

## Appendix 4G

# Key to Disclosures Corporate Governance Council Principles and Recommendations

Name of entity

Abilene Oil and Gas Limited

ABN/ARBN

41 000 752 849

Financial period ended

30 June 2019

Our corporate governance statement<sup>2</sup> for the above period above can be found at:<sup>3</sup>

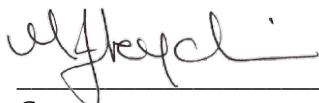
- these pages of our annual report: \_\_\_\_\_
- this URL on our website: Corporate Governance Statement link at  
<http://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/>

The Corporate Governance Statement is accurate and up to date as at 30 September 2019 and has been approved by the board.

The annexure includes a key to where our corporate governance disclosures can be located.

Date here: 30 September 2019

Sign here:



Company secretary

Print name:

Melanie Jaye Leydin

<sup>1</sup> Under Listing Rule 4.7.3, an entity must lodge with ASX a completed Appendix 4G at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX.

Listing Rule 4.10.3 requires an entity that is included in the official list as an ASX Listing to include in its annual report either a corporate governance statement that meets the requirements of that rule or the URL of the page on its website where such a statement is located. The corporate governance statement must disclose the extent to which the entity has followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council during the reporting period. If the entity has not followed a recommendation for any part of the reporting period, its corporate governance statement must separately identify that recommendation and the period during which it was not followed and state its reasons for not following the recommendation and what (if any) alternative governance practices it adopted in lieu of the recommendation during that period.

Under Listing Rule 4.7.4, if an entity chooses to include its corporate governance statement on its website rather than in its annual report, it must lodge a copy of the corporate governance statement with ASX at the same time as it lodges its annual report with ASX. The corporate governance statement must be current as at the effective date specified in that statement for the purposes of rule 4.10.3.

<sup>2</sup> "Corporate governance statement" is defined in Listing Rule 19.12 to mean the statement referred to in Listing Rule 4.10.3 which discloses the extent to which an entity has followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council during a particular reporting period.

<sup>3</sup> Mark whichever option is correct and then complete the page number(s) of the annual report, or the URL of the web page, where the entity's corporate governance statement can be found.

## ANNEXURE – KEY TO CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DISCLOSURES

Corporate Governance Council recommendation	We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	We have <u>NOT</u> followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	
<b>PRINCIPLE 1 – LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT</b>			
1.1	<p>A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) the respective roles and responsibilities of its board and management; and</p> <p>(b) those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management.</p>	<p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation: in our</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and information about the respective roles and responsibilities of our board and management (including those matters expressly reserved to the board and those delegated to management):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at this location: Board Charter link at:</p> <p><a href="http://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/">http://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/</a></p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
1.2	<p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person, or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a director; and</p> <p>(b) provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a director.</p>	<p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
1.3	<p>A listed entity should have a written agreement with each director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.</p>	<p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

Corporate Governance Council recommendation	We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	We have <u>NOT</u> followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...
<p>1.4 The company secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the board, through the chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the board.</p>	<p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> at this location:  <hr/> <i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
<p>1.5 A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a diversity policy which includes requirements for the board or a relevant committee of the board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them;</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it; and</p> <p>(c) disclose as at the end of each reporting period the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with the entity's diversity policy and its progress towards achieving them and either:</p> <p>(1) the respective proportions of men and women on the board, in senior executive positions and across the whole organisation (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or</p> <p>(2) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in and published under that Act.</p>	<p>... the fact that we have a diversity policy that complies with paragraph (a):  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>... and a copy of our diversity policy or a summary of it:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at this location: Diversity Policy link at:  <a href="http://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/">http://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/</a>  <hr/> <i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... the measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity set by the board or a relevant committee of the board in accordance with our diversity policy and our progress towards achieving them:  <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement: <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> at this location:  <hr/> <i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (c)(1) or (2):  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement: <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> at this location:  <hr/></p>	<p>... the fact that we have a diversity policy that complies with paragraph (a):  <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> at this location:  <hr/> <i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and a copy of our diversity policy or a summary of it:  <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: Diversity Policy link at:  <hr/> <i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>...in relation to item 1.5(c)...</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

