an appropriate internal control system is in place.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>Our <b>EXECOM</b> and <b>CGM</b> show the Board's responsibility for overseeing that an appropriate internal control system is in place and what is included in the internal control system. Different Board Committees have been set up for these controls. On the operational level, there are dedicated functions for Internal Audit, Enterprise Risk, and Compliance.</p>	
<p>2. The internal control system includes a mechanism for monitoring and managing potential conflicts of interest among the Management, members, and shareholders.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>The <b>Board</b> likewise <b>approved policies</b> to monitor and mitigate Conflicts of Interest within the Company. The CGM, Compliance Management Policy, Code of Discipline (CoD), and Code of Ethical Standards (CoES) are all present to enforce internal control.</p>	<p>RPT Policy is already ongoing and, will be presented to the Executive Committee <b>on or before the end of August 2025</b>.</p>
<p>3. Board approves the Internal Audit Charter</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>We have an Internal Audit Charter that was <b>approved by the Board</b>.</p>	

Recommendation 2.11			
1. Board oversees that the Company has in place a sound enterprise risk management (ERM) framework to effectively identify, monitor, assess, and manage key business risks.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our Board approved the <b>Data Privacy &amp; Monitoring &amp; Compliance Management (DPMCM)</b> . It shows the Board's oversight responsibility for the establishment of a sound enterprise risk management framework and how the Board is guided by the framework.  As a result of our <b>DPMCM Framework</b> , our Company was able to establish an DPMCM Process, Specific Risk Appetites, and a Risk Register. We have also acquired several insurance coverages to mitigate specific risks that we have discovered.	
2. The risk management framework guides the Board in identifying unit/business lines and enterprise-level risk exposures, as well as the effectiveness of risk management strategies.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
Recommendation 2.12			
1. Board has a Board Charter that formalizes and clearly states its roles, responsibilities, and accountabilities in carrying out its fiduciary duties.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Link to <b>Corporate Governance Manual (CGM)</b>  <a href="https://forticareph.com/corporate-governance-manual/">https://forticareph.com/corporate-governance-manual/</a>	
2. Board Charter serves as a guide to the directors in the performance of their functions.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
3. Board Charter is publicly available and posted on the Company's website.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
<p><b>Principle 3:</b> Board committees should be set up to the extent possible to support the effective performance of the Board's functions, particularly with respect to audit, risk management, related party transactions, and other key corporate governance concerns, such as nomination and remuneration. The composition, functions, and responsibilities of all committees established should be contained in a publicly available Committee Charter.</p>			
Recommendation 3.1			

<p>1. Board establishes board committees that focus on specific board functions to aid in the optimal performance of its roles and responsibilities.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>Our <b>CGM</b> and <b>EXECOM</b> contain information on all the board committees established by the Company.</p>	
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<b>Recommendation 3.2</b>			
1. Board establishes an Audit Committee to enhance its oversight capability over the Company's financial reporting, internal control system, internal and external audit processes, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>CGM</b> and <b>EXECOM</b> contain information on the Audit Committee, including its functions.  It is the Board that appoints and removes the Company's external auditor.	
2. Audit Committee is composed of at least three appropriately qualified non-executive directors, the majority of whom, including the Chairman are independent.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>EXECOM</b> contains information on the members of the Audit Committee, including their qualifications and type of directorship.	
3. All the members of the committee have relevant background, knowledge, skills, and/or experience in the areas of accounting, auditing, and finance.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	The <b>Bio-Data/CV</b> of the Board of Directors contains information on the background, knowledge, skills, and/or experience of the members of the Audit Committee.	
4. The Chairman of the Audit Committee is not the Chairman of the Board or of any other committee.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	The <b>Bio-Data/CV</b> submitted to the IC contains information on the Chairman of the Audit Committee	
<b>Recommendation 3.3</b>			
1. Board establishes a Corporate Governance Committee tasked to assist the Board in the performance of its corporate governance responsibilities, including the functions that were formerly assigned to a Nomination and Remuneration Committee.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>CGM</b> and <b>EXECOM</b> contain information on the Corporate Governance Committee, including its functions. The Executive Committee (EXECOM) is tasked to develop and recommend an effective process of identifying the quality of directors are aligned with the Company's strategic direction.	

