

# Corporate Governance

Corporate Governance is a system through which companies are directed and controlled and the Board members are made responsible to shareholders. The Board of Directors of Phoenix Finance & Investments Limited ensures that the activities of the Company are always conducted in accordance with the highest ethical standards, in the best interest of all stakeholders and the preservation of the environment. The Company remains committed to highest standards of Corporate Governance and manage its affairs in accordance with the guideline of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission.

The objectives of the Management Structures headed by the Board of Directors of Phoenix Finance & Investments Ltd. and led by the Chairman are to deliver sustainable value to shareholders. Implement the strategy set by the Board is delegated to the Branch Management and Unit Management under the leadership of Managing Director. The Board sets the strategy and approves the annual operating plans presented by the management for achievement of strategic objectives. The Board of Directors meets regularly. Directors receive information between meetings about the activities of the Committees and developments in the Company's business. All Directors have full and timely access to all relevant information and may take independent professional advice if necessary. The Company has taken the following measures to implement Corporate Governance as instructed by Bangladesh Bank and Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission:

## THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS & THEIR MEETING

The responsibility goes to a large extent to the directors of the Board and their leadership. The Board comprises of 11 (eleven) members. The Board of Directors of whom four are Nominee Directors, one is Independent Director and one Executive Director who is the Managing Director. The Company has complied with the Corporate Governance Guidelines imposed by Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission. Board members include persons of talents, with academic & professional qualification and wide range of experience in the field of business. This gives strength for effective discharge of duties and responsibilities by the Board.

The Board of Directors endeavors to exercise effective control over the Company in formulating and implementing policies and ensuring their effective implementation. The Board is responsible for the governance of the Company on behalf of

shareholders within a framework of policies and controls that provide for effective risk assessment and management. The Board provides leadership and articulates the Company's objectives. The Board approves the Company's budget and business plan and reviews the policies. The Board and Executive committee reviews the guidelines of Bangladesh Bank. The management operates the Company according to policies set out by the Board.

The Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director are not the same person and their responsibilities are separate. The Chairman attends the meeting of the Board of Directors. The Chairman keeps contacts with the other Directors so that they all attend the meeting and fruitful results derive from the meeting of the Directors.

Regular meeting of the Board is held, at least once in month. 12 (twelve) Board Meetings were held during the year 2014. The attendance by each Director is reported in the Annexure - I.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In order to have proper functioning and quick disposal of credit proposals, Board had delegated authority to Executive Committee of the Board to approve proposal within certain limit.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors is comprised of 6 (six) Non-Executive Directors and the Managing Director. The Executive Committee reviews the policies and guidelines issued by Bangladesh Bank regarding credit and other operations. They ensure the implementation of the policies and guidelines through management. The Executive Committee of the Board approves the credit proposals as per the approval policy of the Board. This delegation has supported the operation in positive manner. 24 (twenty four) meetings were held in the year 2014.

