Disclosure form concerning the compliance with the Governance Code for Public Company "Lithuanian Shipping Company", 2007, listed on the regulated market

The public company "Lithuanian Shipping Company", following Article 21 paragraph 3 of Law on Government Securities of the Republic of Lithuania and item 20.5 of Trading Rules of Vilnius Stock Exchange, discloses its compliance with Governance Code, approved by VSE for the companies listed on the regulated market, and its specific provisions.

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PRINCIPLES/ RECOMMENDATIONS	NOT	COMMENT
	APPLICABLE	
Principle I: Basic Provisions The overriding objective of a company should be to o time shareholder value.	perate in con	nmon interests of all the shareholders by optimizing ove
1.1. A company should adopt and make public the company's development strategy and objectives by clearly declaring how the company intends to meet the interests of its shareholders and optimize shareholder value.	Yes	Financial reports are the key source of information about the company. Development strategy and objectives of the company are published and declared a the annual general shareholders' meeting following the end of the financial year.
1.2. All management bodies of a company should act in furtherance of the declared strategic objectives in view of the need to optimize shareholder value.	Yes	In other case, the implementation of the strategic objectives is impossible.
1.3. A company's supervisory and management bodies should act in close co-operation in order to attain maximum benefit for the company and its shareholders.	Yes	Manager is elected, revoked, as well as dismissed by the board of the company. Manager in his activities follows the Articles of Association of the company as well as the decisions of the bodies of the company – general shareholders' meeting, supervisory board, as well as board. The board discusses, approves, analyzes assesses, and accepts. The supervisory board elects supervises, presents offers to the board and the manager as well as solves supervisory matters related to the activities of the management bodies of the company.
1.4. A company's supervisory and management bodies should ensure that the rights and interests of persons other than the company's shareholders (e.g. employees, creditors, suppliers, clients, local community), participating in or connected with the company's operation, are duly respected.	Yes	

Principle II: The corporate governance framework

The corporate governance framework should ensure the strategic guidance of the company, the effective oversight of the company's management bodies, an appropriate balance and distribution of functions between the company's bodies, protection of the shareholders' interests.

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2.1. Besides obligatory bodies provided for in the Law on Companies of the Republic of Lithuania – a general shareholders' meeting and the chief executive officer, it is recommended that a company should set up both a collegial supervisory body and a collegial management body. The setting up of collegial bodies for supervision and management facilitates clear separation of management and supervisory functions in the company, accountability and control on the part of the chief executive officer, which, in its turn, facilitate a more efficient and transparent management process.	Yes	The company complies with this recommendation. Management bodies of the company are the general shareholders' meeting, the supervisory board, the board, as well as the manager of the company.
2.2. A collegial management body is responsible for the strategic management of the company and performs other key functions of corporate governance. A collegial supervisory body is responsible for the effective supervision of the company's management bodies.	Yes	The supervisory board is a collegial body performing the supervision of the activities of the company. The board is a collegial management body of the company.
2.3. Where a company chooses to form only one collegial body, it is recommended that it should be a supervisory body, i.e. the supervisory board. In such a case, the supervisory board is responsible for the effective monitoring of the functions performed by the company's chief executive officer.	Not applicable	Both the supervisory board and the board are formed in the company.
2.4. The collegial supervisory body to be elected by the general shareholders' meeting should be set up and should act in the manner defined in Principles III and IV. Where a company should decide not to set up a collegial supervisory body but rather a collegial management body, i.e. the board, Principles III and IV should apply to the board as long as that does not contradict the essence and purpose of this body. ¹	Yes	
2.5. Company's management and supervisory bodies should comprise such number of board (executive directors) and supervisory (non-executive directors) board members that no individual or small group of individuals can dominate decision-making on the part of these bodies. ²	Yes	Supervisory board consists of 5 members, as well as the board – 5 members.
2.6. Non-executive directors or members of the supervisory board should be appointed for specified terms subject to individual re-election, at maximum intervals provided for in the Lithuanian legislation with a view to ensuring necessary development of professional experience and sufficiently frequent reconfirmation of their status. A possibility to remove them should also be stipulated however this procedure should not be easier than the removal procedure for an executive director or a member of the management board.	Yes	The supervisory board of the company is elected for the period of 4 years. The number of reelections of the member of the supervisory board is not limited. The members of the board are elected by the supervisory board for the period of four years. The number of reelections of the members of the board and the chairman of the board is not limited.

Provisions of Principles III and IV are more applicable to those instances when the general shareholders' meeting elects the supervisory board, i.e. a body that is essentially formed to ensure oversight of the company's board and the chief executive officer and to represent the company's shareholders. However, in case the company does not form the supervisory board but rather the board, most of the recommendations set out in Principles III and IV become important and applicable to the board as well. Furthermore, it should be noted that certain recommendations, which are in their essence and nature applicable exclusively to the supervisory board, should not be applied to the board, as the competence and functions of these bodies according to the Law on Companies of the Republic of Lithuania (Official Gazette, 2003, No 123-5574) are different. For instance, item 3.1 of the Code concerning oversight of the management bodies applies to the extent it concerns the oversight of the chief executive officer of the company, but not of the board itself; item 4.1 of the Code concerning recommendations to the management bodies applies to the extent it relates to the provision of recommendations to the company's chief executive officer; item 4.4 of the Code concerning independence of the collegial body elected by the general meeting from the company's management bodies is applied to the extent it concerns independence from the chief executive officer.

² Definitions 'executive director' and 'non-executive director' are used in cases when a company has only one collegial body.

2.7. Chairman of the collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting may be a person whose current or past office constitutes no obstacle to conduct independent and impartial supervision. Where a company should decide not to set up a supervisory board but rather the board, it is recommended that the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the company should be a different person. Former company's chief executive officer should not be immediately nominated as the chairman of the collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting. When a company chooses to departure from these recommendations, it should furnish information on the measures it has taken to ensure impartiality of the supervision.	Yes	Company complies with this recommendation by implementing the provisions thereof in practice – the chairman of the supervisory board of the company has not been the manager of the company.
	ted by a gene	ral shareholders' meeting ral shareholders' meeting and objective monitoring of the company's operation and
3.1. The mechanism of the formation of a collegial body to be elected by a general shareholders' meeting (hereinafter in this Principle referred to as the 'collegial body') should ensure objective and fair monitoring of the company's management bodies as well as representation of minority shareholders.	Yes	
3.2. Names and surnames of the candidates to become members of a collegial body, information about their education, qualification, professional background, positions taken and potential conflicts of interest should be disclosed early enough before the general shareholders' meeting so that the shareholders would have sufficient time to make an informed voting decision. All factors affecting the candidate's independence, the sample list of which is set out in Recommendation 3.7, should be also disclosed. The collegial body should also be informed on any subsequent changes in the provided information. The collegial body should, on yearly basis, collect data provided in this item on its members and disclose this in the company's annual report.	Yes	
3.3. Should a person be nominated for members of a collegial body, such nomination should be followed by the disclosure of information on candidate's particular competences relevant to his/her service on the collegial body. In order shareholders and investors are able to ascertain whether member's competence is further relevant, the collegial body should, in its annual report, disclose the information on its composition and particular competences of individual members which are relevant to their service on the collegial body.	Yes	

