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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

I have brought balanced perspective to the boards I have served to sharpen the strategies that helped the organisation and yet maintained my independence and legal and global perspective.

GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCE

General Partner- Pounamu Ventures - Financial Service Provider August 2018 –

Wholesale and/or generic financial adviser services.

Keeping, investing, administering, or managing money, securities, or investment portfolios on behalf of other persons.

Independent Trustee – Queen Margaret College Foundation Trust May 2018 – March 2024

Queen Margaret College is a prestigious private school for girls in Wellington, the capital city of New Zealand. Queen Margaret College celebrated its centennial in 2019.

Independent Director - Investments - Te Pūtahitanga o Te Waipounamu GP Ltd May 2014 – Jun 2015

Te Pūtahitanga is a partnership between the nine Iwi of Te Waipounamu: Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Apa, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Kuia, Ngāti Koata, Te Ati Awa, Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Rangitāne and Ngāti Rarua with a mandate to invest up to \$45 million over three years in bold approaches to building sustainable whānau capability.

Director- Investments - DCH Capital Partners

Apr 2011 – Mar 2016

DCH Capital Partners was an independent and privately owned investment management firm offering a wide range of corporate and fiduciary services for international corporate and private clients, and investments in Italy, India and Singapore, with a five member International Advisory board meeting three to four times a year.

Director - DCH India

December 2007 – Mar 2016

DCH India group, a proud creation of New Zealand innovation and integrity coupled with Indian tradition and roots, is in the business segments of Luxury Boats, Corporate Advisory, Gastronomy, Web Solutions, Web Television and Wine - including Wine Academy of India- in India. All DCH India ventures are independent on their own in spite of their shared roots with 10 staff and a combined turnover of \$15 Million across portfolio.

Managing Director Chairman - Zaxune

2006 - 2013

Established a New Venture with a small team and transformed it into a 2 million turnover company within 2 years. I leveraged networks to expand market reach in the crowded IT solution market.

Founder and Managing Director - Miramar Marines Limited

2007 - 2011

Miramar Marines was a pioneer in custom built Luxury Catamaran building and distribution in India with design and manufacturing done in Gdansk in Poland. As a Managing Director I established the core team, distribution channels and service contracts across jurisdictions. I gained invaluable market insights and challenges of HR and ownership structures in difficult market environment.

Founder Trustee - Wellington 2020 Communications Trust

2002 – 2005

Economic Empowerment by closing the digital divide through PPP model and a budget of around 3 Million a year.

Trustee – Miramar Central School

2000 – 2002

Electorate Chair – Rongotai National Party 2005; 2024 - present

Member List Ranking Committee

Member Constitutional Committee

Parliamentary Candidate for National Party 2023

President / Chair - Wellington Muthamil Sangam 2022 - present

President / Chair - Sangam Tamil Palli / School 2022 - present

GENERAL COMPETENCIES

Expertise: leadership, governance, commercialisation, internationalisation including offshore delivery, Maori perspectives, other ethnic groups' perspectives and business development. Community outreach.

Networking experience: business and industry groups, community and socio-political groups.

Attributes: strategic perspective, open to learning, genuine interest in education, willingness to challenge, strong communication skills, team player and prepared to commit time.

Public Speaking: communicator and speaker

BOARD COMPETENCIES

Industry Experience

- Venture Capital and Private Equity and Fund Management
- Healthcare particularly Primary Health care chain and structure
- Luxury Segments such as Yachts and Wine
- Global funding and production in Media particularly Movie, TV and new media
- Angel Investment
- Due Diligence

Functional Skills

- Corporate legal matters with an International focus.
- External and Governmental relations.
- Capital Raising, M&A, Investor relations
- Accessing the markets in Silicon Valley, India and South East Asia including HR and Capital.
- Investor relations especially among the Indian Diaspora, HNI and UHNI.

Governance

- Passion for governing mid market companies
- Ability to chair
- Can bring Independent and unique perspective from my varied cultural and global exposure.
- Strategy to scale from mid market position

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Various roles 1995 to present

Barrister and Solicitor - Karunanidhi Muthu August 2006 - Present

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & QUALIFICATIONS

University of Oxford - Said Business School Private Equity Programme 2012

EVCA Academy, Brussels, Belgium – Certificate in Investor Relations 2012

Victoria University of Wellington LLB, Law 2002 - 2005

University of Auckland -Grad Dip Mgmt, International Business 1998 - 1999

Unitec New Zealand - Grad Dip Mgmt, Marketing Management 1997 - 1998

MEMBERSHIPS

Professional

New Zealand Law Society

Oxford University Business Alumni

Affiliate Member –Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (**STEP**)

Other

Charter Member of TiE Global

Reference: upon request