



STRENGTHENING OUR CORE GROWING OUR BUSINESS



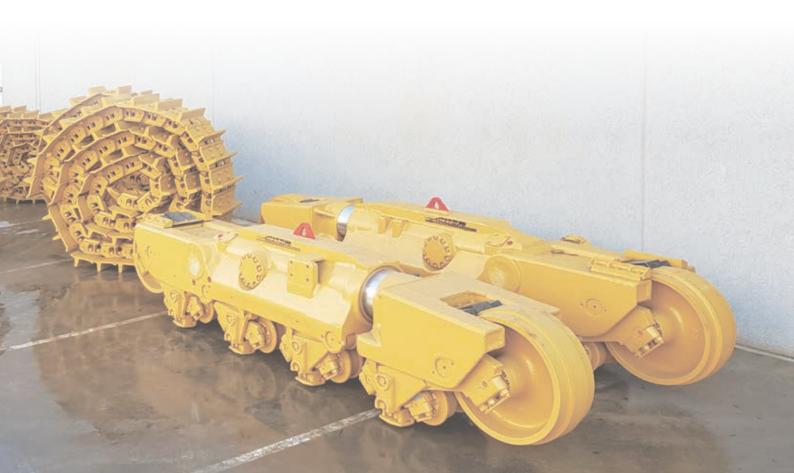
# **CORPORATE PROFILE**

Hoe Leong Corporation Ltd. (the "Company", and together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") specialises in the supply of undercarriage products and other spare parts of heavy equipment and industrial machinery. The Group has a proven track record of operational effectiveness and innovation, offering genuine cost savings and solutions to customers without compromising on quality.

The Group distributes an extensive range of equipment parts for heavy equipment and industry machinery (such as bulldozers, excavators, wheel loaders, crushers and screening plants) produced by international equipment makers such as Caterpillar, Cummins, Hitachi, Hyster, Kato, Kobelco, Komatsu, Mitsubishi, P&H and Sumitomo. Our extensive range of equipment parts includes track chains and groups, track and carrier rollers, crawler shoes, sprockets, grouser parts and idlers.

The Group has manufacturing facilities in China (since 2004) and South Korea (since 2011) which manufacture and deliver quality equipment parts under in-house brands, KBJ, Rossi and OEM to our customers around the world. The Group also distributes undercarriage components under in-house brand, MIZU. Our experience as equipment distributors enables us to understand the market better and put us in good stead to meet the changing requirements of our customers.

The Group markets its products directly to end-users in the construction, forestry, agriculture and mining industries as well as through distributors in Singapore and overseas markets including Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, United States of America and countries in Europe and the Middle East. Our wide procurement network and wholly-owned overseas manufacturing capabilities gives us greater control over cost and quality and enable us to respond swiftly to customers' needs.





## DEAR SHAREHOLDERS,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Hoe Leong Corporation Ltd. (the "Company", and together with its subsidiaries, the "Group"), I am pleased to present to you our annual report for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 ("FY2020").

## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The Group registered revenue from continuing operations (i.e. equipment parts segment) of \$\$43.2 million during FY2020 compared to \$\$53.2 million during the financial year ended 31 December 2019 ("FY2019"). The decrease by \$\$10.0 million or 18.9% is mainly due to a slowdown in global economy as a result of lockdown measures to curb the spread of Covid-19.

During FY2020, the Group registered loss before income tax from continuing operations of S\$0.8 million, compared to loss before income tax of S\$2.2 million for FY2019. Net profit for FY2020 was S\$2.1 million, compared to net loss of S\$16.9 million for FY2019, mainly due to gains an disposal of vessels of S\$3.1 million recognised during FY2020.

Financial position of the Group has improved with the Group registering positive working capital of \$\\$4.9 million as at the end of FY2020 (FY2019: -\$\\$4.0 million) and total equity of the Group increasing to \$\\$10.0 million as at 31 December 2020 from \$\\$7.1 million as at 31 December 2019.

#### **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

## **Equipment Parts Business**

FY2020 was marked by weak business and trade sentiments as a result of Covid-19. Activities at our customers' sites and even in our manufacturing facility in China was halted for a period of time during the year in view of national lockdowns. Although demand for the Group's heavy equipment parts were low, our respective sales teams in Singapore and around the region continued to engage our customers in every possible way. At the same time, the Group has been taking steps to streamline costs structures. The above initiatives are aimed towards improving the Group's market position and building a sustainable business model for the Group's equipment parts business.

# **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

# **Vessel Chartering Business**

The sale of all supply vessels under the vessel chartering segment, namely Arkstar Eagle 1, Arkstar Eagle 3, Arkstar Voyager and Arkstar Unicorn, were completed between March 2020 and October 2020. With the completion of vessel sales, the Group has divested its vessel chartering business and can re-focus and drive growth in the equipment parts segment, the Group's core business

## **Cost Management Measures**

As the global Covid-19 situation remains fluid, the Group continues to maintain a cautious outlook for FY2021. Notwithstanding the ongoing uncertainties, the Group continues to pursue cost management measures and will also explore additional means to shore up liquidity as necessary.

The disposal of slow-moving and obsolete inventories is one of the management's focuses. In addition to realising the value of the Group's inventories, this initiative enables the Group to optimise and free-up warehousing space and reduce associated costs. In July 2020, the Company returned some warehouse space to the landlord, deriving a cost saving of about \$\$0.2 million per annum. In June 2020, the management also implemented salary reduction mainly in the range of 5% to 10% for certain management personnel, deriving a cost saving of about \$\$0.1 million per annum.

## **CORPORATE ACTIONS**

On 21 December 2020, the Company entered into definitive agreements with Shing Heng Holdings Pte Ltd (the "Investor") for the proposed issuance of a S\$3 million convertible loan note and granting of a S\$9 million option to the Investor. On the same day, the Company also entered into definitive agreements with various lenders for the conversion of the remaining vessel-related loans amounting to \$\$1.9 million into ordinary shares and/or convertible bonds to be issued by the Company. The above transactions are subject to the fulfilment of conditions precedent under the definitive agreements entered into, such as the receipt of approval in-principle from relevant authorities and approval of shareholders in

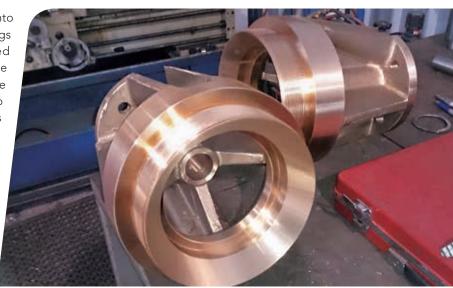
a general meeting. The proposed transactions above are expected to improve the financial position of the Group. Please refer to the Company's SGXNet announcement dated 21 December 2020.

The trading of the Company's shares is suspended since September 2019. On 13 January 2021, the Company has submitted its resumption proposal to the SGX-ST. The Company will make further announcements to update shareholders when there are material updates on the above matters.

## **APPRECIATION**

As the Company's turnaround journey continues, I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to my fellow directors for the advice and guidance provided during the year. Also, I wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr Ang Mong Seng, who will be retiring as director of the Company upon the conclusion of the forthcoming annual general meeting, for his contributions to the Board since 2005. I would also like to thank all our customers, suppliers and shareholders for the unwavering support and trust. Last but not least, my appreciation goes to the management team, staff and our professional parties for their dedication and hard work. Looking ahead, the Group will remain vigilant to market developments and for opportunities to grow our business locally and regionally.

# Liew Yoke Pheng Joseph Executive Chairman and CEO

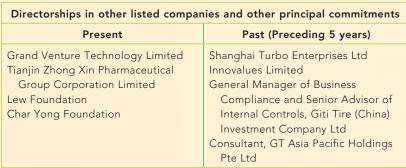


# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr Liew Yoke Pheng Joseph was appointed as Executive Director on 23 October 2019 and was appointed as Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Executive Chairman on 25 October 2019 and 1 November 2019 respectively. His appointments were ratified in an extraordinary general meeting on 4 September 2020.

Mr Liew is a seasoned business and strategic management leader, passionate in the fields of information technology, corporate governance, finance and accounting. He held various senior management positions of multinational companies based in Singapore and China. He had turned around businesses, managed growth and business transformation for companies in the Asia Pacific region and beyond.

Mr Liew graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce (Accountancy) from Singapore Nanyang University in 1980. He is a Certified Information Systems Auditor; Certified Fraud Examiner; Fellow of the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants; Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and member of the Singapore Institute of Directors.







Mr Choy Bing Choong was appointed as Independent Director on 1 September 2019 and was appointed as the Lead Independent Director on 1 November 2019. He was last re-elected on 24 June 2020.

Mr Choy has 30 years of experience in a variety of roles in multiple industries and countries. He is a director and the Group Chief Operating Officer of Natural Cool Holdings Limited where he has been for the last 7 years. Prior to that, he served 8 years in the corporate finance department at CIMB Bank Berhad, Singapore Branch where he last held the position of Director, Corporate Finance and served 3 years in the Corporate and Capital Markets Group at Rajah & Tann. He has worked in China, the United Kingdom and Indonesia.

Mr Choy graduated with a Bachelor of Accountancy Degree from the National University of Singapore in 1990. He is a Fellow Chartered Accountant of Singapore and a member of the Singapore Institute of Directors.

Mr Choy Bing Choong Age 55 Lead Independent Director

Directorships in other listed companies and other principal commitments			
Present Past (Preceding 5 years)			
Hiap Tong Corporation Ltd HMK Energy Pte Ltd			
Zhongmin Baihui Retail Group Ltd P.T. Harpindo Mitra Kharisma			
Neo Group Limited HMK Investments Ltd.			
Natural Cool Holdings Limited Natural Cool Holdings Limited			

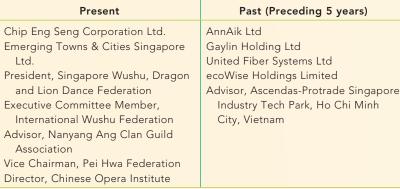
# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

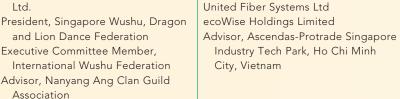
Mr Ang Mong Seng was appointed as Independent Director on 29 September 2005 and was last re-elected on 29 April 2019.

Mr Ang is a former Member of Parliament for the Bukit Gombak ward under the Hong Kah Group Representation Constituency. He is the ex-Chairman of Hong Kah Town Council and has more than 33 years of experience in estate management.

Mr Ang graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Nanyang University in 1973.

Directorships in other listed companies and other principal commitments				
Present	Past (Preceding 5 years)			
Chip Eng Seng Corporation Ltd. Emerging Towns & Cities Singapore Ltd. President, Singapore Wushu, Dragon and Lion Dance Federation Executive Committee Member, International Wushu Federation Advisor, Nanyang Ang Clan Guild Association Vice Chairman, Pei Hwa Federation Director, Chinese Opera Institute	AnnAik Ltd Gaylin Holding Ltd United Fiber Systems Ltd ecoWise Holdings Limited Advisor, Ascendas-Protrade Singapore Industry Tech Park, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam			





Mr Ang Mong Seng Age 71 Independent Director

Mr Lee Chin Chai was appointed as Independent Director on 1 November 2019 and was last re-elected on 24 June 2020.

He was most recently CEO of AWWA, a social service agency, which provides life cycle services to more than 10,000 clients and has a staff strength exceeding 650. He holds membership on various Boards and management committees to render his expertise in strategy and transformation, audit and finance management, human resources and remuneration and operations management. He has more than 20 years of experience in transforming and growing businesses both in Singapore and across the Asia Pacific region and had taken on various executive leadership roles with multinational companies.

Mr Lee graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from the National University of Singapore in 1997 and has a Master of Science Degree from the CUNY Baruch College. He is a member of the Singapore Institute of Directors.



Mr Lee Chin Chai Age 48 Independent Director

Directorships in other listed companies and other principal commitments				
Present	Past (Preceding 5 years)			
Executive Director, iConnecx Pte L	td Audit Committee Chairman,			
Board member and Chairman	Trinity Theological College			
(Audit Committee),	Chief Executive Officer, AWWA			
New Hope Community Service	Vice President, Hewlett Packard			
Board member and Chairman				
(Audit Committee),				
St Francis Methodist School				

# **KEY EXECUTIVES**

#### Chin Yon Fei\*

Director of Sales and Marketing, Hoe Leong Corporation Ltd.

Mr Chin joined the Group in November 2020 and oversees the Group's sales and marketing functions. He has more than 25 years of financial control, business strategy and operation management experience and was heavily involved in the formulation of strategic business planning directions for International Sales & Marketing Division and major corporate decision-making for his previous employers. Mr Chin graduated with a Bachelor of Accounting Degree from the University of Malaya and is a member of the Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and an associate member of the Singapore Institute of Directors.

# Wu Peicong\*

Group Financial Controller, Hoe Leong Corporation Ltd.

Mr Wu joined the Group in August 2020 and is in charge of the Group's financial and corporate affairs, including financial reporting, tax, internal controls and corporate governance. He began his career as an auditor with a mid-tier audit firm in 2005 and had been the financial controller of 2 other listed companies in Singapore. Mr Wu is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and a non-practising Chartered Accountant of Singapore. He obtained his Master of Science in Professional Accountancy Degree from University of London in 2017.

# Hang Lae Cho

President, Korea Crawler Track Ltd ("KCT")

Mr Cho joined the Group in 2010 to spearhead the establishment of KCT. Since his appointment, he has been instrumental in improving the operational effectiveness and efficiency of the manufacturing facility and expanding its customer base. Before joining KCT, he had worked in the undercarriage industry for more than 13 years, overseeing the management of sales, production and operations. Mr Cho holds a Bachelor Degree in International Trade from the University of Kyungnam, South Korea.