³ Attention should be drawn to the fact that in the situation where the collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting is the board, it is natural that being a management body it should ensure oversight not of all management bodies of the company, but only of the single-person body of management, i.e. the company's chief executive officer. This note shall apply in respect of item 3.1 as well.

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3.4. In order to maintain a proper balance in terms of the current qualifications possessed by its members, the collegial body should determine its desired composition with regard to the company's structure and activities, and have this periodically evaluated. The collegial body should ensure that it is composed of members who, as a whole, have the required diversity of knowledge, judgment and experience to complete their tasks properly. The members of the audit committee, collectively, should have a recent knowledge and relevant experience in the fields of finance, accounting and/or audit for the stock exchange listed companies.		
3.5. All new members of the collegial body should be offered a tailored program focused on introducing a member with his/her duties, corporate organization and activities. The collegial body should conduct an annual review to identify fields where its members need to update their skills and knowledge.	Yes	
3.6. In order to ensure that all material conflicts of interest related with a member of the collegial body are resolved properly, the collegial body should comprise a sufficient ⁴ number of independent ⁵ members.	Yes	

⁵ It is notable that in some companies all members of the collegial body may, due to a very small number of minority shareholders, be elected by the votes of the majority shareholder or a few major shareholders. But even a member of the collegial body elected by the majority shareholders may be considered independent if height a part of the collegial body elected by the

majority shareholders may be considered independent if he/she meets the independence criteria set out in the Code.

⁴ The Code does not provide for a concrete number of independent members to comprise a collegial body. Many codes in foreign countries fix a concrete number of independent members (e.g. at least 1/3 or 1/2 of the members of the collegial body) to comprise the collegial body. However, having regard to the novelty of the institution of independent members in Lithuania and potential problems in finding and electing a concrete number of independent members, the Code provides for a more flexible wording and allows the companies themselves to decide what number of independent members is sufficient. Of course, a larger number of independent members in a collegial body is encouraged and will constitute an example of more suitable corporate governance.

Yes

3.7. A member of the collegial body should be considered to be independent only if he is free of any business, family or other relationship with the company, its controlling shareholder or the management of either, that creates a conflict of interest such as to impair his judgment. Since all cases when member of the collegial body is likely to become dependant are impossible to list, moreover, relationships and circumstances associated with the determination of independence may vary amongst companies and the best practices of solving this problem are yet to evolve in the course of time, assessment of independence of a member of the collegial body should be based on the contents of the relationship and circumstances rather than their form. The key criteria for identifying whether a member of the collegial body can be considered to be independent are the following:

- He/she is not an executive director or member of the board (if a collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting is the supervisory board) of the company or any associated company and has not been such during the last five years;
- 2) He/she is not an employee of the company or some any company and has not been such during the last three years, except for cases when a member of the collegial body does not belong to the senior management and was elected to the collegial body as a representative of the employees;
- 3) He/she is not receiving or has been not receiving significant additional remuneration from the company or associated company other than remuneration for the office in the collegial body. Such additional remuneration includes participation in share options or some other performance based pay systems; it does not include compensation payments for the previous office in the company (provided that such payment is no way related with later position) as per pension plans (inclusive of deferred compensations);
- 4) He/she is not a controlling shareholder or representative of such shareholder (control as defined in the Council Directive 83/349/EEC Article 1 Part 1);
- 5) He/she does not have and did not have any material business relations with the company or associated company within the past year directly or as a partner, shareholder, director or superior employee of the subject having such relationship. A subject is considered to have business relations when it is a major supplier or service provider (inclusive of financial, legal, counseling and consulting services), major client or organization receiving significant payments from the company or its group;
- 6) He/she is not and has not been, during the last three years, partner or employee of the

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current or former external audit company of the company or associated company;

- 7) He/she is not an executive director or member of the board in some other company where executive director of the company or member of the board (if a collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting is the supervisory board) is non-executive director or member of the supervisory board, he/she may not also have any other material relationships with executive directors of the company that arise from their participation in activities of other companies or bodies;
- 8) He/she has not been in the position of a member of the collegial body for over than 12 years;
- 9) He/she is not a close relative to an executive director or member of the board (if a collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting is the supervisory board) or to any person listed in above items 1 to 8. Close relative is considered to be a spouse (common-law spouse), children and parents.
- 3.8. The determination of what constitutes independence is fundamentally an issue for the collegial body itself to determine. The collegial body may decide that, despite a particular member meets all the criteria of independence laid down in this Code, he cannot be considered independent due to special personal or company-related circumstances.

Yes

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4.1. The collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting (hereinafter in this Principle referred to as the 'collegial body') should ensure integrity and transparency of the company's financial statements and the control system. The collegial body should issue recommendations to the company's management bodies and monitor and control the

company's management performance.8

whether a particular member of the body should be considered to be independent should be disclosed. When a person is nominated to become a member of the collegial body, the company should disclose whether it considers the person to be independent. When a particular member of the collegial body does not meet one or more criteria of independence set out in this Code, the company should disclose its reasons for nevertheless considering the member to be independent. In addition, the company should annually disclose which members of the collegial body it considers to be independent.				
3.10. When one or more criteria of independence set out in this Code has not been met throughout the year, the company should disclose its reasons for considering a particular member of the collegial body to be independent. To ensure accuracy of the information disclosed in relation with the independence of the members of the collegial body, the company should require independent members to have their independence periodically re-confirmed.	Yes	The portfolio of the company is owned by the State, represented by the Ministry of Communication of the Republic of Lithuania, the employees of which form the supervisory board as well as the majority of the board.		
3.11. In order to remunerate members of a collegial body for their work and participation in the meetings of the collegial body, they may be remunerated from the company's funds. ⁶ . The general shareholders' meeting should approve the amount of such remuneration.	Yes	The general shareholders' meeting of the company has not approved such remuneration yet.		
Principle IV: The duties and liabilities of a collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting The corporate governance framework should ensure proper and effective functioning of the collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting, and the powers granted to the collegial body should ensure effective monitoring7 of the company's management bodies and protection of interests of all the company's shareholders.				