	Corporate Governance Council recommendation	We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	We have <u>NOT</u> followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...
		<i>Insert location here</i>	
1.6	<p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the board, its committees and individual directors; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</p>	<p>... the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraph (b):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
1.7	<p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of its senior executives; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether a performance evaluation was undertaken in the reporting period in accordance with that process.</p>	<p>... the evaluation process referred to in paragraph (a):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraph (b):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

Corporate Governance Council recommendation	We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	We have <u>NOT</u> followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	
<b>PRINCIPLE 2 - STRUCTURE THE BOARD TO ADD VALUE</b>			
2.1	<p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a nomination committee which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; <b>OR</b></p> <p>(b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.</p>	<p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</p> <p>... the fact that we have a nomination committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and a copy of the charter of the committee:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location: <a href="http://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/">http://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/</a></p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</p> <p>... the fact that we do not have a nomination committee and the processes we employ to address board succession issues and to ensure that the board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

Corporate Governance Council recommendation	We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	We have <u>NOT</u> followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...
<p>2.2 A listed entity should have and disclose a board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills and diversity that the board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.</p>	<p>... our board skills matrix:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location: In the Board Charter, which can be found via the Board Charter link at:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
<p>2.3 A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors;</p> <p>(b) if a director has an interest, position, association or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 but the board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the director, the nature of the interest, position, association or relationship in question and an explanation of why the board is of that opinion; and</p> <p>(c) the length of service of each director.</p>	<p>... the names of the directors considered by the board to be independent directors:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... where applicable, the information referred to in paragraph (b):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... the length of service of each director:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
<p>2.4 A majority of the board of a listed entity should be independent directors.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the fact that we follow this recommendation: in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

Corporate Governance Council recommendation		We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	We have <u>NOT</u> followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...
2.5	The chair of the board of a listed entity should be an independent director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.	... the fact that we follow this recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: _____ <i>Insert location here</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
2.6	A listed entity should have a program for inducting new directors and provide appropriate professional development opportunities for directors to develop and maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as directors effectively.	... the fact that we follow this recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: _____ <i>Insert location here</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
<b>PRINCIPLE 3 – ACT ETHICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY</b>			
3.1	A listed entity should: (a) have a code of conduct for its directors, senior executives and employees; and (b) disclose that code or a summary of it.	... our code of conduct or a summary of it: <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at this location: Code of Conduct link at: <a href="http://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/">http://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/</a> _____ <i>Insert location here</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
<b>PRINCIPLE 4 – SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY IN CORPORATE REPORTING</b>			
4.1	The board of a listed entity should: (a) have an audit committee which: (1) has at least three members, all of whom are non-executive directors and a majority of whom are independent directors; and (2) is chaired by an independent director, who is not the chair of the board, and disclose: (3) the charter of the committee; (4) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and (5) in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met	[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):] ... the fact that we have an audit committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2): <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: _____ <i>Insert location here</i>  ... and a copy of the charter of the committee: <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: <a href="http://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/">http://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/</a> _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

Corporate Governance Council recommendation	We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	We have <u>NOT</u> followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...
<p>throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; <b>OR</b></p> <p>(b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.</p>	<p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</p> <p>... the fact that we do not have an audit committee and the processes we employ that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of our corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	
<p>4.2 The board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.</p>	<p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
<p>4.3 A listed entity that has an AGM should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.</p>	<p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity that does not hold an annual general meeting and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>