2. Corporate Governance Committee is composed of at least three members, the majority of whom should be independent directors.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>EXECOM</b> contains information on the members of the Corporate Governance Committee, including their qualifications and type of directorship.	
3. Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee is an independent director.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	The <b>Bio-Data/CV</b> submitted to the IC contains information on the Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee.	
<b>Recommendation 3.4</b>			
1. Board establishes a separate Board Risk Oversight Committee (BROC) that should be responsible for the oversight of a company's Enterprise Risk Management system to ensure its functionality and effectiveness.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>CGM</b> and <b>EXECOM</b> contain information on the Board Risk Oversight Committee (BROC), including its functions. We call it the <b>Risk and Compliance Committee</b> .	
2. BROC is composed of at least three members, the majority of whom should be independent directors, including the Chairman.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>EXECOM</b> contains information on the members of the Risk and Compliance Committee, including their qualifications and type of directorship.	
3. The Chairman of the BROC is not the Chairman of the Board or of any other committee.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	The <b>Bio-Data/CV</b> submitted to the IC contains information on the Chairman of the Risk and Compliance Committee.	
4. At least one member of the BROC has relevant thorough knowledge and experience in risk and risk management	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	The <b>Bio-Data/CV</b> of the Board of Directors contains information on the background, skills, and/or experience of the members of the Risk and Compliance Committee.	
<b>Recommendation 3.5</b>			
1. The Board establishes a Related Party Transactions (RPT) Committee, which is tasked with reviewing all	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>CGM</b> and <b>EXECOM</b> contain information on the Related Party Transactions (RPT) Committee, including its functions.	

material related party transactions of the Company			
2. RPT Committee is composed of at least three non-executive directors, the majority of whom should be independent, including the Chairman.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>EXECOM</b> contains information on the members of the RPT Committee, including their qualifications and type of directorship.	
<b>Recommendation 3.6</b>			
1. All established committees have Committee Charters stating in plain terms their respective purposes, memberships, structures, operations, reporting process, resources, and other relevant information.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>EXECOM</b> outlines the Company's committee charters, containing all the required information, mainly the functions of the Committee that is necessary for performance evaluation purposes.	
2. Committee Charters provide standards for evaluating the performance of the Committees.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Evaluation of the Committees is discussed in Section VIII.A. of our <b>CGM</b>	
3. Committee Charters were fully disclosed on the Company's website.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>CGM</b> , which is posted on our website, discusses the functions of our Board Committees in the Annex section.	
<b>Principle 4: To show full commitment to the Company, the directors should devote the time and attention necessary to properly and effectively perform their duties and responsibilities, including sufficient time to be familiar with the corporation's business.</b>			
<b>Recommendation 4.1</b>			
1. The Directors attend and actively participate in all meetings of the Board, Committees, and shareholders in person or through tele-/videoconferencing conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>Corporate By-Laws</b> contain information on the process and procedure for tele/videoconferencing Board and/or committee meetings.  The <b>Minutes of the Meeting (MoM)</b> contain information on the attendance and participation of directors in the Board, Committees, and shareholders' meetings.	



2. The directors review meeting materials for all Board and Committee meetings.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	The <b>MoM</b> would show any questions raised or clarification/ explanation sought by the directors.	
3. The directors ask the necessary questions or seek clarifications and explanations during the Board and Committee meetings.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	The <b>MoM</b> would show any questions raised or clarification/ explanation sought by the directors.	
<b>Recommendation 4.2</b>			
1. Non-executive directors concurrently serve as directors to a maximum of five Insurance Commission Regulated Entities (ICREs) and publicly-listed companies to ensure that they have sufficient time to fully prepare for meetings, challenge Management's proposals/views, and oversee the long-term strategy of the Company.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>CGM</b> Manual has a policy setting the limit of board seats that a non-executive director can hold simultaneously.  Section XVI.A. of our <b>CGM</b> shows the directorships of the Company's directors in both listed and non-listed companies or the list of disqualifications.	
<b>Recommendation 4.3</b>			
1. The directors notify the Company's Board where he/she is an incumbent director before accepting a directorship in another company.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	We use the <b>Bio-Data/CV</b> submitted by our Directors to the IC to verify this notification.	
Principle 5: The Board should endeavor to exercise an objective and independent judgment on all corporate affairs			
<b>Recommendation 5.1</b>			
1. The Board is composed of at least twenty percent (20%) independent directors	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>GIS</b> contains information on the number of independent directors on the Board.	
<b>Recommendation 5.2</b>			
1. The independent directors possess all the necessary qualifications and none of the disqualifications to hold the position.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>CGM</b> contains information on the qualifications of independent directors. The <b>Bio-Data/CV</b> they submitted also shows their capabilities.	