Yes

⁶ It is notable that currently it is not yet completely clear, in what form members of the supervisory board or the board may be remunerated for their work in these bodies. The Law on Companies of the Republic of Lithuania (Official Gazette, 2003, No 123-5574) provides that members of the supervisory board or the board may be remunerated for their work in the supervisory board or the board by payment of annual bonuses (tantiems) in the manner prescribed by Article 59 of this Law, i.e. from the company's profit. The current wording, contrary to the wording effective before 1 January 2004, eliminates the exclusive requirement that annual bonuses (tantiems) should be the only form of the company's compensation to members of the supervisory board or the board. So it seems that the Law contains no prohibition to remunerate members of the supervisory board or the board for their work in other forms, besides bonuses, although this possibility is not expressly stated either.

 ⁷ See Footnote 3.
 ⁸ See Footnote 3. In the event the collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting is the board, it should provide recommendations to the company's single-person body of management, i.e. the company's chief executive officer.

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4.2. Members of the collegial body should act in good faith, with care and responsibility for the benefit and in the interests of the company and its shareholders with due regard to the interests of employees and public welfare. Independent members of the collegial body should (a) under all circumstances maintain independence of their analysis, decision-making and actions (b) do not seek and accept any unjustified privileges that might compromise their independence, and (c) clearly express their objections should a member consider that decision of the collegial body is against the interests of the company. Should a collegial body have passed decisions independent member has serious doubts about, the member should make adequate conclusions. Should an independent member resign from his office, he should explain the reasons in a letter addressed to the collegial body or audit committee and, if necessary, respective company-not-pertaining body (institution).	Yes	According to the data, available to the company, all members of the supervisory board and the board act in good faith in respect of the company, follow the interests of the company rather than their own interests or those of the third persons, trying to keep their independence in decision-making.
4.3. Each member should devote sufficient time and	Yes	The portfolio of the company is owned by the State,
attention to perform his duties as a member of the	103	represented by the Ministry of Communication of the
collegial body. Each member of the collegial body		Republic of Lithuania, the employees of which form the
should limit other professional obligations of his (in		supervisory board as well as the majority (4/5) of the
particular any directorships held in other companies)		board. Other data is not available to the company.
in such a manner they do not interfere with proper		
performance of duties of a member of the collegial		
body. In the event a member of the collegial body		
should be present in less than a half of the meetings		
of the collegial body throughout the financial year of		
the company, shareholders of the company should be		
notified.		
4.4. Where decisions of a collegial body may have a	Yes	
different effect on the company's shareholders, the		
collegial body should treat all shareholders impartially		
and fairly. It should ensure that shareholders are		
properly informed on the company's affairs,		
strategies, risk management and resolution of conflicts of interest. The company should have a clearly		
established role of members of the collegial body		
when communicating with and committing to		
shareholders.		
4.5. It is recommended that transactions (except	Maybe	This is provided for in the Articles of Association of the
insignificant ones due to their low value or concluded	Triuy oc	company.
when carrying out routine operations in the company		
under usual conditions), concluded between the		
company and its shareholders, members of the		
supervisory or managing bodies or other natural or		,
legal persons that exert or may exert influence on the		
company's management should be subject to approval		
of the collegial body. The decision concerning		
approval of such transactions should be deemed		
adopted only provided the majority of the independent		
members of the collegial body voted for such a		
decision.		

⁹ It is notable that companies can make this requirement more stringent and provide that shareholders should be informed about failure to participate at the meetings of the collegial body if, for instance, a member of the collegial body participated at less than 2/3 or 3/4 of the meetings. Such measures, which ensure active participation in the meetings of the collegial body, are encouraged and will constitute an example of more suitable corporate governance.

4.6. The collegial body should be independent in passing decisions that are significant for the company's operations and strategy. Taken separately, the collegial body should be independent of the company's management bodies¹⁰. Members of the collegial body should act and pass decisions without an outside influence from the persons who have elected it. Companies should ensure that the collegial body and its committees are provided with sufficient administrative and financial resources to discharge their duties, including the right to obtain, in particular from employees of the company, all the necessary information or to seek independent legal, accounting or any other advice on issues pertaining to the competence of the collegial body and its committees.

Yes

4.7. Activities of the collegial body should be organized in a manner that independent members of the collegial body could have major influence in relevant areas where chances of occurrence of conflicts of interest are very high. Such areas to be considered as highly relevant are issues of nomination of company's directors, determination of directors' remuneration and control and assessment of company's audit. Therefore when the mentioned issues are attributable to the competence of the collegial body, it is recommended that the collegial body should establish nomination, remuneration, and audit committees. Companies should ensure that the attributable nomination, functions to the remuneration, and audit committees are carried out. However they may decide to merge these functions and set up less than three committees. In such case a company should explain in detail reasons behind the selection of alternative approach and how the selected approach complies with the objectives set forth for the three different committees. Should the collegial body of the company comprise small number of members, the functions assigned to the three committees may be performed by the collegial body itself, provided that it meets composition requirements advocated for the committees and that adequate information is provided in this respect. In such case provisions of this Code relating to the committees of the collegial body (in particular with respect to their role, operation, and transparency) should apply, where relevant, to the collegial body as a whole.

Yes

The board of the company elects and revokes as well as dismisses the director general - a single-person management body of the company, moreover, it determines his remuneration, approves his job description, promotes him, as well as imposes penalties. The board discusses and approves the management structure of the company and job descriptions of the employees, as well as job descriptions for positions, which are filled in through announced competitive vacancies. The director general organizes the everyday activities of the company, issues procures and powers of attorney, employs and dismisses employees, enters into and terminates employment contracts with them, promotes and imposes penalties on them. He is also responsible for the organization of the activities of the company as well as express implementation thereof. The company operates in accordance with the Articles of Association of the company as well as the work regulations of the supervisory board and the board.

¹⁰ In the event the collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting is the board, the recommendation concerning its independence from the company's management bodies applies to the extent it relates to the independence from the company's chief executive officer.