Corporate Governance Council recommendation	We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	We have <u>NOT</u> followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	
<b>PRINCIPLE 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE</b>			
5.1	A listed entity should: (a) have a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under the Listing Rules; and (b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.	... our continuous disclosure compliance policy or a summary of it: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: _____ <i>Insert location here</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
<b>PRINCIPLE 6 – RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS</b>			
6.1	A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	... information about us and our governance on our website: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> at these locations: _____ <i>Insert location here</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.2	A listed entity should design and implement an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors.	... the fact that we follow this recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: _____ <i>Insert location here</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement
6.3	A listed entity should disclose the policies and processes it has in place to facilitate and encourage participation at meetings of security holders.	... our policies and processes for facilitating and encouraging participation at meetings of security holders: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: _____ <i>Insert location here</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity that does not hold periodic meetings of security holders and this recommendation is therefore not applicable
6.4	A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	... the fact that we follow this recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> at this location: _____ <i>Insert location here</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement

Corporate Governance Council recommendation	We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	We have <u>NOT</u> followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	
<b>PRINCIPLE 7 – RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK</b>			
7.1	<p>The board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:</p> <p>(1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and</p> <p>(2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:</p> <p>(3) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(4) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; <b>OR</b></p> <p>(b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.</p>	<p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</p> <p>... the fact that we have a committee or committees to oversee risk that comply with paragraphs (1) and (2):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and a copy of the charter of the committee:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]</p> <p>... the fact that we do not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) and the processes we employ for overseeing our risk management framework:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
7.2	<p>The board or a committee of the board should:</p> <p>(a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound; and</p> <p>(b) disclose, in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.</p>	<p>... the fact that we follow this recommendation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
7.3	<p>A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) if it has an internal audit function, how the</p>	<p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]</p> <p>... how our internal audit function is structured and what role</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate</p>

Corporate Governance Council recommendation	We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	We have <u>NOT</u> followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...
<p>function is structured and what role it performs; <b>OR</b> (b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its risk management and internal control processes.</p>	<p>it performs:  <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> at this location:  _____ <i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):]  ... the fact that we do not have an internal audit function and the processes we employ for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of our risk management and internal control processes:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> at this location:  _____ <i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p>Governance Statement</p>
<p>7.4 A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.</p>	<p>... whether we have any material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks and, if we do, how we manage or intend to manage those risks:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> at this location:  _____ <i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
<p><b>PRINCIPLE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBLY</b></p>		
<p>8.1 The board of a listed entity should: (a) have a remuneration committee which:  (1) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent directors; and  (2) is chaired by an independent director, and disclose:  (3) the charter of the committee;  (4) the members of the committee; and</p>	<p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (a):]  ... the fact that we have a remuneration committee that complies with paragraphs (1) and (2):  <input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> at this location:  _____ <i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>... and a copy of the charter of the committee:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

Corporate Governance Council recommendation	We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	We have <u>NOT</u> followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...
<p>(5) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; <b>OR</b></p> <p>(b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location: ... and the information referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location: _____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p> <p>[If the entity complies with paragraph (b):] ... the fact that we do not have a remuneration committee and the processes we employ for setting the level and composition of remuneration for directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location: _____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	
<p>8.2 A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives.</p>	<p>... separately our remuneration policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive directors and the remuneration of executive directors and other senior executives:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> at this location: <a href="https://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/">https://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/</a> _____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>

Corporate Governance Council recommendation		We have followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...	We have <u>NOT</u> followed the recommendation in full for the whole of the period above. We have disclosed ...
8.3	<p>A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:</p> <p>(a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.</p>	<p>... our policy on this issue or a summary of it:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at this location:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><i>Insert location here</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> we do not have an equity-based remuneration scheme and this recommendation is therefore not applicable <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> we are an externally managed entity and this recommendation is therefore not applicable</p>
<b>ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES APPLICABLE TO EXTERNALLY MANAGED LISTED ENTITIES</b>			
-	<p><i>Alternative to Recommendation 1.1 for externally managed listed entities:</i></p> <p>The responsible entity of an externally managed listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) the arrangements between the responsible entity and the listed entity for managing the affairs of the listed entity;</p> <p>(b) the role and responsibility of the board of the responsible entity for overseeing those arrangements.</p>	<p>... the information referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at [<i>insert location</i>]</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>
-	<p><i>Alternative to Recommendations 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 for externally managed listed entities:</i></p> <p>An externally managed listed entity should clearly disclose the terms governing the remuneration of the manager.</p>	<p>... the terms governing our remuneration as manager of the entity:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in our Corporate Governance Statement <b>OR</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> at [<i>insert location</i>]</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> an explanation why that is so in our Corporate Governance Statement</p>