#### Tao Sixia

Deputy General Manager, Kunshan Kanto Buhan Manufacturing Co., Ltd ("KKBM")

Ms Tao joined KKBM in 2007 and was responsible for the human resources and administration functions. Presently, she is the Deputy General Manager in charge of manufacturing operations of KKBM. Before joining the Group, she worked as a human resources and administration manager for 2 years in the machinery industry. Ms Tao holds a Bachelor's Degree in Management from Nanjing University.

### David Burgemeister

Branch Manager (Queensland), Trackspares (Australia) Pty Ltd ("TSA")

Mr Burgemeister joined TSA as Branch Manager (Queensland) in December 2020. Before joining TSA, he was Branch Manager (based in Yatala, Queensland) of ITM Mining for 2 years. Prior to that, he was the Undercarriage Product Specialist for Hastings Deering for 8 years. Mr Burgemeister has more than 30 years of Caterpillar dealership experience in various roles from parts and new equipment sales, rental stores and in service operations. He holds a trade certificate that qualifies him as a High Speed Diesel Mechanic and has obtained Certificate 4 in Frontline Management.

## Justin Raath

Branch Manager (Western Australia), Trackspares (Australia) Pty Ltd

Mr Raath joined Trackex Pty Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of TSA, as Machinist in October 2016 and rose through the ranks to become the Branch Manager (Western Australia) of TSA in August 2019. Prior to this, he worked as the Workshop Manager of Savage Engineering for 6 years and at a mining site at Koolyanobbing for BGC Contracting for 2 years. Mr Raath has 19 years of experience in manufacturing and maintaining mobile/fixed/robotic plant equipment. He holds a GCE 'A' Levels certificate and obtained several trade certificates related to his expertise.

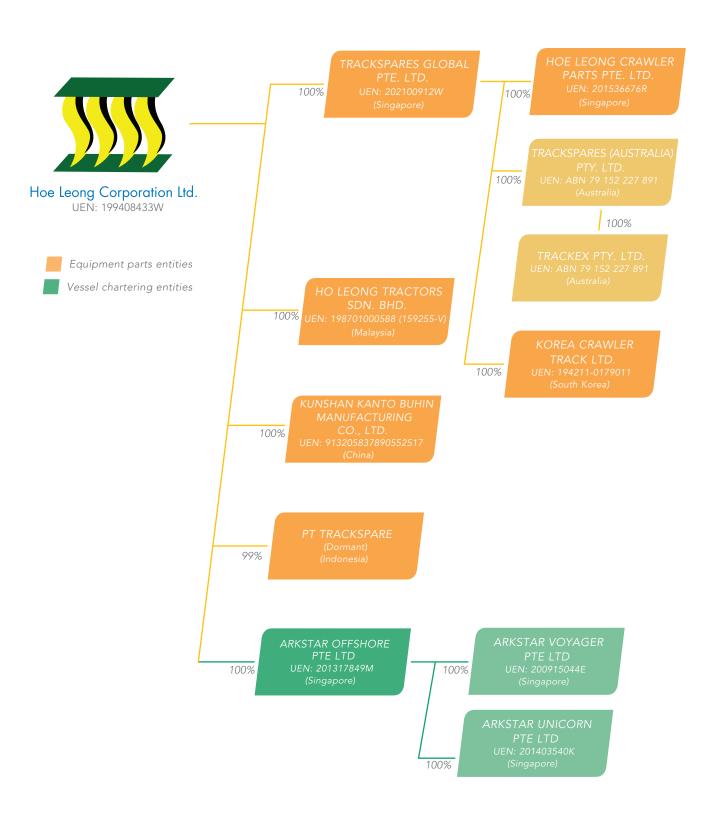
# Goh Chu Haw

Director,
Ho Leong Tractors Sdn Bhd ("HLT")

Mr Goh joined HLT as General Manager in April 2007 and was appointed Director on October 2020. He has more than 25 years of experience in the heavy equipment business. Before joining HLT, he was with a Caterpillar dealer for Malaysia and undertook various roles ranging from information technology, service, parts sales, branch management, engine marketing and product management. Mr Goh holds a Degree in Computer Science and Economics from Keele University, United Kingdom.

<sup>\*</sup> Key management personnel

# **GROUP STRUCTURE**



#### Note

An extraordinary general meeting and a creditors' meeting will be held on 19 April 2021 to seek approval for the voluntary winding-up of the vessel chartering entities and for the appointment of liquidators.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	FY2020 S\$'000	FY2019 S\$'000	Change S\$'000	Change %
Continuing operations				
Revenue	43,168	53,241	(10,073)	(18.9)
Cost of sales	(35,115)	(42,664)	7,549	(17.7)
Gross profit	8,053	10,577	(2,524)	(23.9)
Other income	1,382	255	1,127	442.0
Distribution expenses	(3,147)	(3,921)	774	(19.7)
Administrative expenses	(5,078)	(5,343)	265	(5.0)
Other expenses	(1,227)	(2,872)	1,64 <mark>5</mark>	(57.3)
mpairment loss on trade receivables	(231)	(245)	<mark>1</mark> 4	(5.7)
Results from operating activities	(248)	(1,549)	<mark>1,3</mark> 01	(84.0)
— Finance income	_	5	(5)	N.M
Finance costs	(519)	(700)	<mark>1</mark> 81	(25.9)
Net finance costs	(519)	(695)	176	(25.3)
Loss before income tax	(767)	(2,244)	<mark>1</mark> ,477	(65.8)
Income tax expense	(183)	(267)	84	(31.5)
Loss from continuing operations	(950)	(2,511)	1,561	(62.2)
Discontinued operation				
Profit/(Loss) from discontinued operation				
(net of tax)	3,036	(14,370)	N.M	N.M
Profit/(Loss) for the year	2,086	(16,881)	N.M	N.M
tems that are or may be reclassified				
subsequently to profit or loss:				
Foreign currency translation differences	707	(40)		
arising from foreign operations —	786	(43)	N.M	N.M
Other comprehensive income, net of ncome tax	786	(43)	N.M	N.M
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Total comprehensive income for the year	2,872	(16,924)	N.M	N.M
Total comprehensive income attributable to:				
Owners of the Company	2,872	(16,924)	N.M	N.M

#### **REVENUE**

Revenue from continuing operations (i.e. equipment parts segment) decreased by \$\$10.0 million or 18.9% from \$\$53.2 million during FY2019 to \$\$43.2 million during FY2020. The decrease in revenue is mainly due to a slowdown in global economic as a result of lockdown measures to curb the spread of Covid-19.

#### **COST OF SALES**

Cost of sales decreased by S\$7.6 million or 17.7% from S\$42.7 million during FY2019 to S\$35.1 million during FY2020 and gross profit were S\$10.6 million (Gross profit margin: 19.9%) for FY2019 and S\$8.1 million (Gross profit margin: 18.7%) for FY2020. The reduction in gross profit margin is mainly due to increase in raw material costs.

#### OTHER INCOME

Other income increased by \$\$1.1 million from \$\$0.3 million during FY2019 to \$\$1.4 million during FY2020. This is mainly due to government grant income (relating to Covid-19 relief measures by governments) received amounting to \$\$0.9 million (FY2019: NIL).

#### **DISTRIBUTION EXPENSES**

Distribution expenses decreased by \$\$0.8 million or 19.7% from \$\$3.9 million during FY2019 to \$\$3.1 million during FY2020. The decrease is mainly due to decrease in advertising costs, sales commission, travelling and packing and delivery expenses in view of decreased operations.

# **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

Administrative expenses decreased by \$\$0.2 million or 5.0% from \$\$5.3 million during FY2019 to \$\$5.1 million during FY2020. The decrease is mainly due to reduction in salaries and related costs as a result of reduction in headcount in the equipment segment. There is also reduction in directors' remuneration following the resignation of certain executive directors of the Company in October 2019. The above decreases were partially offset by an increase in legal and professional fees.

### **OTHER EXPENSES**

Other expenses decreased by \$\$1.7 million from \$\$2.9 million during FY2019 to \$\$1.2 million during FY2020. The decrease is mainly due to a lower loss on deconsolidation of subsidiaries amounting to \$\$0.1 million recognised in FY2020 (FY2019: \$\$1.2 million) and foreign currency exchange gains amounting to \$\$0.3 million recognised in FY2020 (FY2019: Loss of \$\$1.1 million). The above decreases are partially offset by increase in repair and maintenance expenses by \$\$0.2

million in FY2020 mainly due to additional allowance for reinstatement costs.

#### **FINANCE COSTS**

Finance costs decreased by \$\$0.2 million or 24.0% from \$\$0.7 million during FY2019 to \$\$0.5 million during FY2020. The decrease in finance costs was mainly due to reduced utilisation of invoicing financing loans in view of decreased operations and decrease in interest rates for certain bank borrowings.

## PROFIT OR LOSS BEFORE TAX

As a result of the above, loss before income tax from continuing operations for FY2020 was \$\$0.8 million, while loss before income tax of \$\$2.2 million was registered for FY2019

#### **RESULTS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS**

Results from discontinued operations are as follows:

Vessel chartering segment	FY2020 S\$'million	FY2019 S\$'million
Revenue	0.5	9.2
Cost of sales	(0.6)	(7.8)
Impairment loss on vessels	-	(7.7)
Impairment loss on trade receivables	-	(5.5)
Gain on disposal of vessels	3.1	ı
Depreciation	-	(1.6)
Other expenses	_	(1.0)
Profit/(Loss) from discontinued operations	3.0	(14.4)

All supply vessels from the vessel chartering segment were in various stages of sales and mostly off-hire during FY2020. Revenue from vessel chartering services provided to certain hiree for certain periods of FY2020 were not recognised as the collection of sale proceeds is not probable. As a result, vessel chartering revenue of only \$\$0.5 million was registered during FY2020 (FY2019: \$\$9.2 million).

All vessels were disposed during FY2020 and a gain on disposal of S\$3.1 million was recognised.

There was no depreciation of vessels during FY2020 as the vessels had been reclassified from 'Property, plant and equipment' to 'Assets held for sale' at the end of FY2019.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	As at 31 December 2020 S\$'000	As at 31 December 2019 S\$'000	Change S\$'000	Change %
ASSETS			34 000	
Property, plant and equipment	10,550	12,016	(1,466)	(12.2)
Deferred tax assets	650	701	(51)	(7.3)
Non-current assets	11,200	12,717	(1,517)	(11.9)
Inventories	17,516	18,993	(1,477)	(7.8)
Trade and other receivables	10,142	11,542	(1,400)	(12.1)
Cash and cash equivalents	3,105	2,499	606	24.2
	30,763	33,034	(2,271)	(6.9)
Assets held for sale		6,909	(6,909)	N.M
Current assets	30,763	39,943	(9,180)	(23.0)
Total assets	41,963	52,660	(10,697)	(20.3)
EQUITY				
Share capital	114,461	114,461	_	_
Treasury shares	(55)	(55)	_	_
Currency translation reserve	(93)	(879)	786	(89.4)
Accumulated losses	(104,302)	(106,388)	2,086	(2.0)
Total equity	10,011	7,139	2,872	40.2
LIABILITIES				
Loans and borrowings	6,050	1,588	4,642	281.0
Deferred tax liabilities	39	38	1	2.6
Non-current liabilities	6,089	1,626	4,643	274.5
Trade and other payables	10,737	14,341	(3,604)	(25.1)
Loans and borrowings	11,519	25,922	(14,403)	(55.6)
Other provision	3,588	3,588	_	_
Current tax payable	19	44	(25)	(56.8)
Current liabilities	25,863	43,895	(18,032)	(41.1)
Total liabilities	31,952	45,521	(13,569)	(29.8)
Total equity and liabilities	41,963	52,660	(10,697)	(20.3)

## **NON-CURRENT ASSETS**

Non-current assets decreased by \$\$1.5 million from \$\$12.7 million as at 31 December 2019 to \$\$11.2 million as at 31 December 2020. Property, plant and equipment decreased by \$\$1.5 million from \$\$12.0 million as at 31 December 2019 to \$\$10.5 million as at 31 December 2020. The decrease was mainly due to depreciation amounting to \$\$1.9 million and disposal of plant and equipment of net book value amounting to \$\$0.3 million during FY2020. The above items were partially offset by

addition of plant and equipment amounting to \$\$0.4 million and translation difference on consolidation amounting to \$\$0.3 million.

# **CURRENT ASSETS**

Current assets decreased by \$\$9.1 million from \$\$39.9 million as at 31 December 2019 to \$\$30.8 million as at 31 December 2020. The decrease was mainly due to decrease in inventories, trade and other receivables and assets held for sale of \$\$1.4 million, \$\$1.4 million and

S\$6.9 million respectively. These increases were partially offset by increase in cash and cash equivalents of S\$0.6 million. The decrease in inventories was in tandem with the decreased level of operations.

Inventories turnover days was 183 days as at 31 December 2020 compared to 162 days as at 31 December 2019. Trade receivables' turnover days was 87 days as at 31 December 2020 compared to 74 days as at 31 December 2019. Assets held for sale amounting to \$\$6.9 million as at 31 December 2019 pertains to book values of 4 vessels from the vessel chartering segment. The sales of the vessels were completed during FY2020.

## **NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Non-current liabilities increased by \$\$4.5 million from \$\$1.6 million as at 31 December 2019 to \$\$6.1 million as at 31 December 2020. The increase is mainly due to increase in loans and borrowings by \$\$4.5 million mainly as a result of reclassification of non-current portion

of an outstanding term loan from current liabilities to non-current liabilities after waiver of financial covenants is granted by bank and receipt of a \$\$1 million loan from Shing Heng Holding Pte. Ltd.. The above increase is partially offset by decrease in lease liabilities by \$\$0.8 million and other bank borrowings by \$\$0.2 million.

