



The SPAR Group Limited  
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## TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE RISK COMMITTEE

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Risk Committee (the Committee) is constituted as a committee of the Board of Directors (the Board) of The SPAR Group Limited (the Company), advisory in nature and is accountable to the Board and shareholders by reporting on an annual basis on the performance of its mandate. The duties and responsibilities of the members of the Committee as set out in this document are in addition to those duties and responsibilities that they have as members of the Board.

The delegation by the Board of its responsibilities to the Committee or a member of the Committee will not by or of itself constitute a discharge of the Board's accountability, fiduciary duties, and responsibilities, and they must continue to exercise due care and judgement in accordance with their legal obligations. The Board must apply its collective mind to the information, opinions, recommendations, reports and statements presented by the Committee or a committee member.<sup>1</sup>

These terms of reference is subject to:

- the provisions of the Companies Act 2008, as amended;
- the Companies Regulations, 2011;
- the Company's Memorandum of Incorporation;
- the JSE Listings Requirements;
- King IV™ Code on Corporate Governance published on 1 November 2016; and
- any other applicable law or regulatory provision.

The purpose of these terms of reference is to set out the Committee's role and responsibilities as well as the requirement for its composition and meeting procedures.

### 2. KING IV™ CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (King IV™)

King IV™ states that:

"The Board should appreciate that the organisation's core purpose, its risks and opportunities, strategy, business model, performance and sustainable development are all inseparable elements of the value creation process"<sup>2</sup>

"The Board should consider allocating the oversight of risk governance to a dedicated committee or adding it to the responsibilities of another committee as is appropriate for the Company."<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Principle 8(49) of King IV™

<sup>2</sup> Principle 4 of King IV™

<sup>3</sup> Principle 8(62) of King IV™

“The Board should govern risk in a way that supports the Company in setting and achieving its strategic objectives.<sup>4</sup> Risk governance should encompass both:

- The opportunities and associated risks to be considered when developing strategy; and
- The potential positive and negative effects of the same risks on the achievement of company objectives.”

“The Board should govern technology and information in a way that supports the Company setting and achieving its strategic objectives.”<sup>5</sup>

“The Board should govern compliance with applicable laws and adopted, non-binding rules, codes and standards in a way that supports the company being ethical and a good corporate citizen.”<sup>6</sup>

“Delegations to committees should be recorded by means of a formal terms of reference that should be approved and reviewed annually by the Board.”<sup>7</sup>

### 3. **SCOPE**

#### 3.1 **Membership**<sup>8</sup>

3.1.1 The Committee shall comprise of at least three or more members amongst the directors or prescribed officers of the Company.<sup>9</sup> The Committee should have executive and non-executive members, with a majority being non-executive directors of the Board.<sup>10</sup>

3.1.2 The activities of the Committee should involve participation by the Chairman of the Audit Committee.<sup>11</sup>

3.1.3 Committee members and its Chairman must be appointed by the Board, on the recommendation of the Nomination Committee and in consultation with the Chairman of the Risk Committee.

3.1.4 The Chairman must be an independent non-executive director.

3.1.5 Appointments shall be for a period of up to three years extendable by no more than two additional three-year periods, so long as members of the Committee (other than the Chairman of the Board, if he or she is a member of the Committee) continue to be independent.<sup>12</sup> Tenure beyond nine years shall be at the discretion of the Board and subject to an externally facilitated independence evaluation.

3.1.6 The Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Group Finance Director, the Risk and Sustainability Executive, the Logistics Executive, the IT Executive, the Internal Audit Manager and external auditor lead partner shall attend committee meetings by standing invitation. Members of the executive committee, senior management and external

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<sup>4</sup> Principle 11 of King IV™ – Risk Governance

<sup>5</sup> Principle 12 of King IV™ – Technology and Information Governance

<sup>6</sup> Principle 13 of King IV™ – Compliance Governance

<sup>7</sup> Principle 8(42) of King IV™

<sup>8</sup> Principle 8(43)(a) of King IV™ – Composition of the Committee

<sup>9</sup> Principle 8(46) of King IV™

<sup>10</sup> Principle 8(64) of King IV™

<sup>11</sup> Principle 8(63) of King IV™

<sup>12</sup> Principle 8(43)(d) of King IV™ – Tenure of the Committee

advisors may be invited to attend for all or part of the meeting, as and when appropriate and necessary to provide pertinent information and insights in their areas of responsibility. Every board member is entitled to attend the Committee meeting as an observer. However, unless that member is also a member of the Committee, the member is not entitled to participate without the consent of the Chairman of the Committee; does not have a vote; and is not entitled to fees for such attendance, unless payment of fees is agreed to by the Board and shareholders.<sup>13</sup>

- 3.1.7 Committee members as a whole must have sufficient knowledge, skills, experience and capacity to executive their duties and in particular, an understanding of risk management expertise commensurate with the company's size, complexity and capital structure.<sup>14</sup>
- 3.1.8 A person is ineligible or disqualified to become a member of the Committee if such a person is ineligible or disqualified in terms of section 69 of the Companies Act.

