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ADEQUATE PROCEDURES TO CURB AND PREVENT BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION -T. R. U. S. T. CONCEPT

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PRINCIPLE I : REDTONE'S ETHOS AND COMMITMENT

1.1 Board of Directors' Policy Statement and Corporate Governance

A. Ethos and Commitment

REDtone and affiliated companies strictly adopt a zero-tolerance policy approach against all forms of bribery and corruption in its daily operations and take a strong stance against any such acts. REDtone and affiliated companies will take all reasonable and appropriate measures to ensure that all its directors and employees are committed to act professionally and with integrity in all their business dealings and not participate in any corrupt activities for its advantage or benefit.

The Board of Directors of REDtone and affiliated companies take the primary responsibility for establishment and effectiveness of the anti-bribery and anti-corruption programme. As per section 4.1.3 of the National Centre for Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption ("GIACC") *Guidelines on Adequate Procedures*, REDtone shall :

- 1. practise and uphold the highest level of integrity, ethics and accountability;
- 2. observe and comply fully with all applicable laws and regulatory requirements on anti-bribery and anti-corruption; and
- 3. effectively manage key corruption risks of REDtone.

In this Policy, "REDtone or Group Company" means REDtone Digital Berhad and / or any or all of its subsidiaries and "affiliated companies" include any or all related companies, associate companies within REDtone.

B. Structural and Procedural Requirements

In order to achieve the above stated objectives and in compliance with **Section 17A** of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009, the Board of Directors requires REDtone to :

- 1. establish, maintain and periodically review the anti-corruption compliance programmes which includes clear policies and objectives that adequately address corruption risks;
- 2. promote and observe a culture of integrity within the organisation;
- 3. conduct bribery risk assessments at least once half yearly or when instructed by the Board of Directors;
- 4. issue directives on communicating REDtone's policies and commitments to anti-corruption both internally and externally;

- 5. encourage use of reporting / whistle-blowing channels in relation to real or suspected corruption incidences or inadequacies in the anti-bribery and anti-corruption compliance programmes;
- 6. entrust the Risk Management Committee to lead, to advise, be responsible and to oversee anti-bribery and anti-corruption compliance programmes;
- 7. ensure that lines of reporting for the person responsible for the programme are clear, appropriate and ultimately, to the top management; and
- 8. ensure that results of any audit, periodic review on risk assessment, control measures and performance scorecards are presented and reported to the top management, directors, senior management and relevant operation teams.

C. Initiatives

This Policy is made pursuant to the memorandum issued by the Board of Directors of REDtone on 21 May 2020 which establishes the top-level management commitment of REDtone in the area of anti-bribery and anti-corruption for REDtone Digital Berhad and the affiliated companies.

PRINCIPLE II : RISK ASSESSMENT

2.1 Bribery Risk Assessment Process

2.1.1 Objectives

The objectives of the bribery risk assessment are :

- to identify, assess, measure and rank critical bribery risk areas in REDtone that have high potential or likely influence over operations and management of REDtone at all levels by using a structured and measured approach in line with the size of REDtone; and
- discuss, review and stipulate high-level bribery prevention assessment, solutions and implementation plans.

2.1.2 Approach

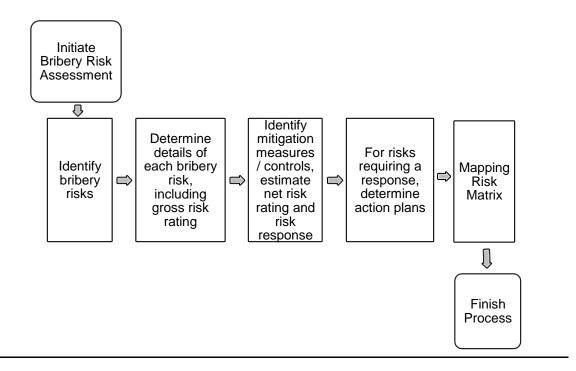
The Bribery Risk Assessment ("BRA") forms the basis of anti-bribery and anticorruption policies. Assessments are to be conducted periodically (as and when directed by the Board of Directors) but there must be at least one full scale assessment and review every 2 years. Assessment and review shall include identifying, *inter alia* :

- opportunities for corrupt practice arising from system loopholes and weaknesses;
- financial transactions which are disguised as routine payments when in fact made for bribery and corrupt practice;

- high-risk business activities which may give rise to corruption or exposed REDtone to bribery and corrupt practice;
- any external parties (e.g. business associates, partners, agents, sales representatives, promoters etc.) who may give bribery or practise corruption; and
- any supply chain expose or prone to bribery and corrupt practice (both inbound and outbound).

2.1.3 BRA Process Flow

The process below is used by REDtone to conduct its bribery risk assessment:



2.2 Bribery Risk Assessment Methodology

2.2.1. Initiation and management

The Bribery Risk Assessment is initiated by the Board of Directors. The overall exercise shall be managed by the Risk Management Committee.

2.2.2 Identify General Bribery Risks

Using the *Bribery Risk: Initial High-Level Assessment* template, the main areas of bribery risk carried by the business were identified. Information established by the high-level assessment was then used to begin mapping the bribery risk templates.

2.2.3. Identify Mitigating Controls, Net Risk, Response & Action Plan

For each bribery risk identified, the mitigating controls were established and logged. An estimate was then made on the effectiveness of the controls, which in turn was used to estimate the net risk rating. From this, the risk treatment was identified, along with the probable action plans.

2.2.4 Mapping Risk Matrix

Using the net risk rating, the bribery risks identified were placed on the risk matrix to show the exposure of REDtone to bribery risk.