#### **CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Current liabilities decreased by S\$18.0 million from S\$43.9 million as at 31 December 2019 to S\$25.9 million as at 31 December 2020. The decrease was mainly due to decrease in trade and other payables by S\$3.6 million and decrease in loans and borrowings by S\$14.4 million (Mainly due to repayment of vessel loans upon completion of vessel sales and reclassification of non-current portion of an outstanding term loan from current liabilities to non-current liabilities after waiver of financial covenants is granted by bank). Trade payables' turnover days was 36 days as at 31 December 2020 compared to 29 days as at 31 December 2019.

#### PROPERTIES HELD BY THE GROUP

Address	55 Greenwich Parade, Neerabup, Western Australia 6031	455 Jisu-Myeon, Jinju City, Gyeongnam, South Korea	No. 16 Jalan Firma 2/1, Kawasan Perindustrian Tebrau I, 81100 Johor Bahru, Malaysia
Description	Single storey office building with warehouse and workshop attached.	Two factory buildings; a 2-storey office building; a 2-storey building for ancillary purposes	Single storey detached factory with an annexed 2-storey office building (Block A); a 2-storey detached factory with an annexed 2-storey office building (Block B); and other ancillary structures.
Purpose to the Group	Western Australia branch office of TSA	Manufacturing facility of KCT	Rental to a related party
Tenure of land	Freehold	Freehold	Freehold
Estimated area ('000 square feet)			
– Land	41	135	75
- Floor	25	57	46
Purchase price of land (\$\$'000)	1,136	1,725	164
Development and directly attributable costs (S\$'000)	2,013	3,342	972
Carrying amount as at 31 December 2020 (\$\$'000)	1,851	4,453	648
Open market valuation as at 31 December 2020 (S\$'000)	2,100	4,507	3,937

# **CORPORATE INFORMATION**



## **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

ANG MONG SENG (Chairman) CHOY BING CHOONG LEE CHIN CHAI

### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

ANG SIEW KOON, ACIS

# REGISTERED OFFICE/ PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

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## **SHARE REGISTRAR**

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80 Robinson Road #02-00
Singapore 068898

## **DATE OF LISTING**

5 December 2005

### DATE OF INCORPORATION

18 November 1994

## **REGISTRATION NUMBER**

199408433W

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR**

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Singapore 048581
Partner-in-charge: Teo Han Jo
(Effective from reporting year ended 31 December 2019)

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## PRINCIPAL BANKERS

UNITED OVERSEAS BANK LIMITED

#### **BOARD STATEMENT**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Hoe Leong Corporation Ltd (the "Company", and together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") is pleased to present the Company's annual sustainability report for the reporting year ended 31 December 2020 ("FY2020"). This report describes the Company's sustainability practices with reference to the primary components set out in Listing Rule 711B of the SGX-ST Listing Manual on a 'comply or explain' basis, with particular focus on our commitment to working alongside our valued stakeholders to build a sustainable business.

Sustainability reporting enables us to build business resilience by identifying and responding to material risks and opportunities. The management determines the material economic, environmental, social and governance ("**EESG**") factors concerning our business. The Board oversees the management and monitoring of the material EESG factors and considers sustainability issues when formulating the Group's strategic direction and policies.

#### REPORTING METHODOLOGY

When preparing this report, the Group relied on internal data monitoring and verification to ensure the accuracy of data and information.

The Group has chosen to report on sustainability using the Global Reporting Initiative ("**GRI**") framework as it is a globally recognised sustainability reporting framework that provides detailed reporting guidance that are relevant to the Group's business. This report has been prepared in accordance with the GRI Standards: Core option and covered the sustainability values and performance of our Group for FY2020.

The Company has not sought external assurance for this report and may consider doing so in future.

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

The sustainability report forms part of the Company's Annual Report for FY2020 ("Annual Report 2020") and should be read in conjunction with Annual Report 2020.

The Company's Sustainability Team, consisting of our Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mr Liew Yoke Pheng Joseph, and our Executive Officers, namely Mr Wu Peicong and Mr Chin Yon Fei, are committed to listening to our stakeholders and welcome feedback on this report and with regards to our sustainability efforts. Please send us your comments and suggestions to: contact@hoeleong.com.

#### **ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE**

The Group specialises in the supply of undercarriage products and other spare parts of heavy equipment and industrial machinery and has a proven track record of operational effectiveness and innovation, offering genuine cost savings and solutions to customers without compromising on quality.

The Company is a member of Singapore Business Federation and Singapore National Employers Federation.

# **VISION AND MISSION**

The Company's sustainability values are incorporated in the Company's vision and mission statements.

#### Vision:

To be a globally regarded name in manufacturing and supply of engine and undercarriage parts for heavy machinery and equipment in our involved industries

#### Mission:

- To accomplish our vision through firm dedication to quality products and excellent customer service.
- To achieve sustainable financial growth through efficient financial management and strong corporate governance.
- To enhance shareholder value through diversification of our product range.
- To enhance customer satisfaction through distinctive value add propositions with strong focus on product quality and excellent customer services.
- To attract, develop and retain motivated and competent staff focused on achieving our goals.

## APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

## **Sustainability Reporting Process**



The Group strives to achieve our sustainability goals through the following approaches:

## Corporate governance

The Group views corporate accountability, transparency and sustainability as strategic tools for enhancing long-term shareholders' value and are committed to observing high standards of corporate governance.

The Group has established a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for Employees that states the fundamental principles of ethical and professional conduct expected of all employees covering areas such as responsibilities to the Group, confidentiality of information, anti-corruption and conflict of interest. Employees of the Group, including the directors, whose job responsibilities may give rise to conflict of interest are required to complete and submit an annual conflict of interest declaration to the Group's Human Resources Department.

The Group has in place an internal guide on matters that require the Board's approval. This would ensure that matters that are expected to have a material impact on the Group are carefully considered.

## **Enterprise Risk Management**

Risk analysis and management is undertaken within the Group as a source of sustainable business benefits and competitive advantage. The Group has in place an enterprise risk management framework which includes a set of processes to ensure that the Group is aware of, and attends to, current and emerging risks. The Group documents its significant risks, their mitigating measures, together with the risk owners and action plans to address these risks in a risk register and reports them to the Board annually.

# Whistle-Blowing Policy

The Group also has in place a whistle-blowing policy which is available on the Company's website. All concerns about possible improprieties can be communicated directly to the Lead Independent Director via: whistleblowing@hoeleong.com.

No significant matter was raised through the Group's whistle-blowing channels during FY2020.

# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

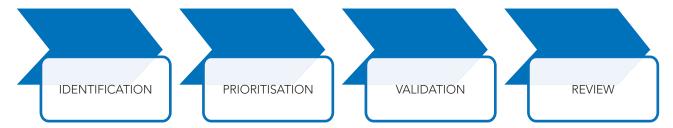
Sustainability is part of the Group's strategy to create long-term value for all our stakeholders. The interests and requirements of key stakeholders are taken into account when formulating strategies in order to foster mutually beneficial relationships.

The concerns and key topics of interest of the key stakeholders of the Group were evaluated regularly by the Sustainability Team. The Group adopts both formal and informal engagement channels to understand the needs of key stakeholders.

Stakeholders	Group's commitment	Topics of interest	Engagement channels
Customers	Maximise customers' satisfaction by effective execution and timely delivery of our products.	<ul> <li>Ability to meet customers' requirements in terms of pricing, quality and timeliness of delivery</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Regular dialogue and meetings with customers</li><li>Company's website</li></ul>
Employees	Provide our employees with safe and conducive working environment and fair remuneration and benefits.  Develop our employees to their fullest potential.	<ul> <li>Remuneration and benefits</li> <li>Workplace safety</li> <li>Open communications</li> <li>Talent retention and career progression</li> <li>Training and development</li> <li>Work-life harmony</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>On-boarding and orientation</li> <li>Get-together sessions</li> <li>On-the-job training</li> <li>Structured trainings</li> <li>Annual performance appraisal</li> </ul>
Regulators	Comply with the Listing Rules of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST.  Adhere to laws and regulations in jurisdictions where the Group operates.	<ul> <li>Corporate governance</li> <li>Regulatory compliance</li> <li>Anti-corruption and bribery</li> <li>Conflict of interest</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SGXNet announcements</li> <li>Annual reports and circulars</li> <li>Sustainability reports</li> <li>Seminars, trainings and dialogues organised by the relevant authorities</li> <li>'Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for Employees' of the Company</li> </ul>
Shareholders	Maximise shareholders' value through strengthening of our financial fundamentals.	<ul> <li>Business strategies and developments</li> <li>Financial performance and stability</li> <li>Risk management</li> <li>Corporate governance</li> <li>Regulatory compliance</li> </ul>	<ul><li>SGXNet announcements</li><li>Company's website</li><li>General meetings</li><li>Annual reports and circulars</li></ul>
Suppliers and vendors	Cultivate and maintain cordial relationships with our suppliers and vendors through adherence to trading norms.	<ul><li>Group's financial stability</li><li>Fair payment terms</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Regular dialogues and meetings with suppliers and vendors</li> <li>Quotations</li> <li>Suppliers' evaluation</li> </ul>

#### **MATERIALITY ASSESSMENT**

Our sustainability process begins with the identification of relevant aspects. Relevant aspects are then prioritised to identify material factors which are subject to validation. The end result of this process (as shown in the following diagram) is a list of material factors disclosed in the Sustainability Report.



The sustainability team, based on understanding of the business and stakeholders, identifies the material EESG factors. In determining whether the identified EESG factors are material and when prioritising them, the sustainability team examines the significance of the EESG factor's economic, environmental and social impacts and its influence on stakeholders.

Reference	Material factors	Pillar
1	Economic performance	Economic
2	Energy consumption	Environmental
3	Occupational health and safety	Social
4	Corporate governance	Governance

These material EESG factors are monitored and managed by the management regularly. The effectiveness of the approaches taken by the management are reviewed from time to time via various mechanisms such as benchmarking to market practices and norms as well as reviewing of stakeholders' feedback and performance indicators. We will continue to examine our material EESG factors periodically and will work to strengthen our sustainability management framework, processes and procedures.

#### **ECONOMIC**

### **Economic performance**

Our economic performance affects financial stability which in turn, has an impact on our ability to meet our financial obligations to various stakeholders, such as payment of salaries to our employees, settlement of invoices from suppliers, payment of taxes to the government and contributions to the local communities. To ensure financial stability, our finance team monitors the financial health of the Group, paying particular attention to working capital needs and credit risks.

During FY2020, the Group received government grants amounting to \$\$935,000 (FY2019: NIL). These are mainly relating to COVID-19 relief measures by governments, such as Jobs Credit Scheme in Singapore and JobKeeper in Australia.

For detailed financial results, please refer to the following sections in Annual Report 2020:

- 'Financial Review'; and
- 'Directors' Statement and Financial Statements'.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

# **Energy Consumption**

The sustainability team assessed the environmental effects of the Group's manufacturing activities in South Korea and China and concluded that energy consumption to be the largest contributor to the Group's environment footprint and will be working with the management of our overseas manufacturing facilities to implement initiatives to consume energy more efficiently and devise/select suitable efficiency indexes to keep track of our energy consumption.

#### SOCIAL

# Occupational health and safety

The Group is committed to workplace safety and health and take every precaution to prevent occupational injuries among our employees. The Group believe that a safe and conducive work environment can boost staff morale and productivity.

The Group put in place comprehensive safety measures to provide a safe and healthy working environment for all our employees. Such measures include:

For Korea Crawler Track Ltd ("KCT" - Manufacturing facility in South Korea)

- (a) conducting periodic and necessary risk assessments of the facility's operations to identify the risks and gaps, and implement mitigating procedures in order to achieve an accident-free environment or minimise risks to an acceptable level;
- (b) conducting regular safety meetings and providing sufficient management support and resources to plan, implement and execute safety measures in compliance with workplace health and safety legislations and other requirements; and
- (c) engaging an industrial safety company to conduct regular equipment checks and for other workplace safety related services.

For Kunshan Kanto Buhin Manufacturing Co., Ltd ("KKBM" - Manufacturing facility in China):

- (a) issuance of personal protective equipment for factory workers; and
- (b) procurement of social insurance and accident insurance for all employees

Both manufacturing facilities cultivate good safety habits through proper training, instruction and guidance.

Our employees are encouraged to report any work-related hazards and hazardous situations during safety meetings and training sessions and by any means and at any time to their direct supervisors and/ or President of KCT/Deputy General Manager of KKBM.

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In Singapore, the Company took up corporate schemes with Raffles Medical Group and Alliance Medinet Pte Ltd which own and/or operate a large network of clinics. All our employees in Singapore are also allowed to visit their preferred clinics for general medical consultation. Expenses incurred for traditional Chinese medicine consultation is also claimable under the Company's medical and dental benefits for staff. The Human Resources ("HR") Department monitors the frequency of consultations and if necessary, check if frequent consultations, especially by employees from the same department or work location, are related to work hazards that need to be addressed.

During FY2020, there are no major workplace accidents which resulted in serious injury, death or censuring by the relevant authorities and there are no fatalities as a result of work-related ill health. The Group strives to maintain this record in the coming years.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Board and the management of the Group are committed to employing the best practices of corporate governance to ensure sustainability of the Group's operations. During FY2019, we continued to adhere substantially to provisions of the Code of Corporate Governance 2018. Please refer to 'Corporate Governance Report' section of Annual Report 2020 for the Company's corporate governance values and practices.

## **OUR PEOPLE**

## **Engaged Workforce**

In building an engaged workforce, the Group is committed to providing equal opportunities to every employee regardless of background.

We are concerned with the wellbeing of our employees and have implemented a number of staff welfare initiatives, such as festive gifts. Our employees are entitled to medical benefits and covered by medical insurance. The Group provides our employees with maternity and paternity leaves and childcare leave in accordance with local laws and regulations.

