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MSWG lauds new code on corporate governance

PETALING JAYA: The new Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance 2012 (MCCG 2012) will help to provide better transparency and will benefit all shareholders of public listed companies, said Minority Shareholders Watchdog Group (MSWG) chief executive officer Rita Benoy Bushon.

“It is a good thing and raises the bar for corporate governance,” she said.

Bushon also said it was not difficult for companies to make a transition to the principles and recommendations elaborated in the new code. “Good companies are already practising this.”

The MCCG 2012, which aims to strengthen the board effectiveness of listed firms, will supercede the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance 2007.

The MCCG 2012 will take effect on Dec 31, and sets out broad prin-

ciples and specific recommendations on structures and processes which companies should adopt in making good corporate governance an integral part of their business dealings and culture.

The Securities Commission had said this new code on corporate governance focused on clarifying the role of the board in providing leadership, enhancing board effectiveness through strengthening its composition and reinforcing its

independence.

It also encourages companies to put in place corporate disclosure policies that embody principles of good disclosure.

Companies are encouraged to make public their commitment to respecting shareholder rights.

Listed companies are required to report on their compliance with the principles and recommendations of the MCCG 2012 in their annual reports.