Recommendation 5.3			
<p>1. The independent directors serve for a maximum cumulative term of nine years.</p> <p>As far as Insurance Companies are concerned, the foregoing term limit shall be reckoned from 02 January 2015 while the reckoning date for the Pre-Need Companies and Health Maintenance Organizations shall be from 21 September 2016.</p> <p>For other covered entities, all previous terms served by existing Independent Directors prior to the effectivity of this Circular shall not be included in the application of the term limit prescribed in this item.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>Our <b>GIS</b> shows the years IDs have served as such.</p>	
<p>2. The Company bars an independent from serving in such a capacity after the term limit of nine years.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>This information is contained in our <b>CGM</b>. It shows the Company's policy on term limits for its independent director.</p>	
<p>3. In the instance that the Company retains an independent director in the same capacity after nine years, the Board submits to the Insurance Commission a formal written justification and seeks shareholders' approval during the annual shareholders' meeting.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p><b>No such submission</b> of a formal written justification to the Insurance Commission and proof of shareholders' approval during the annual shareholders' meeting has ever been made.</p>	
Recommendation 5.4			
<p>1. The positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer are held by separate individuals</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p><b>Chairman: Ms. Ellen C. Niebres</b>  <b>Chief Executive Officer: Mr. Patrick Joseph M. Nadal</b></p>	

<p>2. The Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer have clearly defined responsibilities.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>Our <b>CGM</b> contains information on the roles and responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.</p> <p>The Chairman and CEO are <b>two distinct</b> individuals.</p>	
<b>Recommendation 5.5</b>			
<p>1. If the Chairman of the Board is not an independent director or where the roles of Chairman and CEO are being held by one person, the Board should designate a lead director among the independent directors.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>Our <b>CGM</b> and <b>EXECOM</b> show the roles and functions of our Independent Directors. Most of them are Chairpersons of the different Board Committees. Our Chairman and CEO are not being held by the same person.</p> <p>Our Chairperson is <b>not</b> an independent director</p>	
<b>Recommendation 5.6</b>			
<p>1. Directors with a material interest in a transaction affecting the corporation should abstain from taking part in the deliberations for the same.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>For 2023, no such abstention was required as no deliberations involved a conflict of interest.</p>	
<b>Recommendation 5.7</b>			
<p>1. The non-executive directors (NEDs) have separate periodic meetings with the external auditor and heads of the internal audit, compliance, and risk functions, without any executive directors present to ensure that proper checks and balances are in place within the corporation.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>The heads of Internal Audit, Enterprise Risk and Compliance, and External Auditor/s have separate periodic meetings with Non-Executive Directors (NEDs) and Independent Directors (IDs). Updates on current issues surrounding Internal Control are being discussed during the sessions. There are weekly, monthly, and quarterly meetings.</p>	
<p>2. The meetings are chaired by the lead independent director.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>		

Principle 6: The best measure of the Board's effectiveness is through an assessment process. The Board should regularly carry out evaluations to appraise its performance as a body, and assess whether it possesses the right mix of backgrounds and competencies

**Recommendation 6.1**

1. The Board conducts an annual assessment of its performance as a whole	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Sections VIII.A. and XVI.C. of our <b>CGM</b> talk about this assessment. The exercise was done last March and April 2023, and the evaluation results will be discussed in our Corporate Governance, Nomination, and Remuneration Committee. The aggregated results will then be shared with the whole board.	
2. The performance of the Chairman is assessed annually by the Board	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
3. The performance of the individual member of the Board is assessed annually by the Board	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
4. The performance of each committee is assessed annually by the Board.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
5. Every three years, the assessments are supported by an external facilitator.	<b>NON-COMPLIANT</b>	This requirement is not yet applicable since this is only the second time the board assessment exercise has been done.	