## **Human Resource Statistics**

As at 31 December 2020, the Group has 151 permanent and full-time employees and does not have any temporary or part-time employees. The amount of work provided by casual labour is not significant.

Based on records maintained by HR personnel of our various group entities, a further breakdown of our workforce as at the end of our reporting periods are as follows:

Condo	FY2020		FY2019	
Gender	Number	%	Number	%
Male	109	72	138	75
Female	42	28	46	25
Total	151	100	184	100

Ni satis se altas s	FY2020		FY2019	
Nationality	Number	%	Number	%
Singaporean	14	9	18	10
South Korean	45	30	48	26
Chinese	29	19	42	23
Malaysian	30	20	32	17
Austrialian	24	16	30	16
Others	9	6	14	8
Total	151	100	184	100

Lorenth of control	FY2019		FY2018		
Length of service	Number	%	Number	%	
Less than 5 years	74	49	95	52	
5 years and above	77 51		89	48	
Total	151	100	184	100	

# **Board Diversity**

The Company recognises and embraces Board diversity and views Board diversity as an essential element in supporting the achievement of business objectives and sustainable development in the ever-changing business environment.

In reviewing the composition of the Board, the NC considers the benefits of Board diversity from a number of aspects, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of service. All Board appointments will be based on meritocracy, and candidates will be considered against objective criteria, having due regard for the benefits of diversity on the Board.

For more information about the Company's Board diversity practices, please refer to our commentaries under Provision 2.4 of 'Corporate Governance Report' section of Annual Report 2020.

### PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND TARGET SETTING

The Company's Sustainability Team comprises of mostly of executives who have joined the Group for less than 1 year. In the year ahead, the Sustainability Team will continue to gain a better understanding of the Group's operations and work towards sustainable development together with various business units of the Group. During this process, the Sustainability Team would also devise/ select various indexes to measure the Group's performance on material EESG factors. When adequate performance data is available, the next step would be to identify trends from these data to set realistic targets.

GRI Content Index					
GRI Standard	Disclosure	Annual report section reference	Remarks		
General Dis	closures (GRI 102: General Disc	:losures 2016)			
1. Orga	nisational Profile				
102-1	Name of the organisation	Cover Page	-		
102-2	Activities, brands, products, and services	Corporate Profile Notes 1 and 22 to the Financial Statements	-		
102-3	Location of headquarters	Corporate Information	-		
102-4	Location of operations	Group Structure Our Offices	-		
102-5	Ownership and legal form	Statistics of Shareholdings	-		
102-6	Markets served	Corporate Profile Group Structure Note 22 to the Financial Statements	-		
102-7	Scale of the organisation	Corporate Profile Group Structure Financial Review Financial Statements Statistics of Shareholdings Our Offices	_		
102-8	Information on employees and other workers	<ul><li>Sustainability Report:</li><li>"Our People"</li></ul>	-		
102-9	Supply chain	Corporate Profile	-		
102-10	Significant changes to the organisation and its supply chain		There is no significant change to the supply chain that can cause or contribute to significant economic, environmental and social impacts during the reporting period.		
102-11	Precautionary principle or approach	<ul><li>Corporate Governance</li><li>Report: Principal 9</li><li>Sustainability Report:</li><li>"Approach to Sustainability"</li></ul>	-		
102-12	External initiatives	-	Other than GRI, the Group does not adopt any externally-developed economic, environmental and social charters, principles or other initiatives.		

GRI Content Index					
GRI Standard	Disclosure	Annual report section reference	Remarks		
102-13	Membership of associations	Sustainability Report: "Organisational Profile"	-		
2. Strat	egy				
102-14	Statement from senior decision-maker	Chairman's Statement Sustainability Report: Board Statement	-		
3. Ethic	s and integrity				
102-16	Values, principles, standards, and norms of behavior	<ul> <li>Sustainability Report:</li> <li>Organisational Profile; and</li> <li>"Approach to Sustainability"</li> </ul>	-		
4. Gove	rnance				
102-18	Governance structure	Corporate Information Corporate Governance Report Sustainability Report: "Approach to Sustainability"	_		
5. Stake	eholder engagement				
102-40	List of stakeholder groups	Sustainability Report: "Stakeholder Engagement"	-		
102-41	Collective bargaining agreements	-	No employee of the Group is covered by collective bargaining agreements.		
102-42	Identifying and selecting stakeholders	Sustainability Report: "Stakeholder Engagement"	-		
102-43	Approach to stakeholder engagement	Sustainability Report: "Stakeholder Engagement"	-		
102-44	Key topics and concerns raised	Sustainability Report: "Stakeholder Engagement"	-		
6. Repo	rting practice				
102-45	Entities included in the consolidated financial statements	Group Structure Note 6 to the Financial Statements	-		
102-46	Defining report content and topic boundaries	Sustainability Report: "Board Statement" Sustainability Report: "Materiality Assessment"	_		
102-47	List of material topics	Sustainability Report: "Materiality Assessment"	-		

GRI Content Index					
GRI Standard	Disclosure	Annual report section reference	Remarks		
102-48	Restatements of information	-	There is no restatement of information.		
102-49	Changes in reporting	-	There is no significant change from previous reporting period in the list of material topics and topic boundaries.		
102-50	Reporting period	Sustainability Report: Board Statement; and "Reporting Methodology"	-		
102-51	Date of most recent report	-	14 May 2020.		
102-52	Reporting cycle	Sustainability Report: "Board Statement"	Annual.		
102-53	Contact point for questions regarding the report	Sustainability Report: "Accessibility"	-		
102-54	Claims of reporting in accordance with the GRI Standards	Sustainability Report: "Reporting Methodology"	-		
102-55	GRI content index	Sustainability Report: "GRI Content Index"	-		
102-56	External assurance	Sustainability Report: "Reporting Methodology"	This report is not externally assured.		
Material To (GRI 103: N	pics Nanagement Approach 2016)				
103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its boundaries				
103-2	The management approach and its components	Sustainability Report: "Economic", "Environmental", "Social", "Governance"	-		
103-3	Evaluation of management approach	oddai', ddydinailed			
Material To	pics conomic Performance 2016)				
201-1	Direct economic value generated and distributed	Financial Review Financial Statements	-		
201-2	Financial implications and other risks and opportunities due to climate change	Not applicable	Climate change is not expected to generate substantive changes in operations, revenue or expenditure.		

GRI Content Index					
GRI Standard	Disclosure	Annual report section reference	Remarks		
201-3	Defined benefit plan obligations and other retirement plans	Note 19 to the Financial Statements	The Group is obliged to contribute, for employees who are Singaporeans or Singapore Permanent Residents, to the Central Provident Fund, a defined contribution retirement benefit plan managed by the Singapore government.		
201-4	Financial assistance received from government	Sustainability Report: – "Economic" Note 19 to the Financial Statements			
Material To (GRI 302: E	pics nergy 2016)				
302-1	Energy consumption within the organization				
302-2	Energy consumption outside the organization		The Group will establish its		
302-3	Energy intensity	Information unavailable	energy consumption and		
302-4	Reduction of energy consumption		efficiency indexes to track its carbon footprint consistently.		
302-5	Reduction in energy requirements of products and services				
Material Topics (GRI 403: Occupational Health and Safety 2018)					
403-1	Occupational health and safety management system	Sustainability Report: "Social"	-		
403-2	Hazard identification, risk assessment, and incident investigation	Sustainability Report: "Social"	-		
403-3	Occupational health services	Sustainability Report: "Social"	-		

GRI Content Index					
GRI Standard	Disclosure	Annual report section reference	Remarks		
403-4	Worker participation, consultation, and communication on occupational health and safety	Sustainability Report: "Social"	_		
403-5	Worker training on occupational health and safety	Sustainability Report: "Social"	-		
403-6	Promotion of worker health	Sustainability Report: "Social"	-		
403-7	Prevention and mitigation of occupation health and safety impacts directly linked by business relationships	Sustainability Report: "Social"	-		
403-8	Workers covered by an occupational health and safety management system	Sustainability Report: "Social"	Safety measures put in place by the Group mainly cover employees of the Group.		
403-9	Work-related injuries	Sustainability Report: "Social"	-		
403-10	Work-related ill health	Sustainability Report: "Social"	_		

Hoe Leong Corporation Ltd (the "Company", and together with its subsidiary, the "Group"), views corporate accountability, transparency and sustainability as strategic tools for enhancing long-term shareholders' value and are committed to observing high standards of corporate governance.

Rule 710 of the Listing Manual issued by the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST") requires listed companies to describe, in their annual reports, their corporate governance practices, with specific reference to the principles and the provisions of the Code of Corporate Governance 2018 (the "Code") issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (the "MAS").

This report describes the Company's corporate governance practices with reference to both the principles and provisions set out in the Code. We have also taken into consideration the Practice Guidance provided by the MAS. Where the Company's practices vary from any provisions of the Code, we have explained the reasons for the deviations, and explained how the practices we have adopted are consistent with the intent of the relevant principle.

#### **BOARD MATTERS**

The company is headed by an effective Board which is collectively responsible and works with Management for the long-term success of the company.

As at the date of this report, the Board is made up of the following members:

Mr Liew Yoke Pheng Joseph

Mr Choy Bing Choong Mr Ang Mong Seng Mr Lee Chin Chai Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") Lead Independent Director Independent Director Independent Director

The Board oversees the Group's overall policies, strategies, key operational initiatives, performance and measurement, internal control and risk management to protect and enhance long-term shareholders' value. Board members act in good faith and exercise independent judgement in the best interest of the Group. Directors of the Board discharge their duties and responsibilities at all times, comply with applicable laws and act objectively in the interest of the Company. The primary functions of the Board, apart from its statutory duties, include:

- Overseeing the overall management and business affairs of the Group;
- Formulating the Group's strategies, focusing on value creation and innovation and considering sustainability issues;
- Ensuring that the necessary resources are in place for the Group to meet its strategic objectives;
- Setting financial objectives and monitoring the Group's financial performance and management's performance;
- Overseeing the evaluation of the adequacy and effectiveness of financial reporting, internal controls and risk management frameworks;
- Setting the Group's approach to corporate governance, including the establishment of ethical values and standards; and
- Balancing the demands of the business with those of the Company's stakeholders and ensuring obligations to material stakeholder groups (including shareholders) are met.

# Principle 1: THE BOARD'S CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS

Provision 1.1 of the Code:
Directors are fiduciaries who act objectively in the best interests of the Company

The Board has put in place a 'Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for Employees' which establishes the fundamental principles of professional and ethical conduct expected of all employees in the performance of their duties. It includes guidelines on matters relating to conflicts of interest. A director facing an actual, potential and perceived conflict of interest must recuse himself/herself from discussions and decisions involving the matter, unless his/her presence and participation is necessary to enhance the efficacy of such discussion, and abstain from voting on resolutions regarding the matter. Such compliance will be recorded in the minutes of meeting or the Board resolutions.

All directors are aware of their fiduciary duties and are committed to exercising due care and diligence in making their decisions and to objectively discharge their duties and responsibilities in the best interest of the Company. Aside from their statutory duties, the key roles of different classes of directors are set out below:

- Executive directors are members of the management who are involved in the dayto-day running of the Group's business operations. They work closely with the independent directors on the long-term sustainability and success of the Group. They provide insights and recommendations on the Group's operations at the Board and Board Committee meetings.
- Independent directors do not participate in the Group's business operations and are deemed independent by the Board. They provide independent and objective advice and insights to the Board and the management. They constructively challenge the management on its decisions and contribute to the development of the Group's strategic goals and policies. They participate in the review of the management's performance in achieving the strategic goals as well as the appointment, assessment and remuneration of the executive directors and key management personnel.

The executive director(s) are appointed by way of service agreements or employment contract while the independent directors are appointed by way of letters of appointment. The duties and responsibilities of directors are clearly set out in these service agreements/employment contracts and letters of appointment.

New directors would be briefed on the Group's industry, business, organisation structure, and strategic plans and objectives. Minutes of the Board and Board Committees' meetings for the past one year, Company's Constitution, Terms of Reference of the Board Committees together with the relevant policies and procedural guidelines would also be provided. Orientation for new directors includes visits to the Group's key premises to familiarise themselves with the Group's operations. New directors who have no prior experience as director of a listed company shall undergo training in the roles and responsibilities of a director of a listed issuer as prescribed by the SGX-ST, and pursuant to Rule 210(5) of the Listing Manual. Such training expenses will be borne by the Company.

When there are changes in laws and regulations, including the Companies Act, the Listing Manual of SGX-ST and the Code which are relevant to the Group, the Directors would be updated at the Board Meetings and/or via email in a timely manner. The external auditors regularly update the Audit Committee and the Board on the developments in the Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) which are applicable to the Group. Changes to regulations and accounting standards are monitored closely by the management. In addition, the management regularly updates and familiarises the directors on the business activities of the Group during Board and Board Committee meetings.

Provision 1.2 of the Code:
Directors' duties, induction, training and development

The Nominating Committee evaluates the individual directors' competencies and recommends to the Board on training and development programmes for each director. Our directors are also encouraged to attend relevant seminar and training programmes to enhance their skills and knowledge. The expenses of such training programmes relevant to the Group and to the better performance of the directors will be borne by the Company.

Although the day-to-day management of the Company is delegated to the executive director(s), there are matters which are required to be decided by the Board as a whole.

The Group has in place an internal guide on matters that require the Board's approval and these matters include:

- Changes to the Group's capital structure and corporate structure;
- Material investments, acquisitions and disposals of assets;
- Material operating and capital expenditure;
- Interested person transactions;
- Significant policies, strategic plans and monitor the performance of the Group;
- Recommendation/declaration of dividend;
- Annual budgets, financial statements (interim and full year), annual reports, circulars to shareholders and SGXNet announcements; and
- Appointment or removal of directors, company secretary and key management personnel of the Company.