Risk Matrix: 5X5

Very High	6	7	8	9	10	
Hlgh	5	6	7	8	9	
Medium	4	5	6	7	8	
Low	3	4	5	6	7	
Very Low	2	3	4	5	6	
	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Very Significant	Impact

Likelihood

2.2.5 Present Results to Top Management, Periodic Review and Finalise

The completed bribery risk templates and risk map shall be presented to the Audit Committee and Board of Directors of REDtone to confirm the data and action plans. Responsibilities for carrying out the action plans then allocated to the relevant Risk Owners in REDtone.

The Board of Directors of REDtone shall instruct the Risk Management Committee to conduct the bribery risk assessment every half yearly basis and review all compliance matters relating to REDtone.

PRINCIPLE III : UNDERTAKE CONTROL MEASURES

3.1 Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy

3.1.1 **REDTONE'S Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy**

- 3.1.1.1 Bribery and corruption in any and all forms as they relate to REDtone's business activities are strictly prohibited.
- 3.1.1.2 Bribery and corruption may take any form, including but not limited to, anything of value or valuable consideration, such as money, donations, goods, services, property, entertainment, hospitality, travel perks, privilege, employment position or preferential treatment or granting of favour, practising favouritism, third party payments whether in cash or kind or withholding of punitive action in return for any valuable consideration. REDtone employees and its business associates shall not therefore, whether directly or indirectly, promise, offer, give, receive or solicit any item of valuable consideration, in the attempt to illicitly influence the decisions or actions of a person in a position of trust within an organisation, either for the intended benefit of REDtone or the persons directly or indirectly involved in the transaction.
- 3.1.1.3 The anti-bribery and anti-corruption policy applies equally to all of REDtone's business dealings with the private sector and the Government entities. The mere or probable appearance of bribery and corruption or any likelihood of perceived bribery and corruption must be avoided at all cost, especially when dealing with Government officials, departments, agencies or related entities or bodies.
- 3.1.1.4 REDtone is committed to conducting its business ethically and in compliance with all applicable anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws and regulations in every country where businesses are conducted. The anti-bribery and anti-corruption policy therefore apply to all countries worldwide, without exception and without regard to regional customs, local practices or competitive conditions.
- 3.1.1.5 REDtone shall conduct regular risk assessments to identify the bribery and corruption risks affecting the businesses, set anti-bribery and anticorruption objectives and assess effectiveness of the controls in achieving those objectives.

- 3.1.1.6 No REDtone employees or external party shall suffer demotion, paycut, penalty or other adverse consequences (including but not limited to being freeze-out or transfer out) in retaliation for refusing to pay or receive bribes or participate in other illicit or immoral behaviour, even if such refusal may result in REDtone losing businesses or experiencing delay in operations or failure to conclude any contracts.
- 3.1.1.7 Employees who, in the course of their activities relating to their employment at REDtone, encounter actual or suspected violations of this policy are required to forthwith (or at earliest possible moment) report their concerns using the available reporting channels. Reports made in good faith, either anonymously or otherwise, shall be addressed in a timely manner and without incurring fear of reprisal regardless of the outcome of any investigation.
- 3.1.1.8 Retaliation in any form against employee where the person has, in good faith, reported a violation or possible violation of this policy is strictly prohibited. Any REDtone employees found to have deliberately acted against the interests of any person who has in good faith reported a violation or possible violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings including demotion, suspension, dismissal or such other actions (including legal action) which REDtone shall pursue at its absolute discretion. REDtone reserves the right to any legal recourse against any external parties who have violated its Anti-Bribery and Anti-corruption policy.

3.1.2 Audit and Compliance

3.1.2.1 Regular audits shall be conducted to ensure compliance to this policy. Such audits may be conducted internally by REDtone or by an external party. Audit documentation should include performance improvement action plans, periodic reviews, regular training and periodic updates. The results of audits shall be reported to the top management, directors and senior management at appropriate intervals.

3.1.3 Sanctions for Non-Compliance

- 3.1.3.1 Non-compliance as identified by the audit and any risk areas identified through this and other means shall be reported to the top management in a timely manner in accordance with the level of risk identified.
- 3.1.3.2 REDtone regards any form of bribery and acts of corruption as serious contravention of law and will apply appropriate penalties to all parties involved.

3.1.3.3 For REDtone employees, involvement or non-compliance may lead to disciplinary actions including termination of employment. For external parties, involvement or non-compliance may lead to penalties including termination of contract or services. Further legal actions shall be taken in the event that REDtone's interests have been affected or harmed by the results on non-compliance by individuals and organisations.

3.1.4 Monitoring and Continuous Improvement

- 3.1.4.1 REDtone is committed to continuously improve the operations and effectiveness of its anti-bribery and anti-corruption initiatives.
- 3.1.4.2 REDtone shall monitor its operating environment, identify changes in bribery risk, and seek opportunities for improving the anti-corruption initiatives.
- 3.1.4.3 The top management of REDtone shall ensure regular assessments of the anti-corruption initiatives are carried out, to ensure its scope, policies, procedures and controls match the latest bribery and corruption related risks faced by REDtone.
- 3.1.4.4 REDtone endeavours to impact the business environment where it operates. This includes supporting initiatives in the private and public sectors which are likely to improve the integrity of its operating environment.

3.2 Due Diligence

3.2.1 Know Your Partner / Client

Due diligence is carefully carried out to know one's business partner when dealing with such business representatives, agents or associates to achieve the necessary deliverables. Due diligence is conducted in order to assess the nature and extent of bribery risks relating to planned or on-going relationships with specific categories of business associates or specific categories of employees in management and decision making positions.