4.8. The key objective of the committees is to increase efficiency of the activities of the collegial body by ensuring that decisions are based on due consideration, and to help organize its work with a view to ensuring that the decisions it takes are free of material conflicts of interest. Committees should present the collegial body with recommendations concerning the decisions of the collegial body. Nevertheless the final decision shall be adopted by the collegial body. The recommendation on creation of committees is not intended, in principle, to constrict the competence of the collegial body or to remove the matters considered from the purview of the collegial body itself, which remains fully responsible for the decisions taken in its field of competence.	Not applicable	Committees are not formed in the company. Such functions are implemented by the collegial body.
4.9. Committees established by the collegial body	Not	Committees are not formed in the company. So far there
should normally be composed of at least three	applicable	have not been any requirements concerning the
members. In companies with small number of		establishment of the committees in the Law on
members of the collegial body, they could		Companies.
exceptionally be composed of two members. Majority of the members of each committee should be		
constituted from independent members of the collegial		
body. In cases when the company chooses not to set		
up a supervisory board, remuneration and audit		
committees should be entirely comprised of non-		
executive directors.		
4.10. Authority of each of the committees should be	Not	See items 4.8 and 4.9.
determined by the collegial body. Committees should	applicable	
perform their duties in line with authority delegated to		
them and inform the collegial body on their activities		
and performance on regular basis. Authority of every committee stipulating the role and rights and duties of		·
the committee should be made public at least once a		
year (as part of the information disclosed by the		
company annually on its corporate governance		
structures and practices). Companies should also		
make public annually a statement by existing		
committees on their composition, number of meetings		
and attendance over the year, and their main activities.		
Audit committee should confirm that it is satisfied		
with the independence of the audit process and		
describe briefly the actions it has taken to reach this		
conclusion.	Not	See items 4.8 and 4.9.
4.11. In order to ensure independence and impartiality of the committees, members of the collegial body that	Not applicable	See hells 4.0 and 4.7.
are not members of the committee should commonly	аррисавіс	
have a right to participate in the meetings of the		
committee only if invited by the committee. A		
committee may invite or demand participation in the		
meeting of particular officers or experts. Chairman of		
each of the committees should have a possibility to		
maintain direct communication with the shareholders.		
Events when such are to be performed should be		
specified in the regulations for committee activities.		

4.12. Nomination Committee. Not See items 4.8 and 4.9. 4.12.1. Key functions of the nomination committee applicable should be the following: 1) Identify and recommend, for the approval of the collegial body, candidates to fill board vacancies. The nomination committee should evaluate the balance of skills, knowledge and experience on the management body, prepare a description of the roles and capabilities required to assume a particular office, and assess the time commitment expected. Nomination committee can also consider candidates to members of the collegial body delegated by the shareholders of the company; 2) Assess on regular basis the structure, size, composition and performance of the supervisory and management bodies, and make recommendations to the collegial body regarding the means of achieving necessary changes; 3) Assess on regular basis the skills, knowledge and experience of individual directors and report on this to the collegial body; 4) Properly consider issues related to succession planning; 5) Review the policy of the management bodies for selection and appointment of senior management. 4.12.2. Nomination committee should consider proposals by other parties, including management and shareholders. When dealing with issues related to executive directors or members of the board (if a collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting is the supervisory board) and senior management, chief executive officer of the company should be consulted by, and entitled to submit proposals to the nomination committee. 4.13. Remuneration Committee. Not Remuneration as well as other payouts are paid to the 4.13.1. Key functions of the remuneration committee employees in the company following the Collective applicable should be the following: Agreement as of March 30, 2004, Regulation on the wages system for the onshore personnel of the public 1) Make proposals, for the approval of the collegial company "Lithuanian Shipping Company", declaration body, on the remuneration policy for members of of the remuneration procedure of the Director General, management bodies and executive directors. Such directors, and accountant-general, which are approved policy should address all forms of compensation, by the board. including the fixed remuneration, performance-based remuneration schemes, pension arrangements, and **Proposals** considering termination payments. performance-based remuneration schemes should be accompanied with recommendations on the related objectives and evaluation criteria, with a view to properly aligning the pay of executive director and members of the management bodies with the longterm interests of the shareholders and the objectives set by the collegial body; 2) Make proposals to the collegial body on the individual remuneration for executive directors and member of management bodies in order their remunerations are consistent with company's remuneration policy and the evaluation of the performance of these persons concerned. In doing so, the committee should be properly informed on the total compensation obtained by executive directors

and members of the management bodies from the

affiliated companies;

- 3) Make proposals to the collegial body on suitable forms of contracts for executive directors and members of the management bodies;
- 4) Assist the collegial body in overseeing how the company complies with applicable provisions regarding the remuneration-related information disclosure (in particular the remuneration policy applied and individual remuneration of directors);
- 5) Make general recommendations to the executive directors and members of the management bodies on the level and structure of remuneration for senior management (as defined by the collegial body) with regard to the respective information provided by the executive directors and members of the management bodies.
- 4.13.2. With respect to stock options and other share-based incentives which may be granted to directors or other employees, the committee should:
- 1) Consider general policy regarding the granting of the above mentioned schemes, in particular stock options, and make any related proposals to the collegial body;
- 2) Examine the related information that is given in the company's annual report and documents intended for the use during the shareholders meeting;
- 3) Make proposals to the collegial body regarding the choice between granting options to subscribe shares or granting options to purchase shares, specifying the reasons for its choice as well as the consequences that this choice has.
- 4.13.3. Upon resolution of the issues attributable to the competence of the remuneration committee, the committee should at least address the chairman of the collegial body and/or chief executive officer of the company for their opinion on the remuneration of other executive directors or members of the management bodies.

