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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

# SEC FORM 17-C

# **CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE** AND SRC RULE 17.2(c) THEREUNDER

- 1. August 20, 2021 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
- 2. SEC Identification Number 21134
- 3. BIR Tax Identification No. 000-234-398
- 4. VITARICH CORPORATION Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter
- 5. Bulacan, Philippines 6. Province, country or other jurisdiction Industry Classification Code: of incorporation
- 7. Marilao San Jose Road, Sta. Rosa I, Marilao, Bulacan 3019 Address of principal office Postal Code

# 8. (+632) 8843-3033

Issuer's telephone number, including area code

#### 9. Not applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA

Title of Each Class

Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding and Amount of Debt Outstanding

(SEC Use Only)

Common Stock Total Shares Issued and Outstanding

# 3,054,334,014

11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein: Item 9. Other Events

# **Item 9. Other Events**

In order to strengthen and ensure the Corporation's constant engagement with its shareholders, the Board of Directors, during its regular meeting held earlier today, August 20, 2021, approved and ratified the engagement of Onward Investor Relations, Inc. ("Onward IR") as its Investor Relations Consultant.

The Board of Directors further approved and ratified the following during the said meeting in order to strengthen compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance for Publicly Listed Companies and the Corporation's Amended Manual on Corporate Governance and to ensure the full, fair, accurate and timely report to the shareholders:

- 1. Creation of a Disclosure Committee composed of the following:
  - a. Mr. Ricardo Manuel M. Sarmiento President/CEO;
  - b. Ms. Marian A. Dionisio Comptroller;
  - c. Mr. Glenmark R. Seducon Chief Audit Executive;
  - d. Atty. Juan Arturo Iluminado C. De Castro Director/Counsel;
  - e. Atty. Mary Christine C. Dabu-Pepito Compliance Officer;
  - f. Ms. Emma Marie M. Suatengco Corporate Planning Officer;
  - g. Representatives from Onward IR Investor Relations Consultant.
- 2. Market Disclosure and Communications Manual.

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the Issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Registrant - VITARICH CORPORATION

By:

ATTY. MARY CHRISTINE DABU-PEPITO Assistant Corporate Secretary, Corporate Information Officer and Compliance Officer

Date: August 20, 2021



# Market Disclosure and Communications Manual

#### **Brief description**

This document describes the processes designed to ensure that Vitarich Corporation meets the continuing disclosure requirements of the Philippine Stock Exchange and outlines the way in which information is communicated to the public.

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# Market Disclosure and Communications

# 1. Background

Vitarich Corporation (the "Company") is listed on the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE).

The Company has established policies, procedures, and processes to ensure compliance with all relevant disclosure obligations and maintain effective communication with its shareholders and stakeholders. This document summarizes the practices followed by the Company for such communication.

# 2. Market Disclosure and Communication Policy Statement

# **Commitment to continuous disclosure**

Vitarich Corporation is committed to timely, full, fair, and accurate disclosure to the public of all material information about the Company including non-financial information, with emphasis on the management of economic, environment, social and governance issues of the business, which underpin sustainability.

Vitarich Corporation will, subject to the exceptions set out in the applicable listing rules and regulations, immediately notify the market, by announcing to the Philippine Stock Exchange, any material information or development related to the business of the Company which:

- could result in a change in the trading or market value of the issuer's securities; or
- would potentially affect the investment decision of an investor.

# **Policy objectives**

- To ensure that Vitarich Corporation and its businesses address and comply with applicable legal, regulatory, corporate, securities, and other compliance matters;
- To emphasize the importance of disclosure and communication in sustainable value creation for shareholders by integrating it with the Company's long-term strategic goals, governance and performance objectives, operational policies, and other management practices; and
- To ensure collaboration and proactive management of all key opportunities and risks.

# 3. Market Disclosure Approach

# Key corporate governance standards on disclosure and transparency

Vitarich Corporation has adopted a system of corporate governance that is designed to:

- enhance company disclosure policies and procedures;
- strengthen the external auditor's independence and improving audit quality;
- increase focus on non-financial and sustainability reporting; and
- promote a comprehensive and cost-efficient access to relevant information.

# **Disclosure Committee**

The Chief Executive Officer has established a Disclosure Committee which is responsible for ensuring that Vitarich Corporation is in compliance with its disclosure obligations. Specifically, the Disclosure Committee:

- ensures that appropriate procedures and processes are in place for the identification and disclosure of all material information;
- develops an indicative list of potential events and situations which may require disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange;
- reviews information, including relevant facts and circumstances to determine whether a disclosure obligation applies;
- oversees the internal controls that support the integrity of disclosable information.

# Identification of disclosable information

The Compliance Officer monitors and identifies, on an ongoing basis, disclosable information for evaluation of the Disclosure Committee.

# **Disclosure to the regulators**

The Compliance Officer is responsible for ensuring that disclosure requirements are communicated to the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Philippine Stock Exchange in accordance with applicable laws, listing rules, and regulations.

# **Disclosures on the website**

Information disclosed to the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Philippine Stock Exchange is posted and maintained on the Company website in accordance with regulatory requirements.

The Company's website address is: www.vitarich.com

# **Trading halt**

If a material development or event happened during trading hours, it may be necessary to request a trading halt from the Philippine Stock Exchange to facilitate fair, orderly, and informed investment decisions. The Chief Executive Officer will make decisions relating to a trading halt.

# 4. Communication Approach

# Authorized spokespersons

Only the Chief Executive Officer or delegates can authorize official company communication, such as press release and disclosure filing. Only those who have prior approval are authorized to make any public statement on behalf of, or attributable to the Company.

A list of approved spokespersons can be obtained from either the Compliance Officer or the Investor Relations Office.

# Communication with shareholders and stakeholders

To foster communication between Vitarich Corporation and the investment community, Vitarich Corporation uses the following channels of communication: the disclosure facility of the Philippine Stock Exchange, Annual General Meeting of the stockholders, Company website, and press releases.

Other engagement activities include but not limited to meetings, briefings, results presentations, roadshows, conferences, analyst days, e-mail, telephone and video calls. In these engagement activities, the following protocols apply:

- no material information will be communicated unless it has been previously or is simultaneously disclosed to the Philippine Stock Exchange;
- forward looking statements or soft information must emphasize the nature of such information and that the information is subject to change; and
- presentations used will be uploaded on the Company website.

# **Rumors and market speculation**

Subject to its continuous disclosure obligations, Vitarich Corporation will not generally comment on rumors or market speculation.

# **Blackout period**

Vitarich Corporation observes "blackout" periods while in possession of material nonpublic information. Prior to the release of such information, the Company will limit communications and will not comment on the information or the relevant topic of the announcement, including but not limited to the financial results or undisclosed forecasts or targets. During these "blackout" periods, Company directors and officers are prohibited from trading in the Company's securities for two to three trading days.

# 5. Review

This Market Disclosure and Communications manual is reviewed annually, or more often if warranted, to determine necessary and appropriate changes to ensure that the Company's internal processes remain effective to support disclosure obligations and communication needs.

# 6. Additional information

For any questions related to this document, please contact:

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