### 3.2 **Secretary**

The Company Secretary or his or her nominee shall act as the Secretary of the Committee.

### 3.3 **Quorum**

The quorum necessary for the transaction of business is a majority of members present, either personally or via electronic medium.

### 3.4 **Meetings**<sup>15</sup>

- 3.4.1 The Committee must hold sufficient scheduled meetings to discharge all its duties as set out in these terms of reference, but subject to a minimum of two meetings per year.
- 3.4.2 Meetings of the Committee shall be called by the Secretary in accordance with the year planner. Meetings in addition to those scheduled may be held at the request of the Board, the Chairman of the Committee, the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or other members of the executive or senior management.
- 3.4.3 Unless otherwise agreed, notice of the meeting confirming venue, time and date together with agenda items to be discussed, shall be forwarded to each committee member, any other person required to attend, no later than five (5) working days before the date of the meeting. Supporting papers shall be sent to committee members and to other attendees at the same time.
- 3.4.4. Committee members must attend all scheduled meetings, including meetings called on an ad hoc-basis, unless prior apology, with reasons, has been submitted to the Committee Chairman or Secretary.
- 3.4.5 Committee members must be fully prepared for the Committee meeting and should provide appropriate and constructive input on matters discussed.
- 3.4.6 In the absence of the Committee Chairman, the remaining members present shall elect one of themselves to chair the meeting.

<sup>13</sup> Principle 8(48) of King IV™

<sup>14</sup> Principle 8(45) of King IV™

<sup>15</sup> Principle 8(43)(g) of King IV™ – Meeting Procedures

- 3.4.7 The Committee shall on an annual basis establish work plan to ensure that all relevant matters are covered by the agendas of the meetings planned for the year. The work plan must ensure proper coverage of the duties laid out in these terms of reference. The more critical matters will need to be attended to each year while other matters may be dealt with on a rotation basis as agreed in the work plan. The number, timing and length of meetings, and the agendas are to be determined in accordance with the work plan.
- 3.4.8 The Secretary shall minute the proceedings of all meetings of the Committee.
- 3.4.9 Draft minutes of committee meetings shall be circulated promptly to all committee members. Once approved, minutes should be circulated to all other board members. The minutes must be formally approved by the Committee at its next scheduled meeting.
- 3.4.10 A meeting may be conducted by way of electronic media such as video or telephone conferencing.
- 3.4.11 A resolution pursuant to achieving the objectives contained herein signed by all the members (unanimous resolution) shall be as effective for the purposes as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Committee duly convened, held and constituted.

### 3.5 **Annual General Meeting**

The Committee Chairman, or in his absence any one member of the Committee, should attend the Annual General Meeting and any other General Meeting of the Shareholders to be heard and answer any shareholder questions on the Committee's functions and activities.

### 3.6 **Duties**<sup>16</sup>

The Committee's primary responsibility is to oversee and approve the company-wide risk and opportunity management practice should:

- 3.6.1. gain assurance that there is comprehensive and effective:<sup>17</sup>
- 3.6.1.1 management of risks and opportunities (strategic, operational, fraud, physical and financial),
  - 3.6.1.2 implementation and execution of effective technology and information management;
  - 3.6.1.3 compliance management.
- 3.6.2 annually review and evaluate the Company's policies and practices with respect to risk and opportunity assessment and risk and opportunity management and recommend to the Board:<sup>18</sup>

<sup>16</sup> Principle 8(43)(b) of King IV™ – Overall Role, Responsibility and Functions

<sup>17</sup> Principles 11(5), 12(11) and 13(20) of King IV™

<sup>18</sup> Principles 11(3), 12(16) & 13(19) of King IV™ – Periodic Independent Assurance

- 3.6.2.1 the **Enterprise Risk Management Policy and Framework** and monitor the implementation thereof. The policy must articulate and give effect to the Company's set direction on risk and opportunity management;
- 3.6.2.2 the **IT Strategy** and monitor the implementation thereof. This policy must articulate and give effect to its set direction on the employment of technology and information;
- 3.6.2.3 the **Compliance Policy and Framework**. This policy must articulate and give effect to the Company's direction and compliance, and must identify which non-binding rules, codes and standards the Company has adopted;
- 3.6.3 consider the need to receive periodic independent assurance on the effectiveness of:<sup>19</sup>
  - 3.6.3.1 risk and opportunity management;
  - 3.6.3.2 the company's technology and information arrangements, including outsourcing services;
  - 3.6.3.3 compliance management.
- 3.6.4 Risk Governance