4.14. Audit Committee.

4.14.1. Key functions of the audit committee should be the following:

- 1) Observe the integrity of the financial information provided by the company, in particular by reviewing the relevance and consistency of the accounting methods used by the company and its group (including the criteria for the consolidation of the accounts of companies in the group);
- 2) At least once a year review the systems of internal control and risk management to ensure that the key risks (inclusive of the risks in relation with compliance with existing laws and regulations) are properly identified, managed and reflected in the information provided;
- 3) Ensure the efficiency of the internal audit function, among other things, by making recommendations on the selection, appointment, reappointment and removal of the head of the internal audit department and on the budget of the department, and by monitoring the responsiveness of the management to its findings and recommendations. Should there be no internal audit authority in the company, the need for one should be reviewed at least annually;
- 4) Make recommendations to the collegial body related with selection, appointment, reappointment and removal of the external auditor (to be done by the general shareholders' meeting) and with the terms and conditions of his engagement. The committee should investigate situations that lead to a resignation of the audit company or auditor and make recommendations on required actions in such situations;
- 5) Monitor independence and impartiality of the external auditor, in particular by reviewing the audit company's compliance with applicable guidance relating to the rotation of audit partners, the level of fees paid by the company, and similar issues. In order to prevent occurrence of material conflicts of interest, the committee, based on the auditor's disclosed inter alia data on all remunerations paid by the company to the auditor and network, should at all times monitor nature and extent of the non-audit services. Having regard to the principals and guidelines established in the 16 May 2002 Commission Recommendation 2002/590/EC, the committee should determine and apply a formal policy establishing types of non-audit services that are (a) excluded, (b) permissible only after review by the committee, and (c) permissible without referral to the committee;
- 6) Review efficiency of the external audit process and responsiveness of management to recommendations made in the external auditor's management letter.
- 4.14.2. All members of the committee should be furnished with complete information on particulars of accounting, financial and other operations of the company. Company's management should inform the audit committee of the methods used to account for significant and unusual transactions where the accounting treatment may be open to different approaches. In such case a special consideration should be given to company's operations in offshore centres and/or activities carried out through special purpose vehicles (organizations) and justification of

Not applicable

See items 4.8 and 4.9.

The procedure for the selection of the audit firm is approved in the company.

such operations.

- 4.14.3. The audit committee should decide whether participation of the chairman of the collegial body, chief executive officer of the company, chief financial officer (or superior employees in charge of finances, treasury and accounting), or internal and external auditors in the meetings of the committee is required (if required, when). The committee should be entitled, when needed, to meet with any relevant person without executive directors and members of the management bodies present.
- 4.14.4. Internal and external auditors should be secured with not only effective working relationship with management, but also with free access to the collegial body. For this purpose the audit committee should act as the principal contact person for the internal and external auditors.
- 4.14.5. The audit committee should be informed of the internal auditor's work program, and should be furnished with internal audit's reports or periodic summaries. The audit committee should also be informed of the work program of the external auditor and should be furnished with report disclosing all relationships between the independent auditor and the company and its group. The committee should be timely furnished information on all issues arising from the audit.
- 4.14.6. The audit committee should examine whether the company is following applicable provisions regarding the possibility for employees to report alleged significant irregularities in the company, by way of complaints or through anonymous submissions (normally to an independent member of the collegial body), and should ensure that there is a procedure established for proportionate and independent investigation of these issues and for appropriate follow-up action.
- 4.14.7. The audit committee should report on its activities to the collegial body at least once in every six months, at the time the yearly and half-yearly statements are approved.

4.15. Every year the collegial body should conduct the assessment of its activities. The assessment should include evaluation of collegial body's structure, work organization and ability to act as a group, evaluation of each of the collegial body member's and committee's competence and work efficiency and assessment whether the collegial body has achieved its objectives. The collegial body should, at least once a year, make public (as part of the information the company annually discloses on its management structures and practices) respective information on its internal organization and working procedures, and specify what material changes were made as a result of the assessment of the collegial body of its own activities.

Yes/No

Principle V: The working procedure of the company's collegial bodies

The working procedure of supervisory and management bodies established in the company should ensure efficient operation of these bodies and decision-making and encourage active co-operation between the company's bodies.

5.1. The company's supervisory and management bodies (hereinafter in this Principle the concept 'collegial bodies' covers both the collegial bodies of supervision and the collegial bodies of management) should be chaired by chairpersons of these bodies. The chairperson of a collegial body is responsible for proper convocation of the collegial body meetings. The chairperson should ensure that information about the meeting being convened and its agenda are communicated to all members of the body. The chairperson of a collegial body should ensure appropriate conducting of the meetings of the collegial body. The chairperson should ensure order and working atmosphere during the meeting.	Yes	
5.2. It is recommended that meetings of the	Yes	The company discusses all the matters, which are in the
company's collegial bodies should be carried out		competence of the collegial bodies. This is provided in
according to the schedule approved in advance at		the work regulation of the collegial bodies.
certain intervals of time. Each company is free to		
decide how often to convene meetings of the collegial		
bodies, but it is recommended that these meetings		
should be convened at such intervals, which would		
guarantee an interrupted resolution of the essential		
corporate governance issues. Meetings of the		
company's supervisory board should be convened at		
least once in a quarter, and the company's board		
should meet at least once a month ¹¹ .		
5.3. Members of a collegial body should be notified	Yes	
about the meeting being convened in advance in order		
to allow sufficient time for proper preparation for the		
issues on the agenda of the meeting and to ensure		
fruitful discussion and adoption of appropriate		
decisions. Alongside with the notice about the		
meeting being convened, all the documents relevant to		
the issues on the agenda of the meeting should be		
submitted to the members of the collegial body. The		
agenda of the meeting should not be changed or		
supplemented during the meeting, unless all members		
of the collegial body are present or certain issues of		
great importance to the company require immediate		
resolution.		

¹¹ The frequency of meetings of the collegial body provided for in the recommendation must be applied in those cases when both additional collegial bodies are formed at the company, the board and the supervisory board. In the event only one additional collegial body is formed in the company, the frequency of its meetings may be as established for the supervisory board, i.e. at least once in a quarter.

5.4. In order to co-ordinate operation of the	Yes	
company's collegial bodies and ensure effective		
decision-making process, chairpersons of the	1	
company's collegial bodies of supervision and	1	
management should closely co-operate by co-		
coordinating dates of the meetings, their agendas and		
resolving other issues of corporate governance.		
Members of the company's board should be free to		
attend meetings of the company's supervisory board,		
especially where issues concerning removal of the		
board members, their liability or remuneration are		
discussed.		

Principle VI: The equitable treatment of shareholders and shareholder rights

The corporate governance framework should ensure the equitable treatment of all shareholders, including minority and foreign shareholders. The corporate governance framework should protect the rights of the shareholders.