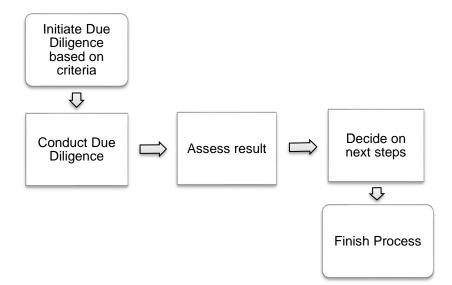
3.2.2 Due diligence approach

- 3.2.2.1 The due diligence process should be comprehensive and aimed at obtaining sufficient and reasonable information and documents for purposes of assessing bribery and corruption risks when there is an identifiable bribery risk or probable exposure to such bribery risk posed by certain activities, dealings, projects, transactions, business associates or potential employees.
- 3.2.2.2 In relation to organisations or corporations, the following factors must be taken into consideration :

- 3.2.2.2.1 legitimacy, goodwill and corporate governance of a business associate (eg. check on annual filings, announcements made to and / or replies to queries made by the Companies Commission of Malaysia ("CCM"), Bursa Malaysia ("Bursa") and Securities Commission Malaysia ("SC") or such other authorities);
- 3.2.2.2 identity of controlling shareholders or ultimate beneficial owners, parties acting in concert, board of directors and top management of the business associates and whether they had or are having reputation for committing fraud, condoning bribery, acts of dishonesty, practise financial fraud or discrepancies or such other similar misconduct;
- 3.2.2.2.3 had been or is currently being investigated, convicted, reprimanded, sanctioned, delisted or barred from participation from any tenders or dealings arising from bribery or such other similar criminal conduct.
- 3.2.2.3 With regards to REDtone's employees, due diligence should be conducted to :
 - 3.2.2.3.1 verify the accuracy of a prospective employee's qualifications;
 - 3.2.2.3.2 obtain satisfactory references from a prospective employee's former employers;
 - 3.2.2.3.3 to ascertain and conclude if prospective employees have been involved in any bribery by checking with the prospective employee's former place of employment and conducting basic Web search.
- 3.2.2.4 Though there is no conclusive methodology for carrying out any due diligence check, as a general rule, the process should be as follows :
 - 3.2.2.4.1 identify the correct party to undergo a due diligence check;
 - 3.2.2.4.2 conduct due diligence check through whatever reasonable means and methods;
 - 3.2.2.4.3 review and use available results before deciding on next probable steps (i.e. continue or stop or put on hold pending further investigations).
- 3.2.2.5 All results of due diligence checks should be properly documented and retained for entire duration of business relationship. A further review or update on existing records should be carried out as and when required or requested by the management involved at that level or for that transaction or exercise.

3.2.3 Due diligence process

Basic Flowchart



3.2.3.1 Business Associates

The criteria for conducting due diligence based on bribery risk includes :

- Bidding for a major project (if contract sum exceeds more than RM2,000,000).
- To be employed as an agent or intermediary when dealing with government departments or officials.
- Sales agency where the commission is derived from a significant percentage of the sale value (if commission exceeds more than 20% of contract value).
- Where a senior manager of any affiliated companies, considers due diligence to be to REDtone's advantage.

Due diligence can be conducted by using the following methods :

- Google search using the name of the business associate + 'corruption' + reported cases etc.
- Information search from CCM database..
- Hire private investigator.

Senior manager to assess results and make decision :

- Continue with appointment; or
- Cease appointment; or
- Terminate relationship; or
- Obtain further information.

Determine next steps and relevant parties :

• Procurement, legal advisor and / or due diligence service provider.

3.2.3.2 Prospective / existing Employees :

The criteria for conducting due diligence on employees based on bribery risk includes :

- all potential employees before or when joining REDtone;
- when appointed or promoted to any management position (including when already in management);
- when appointed to a position which involves working with external parties (such as vendors, suppliers, contractors, government agencies, clients or customers); and
- where a senior manager of any affiliated companies, considers due diligence to be to REDtone's advantage.

Due diligence will be conducted using the following methods :

- Google search using the name of the person;
- verify with Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission ("MACC") and police databases;
- bankruptcy search; and
- check with MACC, SC and CCM on their records for successful prosecution or civil proceedings against the person.

3.2.3.3 Senior managers who are tasked to assess proposals, evaluate and make decisions :

- continue with appointment; or
- cease appointment; or
- terminate employment; or
- obtain further information.

Determine next steps and relevant parties include :

• Human resources, legal advisor and / or due diligence service provider.

3.3 Reporting Concerns – Whistle-blowing Policy and Procedures

3.3.1 Reporting Procedures

(a) Who can disclose

Any of the following persons ("Whistle-blower") can make a report directly to REDtone of any suspected or actual Wrongdoing that is being or had been or about to be committed, provided always that the Whistle-blower has unequivocally decided not to rely on or be protected by the provisions of the Whistle-blower Protection Act 2010 ("Act") :

- REDtone's employees, including employees on contract terms, temporary or short-term employees and employees on secondment, where applicable ("Employee" or "Employees");
- the Group's third party service providers, independent contractors, vendors and suppliers; and
- members of the public who are natural persons, not being incorporated or unincorporated bodies.
- (b) What to disclose

A report can be made if it relates to any conduct which if proved, constitutes a disciplinary offence or a criminal offence by any person in the conduct of REDtone's business or affairs ("Wrongdoing"). Wrongdoing includes, but is not limited to:-

• taking or giving favours, kickbacks, bribes and privileges;

- corruption or fraud;
- misappropriation of funds;
- misuse of funds or assets;
- theft or embezzlement;
- gross mismanagement;
- abuse of power by any Director or officer of any Group Company;
- serious financial irregularity or impropriety;
- serious breach of Company's Code of Conduct;
- act, omission, misrepresentation or concealment of information which lead to, cause or create a substantial or specific danger to the lives, health, or safety of the Group's Employees, the public or the environment;
- failure to comply with provisions of laws, regulations and directives where the wrongdoer knowingly or intentionally disregards compliance with such provisions;
- disciplinary offence or criminal offence;
- sexual harassment;
- breach of customer confidentiality or privacy; and
- knowingly directing or advising a person to commit any of the above Wrongdoing

Wrongdoing excludes matters which are:-

- trivial or frivolous in nature; and
- motivated by malice.

