



# **BERMAZ AUTO BERHAD GROUP ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION POLICY**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy (“ABMS Policy” and/or “the Policy”) has been developed as part of the Bermaz Auto Berhad Group’s (“BAuto” and/or “Company”) Anti-Bribery Management System which has been designed to align with the requirements set out in the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009 (“MACCA”) and its amendments. Having a clear and unambiguous policy statement on the Company’s position regarding bribery and corruption forms the foundation of an effective integrity management system. The policy should thus be read in conjunction with the Company’s various policies & guidelines. In the event multiple documents speak on the same subject, then the more stringent provision shall apply.

## **2. ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION COMMITMENT**

BAuto is committed to conducting business dealings with integrity. This means avoiding practices of bribery and corruption of all forms in the Company’s daily operations.

BAuto Group has adopted a zero-tolerance approach against all forms of bribery and corruption. Employees who refuse to pay bribes or participate in acts of corruption will not be penalised even if such refusal may result in losing business.

The Policy leverages on the values and core principles set out in the Code of Business Ethics. Full compliance to both the spirit and the letter of this Policy is mandatory and should be maintained using a principle-based approach.

## **3. OBJECTIVE**

This policy sets out BAuto Group’s overall position on bribery and corruption in all its forms.

## **4. SCOPE**

This policy is applicable to BAuto, its controlled organisations, business associates acting on BAuto’s behalf, the Board of Directors and all BAuto personnel.

Joint-venture companies in which BAuto has no control or co-venture and associated companies are encouraged to adopt these or similar principles. External providers are also expected to comply with the Policy in relation to all work conducted with BAuto, or on BAuto’s behalf.

## 5. DEFINITIONS

“**ABMS**” means BAUTO’s Anti-Bribery Management System;

“**Audit Committee**” means the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of BAUTO;

“**Bribery & Corruption**” means any action which would be considered as an offence of giving or receiving ‘gratification’ under the MACCA. In practice, this means offering, giving, receiving or soliciting something of value in an attempt to illicitly influence the decisions or actions of a person who is in a position of trust within an organization.

Bribery may be ‘outbound’, where someone acting on behalf of BAUTO attempts to influence the actions of someone external, such as a Government official or client’s decision-maker. It may also be ‘inbound’, where an external party is attempting to influence someone within the Company such as a senior decision-maker or someone with access to confidential information.

“**Gratification**” is defined in the MACCA to mean the following:

- (a) money, donation, gift, loan, fee, reward, valuable security, property or interest in property of any description whether movable or immovable, financial benefit, or any other similar advantage;
- (b) any office, dignity, employment, contract of employment or services, and agreement to give employment or render services in any capacity;
- (c) any payment, release, discharge or liquidation of any loan, obligation or other liability, whether in whole or in part;
- (d) any valuable consideration of any kind, any discount, commission, rebate, bonus, deduction or percentage;
- (e) any forbearance to demand any money or money’s worth or valuable thing;
- (f) any other service or favour of any description, including protection from any penalty or disability incurred or apprehended or from any action or proceedings of a disciplinary, civil or criminal nature, whether or not already instituted, and including the exercise or the forbearance from the exercise of any right or any official power or duty; and
- (g) any offer, undertaking or promise, whether conditional or unconditional, of any gratification within the meaning of any of the preceding paragraphs (a) to (f).

**“Business Associate”** means an external party with whom BAUTO has, or plans to establish, some form of business relationship. This may include clients, customers, joint ventures, joint venture partners, consortium partners, outsourcing providers, contractors, consultants, subcontractors, suppliers, vendors, advisors, agents, distributors, representatives, intermediaries and investors.

**“Conflict of Interest”** means when a person’s own interests either influence, have the potential to influence, or are perceived to influence their decision making at BAUTO.

**“Controlled organization”** means an entity where BAUTO has the decision-making power over the organization such that it has the right to appoint and remove the management. This would normally be where BAUTO has the controlling interest (>50% of the voting share ownership), but it could be where there is an agreement in place that BAUTO has the right to appoint the management, for example a joint venture where BAUTO has the largest (but still <50%) allocation of the voting shares;

**“Corporate Gift”** means something given from one organization to another, with the appointed representatives of each organization giving and accepting the gift. Corporate gifts may also be promotional items given out equally to the general public at events, trade shows and exhibitions as a part of building the Company’s brand. The gifts are given transparently and openly, with the implicit or explicit approval of all parties involved. Corporate gifts normally bear the Company name and logo. Examples of corporate gifts include but not limited to items such as diaries, table calendars, pens, notepads, water bottle/flask, keychain, shirts and plaques.