Certain important matters could be subject to the recommendation by the respective Board Committees. Matters which the Board considers suitable for delegation to a Board Committee are contained in the terms of reference of the respective Board Committees.

Board Committees, namely Audit Committee ("AC"), Nominating Committee ("NC") and Remuneration Committee ("RC") have been established to assist the Board. Each Board Committee has its own terms of reference, setting out the composition, authorities and duties, which are approved by the Board. All Board Committees are chaired by an independent director. While these Board Committees are delegated with certain responsibilities, the responsibility for decisions relating to matters under the purview of the Board Committees ultimately lies with the Board.

The terms of reference of the respective Board Committees, which are reviewed by the Board on a regular basis, as well as other relevant information on the Board Committees can be found in the subsequent sections of this report.

Board and Board Committee meetings are held regularly. Board and Board Committee meetings and annual general meetings are scheduled in advance to facilitate the directors' attendance. Ad-hoc meetings will be convened when the Board's guidance or approval is required, outside of the scheduled Board meetings.

In accordance with Regulation 110(2) of the Company's Constitution, a director who is unable to attend a Board meeting in person can participate in the meeting via telephone conference or other methods of simultaneous communication by electronic or telegraphic means. Important matters concerning the Group can also be put to the Board and Board Committees for decision by way of written resolutions.

Provision 1.3 of the Code: Matters requiring Board's approval

Provision 1.4 of the Code: Board Committees

Provision 1.5 of the Code: Attendance and participation in Board and Board Committee meetings

During FY2020, the number of Board and Board Committees meetings held and attended are set out as follows:

Directors	Board		AC		NC		RC	
	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended						
Liew Yoke Pheng Joseph	9	9	_	_	1	1	_	_
Choy Bing Choong	11	11	4	4	_	_	2	2
Ang Mong Seng	11	11	4	4	2	2	2	2
Lee Chin Chai	11	11	4	4	2	2	2	2

When a director has multiple board representations, the NC also considers whether or not the director is able to and has adequately carried out his duties as a director of the Company, taking into consideration the director's number of listed company board representations and other principal commitments.

The management recognises that relevant, complete and accurate information needs to be provided to the directors prior to meetings and on an on-going basis to enable the directors to make informed decisions and discharge their duties and responsibilities effectively and efficiently.

The management provides the Board with quarterly financial information and relevant background information and materials relating to the matters that will be discussed at the Board and Board Committee meetings. This enables the directors to better understand the subject matters before the meetings, allowing for more time at such meetings for questions that directors may have. Any additional materials or information requested by the directors are promptly furnished. If necessary, key management personnel who are able to explain and provide insights to the matters to be discussed are invited to make the appropriate presentation and address the concerns of the directors.

In respect of the annual budget of the Group, material variance between budgeted results and actual results would be disclosed and explained by the management at AC and/or Board meetings.

The management will also inform the Board of all significant events as and when they occur and circulate Board papers and/or salient information on major transactions to facilitate a robust discussion before the transactions are entered into.

Provision 1.6 of the Code: Complete, adequate and timely information to

make informed decisions

The Board has separate and independent access to the management, the Company Secretary and external professionals, including legal counsels and auditors.

The role of the Company Secretary is clearly defined and includes:

- Attending Board and Board Committee meetings and ensuring that meeting procedures are followed;
- Together with the management, ensuring that the Company complies with all relevant requirements of the Companies Act and the SGX-ST Listing Manual;
- Advising the Board on all corporate governance matters; and
- Assisting the Executive Chairman in ensuring adequate and flow of information in a timely manner within the Board and Board Committees and between the management and the Board.

During FY2020, the Company Secretary, Ms Ang Siew Koon, attended all Board and Board Committees meetings.

Should the directors need independent professional advice, the Company will appoint such professional advisor to render the appropriate professional advice if the Board deems such professional advice to be necessary. The cost of such engagement will be borne by the Company.

The Board has an appropriate balance of independence and diversity of thought and background in its composition to enable it to make decisions in the best interests of the Company.

## Board Independence

The Board comprises four directors, of whom three are independent. The Board feels that the role of the independent directors is particularly important in ensuring that the strategies proposed by management are constructively challenged, fully discussed and examined, and take into account the long term interests of the Group's stakeholders, which includes shareholders, employees, customers and suppliers. The independent element on the Board is thus strong and this enables the Board to exercise objective independent judgement on corporate affairs and provide the management with diverse and objective perspectives on issues.

The independence of each director is reviewed annually by the NC. Each independent director is required annually to complete a checklist to confirm his independence. The checklist is drawn up based on the guidelines provided in the Code and the Listing Manual. The NC adopts the Code's definition of what constitutes an "independent" director in its review. The existence of any of the following relationships or circumstances will deem the director as not independent:

- (a) the director who is and has been employed by the Company or any of its related corporations for the current or any of the past three financial years;
- (b) the director who has an immediate family member who is, or has been in any of the past three financial years, employed by the Company or any of its related corporations and whose remuneration is determined by the RC;

Provision 1.7 of the Code:
Separately independent access to Management, company secretary and external advisers;
Appointment and removal of the company secretary

# Principal 2: BOARD COMPOSITION AND GUIDANCE

Provision 2.1 of the Code:
Director independence

Provision 2.2 of the Code: Independent directors make up a majority of the Board

Provision 2.3 of the Code: Non-executive directors make up a majority of the Board

- (c) the director who has been a director on the Board for an aggregate period of more than nine years (whether before or after listing) and whose continue appointment as an independent director has not been sought and approved in separate resolutions by:
  - (i) all shareholders; or
  - (ii) all shareholders excluding shareholders who also serve as the directors or chief executive officer and associates of such directors and chief executive officers ("CEOs");
- (d) the director:
  - (i) who, in the current or immediate past financial year, is or was; or
  - (ii) whose immediate family member, in the current or immediate past financial year, is or was, a 5% shareholder of, or a partner in (with 5% or more stake), or an executive officer of, or a director of, any organisation to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries made, or from which the Company or any of its subsidiaries received, significant payments or material services (which may include auditing, banking, consulting and legal services), in the current or immediate past financial year. As a guide, payments aggregated over any financial year in excess of \$\$200,000 should generally be deemed significant;
- (e) the director who is a 5% shareholder or an immediate family member of a 5% shareholder of the Company; or
- (f) the director who is or has been directly associated with a 5% shareholder of the Company, in the current or immediate past financial year.

The NC is also of the view that no individual or small groups of individuals dominate the Board's decision-making processes. All matters put forth to the Board for decision need majority of the directors to approve. The sole executive director will not be able to dominate Board decision as he would require at least two independent directors to support the decision.

An independent director shall immediately disclose to the NC and/or Company Secretary any relationships or circumstances that could interfere, or be reasonably perceived to interfere, with the exercise of his or her independent business judgement in the best interests of the Company.

The NC and the Board have reviewed and ascertained that all independent directors are independent according to the Code and its Practice Guidance and the Listing Manual and noted that none of the independent directors has any relationship with the Company, its related corporations, substantial shareholders or officers, which could interfere or be perceived to interfere with the director's independent judgement.

Pursuant to Rule 210(5)(d)(iii) of the SGX-ST Listing Manual which will take effect from 1 January 2022, any independent director who has served the Board for more than 9 years will no longer be independent unless his continued appointment as an independent director has been sought and approved in separate resolutions by (a) all shareholders; and (b) shareholders, excluding the directors and the chief executive officer, and associates of such directors and chief executive officer. Mr Ang Mong Seng ("Mr Ang") has served as an independent director of the Company for more than 9 years. He has expressed his wish to retire at the Company's forthcoming Annual General Meeting for board renewal. As at the date of this report, except for Mr Ang, no other independent director has served on the Board for more than nine years.

As part of Board renewal process and to ensure that the independent element on the Board remains strong, the Board proposed the appointment of Mr Wee Sung Leng ("Mr Wee") as independent director at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company. The details of Mr Wee as required under Rule 720(6) of the SGX-ST Listing Manual are set out in the "Disclosure of Information on Directors Seeking Re-election and Appointment" section of Annual Report 2020.

## **Board Diversity**

The Company recognises and embraces Board diversity as an essential element in supporting the achievement of business objectives and sustainable development in the ever-changing business environment.

In reviewing the composition of the Board, the NC considers the benefits of Board diversity from a number of aspects, including but not limited to gender, age, educational background, professional experience, skills and knowledge. All Board appointments will be based on meritocracy, and candidates will be considered against objective criteria, having due regard for the benefits of diversity on the Board.

However, diversity is not merely limited to gender or any other personal attributes. The benefits of Board diversity could only be harnessed if directors adopt an independent mindset when carrying out their responsibilities. In order to gather and leverage on diverse perspectives, the Executive Chairman cultivates an inclusive environment where all directors are encouraged to speak up and participate in decision-making.

The ultimate decision for new Board appointments will be based on merit and contribution that the selected candidates are expected to bring to the Board.

The Board has examined its size and is of the view that it is an appropriate size for effective decision-making, considering the nature and scope of the Group's operations. No individual or small group of individuals dominate the Board's decision-making. The Board and Board Committees have an appropriate balance and mix of skills, knowledge and experience in the Group's core businesses and the areas of accounting and finance, legal and regulatory compliance, business management and risk management. The NC will continue to assess on an annual basis the skill set of the board of directors to ensure that the skills of the directors remain relevant to the business of the Group. Profiles of the directors are set out in the 'Board of Directors' section of Annual Report 2020.

To facilitate a more effective check on the management, the independent directors meet at least once a year with the internal and external auditors without the presence of the management. The independent directors also communicate with each other from time to time without the presence of the management to discuss the performance of the management and any matters of concern. Feedback arising from such meetings or discussions is provided to the Board or the Executive Chairman, as appropriate.

Provision 2.4 of the Code: Size and composition of the Board and Board Committee; Board diversity policy

Provision 2.5 of the Code: Independent Directors meet regularly without the presence of the Management

There is a clear division of responsibilities between the leadership of the Board and the Management, and no one individual has unfettered powers of decision making.

The Executive Chairman and CEO of the Company is Mr Liew Yoke Pheng Joseph. The Board, after careful consideration, is of the opinion that it is not necessary, under current circumstances, to separate the roles of the Executive Chairman and CEO. This is after taking into consideration the size, scope and nature of the operations of our Group and that majority of the board members are independent. The strong independent element on the Board ensures that decision-making is based on collective decision and that there is no concentration of power and authority vested in one individual.

The Executive Chairman and CEO takes an active role in the management of the Group and also bears responsibility for the effectiveness of the Board. He ensures that Board meetings are held regularly, sets the Board meeting agenda in consultation with all Board members and ensures that information are disseminated to the Board members adequately and in a timely manner. He also ensures that the culture in the Boardroom promotes open interaction and contributions by all Board members.

As the Executive Chairman is part of the management and therefore not independent, Mr Choy Bing Choong ("Mr Choy") has been appointed as the Lead Independent Director, as recommended by the Code. The responsibilities of the Lead Independent Director include:

- acting as the principal liaison to address shareholders' concerns for which contact
  through the normal channels of communication with the executive director(s) or
  key management personnel are inappropriate or failed to resolve the concerns in
  question;
- chairing Board meetings on behalf of or in the absence of the Executive Chairman;
- working with the Executive Chairman in leading the Board; and
- providing a channel to Independent Directors for confidential discussions on any concerns they may have and to resolve conflicts of interest, as and when necessary.

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# Principle 3: CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Provision 3.1 of the Code: Chairman and CEO are separate persons

Provision 3.2 of the Code: Division of responsibilities between Chairman and CEO

Provision 3.3 of the Code: Lead Independent Director

The Board has a formal and transparent process for the appointment and reappointment of Directors, taking into account the need for progressive renewal of the Board. Principle 4: BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The NC comprises three independent directors, namely Mr Lee Chin Chai (Chairman of the NC), Mr Ang Mong Seng and Mr Liew Yoke Pheng Joseph.

Provision 4.1 of the Code:
NC to make recommendations to the Board on relevant matters

The NC's responsibilities, as set out in its terms of reference, include the following:

Provision 4.2 of the Code: Composition of NC

- Making recommendations to the Board relating to matters such as:
  - succession plans for directors, in particular, the appointment and/or replacement of the Chairman and the CEO;
  - process for evaluation of the performance of the Board, Board Committees and directors;
  - review of training and professional development programmes for the directors;
  - appointment and re-appointment of directors;
  - composition of the Board to ensure that the Board has an appropriate balance of expertise, skills, attributes and abilities; and
  - determine the maximum number of listed company representation which any director may hold.
- Determining annually whether or not a director is independent in accordance with the Code and any other salient factors;
- Evaluating the effectiveness of the Board, Board Committees and directors; and
- Reviewing and approving the employment of persons related to the directors, CEO or substantial shareholders and the proposed terms of their employment.

The NC conducts an annual review of the balance, diversity and size of the Board to determine whether any changes are required in relation to the Board composition. Where the need for a new director arises, candidates would first be sourced through the directors' and/or key management personnel's network of contacts and referrals. The NC may engage a talent acquisition firm to identify a broader range of candidates to ensure that the Board comprises of members from different and relevant area of competencies and able to offer wide perspectives of the business and board matters. Suitable candidates would be interviewed by the NC and/or the Board and then assessed and nominated by the NC to the Board which retains the final discretion in appointing such new directors.

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In recommending to the Board on appointment and re-appointment of directors, the NC considers the following factors:

- Needs of the Group, Board diversity policy, competencies and experience of the candidate and his or her commitment, contribution and performance as director of the Company, officer of other companies and/or professionals in his or her area of expertise;
- Number of public listed company directorships and other principal commitments held by the candidate;
- Whether the candidate is a fit and proper person in accordance with the MAS' fit and proper guidelines, which broadly takes into account the candidate's competence, honesty, integrity and financial soundness; and
- Independence of the candidate (for independent directors).