**Recommendation 6.2**

1. Board has in place a system that provides, at the minimum, criteria, and processes to determine the performance of the Board, individual directors, and committees.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>CGM</b> contains information on the system of the Company to evaluate the performance of the Board, individual directors, and committees, including a feedback mechanism from shareholders. Sections VIII, XIV, and XVI discuss these topics.	
2. The system allows for a feedback mechanism from the shareholders	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		

Principle 7: Members of the Board are duty-bound to apply high ethical standards, taking into account the interests of all stakeholders

**Recommendation 7.1**

<p>1. Board adopts a Code of Conduct and Ethics, which provides standards for professional and ethical behavior, as well as articulates acceptable and unacceptable conduct and practices in internal and external dealings of the Company</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>We have our <b>Corporate Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (CCBCE)</b>.</p>	
<p>2. The Code is properly disseminated to the Board, senior management, and employees.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>Our <b>Codes</b> were approved by the Board and are disseminated to all new hires. Recently, we disseminated the updated codes to all employees via email blast.</p>	
<p>3. The Code is disclosed and made available to the public through the company website.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>		
<p><b>Recommendation 7.2</b></p>			
<p>1. Board ensures the proper and efficient implementation and monitoring of compliance with the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>We have our <b>CCBCE</b> to ensure compliance with the Standards of Ethical Conduct to provide the framework of compliance.</p>	
<p>2. Board ensures the proper and efficient implementation and monitoring of compliance with company internal policies.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p><b>All employees</b>, including the Board of Directors, must comply with the Corporate Code of Business Conduct &amp; Ethics.</p>	
<p><b>Disclosure and Transparency</b></p>			
<p>Principle 8: The Company should establish corporate disclosure policies and procedures that are practical and In accordance with best practices and regulatory expectations.</p>			
<p><b>Recommendation 8.1</b></p>			

<p>1. Board establishes corporate disclosure policies and procedures to ensure a comprehensive, accurate, reliable, and timely report to shareholders and other stakeholders that gives a fair and complete picture of a company's financial condition, results, and business operations.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>Section XIII of our <b>CGM</b> talks about our Company's disclosure policies and procedures, including reports distributed/made available to shareholders and other stockholders</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation 8.2</b></p>			
<p>1. Board fully discloses all relevant and material information on individual board members to evaluate their experience and qualifications, and assess any potential conflicts of interest that might affect their judgment.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>The <b>Bio-Data/CV</b> we submitted to the IC provides the directors' academic qualifications, share ownership in the Company, membership in other boards, other executive positions, professional experiences, expertise, and relevant trainings attended.</p>	
<p>2. Board fully discloses all relevant and material information on key executives to evaluate their experience and qualifications, and assess any potential conflicts of interest that might affect their judgment</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>The <b>Bio-Data/CV</b> we submitted to the IC provides a reference to the key officers' academic qualifications, share ownership in the Company, membership in other boards, other executive positions, professional experiences, expertise, and relevant trainings attended.</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation 8.3</b></p>			
<p>1. Company provides a clear disclosure of its policies and procedure for setting Board remuneration, including the level and mix of the same in the Annual Corporate Governance Report consistent with the ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard (ACGS) and the Revised Corporation Code</p>	<p><b>NON-COMPLIANT</b></p>		<p>As with earlier items (2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.9.1, 2.9.2) relating to remuneration, setting board and executive compensation procedures has not been adequately documented. The <b>new policy</b> being crafted by our HRD and to be</p>