If an employee is unsure whether a particular act or omission constitutes a Wrongdoing under this policy, that employee is encouraged to seek advice or guidance from his or her immediate superior or head of department.

(c) When to disclose

As soon as a Whistle-blower becomes aware and reasonably believes in good faith that a Wrongdoing is likely to happen, is being committed or has been committed, the Whistle-blower is encouraged to make a report of the Wrongdoing.

The Whistle-blower needs to demonstrate that he/she has reasonable grounds for the concerns. However, the Whistle-blower is not

expected to first obtain substantial evidence of proof beyond reasonable doubt when making a disclosure. If the Whistle-blower knows as a matter of fact that there are reasonable grounds of suspicion that a wrongdoing is going to take place, such genuine concerns shall be raised at an early stage.

(d) How to make a report

Before a report of any Wrongdoing is made to the Group Company, the Whistle-blower must firstly be notified through this Policy or such other means that should he proceed to do the same, he will not be able to invoke or rely on the protection / safeguards accorded or stipulated in the Act. Should the Whistle-blower still insists on making disclosure of a Wrongdoing, the Whistle-blower can thereafter make the said disclosure to the following persons via email, by letter or online form submission as set out below:-:

- 1. Audit Committee Chairman : Mr. Simon Kua
- 2. Group Chief Executive Officer : Mr. Lau Bik Soon
- 3. The Prescribed Officer
- i) Via email:
 - 1. Audit Committee Chairman : <u>simonckkua@gmail.com</u>
 - 2. Group Chief Executive Officer : <u>biksoon.lau@redtone.com</u>
 - 3. The Prescribed Officer : <u>whistleblower@redtone.com</u>
- ii) Via letter addressed to the abovenamed persons and delivered to the Registered Office of the Company at Level 7, Menara Milenium, Jalan Damanlela, Pusat Bandar Damansara, Damansara Heights, 50490 Kuala Lumpur, Wilayah Persekutuan.

iii) Via submission of online form:

RED tone	KINDLY FILL IN THE FORM BELOW ON THE INFORMATION THAT YOU WISH TO BRING TO OUR ATTENTION. We will process your information as soon as possible and revert to you on the status. Please note that should you choose to remain anonymous, we will not be able to revert to you.
HOME	Name of person making the allegation/report:
CORPORATE	
SERVICES	Contact Information:
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
CONTACT US	Email:
NEWS CENTRE	Email:
DOWNLOAD CENTRE	
MY ACCOUNT	Nature of allegation: "
ONLINE PAYMENT	Fraud
Search Here Q	Description of allegations/reports: (Please provide as much details as possible, including evidence of your allegations/reports if any)*
Sales Hotline	Attachment (Max: 5MB):
1800 87 7770	Choose File No file chosen Online

If the Wrongdoing involves the Chief Executive or a Director, the Whistle-blower is to report the matter in writing to any other Director of REDtone.

In order for the Company to investigate the Wrongdoing reported, the Whistleblower is to provide the following particulars in the report:-

- particulars of Whistle-blower i.e. name, NRIC No., designation (if the Whistle-blower is an Employee of any Group Company) and contact particulars (email, telephone or mobile number and/or address);
- details and description of the Wrongdoing, including, its nature, the date, time, and place of its occurrence and the identity of the alleged person(s) involved. A disclosure may be made even if Whistle-blower is not able to identify the identity of the person(s) involved;
- particulars of witnesses, if any; and
- particulars or production of documentary evidence, if any.

The personal details provided by the Whistle-blower will be kept confidential. The Whistle-blower may be asked to provide further clarification and information from time to time, during the course of investigation.

3.3.2 Investigation

- (a) The Prescribed Officer who receives the report will assess the report to determine whether it is related to a Wrongdoing or excluded from the scope of this Policy and shall make general recommendations to the Audit Committee ("AC"), who may designate any person, from the Group or external party, to conduct any investigation or to carry out any other process pursuant to this Policy (for instance, any meeting or an internal audit).
- (b) The Board of Directors has the authority to make the final decisions including, but not limited to, any of the following:-
 - rejection of the report;
 - directing the concerns or any part thereof for consideration under other internal procedures or disciplinary procedures, if appropriate and applicable;
 - resolution without recourse to an investigation;
 - directing investigations on the report and any persons involved or implicated;
 - suspending the alleged wrongdoer or any other implicated person from work to facilitate any fact finding or to avoid any Employee's exposure to threat or harm;
 - obtaining any other assistance (for instance, external auditors or legal advice); and
 - referral to the police or any other appropriate enforcement authority.
- (c) If the Wrongdoing involves the Chief Executive or a Director, the report shall be made to another Director of REDtone who shall refer this to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall then authorise a REDtone Director to be responsible for the investigation and recommendation to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make the final decisions regarding the disclosure of Wrongdoing.
- (d) It is intended that the disclosures by the Whistle-blower will be acted upon in a timely manner.
- (e) The Whistle-blower and the alleged wrongdoer are expected to give their full cooperation in any investigation or any other process carried out pursuant to this Policy. They may be asked to attend a meeting to discuss the allegations and must take all reasonable steps to attend the meeting. The alleged wrongdoer will be given opportunity to answer all allegations made against him at the meeting.

(f) If the Whistle-blower is also implicated or discovered to be or have been involved in the Wrongdoing which he discloses or any such other Wrongdoings (whether related or otherwise), the Whistle-blower shall also be investigated so as to complete the fact-finding process and pursuant to this Policy. An investigation in this instance is not and shall not be treated as a reprisal against or an act to punish the Whistleblower, but to facilitate all necessary investigations and final decision making pursuant to this Policy.

3.3.3 **Protection under this Policy**

- (a) Notwithstanding the fact that the Whistle-blower unequivocally elects to make direct disclosure to the Group Company instead of the enforcement agencies under the Act, any such disclosure made bona fide, based on reasonable grounds and in accordance with the procedures stated in this Policy :
 - (i) the Whistle-blower shall still be protected from Detrimental Action within the Group as a direct consequence of the Whistle-blower's bona fide disclosure.

