

Audit committee's report for the fiscal year 2023 to the general assembly

Dear, Shareholders of the Saudi Research & Media Group

Dear, Board of Directors

We would like to bring to your kind attention that the Audit committee held four (4) meetings during the year 2023 and carried out the following:

- 1-Review the annual and quarterly financial statements and discuss them with the external auditors prior to presenting them to the board of directors and issue their related recommendations.
- 2-Evaluate the internal controls systems through reviewing internal audit reports and significant findings to verify the adequacy and the effectiveness of the control environment.
- 3-Approve and follow up on the implementation of the annual audit plan covering the activities of the group and its subsidiaries taking into consideration the priorities of the audit assignments according to a comprehensive risk assessment which has been updated in line with the latest developments occurring in the group and its subsidiaries.
- 4-Verify the effectiveness of the internal audit department in carrying out the work and tasks set by the board of directors, including reviewing, and approving the recruitment processes and activities and related reports to ensure the independence of the internal auditors.
- 5-Review updates on some financial and operational policies and procedures of the group and its subsidiaries to ensure the effectiveness of internal control procedures stipulated in these policies after board approval.
- 6-Study the company's accounting policies and ensure they are updated in accordance with international accounting standards applicable in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- 7-Nominate to the Board of Directors external audit firms to examine, review, and audit the financial statements for the second quarter, the third quarter and of the fiscal year 2023 in addition to the first quarter of the fiscal year 2024 for the Company and its subsidiaries in accordance with specific criteria that includes financial and technical parameters. The Committee has also verified the external auditors' independence and their unrestricted access to records.
- 8- Approve and follow up on the implementation of the annual risk management plan and tasks set by the board of directors, including building risk & control self-assessment framework (RCSA design) and risk & control self-assessment implementation (RCSA implementation).

Based on the results of the above activities, the Audit committee has obtained a reasonable assurance that the internal control system is adequate and effective as no substantial deficiency was noticed that requires disclosure. An agreement with the executive management of the Company and its subsidiaries was made to implement the internal audit reports' recommendations within a specified time frame to develop and enhance the internal controls procedures, which are being followed up periodically through the internal audit department and its periodical meetings.

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