<p>2. Company provides a clear disclosure of its policies and procedure for setting Executive remuneration, including the level and mix of the same in the Annual Corporate Governance Report consistent with the ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard (ACGS) and the Revised Corporation Code</p>	<p><b>NON-COMPLIANT</b></p>		<p>presented to our EXECOM will not only give transparency to the remuneration setting exercise but also require disclosure of all fixed and variable compensation that may be paid, directly or indirectly, to its directors and top four management officers during the preceding fiscal year.</p>
<p>3. Company discloses the remuneration on an individual basis, including termination and retirement provisions.</p>	<p><b>NON-COMPLIANT</b></p>		<p>Again, this new policy will be available <b>on or before the end of August 2025</b>.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 8.4</b></p>			
<p>1. Company discloses its policies governing Related Party Transactions (RPTs) and other unusual or infrequently occurring transactions</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>We have our <b>RPT Policy</b> in place.</p> <p>Please see the response to recommendation 5.6.1. for additional information.</p>	
<p>2. Company discloses material or significant RPTs in its Annual Company Report or Annual Corporate Governance Report, reviewed and approved by the Board, and submitted for confirmation by a majority vote of the stockholders in the annual stockholders' meeting during the year.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>We submit to the <b>IC</b> our <b>RPTs every quarter and year</b>. The document contains most of the information below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Name of the related counterparty;</li> <li>2. Relationship with the party;</li> <li>3. Transaction date;</li> <li>4. Type/nature of the transaction;</li> <li>5. Amount or contract price;</li> <li>6. Terms of the transaction;</li> <li>7. Rationale for entering into the transaction;</li> <li>8. The required approval (i.e., names of the Board of directors approving, names and percentage of</li> </ol>	

		shareholders who approved) based on the Company's policy; and 9. Other terms and conditions.	
<b>Recommendation 8.5</b>			
1. Company's corporate governance policies, programs, and procedures are contained in its Corporate Governance Manual (CGM).	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
2. Company's CGM is posted on its company website	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
Principle 9: The Company should establish standards for the appropriate selection of an external auditor, and exercise effective oversight of the same to strengthen the external auditor's independence and enhance audit quality			
<b>Recommendation 9.1</b>			
1. Audit Committee has a robust process for approving and recommending the appointment, reappointment, removal, and fees of external auditors.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Section 6 of our <b>Policy on External Auditors</b> talks about the appointment, reappointment, and removal of our external auditors.	
2. The appointment, reappointment, removal, and fees of the external auditor are recommended by the Audit Committee, approved by the	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	The majority of shareholders usually ratify the appointment, reappointment, removal, and fees of the external auditor. Please see our most recent <b>MoM</b> .	



Board, and ratified by the shareholders.			
3. For the removal of the external auditor, the reasons for removal or change are disclosed to the regulators and the public through the company website and required disclosures.	<b>NON-COMPLIANT</b>		Proper disclosures are already being made to the IC and SEC. External auditors are also mentioned in our AFS.
<b>Recommendation 9.2</b>			
1. Audit Committee includes the Audit Committee's responsibility on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. assessing the integrity and independence of external auditors;</li> <li>ii. exercising effective oversight to review and monitor the external auditor's independence and objectivity; and</li> <li>iii. exercising effective oversight to review and monitor the effectiveness of the audit process, taking into consideration relevant Philippine professional and regulatory requirements.</li> </ul>	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>EXECOM</b> contains the Company's Audit Committee.	
2. Audit Committee contains the Committee's responsibility for reviewing and monitoring the external auditor's suitability and effectiveness on an annual basis.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>EXECOM</b> contains the Company's Audit Committee.	
<b>Recommendation 9.3</b>			
1. Company discloses the nature of non-audit services performed by its external auditor in the Annual Report to deal with the potential conflict of interest	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	There was <b>no</b> conflict of interest noted. External auditors were aware of this control.	

2. Audit Committee stays alert for any potential conflict of interest situations, given the guidelines or policies on non-audit services, which could be viewed as impairing the external auditor's objectivity	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	There was <b>no</b> conflict of interest noted. External auditors were aware of this control.	
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Principle 10: The Company should ensure that the material and reportable non-financial and sustainability issues are disclosed.

**Recommendation 10.1**

1. Board has a clear and focused policy on the disclosure of non-financial information, with emphasis on the management of economic, environmental, social, and governance (EESG) issues of its business, which underpin sustainability.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Currently, what we have are the <b>Policy on Environmental Sustainability</b> . We are likewise working on having our <b>Sustainable Policy</b> approved soon by the Board.	
2. Company adopts a globally recognized standard/framework in reporting sustainability and non-financial issues.	<b>NON-COMPLIANT</b>		We are currently on the process of developing the standard policy and framework. This should also be submitted and discussed to our upcoming board meeting on or before end of June 2025.

