# INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR REPORT OF XACBANK

Niraj Vedwa

Quarter IV, 2024





#### **STATEMENT**

I, Niraj Vedwa, the Independent Non-Executive Director at the Board of Directors of XacBank, have prepared this Independent Director's Report (the "Report") pursuant to: (i) the Company Law and the Banking Law; (ii) banking regulations issued by the Bank of Mongolia ("BoM") – Procedures on Good Governance Review of Banks (the "Good Governance Review"), and Regulation on Nomination, Appointment, and Resignation of Independent Directors of Banks (the "INED Regulation"); (iii) XacBank's Charter and other governance policies applicable.

The Report covers the period of Quarter IV 2024 (the "Applicable Period").

#### 1. ATTENDANCE REPORT

(INED Regulation Clauses 5.2.1 and 5.2.2)

The following meetings as shown in Schedule 1 have been convened and held in the Applicable Period.

# **Board meetings in the Applicable Period**

Schedule1

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Meetings	Attendance	Date
Board meetings	As an independent director	7 November 2024
Board Audit Committee meeting ("BAC")	As a member	• 7 November 2024
Board Risk Management Committee meeting ("BRMC"), online votes	As a member	<ul> <li>18-23 October 2024, online voting</li> <li>7 November 2024</li> <li>13-20 November 2024, online voting</li> <li>27 November-4 December 2024, online voting</li> </ul>
Board Governance, Nomination and Compensation Committee ("GNCC")	As a member	7 November 2024

#### 1.1 BOARD MEETINGS

- **1.1.1** The **BOARD REGULAR MEETING** was held on **7 November**, **2024** and the agenda items were as follows:
  - 1. Approval of the agenda
  - 2. Update on previous board decisions and recommendations
  - 3. Reports of the Board Committees:

Governance, Nomination and Compensation (GNC) Committee Audit Committee (BAC)

Risk Committee (BRMC)

4. Management update: September 2024



Operational update

Economic and banking update

Business-line performance

Financial Results

5. XacBank Budget 2025

Operating Environment Macro Outlook

XacBank Budget Assumptions and Objectives

Growth targets

Opex and Capex

Sensitivity Analysis

Stress Test for 2025 Budget

- 6. XacBank Funding Plan 2025
- 7. CEO KPIs for 2025
- 8. Share Repurchase Program: 9 months
- 9. Update on the next steps on TFG XacBank merger
- 10. Update on Digitalization IT
- 10.
- 11.
- 12. Other

The agenda item, "Update on Digitalization and IT", was removed from the agenda as it had been discussed the previous day as a part of the Strategy discussions.

THERE WAS NO DISAGREEMENT WITH THE DECISION FOR EACH DECISION.

## 1.2 BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING[S] ("BAC")

I have attended the following **BAC meetings** as shown in Schedule 2.

#### BAC meeting in the applicable period

Schedule 2

Date	Agenda
7 November 2024	Approval of the Agenda
	2. 2025 audit plan and budget
	3. BAC Charter amendment
	4. Progress update on GAP assessment agreement
	5. Audit reports
	5.1 Continuous audit report 2024 Q3
	5.2 2024 audit sprint- AML, Salary Loan, XacLeasing
	6. Report on whistle blow cases 2024
	7. Related parties' quarterly reporting (BoM Guidelines)
	8. Others

THERE WAS NO DISAGREEMENT WITH THE DECISION FOR EACH DECISION.

## 1.3 BOARD RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING[S] ("BRMC")

I have attended the following **BRMC meetings** as shown in Schedule 3.



# BRMC meeting in the applicable period

Schedule 3

Date	Agenda
18-23 October 2024, online voting	Approval of the
7 November 2024	<ol> <li>Approval of the Agenda</li> <li>Risk management report September 2024</li> <li>RAS: annual review</li> <li>Write-off proposal (rolling agenda item)</li> <li>Overview of the Bank's CMC credit approvals between MNT during 2024</li> <li>Compliance Update as of September 2024</li> <li>Ratification of any related party/conflict of interest transactions during September 2024 /There were no related party/conflict of interest transactions to approve under the policy/</li> <li>Miscellaneous</li> </ol>
13-20 November 2024, online voting	Approval of the employee housing loan
27 November-4 December 2024, online voting	1. Approval of the

THERE WAS NO DISAGREEMENT WITH THE DECISION FOR EACH DECISION.