6.1. It is recommended that the company's capital should consist only of the shares that grant the same rights to voting, ownership, dividend and other rights to all their holders.	Yes	The authorized capital of the company amounts to 200 901 296 Litas. Authorized capital of the company is divided into 200 901 296 ordinary registered shares with the par value of 1 Litas. Shares of the company are of one class – ordinary registered.
6.2. It is recommended that investors should have access to the information concerning the rights attached to the shares of the new issue or those issued earlier in advance, i.e. before they purchase shares.	Yes	This is provided in both the Law on Companies as well as the Articles of Association of the company. Only the general shareholders' meeting has a prerogative right to establish the class, number, par value, and minimum issue price of the shares, issued by the company.
6.3. Transactions that are important to the company and its shareholders, such as transfer, investment, and pledge of the company's assets or any other type of encumbrance should be subject to approval of the general shareholders' meeting. All shareholders should be furnished with equal opportunity to familiarize with and participate in the decision-making process when significant corporate issues, including approval of transactions referred to above, are discussed.	Yes	It is provided in the Articles of Association of the company that the board makes the decisions regarding the investment, transfer, lease, mortgage, and hypothec of the capital asset with the book value higher than 1/20 of the authorized capital of the company. This provision is not against the Law on Companies and it has been adopted seeking not to encumber the activities of the company, the number of shareholders of which, according to the last data of the company, is 1848.
6.4. Procedures of convening and conducting a general shareholders' meeting should ensure equal opportunities for the shareholders to effectively participate at the meetings and should not prejudice the rights and interests of the shareholders. The venue, date, and time of the shareholders' meeting should not hinder wide attendance of the shareholders. Prior to the shareholders' meeting, the company's supervisory and management bodies should enable the shareholders to lodge questions on issues on the agenda of the general shareholders' meeting and receive answers to them.	Yes	

¹² The Law on Companies of the Republic of Lithuania (*Official Gazette*, 2003, No 123-5574) no longer assigns resolutions concerning the investment, transfer, lease, mortgage or acquisition of the long-terms assets accounting for more than 1/20 of the company's authorized capital to the competence of the general shareholders' meeting. However, transactions that are important and material for the company's activity should be considered and approved by the general shareholders' meeting. The Law on Companies contains no prohibition to this effect either. Yet, in order not to encumber the company's activity and escape an unreasonably frequent consideration of transactions at the meetings, companies are free to establish their own criteria of material transactions, which are subject to the approval of the meeting. While establishing these criteria of material transactions, companies may follow the criteria set out in items 3, 4, 5 and 6 of paragraph 4 of Article 34 of the Law on Companies or derogate from them in view of the specific nature of their operation and their attempt to ensure uninterrupted, efficient functioning of the company.

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6.5. It is recommended that documents on the course of the general shareholders' meeting, including draft resolutions of the meeting, should be placed on the publicly accessible website of the company in advance ¹³ . It is recommended that the minutes of the general shareholders' meeting after signing them and/or adopted resolutions should be also placed on the publicly accessible website of the company. Seeking to ensure the right of foreigners to familiarize with the information, whenever feasible, documents referred to in this recommendation should be published in English and/or other foreign languages. Documents referred to in this recommendation may be published on the publicly accessible website of the company to the extent that publishing of these documents is not detrimental to the company or the company's commercial secrets are not revealed. 6.6. Shareholders should be furnished with the opportunity to vote in the general shareholders' meeting in person and in absentia. Shareholders should not be prevented from voting in writing in advance by completing the general voting ballot.	Yes	The procedure of calling the general shareholders' meeting of the company, decision-making, as well as its organization is established in the Law on Companies of the Republic of Lithuania as well as the Articles of Association of the company, and it is followed by the company. Substantial events, as well as the agenda, resolutions and draft resolutions of the shareholders' meeting, are published on the website of Vilnius Stock Exchange. The company does not have a possibility to translate all the documents into foreign language, and they think that the public interest might be violated in this way. The company prefers the content to the form. Under the necessity of distributing the information in other than the state language, we offer to do so in a centralized way, moreover, maybe by even by unifying the form of presentation of information. This is provided by the Articles of Association of the company.
6.7. With a view to increasing the shareholders' opportunities to participate effectively at shareholders' meetings, the companies are recommended to expand use of modern technologies in voting processes by allowing the shareholders to vote in general meetings via terminal equipment of telecommunications. In such cases security of telecommunication equipment, text protection and a possibility to identify the signature of the voting person should be guaranteed. Moreover, companies could furnish its shareholders, especially foreigners, with the opportunity to watch shareholder meetings by means of modern technologies.	Yes /Not applicable	Company is planning to use modern technologies for voting at the shareholders' meeting without increasing the expenses and (or) costs significantly, which might violate the interests of the same shareholders. At present there is no need to implement that.

Principle VII: The avoidance of conflicts of interest and their disclosure

The corporate governance framework should encourage members of the corporate bodies to avoid conflicts of interest and assure transparent and effective mechanism of disclosure of conflicts of interest regarding members of the corporate bodies.

7.1. Any member of the company's supervisory and	Yes	The members of the supervisory and management
management body should avoid a situation, in which		bodies of the company are aware of that.
his/her personal interests are in conflict or may be in		
conflict with the company's interests. In case such a		
situation did occur, a member of the company's		
supervisory and management body should, within		
reasonable time, inform other members of the same		
collegial body or the company's body that has elected		
him/her, or to the company's shareholders about a		
situation of a conflict of interest, indicate the nature of		
the conflict and value, where possible.		

¹³ The documents referred to above should be placed on the company's website in advance with due regard to a 10-day period before the general shareholders' meeting, determined in paragraph 7 of Article 26 of the Law on Companies of the Republic of Lithuania (Official Gazette, 2003, No 123-5574).