In this Policy, "Detrimental Action" may include any of the following :

- action causing injury, loss or damage;
- intimidation or harassment;
- interference with the lawful employment or livelihood or any person, including discrimination, discharge, demotion, suspension, disadvantage, termination or adverse treatment in relation to a person's employment, career, profession, trade or business or the taking of disciplinary action; and
- a threat to take any of the above actions.
- (ii) the Whistle-blower's personal details and identity shall be protected, i.e. kept confidential unless otherwise required by law or for the purpose of any proceedings by or against any Group Company.
- (b) If Whistle-blower (being an employee), in good faith, reasonably believes he is being subjected to Detrimental Action from any person within the REDtone Group as a direct consequence of having made a disclosure under this policy, he may consult the Prescribed Officer in

confidence. The Company does not permit Detrimental Action of any kind against the Whistle-blower for complaints submitted hereunder that are made in good faith. Any such Detrimental Action meted out shall in itself be considered a material breach of this Policy. A Detrimental Action by any person against the Whistle-blower may result in disciplinary actions against that person, including any of the following - issuance of formal warning or reprimand, suspension or termination of employment or service with the REDtone Group.

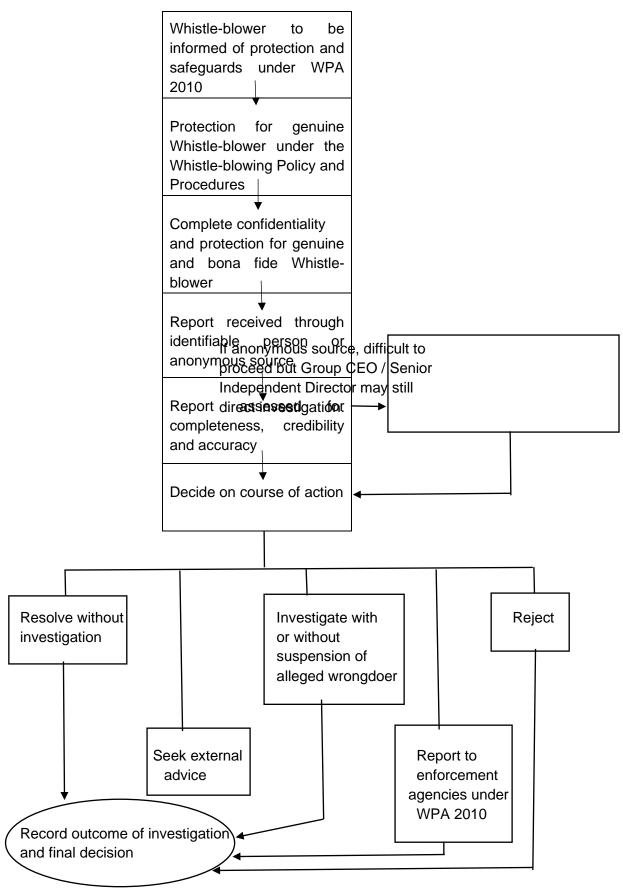
- (c) The Company reserves the right to revoke the Whistle-blower protection accorded under this Policy if the Whistle-blower has, or is found to have :
 - participated in the Wrongdoing; and / or
 - made a false disclosure not in accordance with the requirements of this Policy (including but not limited to such disclosures which are based on falsification of facts and information or which contain any element of dishonesty, willful, mischievous or malicious intent made to cause disrepute or injury or damage to anyone being complained against).
- (d) In the event of revocation of protection by the REDtone Group, the Whistle-blower shall be notified in writing of the same immediately. In addition, REDtone reserves the right to take such legal or other actions or disciplinary measures against the Whistle-blower (if the Whistle-blower is an employee), including issuance of formal warning or reprimand, suspension or termination of employment or services with the REDtone Group.

3.3.4 Confidentiality

- (a) All reasonable steps shall be taken to maintain the confidentiality and identity of the Whistle-blower and report made by the Whistle-blower, unless :
 - the Whistle-blower expressly waives such rights and states to that effect in writing; or
 - otherwise required by law or pursuant to such order or judgment granted by any court of law.
- (b) The Whistle-blower or any person who is involved in the investigation process shall not reveal, disclose or disseminate to third parties any information or documents or recording or details regarding the Wrongdoing or any part thereof, including but not limited to the status or outcome of an investigation into it, save and except :

- to those who are authorized to receive the same under this Policy; or
- by lodging a report with an enforcement agency in accordance with the Act or any other applicable law; or
- on a strictly confidential basis to an advocate and solicitor for purpose of obtaining legal advice.
- (c) The Whistle-blower shall not :
 - contact the alleged wrongdoer to determine facts or demand restitution; and
 - discuss the case, facts, suspicions or allegations with anyone except to assist in the investigations.

Whistle-blowing Flowchart



3.4 Policy on Conflicts of Interest

3.4.1 Definition of "Conflicts of Interest"

Conflicts of interest shall cover the areas stipulated under Section 1.6 of the Code of Conduct of REDtone Digital Berhad.

In addition, conflicts of interest arise when a person directly or indirectly has an involvement through family relationship, related parties, related companies, company shareholdings or employment position or through position of authority giving rise to conflict of interest or where their personal interests override or compromises the best interests of REDtone.

3.4.2 Conflicts of Interest Policy

- 3.4.2.1 All employees are required to declare in writing any conflict of interest, actual or potential or perceived, as soon as they become aware of it. If any employee has any doubt whether a deal, activity or event may give rise to conflict of interest, the employee must forthwith report that deal, activity or event to his immediate supervisor or manager for guidance.
- 3.4.2.2 Conflict of interest is to be declared to the employee's immediate supervisor or manager, who will discuss the matter with the top management and take appropriate actions.
- 3.4.2.3 HR Department shall make a record of disclosed conflicts of interest for future reference.
- 3.4.2.4 Prospective employees are to disclose all conflicts of interest with REDtone during the hiring process so they can be discussed with the hiring manager.