# 1.4 BOARD GOVERNANCE, NOMINATION AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE MEETING ("GNCC")

I have attended the following **GNCC meetings** as shown in Schedule 4.

## **GNCC** meeting in the applicable period

Schedule 4

Date	Agenda
7 November 2024	Approval of the Agenda
	2. Succession Plan for Senior Management (rolling annual agenda)
	3. Board Nomination Policy (amendment)
	4.
	5. FRC's Corporate Governance Codex Assessment
	6.
	7. Other

THERE WAS NO DISAGREEMENT WITH THE DECISION FOR EACH DECISION.

# 2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST TRANSACTION AND SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT TRANSACTION REPORT



#### (Banking law Clause 33.5 and INED Regulation Clause 5.2.3)

Pursuant to Clause 33.5 of the Banking Law, independent directors must vote on the conflict of interest transactions.

During the applicable period, **there were no** conflict of interest transactions that required approval by the Board.

I note that, in cases where any of the directors had conflict of interest, such director revealed their conflict of interest at the beginning of the meeting and did not vote on the matter.

#### 3. GOVERNANCE REPORT

(Company Law Clause 79.3, INED Regulation Clause 5.2.4, and Good Governance review Clause 3.5)

The above-mentioned clauses of respective laws and regulations provide for independent directors the authority in the oversight over the Board and the executive management if their acts and decisions are in the best interest of the bank and in line with the regulatory requirements for the benefit of the Bank's stakeholders, including but not limit to, shareholders, customers, depositors and employees.

My observation towards the Bank's governance is;

Actions taken under the	Company Law Clause 79.3 and Good Governance Review Clause 3.5
Company Law Clause 79.3.1 and Good Governance Review Clause 3.5.5	Xacbank is compliant to Company Law Clause 79.3.1 and Good Governance Review Clause 3.5.5. I have not observed and non-compliance.
(BANK'S COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS)	
Company Law Clause 79.3.2 (BANK'S TRANSPARENCY)	Xacbank is compliant to Company Law Clause 79.3.2. Bank operates in a transparent matter. I have not observed any non-compliance.
Company Law Clause 79.3.3  (PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO THE SHAREHOLDERS)	Xacbank is compliant to Company Law Clause 79.3.3. Bank declares all information to shareholders as per the process. I have not observed any non-compliance.



Good Governance Review Clause 3.5.1 (ENSURING THE	Xacbank is compliant to Good Governance Review Clause 3.5.1. Bank ensures that all decisions made by Board and Management is in the best interest on the bank.
DECISIONS MADE BY THE BOARD AND THE MANAGEMENT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE BANK)	
Good Governance Review Clause 3.5.2  (THE BOARD AND THE MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS)	Xacbank is compliant to Good Governance Review Clause 3.5.2. The Board and Management are compliant with the laws and I have not observed any non-compliance.
Good Governance Review Clause 3.5.3  (PROTECTION OF CUSTOMERS AND DEPOSITORS)	Xacbank is compliant to Good Governance Review Clause 3.5.3. The Board and Management ensures Protection of Customers & Depositors. I have not observed any non-compliance.
Good Governance Review Clause 3.5.6  (REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS TO BOM)	Xacbank is compliant to Good Governance Review Clause 3.5.6. I have not observed any non-compliance and hence not reported any issue / incident to BOM

## 4. OTHER

- Attended Board Training, titled "Local Perspective: Business, Risk Management and Independent Directors" which was conducted at Xacbank HO in UB on 8th November. I could not participate in the online training on 16 December 2024.
- Xacbank continues to deliver high quality growth and performance on all key ratios & metrics. Digital Transformation and execution / Introduction of differentiated products / and excellence in operations will continue to drive higher customer experience.

	Jan 2025	John	NG.
Date:		_ Signature:	