Provision 4.3 of the Code: Process for the selection, appointment and reappointment of Directors

The Constitution of the Company requires one-third of the directors, or if their number is not a multiple of three, the number nearest to but not less than one-third of our Directors, to retire and subject themselves to re-election by the shareholders at every Annual General Meeting ("AGM"). In addition, all directors of the Company, including the Managing Director after his initial term of engagement as Managing Director, shall retire from office at least once every three years. The Company's Constitution also provides that new directors appointed during the year, either to fill a vacancy or as an addition to the Board, are required to submit themselves for re-election at the next AGM of the Company. Each member of the NC shall abstain from voting on any resolutions in respect to his re-nomination as a director.

Pursuant to Regulation 98(2) of the Company's Constitution, Mr Ang and Mr Choy will be retiring by rotation at the forthcoming AGM. Mr Ang, who has served the Board for more than 9 years, has expressed his wish to retire and he would not be seeking for re-election as director at the forthcoming AGM. Mr Choy, being eligible for re-election, has offered himself for re-election. The NC, having considered the attendance and participation of Mr Choy at the Board and Board committee meetings and in particular, his contribution to the business and operations of the Company, has recommended his re-election. Each member of the NC/Board had abstained from participating in any deliberations of the NC/Board, making any recommendations and/or voting on any resolutions in respect of his re-election as a director of the Company. The Board has concurred with the NC's recommendation to nominate Mr Choy for re-election at the Company's forthcoming AGM.

The details of Mr Choy, who is seeking re-election as director, as required under Rule 720(6) of the SGX-ST Listing Manual are set out in the 'Disclosure of Information on Directors Seeking Re-election and Appointment' section of Annual Report 2020.

Following Mr Ang's decision to retire at the Company's forthcoming AGM, and as part of the board renewal process and to ensure that the independent element on the Board remains strong, the NC has recommended, and the Board has approved to put forth a resolution for shareholders' approval at the forthcoming AGM the appointment of Mr Wee Sung Leng ("Mr Wee") as an independent director of the Company. Mr Wee has more than 18 years of experience in the banking and corporate finance sector and is currently appointed as independent director of Combine Will International Holdings and Singapore Myanmar Investco, both listed on the Singapore Exchange. He also provides corporate advisory services to companies on corporate matters including corporate positioning, company restructing and fund raising. The NC, with the concurrence of the Board, had determined Mr Wee to be independent and opined that he has the qualification, work experience and capability to take on the position of an independent director. Further information on Mr Wee can be found in 'Disclosure of Information on Directors Seeking Re-election and Appointment' section of Annual Report 2020.

As described under Principle 2 of this report, the Company has put in place a process to ensure the continuous monitoring of the independence of the directors. Each independent director is required annually to complete a checklist to confirm his independence. Furthermore, an independent director shall immediately disclose to the NC and/or Company Secretary any relationships or circumstances that could interfere, or be reasonably perceived to interfere, with the exercise of his or her independent business judgement in the best interests of the Company. The NC is of the view that the independent directors are independent. As at the date of this report, there is no relationship or circumstance set forth in Provision 2.1 of the Code which put the independence of the independent directors in question.

Provision 4.4 of the Code: Circumstances affecting Director's independence

To address the issue of competing time commitments faced by the directors, the NC determined that the maximum number of listed company directorships and other principal commitments which each director may hold is 8. All directors have complied with this requirement.

The above guideline is reviewed by the NC annually. The NC requires each director to declare changes in listed company directorships or other principal commitments as soon as possible to enable the on-going monitoring of the commitment of the directors to the Company.

In addition to the number of listed company directorships and other principal commitments, the NC also takes into account of the results of the annual evaluation of each director's effectiveness and the respective directors' conduct and performance at the Board and Board Committee meetings to determine whether the director is able to discharge his or her duties diligently.

In respect of FY2020, the NC is of the view that each director has discharged his duties diligently. The NC considered and is satisfied that the multiple board directorships and other principal commitments held presently by directors did not impede their respective performance in carrying out their duties towards the Company. Please refer to the 'Board of Directors' section of Annual Report 2020 for the listed company directorships and other principal commitments of the directors.

Alternate directors would only be appointed in exceptional circumstances. No alternate director has been appointed to the Board during FY2020.

# The Board undertakes a formal annual assessment of its effectiveness as a whole, and that of each of its Board Committees and individual Directors.

The NC assesses the effectiveness of the Board and Board Committees and the contribution by each director annually using evaluation checklists. Directors' responses in the evaluation checklists are consolidated by the Company Secretary and summarised into a report that is reviewed by the NC and tabled to the Board. The Executive Chairman will act on the results of the performance evaluation and the recommendation of the NC, and where appropriate, in consultation with the NC, new members may be appointed or resignation of directors may be sought.

In assessing the Board's and Board Committees' effectiveness, the NC considers factors such as:

- Board's and Board Committees' composition, including balance of skills;
- Board's and Board Committees' practices and conduct, including flow of information, communication with the shareholders and management and how the Executive Chairman and Board Committees' chairpersons provide effective leadership to the Board and Board Committees respectively;
- Board's contribution to formulation of strategies and in ensuring effective risk management; and
- Board Committees' contribution in facilitating effective and efficient decisionmaking by the Board.

Provision 4.5 of the Code:
Multiple listed company directorships and other principal commitments

# Principle 5: BOARD PERFORMANCE

Provisions 5.1 and 5.2 of the Code: Assessment of effectiveness of the Board and Board Committees and assessing the contribution by the Chairman and each Director

In assessing the contribution by each director, the NC considers factors such as:

- Commitment demonstrated by each director, including attendance at Board and Board Committees meetings and how well each director prepares for meetings;
- Willingness and ability to constructively challenge and contribute effectively in discussions;
- Technical and business knowledge; and
- Interaction with fellow directors and management.

Where appropriate, the NC will review and make changes to the evaluation checklists to align with prevailing regulations and requirements.

Each member of the NC shall abstain from deliberating and voting on any resolutions in respect of the assessment of his/her performance or re-nomination as director.

Based on the NC's review for FY2020, the Board has been effective as a whole and each director has contributed to the effective functioning of the Board and Board Committees.

Although no external independent facilitator had been engaged for performance assessment, the NC has full authority to do so, if the need arises.

## **REMUNERATION MATTERS**

The Board has a formal and transparent procedure for developing policies on Director and executive remuneration, and for fixing the remuneration packages of individual Directors and key management personnel. No Director is involved in deciding his or her own remuneration.

The RC comprises three independent directors, namely Mr Ang Mong Seng (Chairman of the RC), Mr Choy Bing Choong and Mr Lee Chin Chai.

The RC's responsibilities, as set out in its terms of reference, include the following:

- Review and recommend to the Board in relation to remuneration policy and guidelines for remuneration of directors and key management personnel;
- Determine specific remuneration packages for each director and key management personnel;
- Review the Company's obligations arising in the event of termination of service contracts entered into between the Group and the executive director(s) and key management personnel, as the case may be, to ensure that the service contracts contain fair and reasonable termination clauses which are not overly generous and avoid rewarding poor performance;
- If necessary, seek expert advice within and/or outside the Company on remuneration
  matters and ensure that relationships between the Company and its appointed
  remuneration consultants will not affect the independence and objectivity of the
  remuneration consultants;
- Periodically review remuneration packages of the directors and key management personnel in order to maintain the attractiveness of the remuneration packages so as to retain and motivate the directors and key management personnel; and
- Ensure that remuneration of directors and key management personnel are adequately disclosed, in particular those required by regulatory bodies such as the SGX-ST.

Principle 6:
PROCEDURES
FOR DEVELOPING
REMUNERATION
POLICIES

Provision 6.1 of the Code: RC to recommend remuneration framework and packages

Provision 6.2 of the Code: Composition of RC

The recommendations of the RC shall be submitted for endorsement by the Board. Each RC member/board member shall abstain from reviewing, deliberating and voting on any resolution in respect of his/her remuneration package or that of any employees who are related to him/her.

The RC considers all aspects of remuneration (including director's fees, salaries, allowances, bonuses, share-based compensation, benefits in kind and termination terms) in the review of remuneration packages for each director and key management personnel.

The independent directors do not have service agreements with the Company and receive directors' fees in accordance with their contributions, taking into account of factors such as effort and time spent and their responsibilities. The directors' fees are recommended by the RC and endorsed by the Board for approval by the shareholders of the Company at the annual general meeting.

The employment contract signed between the Company and the Executive Chairman and CEO on 1 November 2019 stipulates that his remuneration comprises fixed and variable component. The fixed component comprises fixed basic salary payable in cash (monthly) and in the form of shares (payable on an annual basis subject to shareholders' approval in a general meeting). The variable component comprises incentive bonus based on the audited Group's profit before tax (before incentive bonus) for the financial year. The Executive Chairman and CEO is entitled to other benefits, such as medical, dental and car. There is no excessively long or onerous removal clause in the employment contract. The employment contract contains noncompetition and non-solicitation clauses, which are binding on the Executive Chairman and CEO during his period of employment with the Company and for a period of 12 months after the cessation of his employment with the Company.

The RC members are familiar with remuneration matters as they hold/had held key executive positions with remuneration responsibilities and they are regularly updated of market practices. During FY2020, the Company did not engage any remuneration consultant to seek advice on remuneration matters.

The level and structure of remuneration of the Board and key management personnel are appropriate and proportionate to the sustained performance and value creation of the Company, taking into account the strategic objectives of the Company.

Remuneration of executive director(s) and key management personnel comprise fixed components, including salaries and bonuses, and a variable component. Discretionary bonuses (if any) are determined based on individual performance, the Group's performance for each financial year against key performance indicators on revenue and profit targets, as well as other factors such as market conditions. Their remuneration is linked to their roles and responsibilities and aligned with shareholders' interests to promote long-term success of the Group. The Group's remuneration policy is to ensure that the remuneration offered is competitive and sufficient to attract, retain and motivate the directors and the key management personnel of the required experience and expertise.

Provision 6.3 of the Code: RC to consider and ensure all aspects of remuneration are fair

Provision 6.4 of the Code: Expert advice on remuneration

Principle 7: LEVEL AND MIX OF REMUNERATION

Provisions 7.1 and 7.3 of the Code: Remuneration of Executive Directors and key management personnel are appropriately structured to encourage good stewardship and promote long-term success of the Company

Having reviewed the variable component in the remuneration packages of the Executive Chairman and CEO and key management personnel, the RC is of the view that it is not necessary to institute contractual provisions to reclaim incentive components of remuneration from the Executive Chairman and CEO and key management personnel in exceptional circumstances of misstatement of financial results, or of misconduct resulting in financial loss to the Group. The Company believes that there are alternative legal avenues to these specific contractual provisions that will enable the Company to recover financial losses arising from such exceptional events from the Executive Chairman and CEO and key management personnel.

The Company does not offer any share scheme. The RC may consider other forms of long-term incentive schemes for the management when necessary.

The independent directors are paid directors' fees which take into consideration their contribution, effort, time spent and responsibilities. They are not overly remunerated to the extent that their independence may be compromised.

The RC had recommended to the Board an amount of \$\$135,000 as directors' fees to be paid to the independent directors for the financial year ending 31 December 2021 (the directors' fees for the previous financial year was \$\$135,000). The Board had concurred with the RC's recommendation. These recommendations will be tabled for shareholders' approval at the Company's forthcoming AGM. Each of the RC/Board members had abstained from deliberating and voting on his own remuneration.

The Company does not have any scheme to encourage independent directors to hold shares in the Company.

The Company is transparent on its remuneration policies, level and mix of remuneration, the procedure for setting remuneration, and the relationships between remuneration, performance and value creation.

A separate annual remuneration report is not prepared as the matters which need to be disclosed in such annual remuneration report have already been sufficiently disclosed in this report and in the financial statements of the Company.

In view of confidentiality of remuneration policies of the Group and competitive pressures in the talent market, the Board is of the view that it is in the best interest of the Company to disclose the remuneration of its directors and key management personnel in salary bands.

A breakdown showing the band and mix of each director's remuneration for FY2020 is as follows:

Remuneration band and name of director	Salary, allowance and CPF (%)	Salary payable in shares (%)	Variable or performance- related bonus (%)	Directors' fee (%)	Total (%)
\$\$250,000 to \$\$499,9999:					
Liew Yoke Pheng Joseph	55	28	17	-	100
Below \$\$250,000:					
Choy Bing Choong	_	_	-	100	100
Ang Mong Seng	-	_		100	100
Lee Chin Chai	_	_	-	100	100

Provision 7.2 of the Code:
Remuneration of
Non-Executive Directors dependent on contribution, effort, time spent and responsibilities

Principle 8: DISCLOSURE ON REMUNERATION

Provisions 8.1 and 8.3 of the Code: Remuneration disclosures of Directors and key management personnel; Details of employee share schemes

A breakdown showing the band and mix of each of the key management personnel's remuneration for FY2020 is as follows:

Remuneration band and name of key management personnel <sup>(1)</sup>	Designation	Salary, allowance and CPF (%)	Variable or performance- related bonus (%)	Other benefits (%)	Total (%)
Below S\$250,000:					
Chin Yon Fei <sup>(2)</sup>	Director of Sales and Marketing	100	_	-	100
Wu Peicong <sup>(3)</sup>	Group Financial Controller	100	_	-	100
Kelvin Kuah Zhichao <sup>(4)</sup>	General Manager, Hoe Leong Crawler Parts Pte Ltd ("HLCP")	100	-	_	100
Raymond Quah Eng Kiat <sup>(4)</sup>	General Manager, HLCP	92	8	-	100
Yap Suat Kam <sup>(5)</sup>	Head of Corporate Finance	100	_	-	100

#### Notes:

- (1) Given the size of the Group's operations, the executive officers are the only key management personnel of the Group, excluding the Executive Chairman and CEO.
- (2) Chin Yon Fei joined the Group on 16 November 2020.
- (3) Wu Peicong joined the Group on 17 August 2020.
- (4) Kelvin Kuah and Raymond Quah resigned on 30 March 2021.
- (5) Yap Suat Kam left the Company on 17 September 2020.