The Committee should:

- 3.6.4.1 evaluate and recommend to the Board the nature and extent of the risks that the Company should be willing to take in pursuit of its strategic objects, in particular, the Company's risk appetite (namely its propensity to take appropriate levels of risk) and the limit of the potential loss the Company has the capacity to tolerate;<sup>20</sup> and
- 3.6.4.2 exercise ongoing oversight of risk and opportunity management and in particular, oversee that it results in the following:<sup>21</sup>
  - 3.6.4.2.1 an assessment of risks and opportunities emanating from the triple context in which the Company operates and the capitals that the Company uses and affects;
  - 3.6.4.2.2 an assessment of the potential upside, or opportunity, presented by risks with potentially negative effects on achieving Company objectives;
  - 3.6.4.2.3 an assessment of the Company's dependence on resources and relationships as represented by the various forms of capital;
  - 3.6.4.2.4 the design and implementation of appropriate risk responses;
  - 3.6.4.2.5 the establishment and implementation of business continuity and recovery planning arrangements that allow the Company to operate

<sup>19</sup> Principle 11(7), 12(16) & 13(22) of King IV™

<sup>20</sup> Principle 11(4)(a)to(b) of King IV™

<sup>21</sup> Principle 11(6)(a)to(f) of King IV™

under conditions of volatility, and to withstand and recover from acute shocks;

- 3.6.4.2.6 the integration and embedding of risk and opportunity management in the business activities and culture of the Company.
- 3.6.4.3 gain assurance that there is a proper process on business rescue proceedings or other turnaround mechanisms as soon as the Company is financially distressed<sup>22</sup>;
- 3.6.4.4 review the independent assurance of the internal auditor relating to the integrity and effectiveness of the risk management process.
- 3.6.4.5 provide a formal view of the effectiveness of the Company's risk management processes to the Board and shareholders to be stated in the integrated annual report, including instances where the risk appetite exceeds, or deviates materially from the determined risk tolerance levels.
- 3.6.4.5 at least annually, review the adequacy and completeness of the insurance arrangements in place to cover all material risks.

### 3.6.5 Technology and Information Governance

- 3.6.5.1 The Committee should exercise ongoing oversight of technology and information management and, in particular, oversee that it results in the following:<sup>23</sup>
  - 3.6.5.1.1 integration of people, technologies, information and processes across the Company;
  - 3.6.5.1.2 integration of technology and information into company-wide risk and opportunity management;
  - 3.6.5.1.3 arrangements to provide for business resilience;
  - 3.6.5.1.4 proactive monitoring of intelligence to identify and respond to incidents, including cyber-attacks and adverse social events;
  - 3.6.5.1.5 management of the performance of, and the risks pertaining to, third party and outsourced service providers;
  - 3.6.5.1.6 the assessment of value delivered to the Company through significant investments in technology and information, including the evaluation of projects throughout their life cycles and of significant operational expenditure;
  - 3.6.5.1.7 the responsible disposal of obsolete technology and information in a way that has regard to environmental impact and information security;
  - 3.6.5.1.8 ethical and responsible use of technology and information;

<sup>22</sup> Chapter 6 of the Companies Act, 2008 as amended

<sup>23</sup> Principles 12(13)(a)to(i), 12(14)(a)to(d) & 12(15)(a)to(c)of King IV™

- 3.6.5.1.9 compliance with relevant laws;
- 3.6.5.1.10 the leveraging of information to sustain and enhance the Company's intellectual capital;
- 3.6.5.1.11 an information architecture that supports confidentiality, integrity and availability of information;
- 3.6.5.1.12 the protection of privacy of personal information;
- 3.6.5.1.13 the continual monitoring of security of information;
- 3.6.5.1.14 a technology architecture that enables the achievement of strategic and operational objectives;
- 3.6.5.1.15 the management of the risks and opportunities pertaining to the sourcing of technology;
- 3.6.5.1.16 monitoring and appropriate responses to developments in technology, including the capturing of potential opportunities and the management of disruptive effects on the Company and its business model;

### 3.6.6 Compliance Governance

- 3.6.6.1 The Committee should exercise ongoing oversight of compliance and, in particular, oversee that it results in the following:<sup>24</sup>
  - 3.6.6.1.1 compliance being understood not only for the obligations it creates, but also for the rights and protections it affords;
  - 3.6.6.1.2 compliance management taking a holistic view of how applicable laws and non-binding rules, codes and standards relate to one another; and
  - 3.6.6.1.3 continual monitoring of the regulatory environment and appropriate responses to changes and developments.