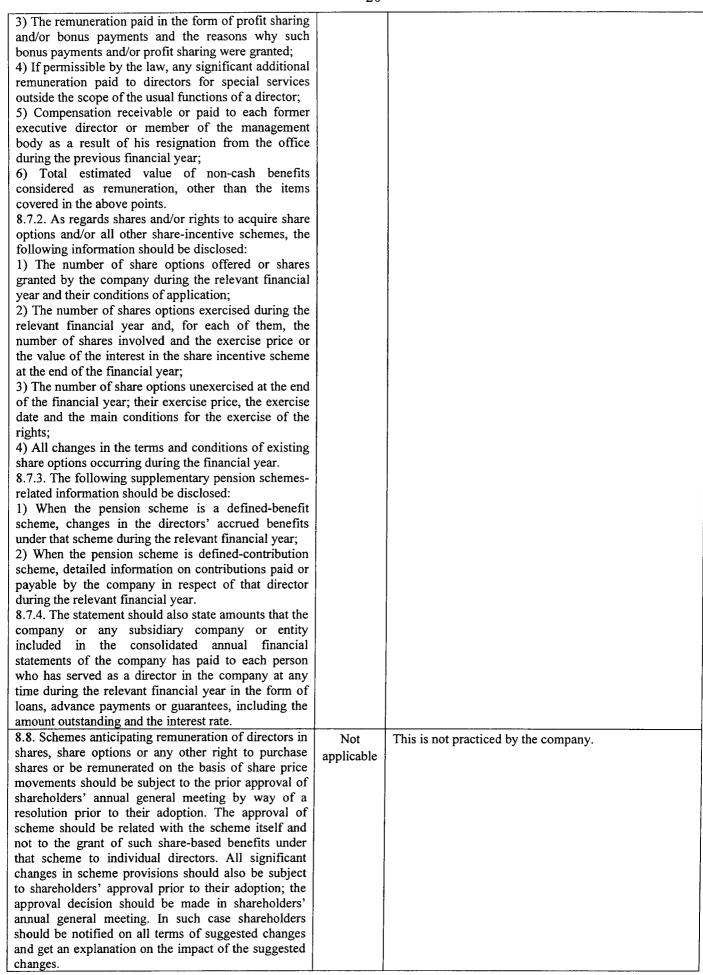
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7.2. Any member of the company's supervisory and management body may not mix the company's assets, the use of which has not been mutually agreed upon, with his/her personal assets or use them or the information which he/she learns by virtue of his/her position as a member of a corporate body for his/her personal benefit or for the benefit of any third person without a prior agreement of the general shareholders' meeting or any other corporate body authorized by the meeting. 7.3. Any member of the company's supervisory and management body may conclude a transaction with the company, a member of a corporate body of which he/she is. Such a transaction (except insignificant ones due to their low value or concluded when carrying out routine operations in the company under usual conditions) must be immediately reported in writing or orally, by recording this in the minutes of the meeting, to other members of the same corporate body or to the corporate body that has elected him/her or to the company's shareholders. Transactions specified in this recommendation are also subject to recommendation 4.5.		The members of the supervisory and management bodies of the company have not had any transactions with the company. They are aware of these requirements.
7.4. Any member of the company's supervisory and management body should abstain from voting when decisions concerning transactions or other issues of personal or business interest are voted on.	Yes	
Principle VIII: Company's remuneration policy		

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Remuneration policy and procedure for approval, revision and disclosure of directors' remuneration established in the company should prevent potential conflicts of interest and abuse in determining remuneration of directors, in addition it should ensure publicity and transparency both of company's remuneration policy and remuneration of directors.

8.1. A company should make a public statement of the company's remuneration policy (hereinafter the remuneration statement). This statement should be part of the company's annual accounts. Remuneration statement should also be posted on the company's website.		Now the company declares the average number of employees as well as the monthly salaries following the procedure, established by the Lithuanian Securities Commission, in the prospectus of the year of the company – report for the year ended. This information about the company is available at the company, Lithuanian Securities Commission (Konstitucijos pr. 23, Vilnius), Listing Department of Vilnius Stock Exchange (Konstitucijos pr. 7, 15 th floor, Vilnius), as well as websites of the last-mentioned companies, where the information is public and available for everyone.
8.2. Remuneration statement should mainly focus on directors' remuneration policy for the following year and, if appropriate, the subsequent years. The statement should contain a summary of the implementation of the remuneration policy in the previous financial year. Special attention should be given to any significant changes in company's remuneration policy as compared to the previous financial year.	No	Not prepared, as it is not provided for by either the legal acts or the Articles of Association of the company. As compared with the last financial year, no fundamental changes have taken place in the remuneration policy.

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	Annual bonus system is not available, such bonuses are not awarded, extra pensions and early retirement plan are not available either, therefore, the main characteristics thereof are not described. Payouts are paid to the employees following the documents mentioned above and the same has been indicated in the reports on the activities.
No	So far the company has not practiced such policy, as there is no and there has not been any legal grounds and (or) legal base for that.
	See an explanation to item 4.13.
	So far it has not taken place, as this is not covered by the laws and other legal acts.
Not applicable	Remuneration statement is not formed and there are no legal grounds for that. Also see the explanation to item 4.13.
	Not



8.9. The following issues should be subject to	Yes/Not	
approval by the shareholders' annual general meeting:	applicable	
1) Grant of share-based schemes, including share		
options, to directors;		
2) Determination of maximum number of shares and		
main conditions of share granting;		
3) The term within which options can be exercised;		
4) The conditions for any subsequent change in the		
exercise of the options, if permissible by law;		
5) All other long-term incentive schemes for which		
directors are eligible and which are not available to		
other employees of the company under similar terms.		
Annual general meeting should also set the deadline		
within which the body responsible for remuneration of		
directors may award compensations listed in this		
article to individual directors.		
8.10. Should national law or company's Articles of	Not	The Articles of Association of the company do not cover
Association allow, any discounted option arrangement	applicable	that.
under which any rights are granted to subscribe to		
shares at a price lower than the market value of the		
share prevailing on the day of the price determination,		
or the average of the market values over a number of		
days preceding the date when the exercise price is		
determined, should also be subject to the		
shareholders' approval.		
8.11. Provisions of Articles 8.8 and 8.9 should not be	Yes/Not	The Articles of Association of the company do not cover
applicable to schemes allowing for participation under	applicable	that.
similar conditions to company's employees or	• •	
employees of any subsidiary company whose		
employees are eligible to participate in the scheme		
and which has been approved in the shareholders'		
annual general meeting.		
8.12. Prior to the annual general meeting that is		Introduction to the draft decisions is provided for both in the
intended to consider decision stipulated in Article 8.8,		Law on Companies as well as the Articles of Association of
the shareholders must be provided an opportunity to		the company.
familiarize with draft resolution and project-related		
notice (the documents should be posted on the	5	
company's website). The notice should contain the		
full text of the share-based remuneration schemes or a		
description of their key terms, as well as full names of		
the participants in the schemes. Notice should also		
specify the relationship of the schemes and the overall		
remuneration policy of the directors. Draft resolution	·	
must have a clear reference to the scheme itself or to	}	
the summary of its key terms. Shareholders must also		
be presented with information on how the company		
intends to provide for the shares required to meet its		
obligations under incentive schemes. It should be	ļ	
clearly stated whether the company intends to buy		
shares in the market, hold the shares in reserve or		
issue new ones. There should also be a summary on	İ	
scheme-related expenses the company will suffer due		
to the anticipated application of the scheme. All	1	
information given in this article must be posted on the		
company's website.	1	
Principle IX: The role of stakeholders in corporate gover	nance	

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The corporate governance framework should recognize the rights of stakeholders as established by law and encourage active co-operation between companies and stakeholders in creating the company value, jobs and financial sustainability. For the purposes of this Principle, the concept "stakeholders" includes investors, employees, creditors, suppliers, clients, local community and other persons having certain interest in the company concerned.

