

## **Ms. Sujatha Sekhar A/P Tan Sri B.C. Sekhar**

### **Independent, Non-Executive Director**

Ms. Sujatha Sekhar A/P Tan Sri B.C. Sekhar who 62 years old and of Malaysian nationality was appointed to the Board of Directors of Metrod on 29 November 2022. She is also a member of the Audit Committee and Chairperson of the Nominating and Remuneration Committee of Metrod.

A seasoned legal and capital markets professional, Sujatha brings extensive expertise in policy and strategy development, governance and sustainability, compliance, and dispute resolution. She currently operates her own advisory and consultancy services in these areas.

She is currently the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Malaysian Institute of Corporate Governance (MICG). A strong advocate of mediation as an effective and practical mode to resolve disputes, she has been a Non-Executive Independent Director of Ombudsman for Financial Services (OFS) since September 2020, continuing to serve as an independent director with the Financial Markets Ombudsman Service (FMOS), the recently integrated dispute resolution entity for the financial and capital markets (merging OFS and SIDREC). She is also an independent director on the Board of Hextar Technologies Solutions Berhad.

With over 31 years of experience in legal, governance and capital market work, she brings a depth of experience and a practical and holistic understanding of financial markets, the regulatory framework, and investor concerns. Her career spans leadership roles, including as Chief Governance Officer & Group General Counsel of a glove manufacturing company, bringing her experience in governance and compliance work to the manufacturing sector, advising and guiding the company through its ESG and broader sustainability journey. She was also part of a founding team of a fintech start up and digital asset platform, responsible for developing the risk and compliance framework for the platform.

From 2013 to 2019, she served as CEO of Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC), steering its dispute resolution services to align with international best practices and capital market developments. She continues to contribute to this sector as a board member of FMOS. Her prior work as a regulator at the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC), included advisory and reform work across the Market Policy and Development, the General Counsel's Office, and the Corporate Finance and Investments, business groups. She played a direct role in major policy initiatives and reform efforts at the SC and continues to contribute to policy work in the capital market. She currently sits on the SC's Corporate Governance Council and is a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors' Task Force on Statement on Risk Management & Internal Control (SORMIC) Revision Project Management.

Sujatha holds an LLB (Hons) from the University of London and was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1989, re-qualifying with the Law Society of England and Wales as a Solicitor in 1990. She was called to the Malaysian Bar in 1998 and is a qualified mediator and trainer accredited by the Bar Council's Malaysian International Mediation Centre.

She attended all six Board of Directors' meetings held during the financial year ended 31 December 2024.