3.5 Policy and Procedures for Gifts, Entertainment, Hospitality and Travel

3.5.1 Anti-bribery and anti-corruption commitment

REDtone is fully committed to conducting business with integrity. This means avoiding practices of bribery and corruption in any and all forms in REDtone's daily operations and dealings.

3.5.2 Receiving Gifts

To protect against any undue obligations of or influence on the employee to any external parties, the employee shall declare to the Company any gifts, other than gifts which are an exchange of corporate souvenirs, food, hampers, flowers or vouchers and tokens of insubstantial value, made to himself or herself or any member of his or her immediate family by principals, agents, dealers and any parties who have business dealings with REDtone. REDtone shall decide how the gift shall be disposed of. Henceforth :

- 3.5.2.1 employees are prohibited from directly or indirectly receiving any gifts, kickbacks, payments in kind or guarantees in any form that may compromise their judgment and decision making.
- 3.5.2.2 any gift offered by an external party that is of significant value should be politely declined and returned without offending or disrupting the business relations with that party, with the explanation that acceptance of the gift is not permitted under REDtone's policy.
- 3.5.2.3 notwithstanding the above, the following may be received by employees :
 - 3.5.2.3.1 corporate gifts of insignificant value (defined as less than RM100) such as diaries, pens, calendars and notebooks;
 - 3.5.2.3.2 items given equally to all participants during official functions such as a door gift, provided that the items are of insignificant value;
 - 3.5.2.3.3 festive hampers and other perishable goods of market value of less than RM300 in total for the package. Such items must be delivered to the main office and distributed amongst the recipient's team by end of the business day after receipt. The organisation giving the festive hamper should not be disclosed if possible; and / or
 - 3.5.2.3.4 gifts given at an official event where refusal would be offensive, e.g. for presenting at a conference, or where the donor is very insistent. Such gifts must be declared to the recipient's manager, who will decide whether the gift can be retained by the recipient or kept by REDtone.
- 3.5.2.4 no employees shall ever accept gifts in the form of cash or cash equivalent or in any other form, including but not limited to :
 - 3.5.2.4.1 cash, angpows, commission, cheques, loans, credits cards in any currency, lottery tickets, coupons or gift vouchers of any kind;
 - 3.5.2.4.2 shares or equity interest in any registered company;
 - 3.5.2.4.3 personal discounts or perks not offered to the public;
 - 3.5.2.4.4 awards or prizes of significant value (more than RM100);
 - 3.5.2.4.5 trade point cards of any retailer; and / or
 - 3.5.2.4.6 all other gifts from external providers which might or be perceived to influence the behaviour of the recipient.

3.5.2.5 immediate family members of employees are strictly prohibited from receiving gifts from any external providers having financial dealings with REDtone, where the provision of such gifts may influence the actions of the employees in the course of performing their duties in REDtone.

3.5.3 Giving / offering gifts

- 3.5.3.1 REDtone expects its employees to compete fairly and ethically for all business opportunities. Employees may provide meals, refreshments or entertainment to customers, contractors or suppliers provided that is done with approval, in the ordinary and proper course of business and could not reasonably be seen as bribes or improper encouragement. All such expenditures must be properly recorded in the books and records of REDtone.
- 3.5.3.2 Employees are expected to exercise good and fair judgment when offering gifts to external parties. Gifts should not be excessively extravagant or costly and must not be given with corrupt intent or intent to influence or to receive a favour in return. Gifts should be given openly and transparently and feature company branding, where possible.
- 3.5.3.3 Giving of gifts should not be done frequently and / or during specific time periods, such as during tenders or contract negotiations, to ensure that no influence is exerted on the decision making process.
- 3.5.3.4 Employees must not offer gifts, commissions, gratuities, or other payments to prospective or existing customers, contractors or suppliers without prior written approval of the Executive Committee.

3.5.4 Giving and Receiving Hospitality

- 3.5.4.1 The practice of giving and receiving reasonable and proportionate hospitality is regarded as acceptable corporate business activity. Hospitality may take many forms but generally it consists of meals, travel or transportation, accommodation and recreation.
- 3.5.4.2 Hospitality given and received by employees who have interactions with external parties as part of their role should be clearly related to the business between both parties. It should not be exorbitant, received or given so frequently that reasonable questions might be raised on the true intentions or integrity of the giver or receiver and not be so lavish as to indicate some corrupt intent may be involved.
- 3.5.4.3 Employees are absolutely prohibited from either paying for or participating in any activities that might bring REDtone into disrepute or controversies. Such activities include lavish or immoral entertainment activities such as gambling, hostess entertainment, karaoke with the presence of guest relations officers or their

equivalent, massages, unregulated violent sports, illicit drugs and intoxication by alcohol.

3.5.4.4 Employees are free to accept hospitality from friends and relatives, provided the hospitality does not influence their actions in any way in the course of performing their duties with REDtone. If hospitality is provided which can or appear to influence the actions of the person, they should immediately bring the matter to their supervisor or reporting manager's attention and if necessary, make a conflict of interest declaration.

3.5.5 Government Officials

In the event that employees are hosting Government officials, reasonable care must be taken to ensure that the hospitality provided is reasonable and proportionate and does not generate a sense of obligation towards REDtone.

3.5.6 Violations

Non-compliance to this policy will be considered as major misconduct and the employees involved will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension, demotion or dismissal. Such offence may also be escalated and reported to the relevant enforcement authorities for further action.