## 2019 Corporate Governance Statement

---

The Board of Abilene Oil and Gas Limited (**Abilene** or the “**Company**”) is responsible for the overall corporate governance of the Company. The Board believes that good corporate governance helps ensure the future success of the Company, adds value to stakeholders and enhances investor confidence.

The ASX Listing Rules require listed companies to prepare a statement disclosing the extent to which they have complied with the recommendations of the ASX Corporate Governance Council (**Recommendations**) during the reporting period. The Recommendations are not prescriptive, such that if a company considers a recommendation to be inappropriate having regard to its own circumstances, it has the flexibility not to follow it. Where a company has not followed all the Recommendations, it must identify which Recommendations have not been followed and provide reasons for not following them.

This Corporate Governance Statement (**Statement**) discloses the extent to which Abilene has followed the Recommendations, or where appropriate, indicates a departure from the Recommendations with an explanation. This Statement should be read in conjunction with the material on our website <https://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/>, including the 2019 Annual Report.

This Statement is current as at 30 September 2019 and has been approved by the Board of Directors of Abilene Oil and Gas Limited.

### **PRINCIPLE 1: LAY SOLID FOUNDATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT**

#### **Recommendation 1.1 - Role of the Board and Management**

The role of the Board is to provide overall strategic guidance and effective oversight of management.

The Board has a formal Board Charter which is available on our website at <https://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/>.

The Board charter sets out the specific responsibilities of the Board, requirements as to the Board’s composition, the roles and responsibilities of the Chairperson and Company Secretary, the establishment, operation and management of Board Committees, details of the Board’s performance review and details of the Board’s disclosure policy.

The Board delegates responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Company and its business to the Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) (if applicable). The CEO is supported by the senior executive team and delegates authority to appropriate senior executives for specific activities. The Board maintains ultimate responsibility for strategy, control and risk profile of the Company.

#### **Recommendation 1.2: Appointment of Directors**

The Company has guidelines for the appointment and selection of the Board which require the Board to undertake appropriate checks before appointing a person or putting forward to security holders a candidate for election, as a Director.

We provide our shareholders with all material information relevant to a decision on whether or not to elect or re-elect a Director will be provided to security holders in a Notice of Meeting pursuant to which the resolution to elect or re-elect a Director will be voted on.

### **Recommendation 1.3: Appointment Terms**

Each director and senior executive is party to a written agreement with the Company which sets out the terms of that Director's or senior executive's appointment. Details of executive contracts in place are detailed in the Company's Annual Remuneration Report in the June 2019 Annual Report.

### **Recommendation 1.4: Company Secretary**

The Board is supported by the Company Secretary, whose role includes supporting the Board on governance matters, assisting the Board with meetings and directors' duties, and acting as an interface between the Board and senior executives across the Group. The Board and individual Directors have access to the Company Secretary.

Under the Company's governance framework, the Company Secretary is accountable to the Board, through the Chair, on all matters regarding the proper functioning of the Board. The Board is responsible for the appointment of the Company Secretary.

Details regarding our Company Secretary, including experience and qualifications, is set out in the Directors' Report in our June 2019 Annual Report.

### **Recommendation 1.5: Diversity Policy**

The workforce of the Company comprises individuals with diverse skills, backgrounds, perspectives and experiences and this diversity is valued and respected.

The Diversity Policy is available on the Company's website at <https://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/>.

The current proportion of women on the Board, in senior executive positions and women across the entire organisation is as follows:

- Women on the Board – 0%
- Women in senior executive positions – 25%
- Women across the entire organisation – 25%

The Board has set the following diversity objectives:

- The Company is still in the process of developing measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity. The measurable objectives set by the Board will be included in the annual key performance indicators for the CEO (if applicable) and senior executives. In addition, the Board will review progress against the objectives in its annual performance assessment.