**“Donation & Sponsorship”** means charitable contributions and sponsorship payments made to support the community. Examples include sponsorship of educational events, supporting NGOs (Non-Governmental Organizations), and other social causes;

**“Exposed Position”** means a staff position identified as vulnerable to bribery through a risk assessment. Such positions may include any role involving: procurement or contract management; financial approvals; human resource; relations with government officials or government departments; sales; positions where negotiation with an external party is required; or other positions which the Company has identified as vulnerable to bribery;

“**ABMS Committee**” means Committee Members of the Anti-Bribery Management System which comprises from Head of Human Resource, Head of Internal Controls/Operations Review, Head of Legal;

“**Hospitality**” means the considerate care of guests, which may include refreshments, accommodation and entertainment at a restaurant, hotel, club, resort, convention, concert, sporting event or other venue such as Company offices, with or without the personal presence of the host. Provision of travel may also be included, as may other services such as provision of guides, attendants and escorts; use of facilities such as a spa, golf course or ski resort with equipment included;

“**BAuto**” or “**Company**” means Bermaz Auto Berhad and its group of companies;

“**Personnel**” means directors and all individuals directly contracted to the Company on an employment basis, including permanent and temporary employees.

## 6. POLICY OWNER

The Human Resource Department (“HRD”) is the owner of this policy.

## 7. ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION POLICY

7.1 Bribery and corruption in all its forms as it relates to BAuto’s activities is prohibited.

7.2 Bribery and corruption may take the form of anything of value, such as money, goods, services, property, privilege, employment position or preferential treatment.

BAuto personnel and its business associates shall not therefore, whether directly or indirectly, offer, give, receive or solicit any item of value, in the attempt to illicitly influence the decisions or actions of a person in a position of trust within an organization, either for the intended benefit of BAuto or the persons involved in the transaction.

7.3 The Policy applies equally to BAuto’s business dealings with commercial (‘private sector’) and Government (‘public sector’) entities, and includes their directors, personnel, agents and other appointed representatives. Even the possible appearance of bribery or corruption is to be avoided, in particular when dealing with Government officials.

- 7.4 The Policy shall be applicable to BAUTO in all countries worldwide, without exception and without regard to regional customs, local practices or competitive conditions.
- 7.5 No employee or external party will suffer demotion, penalty or other adverse consequences in retaliation for refusing to pay or receive bribes or participate in other illicit behaviour.
- 7.6 BAUTO is also committed to conducting due diligence checks on prospective personnel, particularly as it relates to appointments to positions where more than a minor bribery or corruption risk has been identified.

## **8. RECOGNITION OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATION**

- 8.1 BAUTO is committed to conducting its business ethically and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations in the countries where it does business.
- 8.2 These laws include but are not limited to the Malaysian Penal Code (revised 1977) (and its amendments), the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009 and its amendments and the Companies Act 2016. These laws prohibit bribery and acts of corruption, and mandate companies to establish and maintain accurate books and records and sufficient internal controls.
- 8.3 In cases where there is a conflict between mandatory laws and the principles contained in this and other policies, the law shall prevail.

## **9. GIFTS, DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS**

- 9.1 BAUTO personnel are prohibited from receiving or asking for (soliciting) gifts from external parties. Under no circumstances may BAUTO personnel accept gifts in the form of cash or cash equivalent, including gift certificates, loans, commissions, coupons, discounts or any other related forms.
- 9.2 The only form of gift-giving allowed to external parties is a corporate gift. Any gift-giving or event of hospitality is subject to approval according to limits of authority and must fulfil the following conditions:
- a) they are limited, customary and lawful under the circumstances;
  - b) they do not have or are perceived to have (by either the giver or the receiver), any effect on actions or decisions.
  - c) there must be no expectation of any specific favour or improper advantages from the intended recipients;
  - d) the independent business judgement of the intended recipients must not be affected;
  - e) there must not be any corrupt / criminal intent involved; and
  - f) the giving out of the gift and hospitality must be done in an open and transparent manner.
- 9.3 Donations and sponsorships are permitted but the Company prohibits the giving and receiving of donations and sponsorships to influence business decisions.

## **10. FACILITATION PAYMENTS**

- 10.1 BAUTO adopts strict policy of disallowing the use of facilitation payments in its business. Facilitation payment is a payment or other provision made personally to an individual in control of a process or decision. It is given to secure or expedite the performance of a routine or administrative duty or function.
- 10.2 Personnel shall decline to make the payment and report to ABMS Committee immediately when they encounter any requests for a facilitation payment. In addition, if a payment has been made and personnel are unsure of the nature, the ABMS Committee must be notified immediately, and the payment shall be recorded accordingly.



10.3 Only in the event that an employee's security is at stake is it permitted to make the payment. The employee must immediately report the incident to their Head of Department and ABMS Committee to record the details and keep a record of what was spent.

## **11. SUPPORT LETTERS**

BAuto awards contracts and employee positions purely on a merit basis. Therefore, support letters in all forms shall not be recognized as part of the business decision making process.