3.6 Policy on Donations, Sponsorships and Political Donations

- 3.6.1 REDtone is seriously committed to give back to the wider community by providing both financial and non-financial support and social services for recognised causes in the society. However, such donations and benefits may be misused by certain parties as a subterfuge for corruption.
- 3.6.2 Requests for donations and sponsorships should be subject to due diligence check or such other reasonable searches to ensure legitimacy and authenticity of recipient organisations.
- 3.6.3 REDtone does not generally make financial or in-kind contributions to political parties, political party officials or candidates for political office. As a general rule, use of REDtone's facilities, equipment and resources by political parties for any political campaign or political party function is not permitted. The top management of REDtone may make an exception to the general rule by making political donation under limited circumstances. Thus, donations must be made to the official bank account of the party and an official receipt retained as proof. Provision of non-financial support such as venues, vehicles, sound equipment, tables, chairs and such other equipment at REDtone's expense should not be used to influence political decisions and are to be recorded for review and audit purposes.

3.7 Policy on Facilitation Payments

- 3.7.1 A "facilitation payment" is defined as any payment or any other additional provision over and above the ordinary payment made personally to an individual in control of a process or decision. It is given to secure or expedite a routine or administrative duty or function. Although such payments may be customary under certain circumstances, the laws of many countries, including Malaysia, strictly prohibit it.
- 3.7.2 REDtone has a zero tolerance policy for use of facilitation payments in relation to its business operations and any contracts. This Policy strictly prohibits facilitation payment by either directors, employees, business associates, agents or any representatives acting for and on behalf of REDtone.
- 3.7.3 Employees are expected to immediately notify their head of department or the Executive Committee when they encounter any requests for facilitation payment. If facilitation payment had been made in part or in full by any employees and subsequently discovered because of requests for further payments or for whatever reasons, the head of department or Executive Committee must be immediately notified of those payments so that further remedial actions can be taken.

3.8 Policy on Financial Controls

- 3.8.1 Financial controls are the management systems and processes implemented by the organization to manage its financial transactions properly and to record these transactions accurately, completely and in a timely manner.
- 3.8.2 REDtone requires all necessary financial controls to be in order to ensure that financial transactions are properly processed and recorded to prevent occurrence of bribery and corruption.
- 3.8.3 REDtone requires separation of duties so that the same person cannot both initiate and approve a payment.
- 3.8.4 REDtone requires tiered levels of authority for payment approval. In practice, this means that larger transactions require several levels of senior management approval.
- 3.8.5 Cash is often used as a vehicle for bribery and corruption due to the difficulty of tracking when and how it is employed. Therefore, REDtone requires that the use of cash in daily operations is restricted to the minimum, with a full record of receipts maintained for all cash payments.

- 3.8.6 In general, employees reimbursements for expenditure on behalf of REDtone shall only be made on the basis of official receipts. Handwritten receipts are to be avoided wherever possible.
- 3.8.7 The categorisation and descriptions of all payments and transactions shall be accurately and clearly recorded in REDtone's accounts, in line with existing applicable legislation and internal controls.
- 3.8.8 REDtone shall carry out periodic financial audits at regular intervals. The reviews shall be carried out by an independent person or organisation, as per the requirements of the CCM.

3.9 Policy on Non-Financial Controls

- 3.9.1 Non-financial controls are the management systems and processes implemented by the organization to help it ensure that the procurement, operational, commercial and other non-financial aspects of its activities are being properly managed and monitored.
- 3.9.2 REDtone is committed to implementing the necessary non-financial controls to mitigate any bribery risks that may arise through the procurement process.
- 3.9.3 Where possible and reasonable, REDtone should award contracts through a competitive process, on the basis of the best value for money.
- 3.9.4 REDtone holds a policy of separation of duties, such that wherever practical, the operational employees and departments ordering goods and services are kept separate from employees or departments conducting procurement and / or making payment.

3.10 Policy for Document Control and Record Keeping

- 3.10.1 REDtone shall maintain all relevant records on the controls used for the adequate procedures.
- 3.10.2 Policies and procedures should be stored in a secure location with restricted access to making changes.
- 3.10.3 Records in relation to and concerning adequate procedures (i.e. due diligence checks, searches, conflicts of interest declarations, reports and such other confidential documents) must be kept in a safe place and backed up regularly.
- 3.10.4 The Risk Management Committee has overall duties and responsibility for document control and record keeping of anti-bribery and anti-corruption related documents.
- 3.10.5 The Risk Management Committee shall monitor and check condition of documents and records at the filing locations periodically to prevent damage, deterioration or loss or tampering.

PRINCIPLE IV : SYSTEMATIC REVIEW, MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

4.1 Policy and procedures on Monitoring, Reviewing and Enforcing the Anti-Corruption Initiatives

- 4.1.1 The Board of Directors of REDtone, through the Risk Management Committee, shall ensure that regular reviews are conducted to assess the performance, efficiency and effectiveness of the anti-bribery and anticorruption programme and ensure the programme is strictly enforced. The reviews will form the basis of any efforts to improve existing anti-bribery and anti-corruption controls in place in REDtone and affiliated companies.
- 4.1.2 For this purpose, REDtone and affiliated companies are committed to :
 - 4.1.2.1 plan, establish, implement and maintain a bribery risk based monitoring programme, which covers scope, frequency and methods for review;
 - 4.1.2.2 identify and source for competent person(s) to perform an internal audit, in relation to the organisation's anti-bribery and anti-corruption measures;
 - 4.1.2.3 conduct continual evaluations and improvements on the organisation's policies and procedures in relation to corruption;
 - 4.1.2.4 consider an external audit by a qualified and independent third party at least once every two years to obtain assurance that the organisation is operating in compliance with its policies and procedures in relation to corruption;
 - 4.1.2.5 monitor the performance of employees in relation to any anti-bribery and anti-corruption policies and procedures to ensure their understanding and compliance with the organisation's stance in their respective roles and functions; and
 - 4.1.2.6 conduct disciplinary proceedings against employees found to be noncompliant to the programme.
- 4.1.3 The results of reviews and audits carried out by the Risk Management Committee and the internal auditors shall be reported to the top management for consideration and implementation of such recommendations.