### **Recommendation 1.6: Board Performance Assessment**

The Board is committed to formally evaluating its performance, the performance of its committees (if applicable) and individual Directors, as well as the governance processes supporting the Board.

The review process involves:

- completion of a questionnaire/survey by each director, facilitated by the Company Secretary;
- the preparation and provision of a report to each director with feedback on the performance of the Board based on the survey results; and
- The Board meeting to discuss any areas and actions for improvement.

A Board performance assessment did not take place during FY2019, however the Company proposes to conduct the review in FY2020.

#### **Recommendation 1.7: Senior Executive Performance Assessment**

Senior Executives are appointed by the Board and their Key Performance Indicators (**KPI's**) contain specific financial and non-financial objectives.

These KPI's are reviewed annually by the Board.

Performance evaluations were not undertaken during the reporting period due to the Company not having any executives employed. Should the Company appoint any executive, the Company will conduct at that time.

### **PRINCIPLE 2 – BOARD STRUCTURE**

#### **Recommendation 2.1: Nomination Committee**

The Board is responsible for the duties that would ordinarily be carried out by a Nomination Committee, including reviewing processes for succession planning and ensuring the Board has the appropriate balance of skills, experience, independence and knowledge to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.

Due to the size and composition of the Company at the current time, a separate Nomination Committee has not been established. The Board will consider the need for a separate Committee at the appropriate time.

#### **Recommendation 2.2: Board Skills Matrix**

Given the size of the Board, a formal board skills matrix has not been adopted. However, the current Board of Directors bring an expansive range of relevant industry experience and other skills and experience in order to meet the Company's objectives.

To the extent that any skills are not directly represented on the Board, they are augmented through management and external advisors.

Full details of each Directors' relevant skills and experience are set out in the June 2019 Directors' Report.

#### **Recommendation 2.3: Independent Directors**

An independent director is a non-executive director who is not a member of management and free from any business or other relationship that could materially interfere with, or could reasonably be perceived to materially interfere with, the independent exercise of judgement.

The Board regularly assesses the independence of each Non-Executive Director in light of the information which each Director is required to disclose in relation to any material contract or other relationship with the Company in accordance with the director's terms of appointment, the Corporations Act 2001, and the Board Charter.

When appointing an independent director or reviewing the independence of its Directors, the Board will have



regard to the definition of independent director and the factors set out in the Recommendations, in particular the factors relevant to assessing the independence of a director set out in Recommendation 2.3.

The Board has two independent directors, Mr Peter Best (Non-Executive Director) and Mordechai Benedikt (Non-Executive Director).

Mr Paul Salter is not considered Independent as he is a substantial shareholder in the Company.

The Board considers the Non-Executive directors to be independent having regard to the indicia in Box 2.3 in the ASX Recommendations. The Board also considers that they are otherwise free from any business or other relationship that could materially interfere with, or reasonably be perceived to interfere with, the independent exercise of their judgement, and that each of these Directors is able to fulfil the role of independent Director for the purposes of the ASX Recommendations.

The Board's assessment of each current Director is set out below.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Appointment date</b>	<b>Status</b>
Paul Salter	Non - Executive Chairman	14 June 2013	Non - Independent
Peter Best	Non - Executive Director	11 June 2018	Independent
Mordechai Benedikt	Non - Executive Director	13 June 2013	Independent

#### **Recommendation 2.4: Majority Independence**

As at 30 June 2019, two of our three Directors are deemed independent and the Company does have a majority of independent directors.

The Company has a majority of independent directors on the Board consistent with Recommendation 2.4.

Further information regarding our Directors, including their experience and qualifications, is set out in the Directors' Report of our June 2019 Annual Report.

#### **Recommendation 2.5: Board Chair**

The Chairman, Mr Paul Salter, is considered a Non-independent Director. The Board recognises that it is desirable for the Chair of the Board to be Independent, the Company's current size dictates that this is the most efficient mode of operation at the current time. The Board will review the appointment of further Independent Directors subject to the Company's size and growth.