## **12. RECRUITMENT, PROMOTION AND SUPPORT OF PERSONNEL**

12.1 BAuto recognises the value of integrity in its personnel and business associates. The Company's recruitment, training, performance evaluation, remuneration, recognition and promotion for all BAuto personnel, including management, shall be designed and regularly updated to recognize integrity.

12.2 BAuto does not offer employment to prospective personnel in return for their having improperly favoured the Company in a previous role.

## **13. BUSINESS ASSOCIATES**

13.1 All Business Associates (including external providers such as consultants, advisors, and agents) acting on behalf of BAuto are required to comply with this Policy, the BAuto's Code of Conduct, and all other policies as it relates to them.

13.2 In circumstances where BAuto retains controlling interest on its Business Associates, such as in certain joint venture agreements, Business Associates are required to adhere to the ABMS Policy and BAuto's Code of Conduct. Where BAuto does not have controlling interest on Business Associates, BAuto will inform its Business Associates on the existence of the Policy and will urge them to comply with the same.

13.3 Due diligence shall also be carried out with regard to any Business Associates intending to act on the Company's behalf as an agent or in other representative roles, to ensure that the entity is not likely to commit an act of bribery or corruption in the course of its work with BAuto.

13.4 The extent of the due diligence should be based on a bribery and corruption risk assessment. Due diligence may include a search through relevant databases, checking for relationships with public officials, self-declaration, and documenting the reasons for choosing one particular Business Associate over another. The results of the due diligence process must be documented, retained for at least seven years and produced on request by the relevant authority.

13.5 BAUTO shall include standard clauses in all contracts with Business Associates enabling the Company to terminate the contract in the event that bribery or an act of corruption has been proved to occur. Additional clauses may also be included for Business Associates acting on BAUTO's behalf where a more than minor bribery risk has been identified.

#### **14. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BAUTO PERSONNEL**

14.1 All BAUTO personnel (including its directors and personnel of its controlled organizations) are required to carry out those responsibilities and obligations relating to the Company's anti-bribery and corruption stance, alongside those already in existence, which includes the following:

- a) be familiar with applicable requirements and directives of the policy and communicate them to subordinates;
- b) promptly record all transactions and payments in BAUTO's books and records accurately and with reasonable detail;
- c) inquire the ABMS Committee if any questions about this policy arise or if there is a lack of clarity about the required action in a particular situation;
- d) be aware of suspicious transactions and other "red flags" (indicators of bribery or corruption) and report to immediate superiors for guidance on the next course of action;
- e) be alert to indications or evidence of possible violations of this policy;
- f) promptly report violations or suspected violations through appropriate channels;
- g) attend required anti-bribery and corruption training as required according to position; and
- h) not misuse their position or BAUTO's name for personal advantage.

14.2 When dealing with Business Associates, all BAUTO personnel shall not:

- a) express unexplained or unjustifiable preference for certain parties;
- b) make any dishonestly attempt at influencing their decisions by offering, promising or conferring advantage;
- c) exert improper influence to obtain benefits from them;
- d) directly or indirectly offer or make promise or corrupt payments, in cash or in kind for a specific favour or improper advantage from them.

14.3 During an active or anticipated procurement or tender exercise, personnel participating in the exercise in any way whatsoever, shall not:

- a) receive gifts or hospitality or any kind from any external party participating, planning to participate, or expected to participate, in the procurement or tender exercise;
- b) provide anything other than a corporate gift and token hospitality to any external/third party related to the exercise;
- c) be involved in any discussions regarding business or employment opportunities, for personal benefit or for the benefit of a business associate;
- d) abuse the decision-making and other delegated powers given by the top management; and
- e) bypass normal procurement or tender process and procedure.

14.4 When dealing with external parties in a position to make a decision to BAUTO's benefit (such as a Government official or client), BAUTO personnel shall not:

- a) offer, promise or make any attempt at dishonestly influencing the person's decision by directly or indirectly offer or make promise of corrupt payments, in cash or in kind;
- b) be involved in any discussions regarding business or employment opportunities, for their own personal benefit or for the benefit of the external party;
- c) otherwise abuse the decision-making and other delegated powers given by the top management, in order to illicitly secure an outcome which would be to the commercial advantage to themselves and/or the Company; and
- d) exert improper influence to obtain personal benefits from them.

14.5 BAUTO's managers have a particular responsibility to ensure that the ABMS requirements are applied and complied with within their department or function and to monitor compliance with the policy. They also must ensure that subordinates in 'Exposed Positions' attend relevant training.

## **15. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

15.1 Conflicts of interest arise in situations where there is personal interest that could be considered to have potential interference with objectivity in performing duties or exercising judgement on behalf of the Company. All personnel should avoid situations in which personal interest could conflict with their professional obligations or duties. Personnel must not use their position, official working hours, Company's resources and assets, or information available to them for personal gain or to the Company's disadvantage.