Principle 11: The Company should maintain a comprehensive and cost-efficient communication channel for disseminating relevant information. This channel is crucial for informed decision-making by investors, stakeholders, and interested users.

**Recommendation 11.1**

<p>1. The Company should have a website to ensure a comprehensive, cost-efficient, transparent, and timely manner of disseminating relevant information to the public.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.forticareph.com/">https://www.forticareph.com/</a> and our Social Media channels like Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, YouTube, etc.</p>	
<p><b>Internal Control System and Risk Management Framework</b></p>			
<p>Principle 12: To ensure integrity, transparency, and proper governance in the conduct of its affairs, the Company should have a strong and effective internal control system and enterprise risk management framework.</p>			
<p><b>Recommendation 12.1</b></p>			
<p>1. Company has an adequate and effective internal control system in the conduct of its business.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>Details can be found in our <b>Internal Audit Department</b>.</p>	
<p>2. Company has an adequate and effective enterprise risk management framework in the conduct of its business.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>Our <b>Enterprise Risk Management Policy</b> contains information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Company's risk management procedures and processes</li> <li>2. Key risks the Company is currently facing</li> <li>3. How the Company manages the key risks</li> </ul> <p>Every 1-2 years, we review our enterprise risk management framework.</p>	
<p><b>Recommendation 12.2</b></p>			

1. Company has in place an independent internal audit function that provides an independent and objective assurance, and consulting services designed to add value and improve the Company's operations.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	<b>In-house</b> Internal Audit	
<b>Recommendation 12.3</b>			
1. The Company has a qualified Chief Audit Executive (CAE) appointed by the Board.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our head of Internal Audit is Chief Internal Administrator (CIA) <b>Ms. Benita R. Escala</b> . Her responsibilities are discussed and listed on pages 5 to 7 of our IAD Charter. The function and duties of the Head of the IAD are almost the same as that of a CAE.	We do not have an officially appointed Chief Audit Executive (CAE), but we have our Head of Internal Audit (IA) that occupies an executive position in our Company.
2. CAE oversees and is responsible for the internal audit activity of the organization, including that portion that is outsourced to a third-party service provider.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>		
3. In case of a fully outsourced internal audit activity, a qualified independent executive or senior management personnel is assigned the responsibility for managing the fully outsourced internal audit activity.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	The Internal Audit function is <b>not</b> outsourced.	
<b>Recommendation 12.4</b>			
1. The Company has a separate risk management function to identify, assess and monitor key risk exposures.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	The Company has a separate department/section looking after Risk Management with a Senior Officer as Head.	
<b>Recommendation 12.5</b>			
1. In managing the Company's Risk Management System, the Company has a Chief Risk Officer (CRO), who is the ultimate champion of Enterprise Risk Management (ERM).	<b>NON-COMPLIANT</b>		We do not have an officially appointed Chief Risk Officer (CRO) but instead, have our external actuarial risk management thru <b>AMIRISK</b> .

2. CRO has adequate authority, stature, resources, and support to fulfill his/her responsibilities.	<b>NON-COMPLIANT</b>		We do not have an officially appointed Chief Risk Officer (CRO) but instead, have our external actuarial risk management thru <b>AMIRISK</b> .
<b>Cultivating a Synergic Relationship with Shareholders</b>			
Principle 13: The Company should treat all shareholders fairly and equitably, and also recognize, protect and facilitate the exercise of their rights.			
<b>Recommendation 13.1</b>			
1. Board ensures that basic shareholder rights are disclosed in the Manual on Corporate Governance	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Section XIV of our <b>MCG</b> talks about this topic.	
2. Board ensures that basic shareholder rights are disclosed on the Company's website.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	<a href="https://forticareph.com/corporate-governance-manual/">https://forticareph.com/corporate-governance-manual/</a>	
<b>Recommendation 13.2</b>			
1. Board encourages active shareholder participation by sending the Notice of Annual and Special Shareholders' Meeting with sufficient and relevant information at least 21 days before the meeting	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	In our <b>Shareholder's Agreement</b> , section 4.5 states:  <b>4.5 Meetings of Directors</b> (a) A Director may, and at the request of a Director, the secretary of a Group Company shall call a Board meeting. (b) Board meetings of each Group Company shall be held at least four (4) times each year at such places as the relevant Board shall determine.	