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of the Group (who are not directors or the CEO of the Company) in FY2020 amounted to \$\$438,000.

For financial year ended 2020, there was no termination and post-employment benefits granted to the directors, the CEO and the key management personnel other than the standard contractual notice period termination payment in lieu of service in respect of management employees.

The Company does not have any employee share scheme.

The following employees are immediate family members of a director, the CEO or a substantial shareholder of the Company and whose remuneration exceeded \$\$100,000 in FY2020:

Name of related employee Designation in HLCP Relationship S\$100,000 to S\$199,999: Kuah Geok Khim (Mdm) Sister of substantial Senior Manager shareholders, Kuah Geok Lin, Kuah Geok Khim and Quah Yoke Hwee Raymond Quah Eng Kiat\* General Manager Son of substantial shareholder, Quah Yoke Hwee Son of substantial Kelvin Kuah Zhichao\* General Manager shareholder, Kuah Geok Khim

No substantial shareholder is employed by the Group during FY2020.

Provision 8.2 of the Code: Remuneration disclosure of related employees

<sup>\*</sup> Resigned on 30 March 2021.

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT**

The Board is responsible for the governance of risk and ensures that Management maintains a sound system of risk management and internal controls, to safeguard the interests of the Company and its shareholders.

Principle 9: RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROLS

One of the Board's principal duties is to protect and enhance the long-term value and returns to the shareholders of the Company. The accountability of the Board to the shareholders is demonstrated through the presentation of the periodic financial statements as well as the timely announcements and news releases of significant corporate developments and activities so that the shareholders can have a detailed explanation and balanced assessment of the Group's financial position and prospects.

Provision 9.1 of the Code:
Board determines the nature and extent of significant risks

The management presents to the Audit Committee the quarterly and full-year results for its review and recommendation to the Board for approval. The Board approves the results and authorizes the release of the results to the SGX-ST and the public via SGXNet as required by the SGX-ST Listing Manual.

#### Risk Management

Risk analysis and management is undertaken within the Group as a source of sustainable business benefit and competitive advantage. The Board had assessed and decided not to establish a separate Board Risk Committee to carry out its responsibility of helping the Board in the overseeing of the Group's risk management framework and policies. Instead, this responsibility is assumed by the AC. The AC assists the Board in providing oversight of risk management in the Company. The AC is responsible for reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management systems and internal controls, including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls and report to the Board its observations on the matters as it considers necessary and makes recommendations to the Board.

The Company has in place an enterprise risk management ("**ERM**") framework which includes a set of processes to ensure that the Group is aware of, and attends to, current and emerging risks. The management is expected to constantly review the business operations and environment to identify significant risks and ensure that mitigating measures, including preventive, detective and corrective controls, are promptly implemented to address these risks. These significant risks and mitigating measures taken, together with the risk owners and action plans to address any gaps, are documented in a risk register.

The AC, with the assistance of the internal and external auditors, annually reviews the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems, including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls.

The internal auditor, Baker Tilly Consultancy (Singapore) Pte Ltd, has carried out internal audit on the system of internal controls and reported the findings to the AC. The external auditor, KPMG LLP, has also, in the course of their statutory audit, gained an understanding of the key internal accounting controls assessed to be relevant to the statutory audit. In this respect, the AC has reviewed the findings of both the internal and external auditors and will ensure that the Company follows up on the auditors' recommendations raised during the audit processes.

#### Internal Controls

The Board recognizes the importance of maintaining a sound system of internal controls to safeguard the shareholders' interest and investments and the Group's assets. The Board notes that no system of internal controls could provide absolute assurance against the occurrence of material errors, poor judgement in decision making, human errors, losses, fraud or other irregularities. As such, the Company's risk management and internal controls systems are regularly evaluated and improved to ensure its relevance to the Company's operations.

The Board received assurance from the CEO and the Group Financial Controller that:

- the financial records have been properly maintained and the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Group's operations and finances; and
- the Group's risk management and internal control systems are adequate and effective.

Based on the internal controls established and maintained by the Group, work performed by the internal and external auditors, reviews performed by the management, various Board Committees and the Board, and the written assurance from the CEO and the Group Financial Controller, the Board with the concurrence of the AC, is of the opinion that the Group's internal controls, addressing key financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls, and risk management systems were adequate and effective as at 31 December 2020. The Group will review its internal control systems and processes on an on-going basis and make further improvements when necessary.

## The Board has an AC which discharges its duties objectively.

The AC comprises three independent directors, namely Mr Choy Bing Choong (Chairman of the AC/Lead Independent Director), Mr Ang Mong Seng and Mr Lee Chin Chai.

All members of the AC are appropriately qualified and have relevant accounting or related financial management expertise and experience. They are not former partners or directors of the Company's auditing firm.

The AC's responsibilities, as set out in its terms of reference, include the following:

- review with the external auditors and management:
  - the audit plan;
  - their evaluation of the system of internal accounting controls and effectiveness of the Company's audit function;
  - significant financial reporting issues and judgements;
  - audit report issued by the external auditors; and
  - management letter issued by the external auditors and the management's response;
- review the financial statements of the Company including quarterly and full-year results before submission to the Board for approval;
- meet with the internal auditors and external auditors at least once a year in the absence of management to discuss issues arising from the audit, including the assistance given by the management to the auditors;

Provision 9.2 of the Code: Assurance from CEO, CFO and other key management personnel

# Principle 10: AUDIT COMMITTEE

Provision 10.1 of the Code: Duties of AC

Provision 10.2 of the Code: Composition of AC

Provision 10.3 of the Code:
AC does not comprise former partners or directors of the Company's auditing firm

- review the independence of external auditors annually and the aggregate amount
  of fees paid to the external auditors for the financial year and a breakdown of the
  fees paid for audit and non-audit services;
- consider and recommend to the Board, the appointment/re-appointment and removal of the external auditors, and approving the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditors;
- review and report to the Board at least annually on the adequacy and effectiveness
  of the Company's risk management and internal controls, including financial,
  operational, compliance and information technology controls (such review to be
  carried out internally or with the assistance of any competent third parties);
- review the internal audit plan and report, adequacy, effectiveness and independence of the internal audit function and monitor management's responsiveness to the internal audit findings and recommendation;
- review the appointment, removal, evaluation and compensation of the internal audit function;
- review interested person transactions falling within the scope of Chapter 9 of the SGX-ST Listing Manual;
- review the Group's whistleblowing and fraud detection procedures and ensure that arrangements are in place by which staff may, in confidence, raise concerns about possible improprieties in matters of financial reporting or other matters;
- undertake such other reviews and projects as may be requested by the Board and report to the Board its findings from time to time on matters arising; and
- undertake such other functions and duties as may be required by statute or the SGX-ST Listing Manual.

The AC is authorised to investigate any matter within its terms of reference, and has full access to, and co-operation of, the Management. The AC has full discretion to invite any Director, executive officer or management personnel to attend its meetings and has access to reasonable resources, including independent professional advice, to enable it to discharge its functions.

The Group has complied with Rules 712 and 715 of the SGX-ST Listing Manual in relation to the appointment of external auditor. The aggregate amount of fees paid/payable to the external auditor, KPMG LLP, for audit and non-audit services for FY2020 were S\$191,000 and S\$8,000 respectively. The non-audit services provided in FY2020 were relating to review of proforma financial information. The AC, having reviewed the scope and value of the audit and non-audit services provided by the external auditor, is satisfied that the independence and objectivity of the external auditor is not impaired.

In recommending the re-appointment of KPMG LLP as external auditor for the financial year ending 31 December 2021, the AC considered the adequacy of their resources, training and quality control, experience of the engagement team and the firm as a whole and quality of work carried out by the external auditor.

The Company has outsourced its internal audit function to Baker Tilly Consultancy (Singapore) Pte Ltd, a corporate member of the Institute of Internal Auditors Singapore. The primary reporting line of the internal auditors is to the AC on any material noncompliance and internal control weaknesses identified in the course of audit and administratively to the Group Financial Controller. The hiring, removal, evaluation of the internal auditors and compensation to be paid to them is recommended by the AC and approved by the Board.

Provision 10.4 of the Code:
Primary reporting line of the internal audit function is to AC;
Internal audit function has unfettered access to Company's documents, records, properties and personnel

The internal audit team have unrestricted access to the Company's documents, records, properties and personnel. The internal audit team is staffed with personnel with relevant qualifications and experience and takes reference from the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing set by the Institute of Internal Auditors when performing their reviews. The AC reviews the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal audit function at least on an annual basis, and as and when the situation calls for it. The AC is satisfied that the internal auditors is independent, effective, have adequate resources to perform its functions and have appropriate standing within the Group. The internal audit plan for FY2020 was reviewed and approved by the AC before commencement of the audit.

The AC had met four times during the financial year and these meetings were attended by the Group Financial Controller and the External Auditors.

The AC meets at least once a year with the internal auditors and external auditors without the presence of the management so that any concern and/or issue can be raised directly and privately. The last private session with the internal auditors and external auditors was held in February 2021 to discuss, amongst other matters, the conduct of internal audit during FY2020 and audit of financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Provision 10.5 of the Code: AC meets with the auditors without the presence of Management annually

#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING MATTERS

In the review of the financial statements for FY2020, the AC has discussed with the management the significant accounting principles that were applied and their judgement of items that might affect the accuracy and completeness of the financial statements.

The following key audit matters were discussed between the management and the external auditor and were reviewed by the AC. The key audit matters are included in the independent auditor's report for FY2020.

Key audit matters	How the matters were addressed by the AC
Going concern	Please refer to Note 2 of the Financial Statements for the Company's initiatives to improve the financial position of the Group and enable the Group to continue as a going concern.
Valuation of trade receivables	The AC reviewed the management's approach, methodology and judgement pertaining to the recognition of revenue and trade receivables and estimates of impairment allowance and concurred with the management's conclusion that trade receivables as at 31 December 2020 are valid and allowance for impairment of trade receivables as at 31 December 2020 are adequately made.
Litigations and claims	The AC reviewed the management's basis for the provisions relating to legal and related expenses to be supportable, taking into consideration the legal advices obtained, latest development on the litigations and claims and possible course of actions to be taken.

#### WHISTLE-BLOWING CHANNELS

The Company has in place a whistle-blowing policy and procedures for employees of the Group and other persons to raise concerns about possible improprieties in matters of financial reporting, fraudulent behaviour and other significant matters directly to the AC in confidence and without fear of reprisals. Details of this policy are disseminated to employees of the Group and available on the Company's website.

Possible improprieties such as suspected fraud, corruption, dishonest practices and other significant matters can be reported via email (whistleblowing@hoeleong.com). The Lead Independent Director can also be contacted directly via his email address (benjamin.choy@cxrus.com).

To date, no significant matter was raised through the Group's whistle-blowing channels.

#### SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND ENGAGEMENT

The Company treats all shareholders fairly and equitably in order to enable them to exercise shareholders' rights and have the opportunity to communicate their views on matters affecting the Company. The Company gives shareholders a balanced and understandable assessment of its performance, position and prospects.

Principle 11: SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS

The Board ensures that the shareholders are treated fairly and equitably. All material information which would likely affect the price or value of the Company's shares shall be disclosed adequately and in a timely manner. Presentations to shareholders will be made available on SGXNET and the Company's website.

In presenting the Group's financial results to shareholders, it is the aim of the Board to provide shareholders with a balanced and understandable assessment of the Company's performance, position and prospects.

Code:
Company provides
shareholders with
the opportunity to
participate effectively
and vote at general
meetings

Provision 11.1 of the

The Company's principal form of dialogue with shareholders takes place at general meetings. Shareholders are given the opportunity to participate effectively and vote at general meetings of the Company, where relevant rules and procedures governing the meetings are clearly communicated. Notices of general meetings are dispatched to shareholders, together with the annual report and/or circulars within the time notice period as prescribed by the relevant regulations. Where necessary, additional explanatory notes will be provided for relevant resolutions which are to be tabled at general meetings to enable shareholders to exercise their vote on an informed basis. The Company strives to hold general meetings at venues which are accessible to shareholders and provide shareholders with the opportunity to voice their views and direct their questions to the Board regarding the Company.

Shareholders will also be briefed during the general meetings on voting procedures of the general meetings. Voting procedures will also be documented in the notices of general meetings.

During FY2020, to help minimise physical interactions and COVID-19 transmission risks, all general meetings were held via electronic means. The Company is expected to continue to conduct its general meetings via electronic means until the alternative arrangements for the conduct of meetings contained in the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Alternative Arrangements for Meetings) Order cease to be available. Under such circumstance, all notices of general meetings contained/will contain instructions to shareholders on how they may:

- i) access any documents or information relating to the business of the general meeting;
- ii) submit their questions ahead of the meeting, the timeframe for submission of questions and how the substantial and relevant questions will be responded to prior to/at the meeting; and
- iii) cast their votes, including specific instruction to CPF and SRS investors (where applicable).

The Board notes that the best practice is to have separate resolutions on each substantially separate issue. The Company shall avoid 'bundling' resolutions unless the resolutions are interdependent and linked so as to form one significant proposal. In situations where resolutions are inter-conditional, the Company will provide clear explanations.

All directors and the relevant key management personnel shall attend general meetings to address shareholders' queries and receive feedback from shareholders.