15.2 In situations where a conflict does occur, personnel are required to declare the matter as per the Employees Handbook.

## **16. STAFF DECLARATIONS**

16.1 All BAUTO personnel shall certify in digital agreement that they have read, understood, and will abide by this policy. A copy of the online declaration form shall be documented and retained by the Human Resources Department for the duration of the personnel's employment.

16.2 The ABMS Committee reserves the right to request information regarding an employee's assets in the event that the person is implicated in any bribery and corruption-related accusation or incident.

## **17. ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION COMPLIANCE FUNCTION**

- 17.1 BAUTO shall establish and maintain an anti-bribery and corruption compliance function within the ABMS Committee to oversee the design, implementation and management of the ABMS.
- 17.2 The ABMS Committee shall perform functions below within the Company structure, to act effectively prevent against bribery and corruption exercise:
- a) provide advice and guidance to personnel on the ABMS and issues relating to bribery and corruption;
  - b) take appropriate steps to ensure that adequate monitoring, measurement, analysis and evaluation of the ABMS is performed;
  - c) report on the performance of the ABMS to the top management and Audit Committee regularly.
- 17.3 Appropriate resources shall be provided for effective operation of the ABMS and that the ABMS Committee is staffed with persons who have the appropriate competence, status, authority and independence.
- 17.4 BAUTO shall conduct regular risk assessments to identify the bribery and corruption risks affecting the business, set anti-bribery and corruption objectives, and assess the effectiveness of the controls in achieving those objectives.

## **18. TRAINING AND AWARENESS**

- 18.1 BAUTO shall conduct an awareness programme for all its personnel on the Company's position regarding anti-bribery and corruption, integrity and ethics.
- 18.2 Training shall be provided on a regular basis, in accordance with the level of bribery and corruption risk related to the position. Training should be provided to personnel who are:
- a) new to the Company;
  - b) appointed to or currently holding an exposed position.
- 18.3 Human Resources Department shall maintain records to identify which BAUTO personnel have received training, and produce, communicate and update the training schedule in conjunction with ABMS Committee.

18.4 Business Associates acting on behalf of the Company shall also undergo appropriate training, where a bribery and corruption risk assessment identifies them as posing a more than minor bribery and corruption risk to the Company.

## **19. REPORTING OF POLICY VIOLATIONS**

19.1 Suitable reporting channels shall be established and maintained for receiving information regarding violations of this policy, and other matters of integrity provided in good faith by BAUTO personnel and/or external parties.

19.2 Personnel who, in the course of their activities relating to their employment at BAUTO, encounter actual or suspected violations of this policy are required to report their concerns using the reporting channels stated in Whistleblowing Policy.

19.3 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.

19.4 Retaliation in any form against BAUTO personnel where the person has, in good faith, reported a violation or possible violation of this policy is strictly prohibited. Any BAUTO personnel found to have deliberately acted against the interests of a person who has in good faith reported a violation or possible violation of this policy shall be subjected to disciplinary proceedings including but not limited to demotion, suspension, dismissal or other any other actions (including legal action) which BAUTO deems necessary and may pursue.

## **20. AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE**

Regular audits shall be conducted to ensure compliance to this policy. Such audits may be conducted internally by BAUTO or by an external party. Audit documentation should include performance improvement action plans.

## **21. SANCTIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE**

- 21.1 Non-compliance as identified by the audit and any risk areas identified through this and other means should be reported to the top management and Audit Committee in a timely manner in accordance with the level of risk identified.
- 21.2 BAUTO regards bribery and acts of corruption as serious matters and will apply penalties in the event of non-compliance to this policy. For BAUTO personnel, non-compliance may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.
- 21.3 For external parties, non-compliance may lead to penalties including termination of contract. Further legal action may also be taken in the event that BAUTO's interests have been harmed by the results on non-compliance by individuals and organizations.

## **22. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

- 22.1 In maintaining the ABMS, BAUTO is committed to satisfying the requirements set out in this policy. Any concerns to improve the policy can be channeled to the ABMS Committee.
- 22.2 BAUTO shall monitor the legal and regulatory regimes and any changes to BAUTO's business environment and risks and identify opportunities for ABMS improvement. A report should be submitted to the top management and Audit Committee on a regular basis for the appropriate action to be taken.
- 22.3 Regular assessments of the ABMS should be carried out to ensure its scope, policies, procedures and controls match the bribery and corruption related risks faced by the Company.
- 22.4 BAUTO endeavours to enhance the business environment where it operates. This includes extending its integrity programme to non-controlled Business Associates such as suppliers and contractors, seeking to work with companies who have a similar commitment and supporting initiatives in the private and public sectors which are likely to improve the integrity of its operating environment.