		<p>(c) At least fourteen (14) days' notice of a Board meeting shall be given to all relevant Directors and all Board Observers, accompanied by:</p> <p>(i) an agenda specifying in reasonable detail the matters to be raised at the meeting;</p> <p>and (ii) copies of any papers to be discussed at the meeting.</p> <p>(d) A shorter period of notice of a Board meeting may be given if at least an Director and a Manager Director of that relevant Board agree in writing.</p> <p>(e) Matters not on the agenda, or business conducted in relation to those matters, may not be raised at a Board meeting unless all Directors of the relevant Board present at the meeting do not object to those additional matters.</p> <p>(f) The Directors may participate in a Board meeting by means of a telephone conference or a video conference or similar communications equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear and be heard by all other participants without the need for a Director to be in the physical presence of another Director(s), in accordance with the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time; and participation in the meeting in this manner shall be deemed to constitute presence in person at such meeting. The Directors participating in any such meeting shall be counted in the quorum for such meeting and subject to there being a requisite quorum under Clause 4.6 at all times during such meeting, all resolutions</p>	
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		<p>agreed by the Directors in such meeting shall be deemed to be as effective as a resolution passed at a meeting in person of the Directors duly convened and held. A meeting conducted by means of a telephone conference or a video conference or similar communications equipment as aforesaid is deemed to be held at the place agreed upon by the Directors attending the meeting, provided that at least one (1) of the Directors present at the meeting was at that place for the duration of the meeting.</p> <p>Shareholders are notified of the scheduled meeting 14 days prior meeting for both the ASM and in cases of SSM. In the case of Audited Financial Statements (AFS), it only comes in 1 day prior to the meeting. As a result, the discussion materials come in late of the 14-day notice of the meeting.</p> <p>Unfortunately, we <b>cannot share</b> the entire Shareholder's Agreement due to its <b>sensitive nature</b>.</p>	
<b>Recommendation 13.3</b>			
<p>1. Board encourages active shareholder participation by making the result of the votes taken during the most recent Annual or Special Shareholders' Meeting publicly available the next working day.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>Please see attached <b>MoM</b> of the most recent ASM/SSM. The same was also submitted to the IC.  <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cTxWOqHI4IbNZ309glm2DvK0zt-6IScf/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cTxWOqHI4IbNZ309glm2DvK0zt-6IScf/view?usp=sharing</a></p>	

2. Minutes of the Annual and Special Shareholders' Meetings are available on the company website within five business days from the end of the meeting.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cTxWOqHI4IbNZ309gIm2DvK0zt-6IScf/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cTxWOqHI4IbNZ309gIm2DvK0zt-6IScf/view?usp=sharing</a>	
<b>Recommendation 13.4</b>			
1. Board has an alternative dispute mechanism to resolve intra-corporate disputes in an amicable and effective manner.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>Shareholders' Agreement (SHA)</b> has this mechanism in place.	
2. The alternative dispute mechanism is included in the Company's Manual on Corporate Governance.	<b>NON-COMPLIANT</b>		Our <b>CGM</b> still needs to be amended to include this alternative dispute resolution. This has been previously discussed by the Board but has parked the topic since.
<b>Duties to Stockholder</b>			
Principle 4: The rights of stakeholders established by law, contractual relations, and voluntary commitments must be respected. Where stakeholder's rights and/or interests are at stake, stakeholders should have the opportunity to obtain prompt effective redress for the violation of their rights.			
<b>Recommendation 14.1</b>			
1. Board identifies the Company's various stakeholders and promotes cooperation between them and the Company in creating wealth, growth, and sustainability.	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Our <b>GIS</b> identifies the Company's shareholders while our <b>By-Laws</b> and <b>CGM</b> contain information on the Company's policies and programs for its stakeholders.	
<b>Recommendation 14.2</b>			
1. Board establishes clear policies and programs to provide a mechanism for the fair treatment and protection of stakeholders	<b>COMPLIANT</b>	Section XIV of our <b>CGM</b> talks about this topic.	
<b>Recommendation 14.3</b>			