### 3.7 Reporting Responsibilities<sup>25</sup>

- 3.7.1 The Committee Chairman must report to the Board on its proceedings after each meeting on all matters within its duties and responsibilities.
- 3.7.2 The Committee shall make whatever recommendations to the Board it deems appropriate on any area within its remit where action or improvement is needed.
- 3.7.3 The Committee shall ensure that provisions regarding disclosure of information are fulfilled and produce a report of its activities in the Company's annual report. The following should be disclosed:<sup>26</sup>

#### 3.7.3.1 General Disclosure

<sup>24</sup> Principle 13(21) of King IV™

<sup>25</sup> Principle 8(43)(e) of King IV™

<sup>26</sup> Principles 8(50), 11(8)&(9)(a)to(d), 12(17)(a)to(d), 13(23)(a)to(d), 13(24) & 13(25) of King IV™

- 3.7.3.1.1 its overall role and associated responsibilities and functions;
- 3.7.3.1.2 its composition, including each member's qualifications and experience;
- 3.7.3.1.3 any external advisers or invitees who regularly attend committee meetings;
- 3.7.3.1.4 key areas of focus during the reporting period and planned areas of future focus;
- 3.7.3.1.5 the number of meetings held during the reporting period and attendance at those meetings;
- 3.7.3.1.6 whether the Committee is satisfied that it fulfilled its responsibilities in accordance with these terms of reference for the reporting period.

### 3.7.3.2 Risk, IT and Information and Compliance Disclosure

- 3.7.3.2.1 the nature and extent of the risks and opportunities the Company is willing to take without compromising sensitive information;
- 3.7.3.2.2 an overview of the arrangement for governing and managing risk, technology information and compliance;
- 3.7.3.2.3 key areas of focus during the reporting period, including objectives, the key risks that the Company faces, as well as undue, unexpected or unusual risks and risks taken outside of risk tolerance levels, significant changes in policy, significant acquisition and remedial actions taken as a result of major incidents;
- 3.7.3.2.4 actions taken to monitor the effectiveness of risk management, technology and information and compliance management and how the outcomes were addressed;
- 3.7.3.2.5 planned areas of future focus;
- 3.7.3.2.6 material or repeated regulatory penalties, sanctions or fines for contraventions of, or non-compliance with, statutory obligations, whether on the Company or on board members or officers; and
- 3.7.3.2.7 details of monitoring and compliance inspections by environmental regulators, findings of non-compliance with environmental laws, or criminal sanctions and prosecutions for such non-compliance.

## 3.8 Other Matters

The Committee shall:



- 3.8.1 have reasonable access to sufficient resources in order to carry out its duties, including access to the Company Secretary for assistance as required;<sup>27</sup>
- 3.8.2 be provided with appropriate and timely training, both from an induction programme for new members and on an on-going basis;
- 3.8.3 give due consideration to laws, regulations and any published guidelines or recommendations;
- 3.8.4 oversee any investigation of activities which are within these terms of reference;
- 3.8.5 arrange for a biennial review of the Committee's performance;<sup>28</sup>
- 3.8.6 at least annually, review these terms of reference for continued relevance and applicability and recommend any changes it considers necessary to the Board for approval;<sup>29</sup> and
- 3.8.7 form and delegate authority to sub-committees or to one or more designation committee members.

### 3.9 **Authority**<sup>30</sup>

The Committee is authorised:

- 3.9.1 to obtain any information it requires from any employee/director of the Company in order to perform its duties;
- 3.9.2 to obtain, at the Company's expense, outside legal or otherwise professional advice on any matters within these terms of reference; and
- 3.9.3 to request the attendance of any executive, senior management or employee at a meeting of the Committee, as and when required.

## 4. **REMUNERATION**

Committee members not holding executive office in the Company shall be compensated for their services with the Chairman being entitled to an additional fee for the service.

## 5. **ADMINISTRATION OF THESE**

The custodian of these terms of reference is the Company Secretary who will be responsible for its administration, revision, interpretation and application. Any alternations are subject to approval by the Board.

These terms of reference were reviewed by the Committee on 10 August 2021 and approved by the Board on 11 August 2021 and becomes effective immediately on approval.

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<sup>27</sup> Principle 8(43)(f) of King IV™ – Access to Resources and Information

<sup>28</sup> Principles 8(43)(h) & 9(74) of King IV™ – Evaluating the Committee's Performance

<sup>29</sup> Principle 8(42) of King IV™

<sup>30</sup> Principle 8(43)(c) of King IV™ – Delegation of Authority