

# **BOARD DIVERSITY POLICY**

#### Purpose

This Board Diversity Policy (this "Policy") aims to provide a framework for inclusion to promote diversity in the respective boards of directors (each, the "Board") of San Miguel Food and Beverage, Inc. (SMFB) and its food subsidiaries (hereinafter, individually and collectively referred to as the "Company").

# **Policy Statement**

- The Company recognizes the benefits of embracing diversity in the Board and shall be intentional in ensuring that the principles of diversity and inclusion are implemented. Diversity promotes the inclusion of a wide range of perspectives and ideas that can inspire creativity and drive innovation; mitigate, if not avoid, groupthink; enhance risk oversight; and improve decision-making and corporate governance. It is an essential component in maintaining competitive advantage and improving the overall performance of the Company.
- 2. In determining the structure and composition of the Board, diversity will be considered from varied aspects, including but not limited to, gender, age, ethnicity, religion, culture, sexual orientation, skills, backgrounds, competencies, knowledge, experience, length of service of directors, and applicable regulatory rules and regulations.
- 3. The Board will likewise strive to maintain a balanced mix of executive, non-executive and independent directors, having due regard to the requirements of the Company and the Board.

# Scope and Coverage

This Policy applies to the Board. It shall not apply to employees of the Company, the latter being covered by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy of the Company.

### **Measurable Objectives**

One of the corporate board inclusion and diversity initiatives is for the Company to conduct a selfassessment of its Board to ascertain its strength and weaknesses, behavior, performance, perspective and character that could significantly impact board effectiveness.

The selection process of nominees for director shall be based on merit and objective criteria that is aligned with the strategic objectives and requirements of the Company and the Board, the absence of conflict of interest, and the commitment to faithfully fulfill the duties of a director.

In the nomination and election process of directors, the Corporate Governance Committee of SMFB shall perform the following:

1. Identify suitable candidates for appointment to the SMFB Board considering candidates on merit against objective criteria, and with due regard to the benefits of diversity and the needs of the SMFB Board and the qualifications under the Manual on Corporate Governance of SMFB.

Competent and qualified nominee directors shall not be discriminated against by reason of gender, sexual orientation, age, physical disability, religion, cultural and educational background, or ethnicity.

2. Maintain an ongoing list of potential candidates. The list will be endeavored to include an equal number of male and female candidates and deliver a gender-balanced slate of diverse and equally qualified potential candidates.

For purposes of board composition, diversity includes, but is not limited to, business and industry skills and experience, gender, and ethnicity. The SMFB Board will make good use of these differences and distinctions among individuals in determining the optimum composition of the SMFB Board.

3. Shareholders will be provided with sufficient information on the nominees for directors, such as their gender, age, ethnicity, educational background, professional and business experience, skill sets, and length of service, to enable the shareholders to consider diversity in electing the members of the SMFB Board.

# **Monitoring and Reporting**

The Corporate Governance Committee of SMFB shall be responsible for: (a) determining the nomination and election process for directors to the SMFB Board; (b) defining the general profile of board members that SMFB may need; (c) reviewing and assessing the size and composition of the SMFB Board; (d) identifying suitable candidates for appointment to the SMFB Board; (c) ensuring that the SMFB Board has the appropriate balance of skills, experience, background and knowledge, among others; and (e) ensuring that SMFB shall have the required number of non-executive and/or independent directors with the qualifications and none of the disqualifications as provided in applicable laws, regulations and listing and other rules.

SMFB shall monitor and report annually in its Integrated Annual Corporate Governance Report (or any successor report that the Securities and Exchange Commission may require) its board composition as well as the process used in relation to board appointments. Such board composition and process of appointment shall also be reflected in SMFB's Annual Report and uploaded in SMFB's website.

### **Review of the Policy**

The Corporate Governance Committee of SMFB shall review this Policy annually, or as it deems necessary, to assess the effectiveness of this Policy. The Corporate Governance Committee of SMFB shall discuss proposed amendments to this Policy, and shall recommend such amendments to the SMFB Board for consideration and approval.

The Corporate Governance Committee of SMFB shall likewise review the list of potential candidates to the SMFB Board and discuss and recommend any necessary amendments to the criteria, recommend the amendments to the SMFB Board, and enact the amendments upon the approval of the SMFB Board.

#### Disclosure

This Policy shall be published in the Corporate Governance section of SMFB's website.

A summary of this Policy will also be disclosed in the Integrated Annual Corporate Governance Report of SMFB (or any successor report that the Securities and Exchange Commission may require), as necessary.

# Effectivity

Effective upon endorsement of the Corporate Governance Committee of SMFB and approval by the SMFB Board on March 9, 2022, and amended on August 2, 2023.