The Chair provides leadership to the Board in relation to all Board matters and is responsible for ensuring that the Board meets its responsibilities under the Board Charter. His role is set out in more detail in the Board Charter.

The Company does not currently have an employ a CEO.

#### **Recommendation 2.6: Induction, Education and Training**

In accordance with the Company's Board Charter, the Board is responsible for establishing and reviewing induction and continuing professional development programs and procedures for Directors to ensure that they can effectively discharge their responsibilities. The Board and the Company Secretary currently fulfils this role.

Directors are also encouraged to personally undertake appropriate training and refresher courses as appropriate

to maintain the skills required to discharge their obligations to the Company.

### **PRINCIPLE 3 – ACT ETHICALLY AND RESPONSIBLY**

#### **Recommendation 3.1: Code of Conduct**

The Board expects all directors, employees and contractors to act with the utmost integrity and objectivity, and in compliance with the letter and the spirit of the law and Company policies striving at all times to enhance the reputation and performance of the Company, in the following areas;

- Business ethics;
- Compliance with laws;
- Personal and professional conduct;
- Respect for others and improper behaviour;
- Dealings with suppliers, customers, advisers and regulators;
- Dealing with the community; and
- Dealing with other employees.

The Company and its directors have always promoted ethical and responsible decision-making and the Company's Code of Conduct and this may be viewed on the Company's website <https://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/>.

### **PRINCIPLE 4 – SAFEGUARD INTEGRITY IN CORPORATE REPORTING**

#### **Recommendation 4.1: Audit Committee**

It is the Board's responsibility to ensure that an effective internal control framework exists within the entity. This includes internal controls to deal with both the effectiveness and efficiency of significant business processes, the safeguarding of assets, the maintenance of proper accounting records, and the reliability of financial information as well as non-financial considerations such as the benchmarking of operational key performance indicators.

The Board is responsible for the duties that would ordinarily be carried out by an Audit Committee, including reviewing processes for succession planning and ensuring the Board has the appropriate balance of skills, experience, independence and knowledge to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.

Due to the size and composition of the Company at the current time, a separate Audit Committee has not been established. The Board will consider the need for a separate Committee at the appropriate time.

The Audit & Risk Committee Charter is available on the Company's website at <https://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/>.

#### **Recommendation 4.2: Assurances**

The Chairman and Company Secretary (CS) provide an annual declaration to the Board prior to the Board's approval of the Company's full year financial results. This process was followed for the June 2019 full year financial results, where the Chairman and CS provided a declaration to the Board that, in their opinion, the financial records have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company, and their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively. On this basis, the June 2019 full year financial results were approved by the Board.

#### **Recommendation 4.3: External Auditor**

Our external auditor, Grant Thornton (GT) attends our AGM and a representative is available to answer shareholder questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the auditor's report.

GT's independence declaration is contained in the Directors' Report in our June 2019 Annual Report.

The effectiveness, performance and independence of the external auditor is reviewed annually by the Board.

## **PRINCIPLE 5 – MAKE TIMELY AND BALANCED DISCLOSURE**

### **Recommendation 5.1: Continuous Disclosure Policy**

We are committed to providing information to shareholders and to the market in a manner that is consistent with the meaning and intention of the ASX Listing Rules and the Corporations Act.

To comply with these obligations, the Board has adopted a Continuous Disclosure Policy, which is available on our website at <https://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/>.

The Board has overarching responsibility for compliance with continuous disclosure obligations.

The Board is committed to the promotion of investor confidence by ensuring that trading in the Company's securities takes place in an efficient, competitive and informed market and in compliance with our Securities Trading Policy (as applicable). In accordance with continuous disclosure obligations under the ASX Listing Rules, the Company has procedures in place to ensure that all price sensitive information is identified, reviewed by management and disclosed to the ASX in a timely manner. The Company website includes a link to material information disclosed to the ASX.