9.1. The corporate governance framework should	Yes	For the noncompliance with them, respective penalties
assure that the rights of stakeholders that are protected		are provided for in the laws. The company seeks to
by law are respected.		avoid the conflict of interests.

9.2. The corporate governance framework should create conditions for the stakeholders to participate in corporate governance in the manner prescribed by law. Examples of mechanisms of stakeholder participation in corporate governance include: employee participation in adoption of certain key decisions for the company; consulting the employees on corporate governance and other important issues; employee participation in the company's share capital; creditor involvement in governance in the context of the company's insolvency, etc. 9.3. Where stakeholders participate in the corporate governance process, they should have access to relevant information.	The company operates as provided for in the Law on Companies and the Articles of Association of the company. In other case, there is no participation in the management process of the company.
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Principe X: Information disclosure and transparency

The corporate governance framework should ensure that timely and accurate disclosure is made on all material information regarding the company, including the financial situation, performance and governance of the company.

10.1. The company should disclose information on:

- 1) The financial and operating results of the company;
- 2) Company objectives;
- 3) Persons holding by the right of ownership or in control of a block of shares in the company;
- 4) Members of the company's supervisory and management bodies, chief executive officer of the company and their remuneration;
- 5) Material foreseeable risk factors;
- 6) Transactions between the company and connected persons, as well as transactions concluded outside the course of the company's regular operations;
- 7) Material issues regarding employees and other stakeholders;
- 8) Governance structures and strategy.

This list should be deemed as a minimum recommendation, while the companies are encouraged not to limit themselves to disclosure of the information specified in this list.

10.2. It is recommended that consolidated results of the whole group to which the company belongs should be disclosed when information specified in item 1 of Recommendation 10.1 is under disclosure.

10.3. It is recommended that information on the professional background, qualifications of the members of supervisory and management bodies, chief executive officer of the company should be disclosed as well as potential conflicts of interest that may have an effect on their decisions when information specified in item 4 of Recommendation 10.1 about the members of the company's supervisory and management bodies is under disclosure. It is also recommended that information about the amount of remuneration received from the company and other income should be disclosed with regard to members of the company's supervisory and management bodies and chief executive officer as per Principle VIII.

10.4. It is recommended that information about the links between the company and its stakeholders, including employees, creditors, suppliers, local community, as well as the company's policy with regard to human resources, employee participation schemes in the company's share capital, etc. should be disclosed when information specified in item 7 of Recommendation 10.1 is under disclosure.

Yes

This has been disclosed so far in the reports on activities of the company, and since 2007 – in the annual report. This has been disclosed in the prospectus-reports of the company (annual, six months) following the procedure and terms, established by the Lithuanian Securities Commission and Vilnius Stock Exchange.

Information on the compliance with individual items of this list is disclosed following the procedure, established by the laws as well as other standard acts, and the procedure set by as well as practice formed by the company. Public interest of the shareholders is governed by the Law on Companies, other standard acts, which must be observed by the company and which are actually observed.

Yes/Not applicable

There is no group.

The existence of these relations is governed by the legal acts, the Articles of Association of the company, as well as assumed contractual undertakings. They are assumed seeking to avoid the conflict of interests and providing the interest holders with the right of choice.

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10.5. Information should be disclosed in such a way that neither shareholders nor investors are discriminated with regard to the manner or scope of access to information. Information should be disclosed to all simultaneously. It is recommended that notices about material events should be announced before or after a trading session on the Vilnius Stock Exchange, so that all the company's shareholders and investors should have equal access to the information and make informed investing decisions.	Yes	However, first of all, the interests of the shareholders and the main shareholder shall not be violated or discriminated against the interests of the future investor.
10.6. Channels for disseminating information should provide for fair, timely and cost-efficient access to relevant information by users. It is recommended that information technologies should be employed for wider dissemination of information, for instance, by placing the information on the company's website. It is recommended that information should be published and placed on the company's website not only in Lithuanian, but also in English, and, whenever possible and necessary, in other languages as well.	Yes	The company is planning to publish the information on the website of the company.
10.7. It is recommended that the company's annual reports and other periodical accounts prepared by the company should be placed on the company's website. It is recommended that the company should announce information about material events and changes in the price of the company's shares on the Stock Exchange on the company's website too.	Yes/No	We think that these means protect the rights of the shareholders less than the placement of information on the special websites, which are specially intended and meet their expectations, such as the websites of Vilnius Stock Exchange, Lithuanian Securities Commission, or similar. If the company duplicates the same information, it costs extra resources.
Principle XI: The selection of the company's auditor The mechanism of the selection of the company's auditopinion.	tor should en	sure independence of the firm of auditor's conclusion and
11.1. An annual audit of the company's financial statements and report should be conducted by an independent firm of auditors in order to provide an external and objective opinion on the company's financial statements.	Yes/No	An independent audit firm carries out the audit of the annual financial statements of the company and up to present used to carry out the audit of the report on activities in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Companies. Since 2007, an independent audit firm reviews if the information provided in the annual report conforms to the data presented in the financial statements, as well as carries out the audit of the financial statements in accordance with the provisions of the laws. Interim financial statements are not audited by the audit company.
11.2. It is recommended that the company's supervisory board and, where it is not set up, the company's board should propose a candidate firm of auditors to the general shareholders' meeting.	Yes/Not applicable	A candidate audit firm is selected following the terms, approved by the board of the company for the selection of the auditor. The board presents the winner of the tender to the general shareholders' meeting for the

tender to the general shareholders' meeting for the election as the auditor of the company. The supervisory board does not have a right to propose a candidate according

to its working regulations.

auditors to the general shareholders' meeting.

11.3. It is recommended that the company should disclose to its shareholders the level of fees paid to the firm of auditors for non-audit services rendered to the company. This information should be also known to the company's supervisory board and, where it is not formed, the company's board upon their consideration which firm of auditors to propose for the general shareholders' meeting.

Yes/Not applicable

Following the resolution of the Lithuanian Securities Commission No. 9 as of 14/04/2005 "Regarding the establishment of further requirements for the audit enterprises and auditors", the candidate audit firm and auditor prior to presentation to the general shareholders' meeting are submitted to the Lithuanian Securities Commission's approval following the set order, respective appendixes are filled in, as well as respective information is presented in them.

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