<p>1. Board adopts a transparent framework and process that allow stakeholders to communicate with the Company and to obtain redress for the violation of their rights.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>Our stakeholders can voice their concerns and/or complaints about the possible violation of their rights to the following persons:</p> <p><b>Corporate Secretary:</b> Ireneo L. Daya Jr.  <a href="mailto:ireneodayair@yahoo.com">ireneodayair@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>Compliance Officer:</b> Mark Anthony C. Junio, CLSSYB  <a href="mailto:dpo.forticare@gmail.com">dpo.forticare@gmail.com</a></p> <p>We are sharing our <b>Whistleblowing Policy</b>. Reporting mechanisms are mentioned in our policy.</p>	
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Principle 15: A mechanism for employee participation should be developed to create a symbiotic environment, realize the Company's goal and participate in its corporate governance processes.

**Recommendation 15.1**

<p>1. Board establishes policies, programs, and procedures that encourage employees to actively participate in the realization of the Company's goals and in its governance.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>We have our <b>Managers Forum</b> where our junior officers can participate in discussing operational concerns, including governance, risk, and compliance. We likewise have periodic <b>conferences, meetings, summits</b> attended by key officers to assess business strategies. Most of these programs have an <b>open forum format</b> where employee participation is encouraged.</p>	
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**Recommendation 15.2**

<p>1. Board sets the tone and makes a stand against corrupt practices by adopting an anti-corruption policy and program in its Code of Conduct.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>We have our <b>Governance Policies</b>, which include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-Bribery and Corruption</li> <li>• Fraud</li> <li>• Gifts and Entertainment</li> <li>• Whistleblowing</li> </ul>	
<p>2. Board disseminates the policy and program to employees across the organization through trainings to embed them in the Company's culture.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>We have <b>annual online training programs/modules</b> for them. We likewise have periodic email blasts on important updates to encourage feedback from the workforce.</p>	
<b>Recommendation 15.3</b>			
<p>1. Board establishes a suitable framework for whistleblowing that allows employees to freely communicate their concerns about illegal or unethical practices, without fear of retaliation.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>Our <b>Whistleblowing Policy</b> is very straightforward and so easy for our employees to follow.</p> <p>There is a <b>Confidentiality</b> clause embedded, and <b>Protection from Retaliation</b> is further guaranteed.</p>	
<p>2. Board establishes a suitable framework for whistleblowing that allows employees to have direct access to an independent member of the Board or a unit created to handle whistleblowing concerns.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>There are <b>four (4) channels</b> through which our employees can raise concerns or report any illegal or unethical behavior.</p>	
<p>3. Board supervises and ensures the enforcement of the whistleblowing framework</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>The <b>Board is tasked to approve</b> the policy, including revisions to it. This is done via the endorsement of the Risk and Compliance Committee. Regular updates on incidents involving Whistleblowing are given to the Board Committee if any.</p>	

Principle 16: The Company should be socially responsible in all its dealings with the communities where it operates. It should ensure that its interactions serve its environment and stakeholders in a positive and progressive manner that is fully supportive of its comprehensive and balanced development.

**Recommendation 16.1**

<p>1. Company recognizes and places importance on the interdependence between business and society, and promotes a mutually beneficial relationship that allows the Company to grow its business while contributing to the advancement of the society where it operates.</p>	<p><b>COMPLIANT</b></p>	<p>Forticare takes full responsibility for its impact on society and the environment. We recognize our duty to our country, stakeholders, and the broader community. Committed to meaningful social action, we actively support sustainable development goals to create a positive and lasting impact.</p>	
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## CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certify that the response and expiation set forth in the above Company's Annual Governance Report are true, complete, and correct of our own personal knowledge and/or based on the authentic records.

Signed in the City of MANILA on the 24 FEB 2025.

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*Signature Over-Printed Name*

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**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN**, to before me this 24 FEB 2025  
20\_\_\_\_ by the following who are all personally known to me (or whom I have identified through competent evidence of identity) and who exhibited to me their respective identification documents as follows:

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