## **PRINCIPLE 6 – RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS**

### **Recommendation 6.1: Information and Governance**

Information about the Company and its corporate governance policies is available on our website at <https://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/>.

The Company also maintains a Shareholder Centre page on our website to provide shareholders with links to ASX announcements, presentations and other key information.

### **Recommendation 6.2: Investor Relations**

We endeavour to communicate with shareholders and other stakeholders in an open, regular and timely manner so that the market has sufficient information to make informed investment decisions.

The Company has adopted a Shareholder Communications policy which aims to promote and facilitate effective two-way communication with investors. The policy outlines a range of ways in which information is communicated to shareholders and is available on the Company's website <https://www.abilene.com.au/corporate-governance/>.

### **Recommendation 6.3: Shareholder Meeting Participation**

Shareholders are forwarded the Company's Annual Report, if requested (it is otherwise made available on the Company's website), and documents relating to each general meeting, being the notice of meeting, any explanatory memorandum and a proxy form and shareholders are invited to attend these meetings.

The Board regards each general meeting as an important opportunity to communicate with shareholders and it provides a key forum for shareholders to ask questions about the Company, its strategy and performance. At shareholder meetings, the Company will provide an opportunity for shareholders and other stakeholders to hear from and put questions to the Board, management and if applicable our external auditor.

One of the Company's key communication tools is its website located at [www.abilene.com.au](http://www.abilene.com.au). The Company endeavours to keep its website up to date.

#### **Recommendation 6.4: Electronic Communication with Shareholders**

Security holders can register with the Company's Share Registry to receive and send communications electronically. Links are made available on the Company's website on which material information provided to the ASX is posted.

Shareholders queries should be referred to the Company Secretary at first instance.

### **PRINCIPLE 7 – RECOGNISE AND MANAGE RISK**

#### **Recommendation 7.1: Risk Committee**

Due to the size of the Company and its Board, the Board currently fulfil the roles and responsibilities in relation to risk.

The Company's current size dictates that this is the most efficient mode of operation at the current time. The Board will review the appointment of further Independent Directors should the Company's size and growth warrant this.

#### **Recommendation 7.2: Review of Risk Management Framework**

The Company's risk management framework is supported by the Board of directors and the management team. The Board is responsible for approving and review the Company's risk management strategy and policy. Management are responsible for monitoring that appropriate processes and controls are in place to effectively and efficiently manage risk.

The Company regularly undertake reviews of its risk management framework to establish an effective and efficient system for:

- (i) identifying, assessing, monitoring and managing risk; and
- (ii) disclosing any material change to the Company's risk profile

An assessment of the Company's risk management framework is undertaken and reviewed by the Board, covering all aspects of the business including strategic level risks.

#### **Recommendation 7.3: Internal Audit**

The Company did not have an internal audit function for the past financial year. Due to the size of the Company, the Board does not consider it necessary to have an internal audit function.

The Board will monitor the need for an internal audit function having regard to the size, location and complexity of the Company's operations and the Board will periodically undertake an internal review of financial systems and processes. Where systems are considered to require improvement, these systems are developed.

**Recommendation 7.4: Economic, Environmental and Social Sustainability Risk**

The Company has no material exposure to economic, environmental and social sustainability risks.

**PRINCIPLE 8 – REMUNERATE FAIRLY AND RESPONSIBILITY**

**Recommendation 8.1: Remuneration Committee**

A Remuneration Committee has not been established by the Board due to the current size and composition of the Company. The Board is responsible for the duties that would ordinarily be carried out by a Remuneration Committee, including determining Non-Executive Directors' fees in the limit approved by shareholders, remuneration levels of Directors and senior executives.

**Recommendation 8.2: Remuneration Policies and Practices**

Details of the Company's remuneration practices for its Directors and senior executives are disclosed in the Remuneration Report in the Company's Annual Report.

Separate disclosure regarding the remuneration of the Company's directors is disclosed in the Company's Annual report, as lodged with the ASX and issued to shareholders.

**Recommendation 8.3: Equity Based Remuneration Scheme**

The Company does not have an equity-based remuneration scheme in place.