4.2 Anti-Corruption Programme Audit Plan

4.2.1 The audit plan for the anti-corruption programme is prepared and reviewed by the Risk Management Committee.

PRINCIPLE V : TRAINING AND COMMUNICATION

5.1 Communications Policy

- 5.1.1 The Board of Directors of REDtone, through the Risk Management Committee, shall ensure that communications are conducted both internally and externally regarding the anti-corruption programme.
- 5.1.2 Communications will include information on key policies and procedures, including anti-bribery policy; conflicts of interest; gifts, donations, entertainment; facilitation payments; reporting channel etc.
- 5.1.3 Communication channels may include personal briefings, email, internet, intranet, training, seminars, face-to-face briefings, phone calls etc.

5.2 Anti-Corruption Programme Communication Plan

Objective : To raise awareness on the anti-bribery and anti-corruption programme

- General understanding and awareness on integrity, corporate governance and anti-bribery and anti-corruption programme;
- Detailed information on the policy, compliance issues and reporting concerns;
- Applicable law and rights of all parties; and
- Where to obtain further information and assistance.

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1	The importance of integrity and corporate governance for REDtone, with information on anti- bribery and anti- corruption programme - message from top management - why the anti-bribery and anti- corruption programme is needed, what it will do for REDtone - main policies - location of documentation (policies & procedures) - implications for participating in corruption - where to obtain help and further information	Team Briefings Email blasts Online Information (Intranet / Internet) Printed materials Vendor communica tions	Internal & external parties	Risk Management Committee assisted by Human Resources Department	At launch of the anti- corruption programme	English, BM or foreign language if conducted overseas

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2	Bulletin updates - updates on policies and procedures - incidents in the news - case studies	Email alert blast Team Briefings Information Centre (Intranet / Internet)	Internal parties	Risk Management Committee assisted by Human Resources Department	6 months after launch of programme	English, BM or foreign language
3	Briefing for contractors and vendors includes - Guidelines on gifts & hospitality - Information on whistle-blowing policy and procedures	Email alert blast Information Centre (Intranet / Internet)	Contracto rs, suppliers / vendors, Strategic Business Partners	Risk Management Committee assisted by Human Resources Department	Suppliers, vendors etc. briefing	English, BM or foreign language if conducted overseas

5.3 Training Policy

- 5.3.1 REDtone shall conduct adequate training to ensure all employees exposed to bribery and corruption risk are aware of REDtone's policies and procedures set out to establish the anti-corruption programme.
- 5.3.2 Where relevant, training may also be provided for business associates which may expose REDtone to corruption risk such as agents, intermediaries and others acting on behalf of REDtone.
- 5.3.3 Vendors, suppliers and contractors procuring goods and services to REDtone may also receive training if deemed appropriate.
- 5.3.4 Training, seminars and workshops for employees considered to be in high-risk positions should be done at least once yearly, with a record kept of such trainings, seminars and workshops organized or provided and attendance of all participants. Training, seminars and workshops should be tailored to the roles and responsibilities of such employees and shall include latest development on law, compliance issues and examples of likely corruption scenarios, whichever is applicable.

5.4 Training matrix

	ADEQUATE PRO	CEDURES TRAINING & AV				
No.	ltem	Title	Content	Duration	Date	Venue
1	Briefing for Directors	Briefing on Adequate	Corporate liability and law.	At least		
	and top	Procedures to Curb	Results of bribery risk assessment (Risk matrix) and	3 hours		
	management	and Prevent Bribery	controls.			
		and Corruption :	Summary of all main policies listed in Adequate			
		TRUST Concept	Procedures to Curb and Prevent Bribery and			
			Corruption : TRUST Concept.			
			Review, monitoring, enforcement plans, audit and			
			compliance.			
			Awareness campaigns, trainings, seminars,			
			workshops and communication plans.			
2	Conduct workshops	Sales and Marketing,	Corporate liability and law.	Full day		
	for high risk	Finance, Tax,	Summary of relevant polices: Anti- corruption and			
	departments	Government liaison	anti-bribery policy; conflicts of interest; gifts,			
		etc.	entertainment etc; facilitation payments; reporting			
			channel.			
			Scenarios and role play : how do these situations			
			affect respective departments?			
		Procurement,	Corporate liability and law.	Full day		
		Contract Management	Summary of relevant polices: Anti- corruption and			
		and Tender	anti-bribery policy; conflicts of interest; gifts,			
		Department	entertainment etc; facilitation payments; reporting			
	channel.		channel.			
			Scenarios and role play : how do these situations			
			affect respective departments?			

		CSR Department /	Corporate liability and law.	3 hours
		Sports Clubs	Summary of relevant policies: Anti-corruption and	
			anti-bribery policy; conflicts of interest; gifts,	
			entertainment etc; facilitation payments; reporting	
			channel.	
			Scenario and role play : how do these situations	
			affect respective departments?	
3	Conduct general	Briefing on Adequate	Corporate liability and law.	Full day
	staff awareness	Procedures to Curb	Summary of polices listed in Adequate Procedures to	
	training	and Prevent Bribery	Curb and Prevent Bribery and Corruption : TRUST	
		and Corruption :	Concept.	
		TRUST Concept	Scenario for discussion and role play : how do these	
			situations affect respective departments?	
4	Conduct briefing for	Briefing on REDtone's	Corporate liability and law.	Full day
	business associates,	Anti-Corruption	Summary of policies listed in Adequate Procedures	
	agents, suppliers,	Programme to Curb	to Curb and Prevent Bribery and Corruption : TRUST	
	vendors, distributors	and Prevent Bribery	Concept.	
	etc.	and Corruption :	Scenarios and role play.	
		TRUST Concept		