The external auditor of the Company shall also be invited to attend the AGMs and shall assist in addressing queries from the shareholders relating to the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the independent auditor's report.

The Chairman of the general meeting will facilitate constructive dialogue between shareholders and the Board, management, external auditors and other relevant professionals.

The Company's Constitution allows all shareholders to appoint not more than 2 proxies to attend and vote on their behalf and also provides that a proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. A relevant intermediary (as defined in Section 181 of the Companies Act) may appoint more than 2 proxies to participate in shareholders' meetings. An investor who holds shares under the Central Provident Fund Investment Scheme ("CPF Investor") and/or the Supplementary Retirement Scheme ("SRS Investors") (as may be applicable) may attend and cast his vote(s) at the general meetings in person. CPF and SRS Investors who are unable to attend the general meetings but would like to vote, may inform their CPF and/or SRS Approved Nominees to appoint the chairman of the general meetings to act as their proxy, in which case, the CPF and SRS Investors shall be precluded from attending the general meetings. Proxies need not be a shareholder of the Company.

The Company's Constitution permits voting in absentia only by appointment of proxy. As the authenticity of shareholders' identity information and other related integrity issues still remain a concern, the Company has decided, for the time being, not to implement voting in absentia by mail or electronic means.

Provision 11.2 of the Code: Separate resolution on each substantially separate issue

Provision 11.3 of the Code: All Directors attend general meetings

Provision 11.4 of the Code:

Company's Constitution allow for absentia voting of shareholders

Minutes of general meetings which include substantial and relevant comments or queries from shareholders relating to the agenda of the meeting and responses from the Board and the relevant key management personnel will be available to shareholders upon their written request.

All resolutions proposed at general meetings shall be put to vote by way of a poll. All votes cast, for or against, and the respective percentages, in respect of each resolution are tallied and disclosed at the meeting and an announcement with the detailed results showing the numbers of votes cast for and against for each resolution and the respective percentage will be released via SGXNet after the general meetings.

The minutes of the general meetings held in FY2020 were posted on the SGXNet and the Company's corporate website within one month from the date of the general meetings.

The Company does not have a formal dividend policy. The form, frequency and amount of future dividend of the Company's shares will depend on the earnings, financial position, results of operations, cash flows, capital needs, general business conditions, terms of borrowing arrangements (if any), plans for expansion, and other factors as the Board may deem appropriate.

The Company communicates regularly with its shareholders and facilitates the participation of shareholders during general meetings and other dialogues to allow shareholders to communicate their views on various matters affecting the Company.

The Company is committed to treating all shareholders fairly and equitably and keep all its shareholders and other stakeholders promptly informed of its corporate activities which would be likely to materially affect the price or value of its shares. The Company does not practise selective disclosure. Information is mainly communicated to shareholders via SGXNet announcements and the Company's annual reports. Announcements released on the SGXNet include the quarterly, half yearly and full year results, material transactions and other developments and performance relating to the Group which require disclosure. Other announcements are also made on an ad-hoc basis where applicable as soon as possible to ensure timely dissemination of the information to shareholders.

The investor relations function is overseen by the Executive Chairman and CEO who leads the Investor Relations team which comprises the executive director(s) and executive officers of the Company. The Investor Relations team takes an active role in communications with shareholders and the investment community to address their queries or concerns and to update them on the latest corporate development.

The Company has in place an investor relations policy which promotes the dissemination of relevant information to the Company's shareholders and prospective investors in a timely manner to enable them to make well-informed investment decisions and to ensure a level playing field.

Shareholders and the investment community can contact the Company's Investor Relations team by telephone at +65 6463 8666 or email at contact@hoeleong.com.

Provision 11.5 of the Code:
Minutes of general meetings are published on the Company's corporate website as soon as practicable

Provision 11.6 of the Code:
Dividend policy

Principle 12: ENGAGEMENT WITH SHAREHOLDERS

Provision 12.1 of the Code:
Company provides avenues for communication between the Board and shareholders and discloses steps taken to solicit and understand the views of shareholders

Provisions 12.2 and 12.3 of the Code:
Company has in place an investor relations policy;
Investor relations policy sets out mechanism of communication between the shareholders and the Company

#### MANAGING STAKEHOLDERS RELATIONSHIPS

The Board adopts an inclusive approach by considering and balancing the needs and interests of material stakeholders, as part of its overall responsibility to ensure that the best interests of the Company are served.

Principle 13: ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The Company endeavours to communicate effectively and regularly with our stakeholders. Our engagement with material stakeholder groups, including key area of focus and engagement channels, are disclosed in the 'Sustainability Report' section of Annual Report 2020.

Provisions 13.1 and 13.2 of the Code: Engagement with material stakeholder groups

The Group seizes opportunities to engage our stakeholders and welcomes feedback on our sustainability report. The Company's sustainability team can be contacted via email (contact@hoeleong.com).

Stakeholders who wish to know more about the Group and our business can visit our website (www.hoeleong.com). The Company will be updating its website. After the update, the Company's website will include an investor relations section containing the Company's annual reports, SGXNet announcements and key policies.

Provision 13.3 of the Code: Corporate website to engage stakeholders

#### **DEALINGS IN SECURITIES**

The Company has put in place policy on dealings in the Company's securities by the directors, officers and employees of the Company and its subsidiaries.

The Company prohibits its officers from dealing in the Company's shares on short-term considerations or when they are in possession of unpublished price-sensitive information. All directors, officers and employees of the Group are not allowed to deal in the Company's shares during the periods commencing two weeks before the announcement of the Company's financial statements for each of the first three quarters of its financial year and one month before the announcement of the Company's full year financial statements.

The Company's officers and employee are also advised to observe insider trading laws at all times. Directors are required to report all dealings in securities to the Company Secretary.

## INTERESTED PERSON TRANSACTIONS ("IPTs")

The Group has adopted a policy in respect of any transactions with interested persons and requires all such transactions to be at arm's length, on normal commercial terms and not prejudicial to the Company and its minority shareholders. All IPTs are documented and submitted periodically to the AC for their review. Save for the information disclosed in the table below, there were no other IPTs conducted during the year, which exceeds \$\$100,000 in value.

The aggregate value of IPTs during FY2020 was as follows:

			of all IPTs during g transactions less 100,000)
Name of interested person and nature of transactions	Nature of relationship	Excluding IPTs conducted under shareholders' mandate pursuant to Rule 920 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST S\$'000	Conducted under shareholders' mandate pursuant to Rule 920 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST S\$'000
Hoe Leong Plastic Industry (China) Co., Ltd: Rental expense	Associate of controlling shareholder	305	_

On 1 January 2021, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Kunshan Kanto Buhin Manufacturing Co., Ltd ("KKBM") renewed its tenancy agreement (the "Tenancy Agreement") with Hoe Leong Plastic Industry (China) Co., Ltd. The lease period under the Tenancy Agreement is 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 and the value at risk (i.e. rental and maintenance fee for the lease period) amounts to approximately \$\$424,000. The Tenancy Agreement and the lease thereunder do not require shareholders' approval as it is exempted under Rule 916(1) of the SGX-ST Listing Manual. Please refer to the Company's SGXNet announcement dated 5 January 2021.

No IPT mandate has been obtained by the Company.

#### MATERIAL CONTRACTS AND LOANS

Pursuant to Rule 1207(8) of the SGX-ST Listing Manual, the Company confirms that there was no material contracts and loans of the Company and its subsidiaries involving the interests of the CEO, each director or controlling shareholder, either still subsisting at the end of FY2020 or, if not then subsisting, entered into since the end of the previous financial year, except for the Tenancy Agreement highlighted in the 'Interested Person Transactions' section of this report.

# **DIRECTORS' STATEMENT**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

We are pleased to submit this annual report to the members of the Company together with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2020.

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial statements are drawn up to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the Company as at 31 December 2020 and the financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows of the Group for the year ended on that date in accordance with the provisions of the Singapore Companies Act, Chapter 50 and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International); and
- (b) at the date of this statement, having regard to the matters referred to in Note 2 to the financial statements, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The Board of Directors has, on the date of this statement, authorised these financial statements for issue.

#### Directors

The directors in office at the date of this report are as follows:

Liew Yoke Pheng Joseph Choy Bing Choong Ang Mong Seng Lee Chin Chai

#### Directors' interests

According to the register kept by the Company for the purposes of Section 164 of the Companies Act, Chapter 50 (the "Act"), particulars of interests of directors who held office at the end of the financial year (including those held by their spouses and infant children) in shares, debentures, warrants and share options in the Company are as follows:

Name of director and corporation in which interests are held	Holdings at beginning of the year	at end of the year
Ang Mong Seng The Company		
Ordinary shares  – interests held	175,000	175,000

Except as disclosed above, there were no changes in any of the above mentioned interests in the Company between the end of the financial year and 21 January 2021.

Except as disclosed in this report, no director who held office at the end of the financial year had interests in shares, debentures, warrants or share options of the Company or of related corporations, either at the beginning or at the end of the financial year, or date of appointment if later, or at the end of the financial year.

Neither at the end of, nor at any time during the financial year, was the Company a party to any arrangement whose objects are, or one of whose objects is, to enable the directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.

#### **Audit Committee**

The members of the Audit Committee at the date of this report are:

- Choy Bing Choong (Chairman), Lead Independent Director
- Ang Mong Seng, Independent Director
- Lee Chin Chai, Independent Director

# **DIRECTORS' STATEMENT**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Audit Committee performs the functions specified in Section 201B of the Act, the SGX-ST Listing Manual and the Code of Corporate Governance.

The Audit Committee has held four meetings since the last directors' statement. In performing its functions, the Audit Committee met with the Company's external auditors to discuss the scope of their work, the results of their examination and evaluation of the Company's internal accounting control system. The Company's internal audit function has been outsourced and the Audit Committee has discussed the scope of the work with the appointed firm, the results of their examination and their evaluation of the Company's internal accounting system, where appropriate.

The Audit Committee also reviewed the following:

- assistance provided by the Company's officers to the internal and external auditors;
- quarterly financial information and annual financial statements of the Group and the Company prior to their submission to the directors of the Company for adoption; and
- interested person transactions (as defined in Chapter 9 of the SGX-ST Listing Manual).

The Audit Committee has full access to management and is given the resources required for it to discharge its functions. It has full authority and the discretion to invite any director or executive officer to attend its meetings. The Audit Committee also recommends the appointment of the external auditors and reviews the level of audit and non-audit fees.

The Audit Committee is satisfied with the independence and objectivity of the external auditors and has recommended to the Board of Directors that the auditors, KPMG LLP, be nominated for re-appointment as auditors at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company.

In appointing the auditors for the Company and its subsidiaries, the Company has complied with Rule 712 and 715 of the SGX-ST Listing Manual.

#### **Auditors**

The auditors, KPMG LLP, have indicated their willingness to accept re-appointment.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Liew Yoke Pheng Joseph

Director

**Choy Bing Choong** 

Director

13 April 2021

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020



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#### Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hoe Leong Corporation Ltd. ('the Company') and its subsidiaries ('the Group'), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position of the Group and the statement of financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2020, the consolidated statement of profit or loss, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows of the Group for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, as set out on pages 60 to 117.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Group and the statement of financial position of the Company are properly drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, Chapter 50 ('the Act') and Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) ('SFRS(I)s') so as to give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group and the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2020 and of the consolidated financial performance, consolidated changes in equity and consolidated cash flows of the Group for the year ended on that date.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing ('SSAs'). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities ('ACRA Code') together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Singapore, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ACRA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements which indicates that the Group has outstanding current loan and borrowing obligations of \$11,519,000, of which \$4,897,000 can be called upon on demand basis due to breaches in certain loan covenants. As further described in Notes 2 and 23, the directors of the Company have put in place fund raising and debt conversion plans (the "restructuring plans") to improve the liquidity and financial position of the Group and Company. Such restructuring plans, however, are dependent on regulatory and shareholders' approval; and the continuing financial support from lenders is also dependent on the successful completion of these restructuring plans. Such conditions indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Group and the Company to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from a failure to obtain the necessary approvals to complete the restructuring plans. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Members of the Company Hoe Leong Corporation Ltd.

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

## Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. In addition to the matter described in Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern section of our report, we have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

Valuation of trade receivables (\$8,324,000) (Refer to Note 9 to the financial statements)	
The key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
Trade receivables represent 20% of the Group's total assets as at 31 December 2020.	We reviewed the credit evaluation and monitoring process activities.
In accordance with SFRS(I) 9 Financial Instruments, the Group is required to recognise loss allowances for expected credit losses (ECL) on financial assets. In formulating the ECL model, the Group considers both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Group's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information. Such an assessment involves judgement and use of estimates which are inherently subjective.	We reviewed and assessed the appropriateness of the assumptions applied in the ECL model by comparing against the Group's aging profile of receivables, historical default rates, debt collection patterns, and other information on creditworthiness of the Group's customers.
Our findings	
We found the ECL provision created as at 31 Decembe and adequately disclosed in the financial statements.	r 2020 to be supported with sufficient data and analysis,
Litigations and claims (Refer to Note 25 to the financial statements)	
The key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
The Group has been involved in several on-going litigations and claims.	We assessed management's basis for the provisions made in relation to on-going litigations and claims.
As the outcome of these on-going litigations and claims is contingent on events that may be outside the control of the Group, there is risk of estimation uncertainties associating with the provision of loss liabilities created by the Group.	We held discussions with management and reviewed relevant correspondence and/or agreements between the parties involved in the on-going litigations and claims.
	We obtained confirmation letters from the external legal counsel, and evaluated the legal view sought from this exercise.

## Our findings

We found the provision for loss liabilities created, together with the accompanying disclosure of facts and circumstances surrounding the on-going litigations and the related estimation risk to be relevant.

Members of the Company Hoe Leong Corporation Ltd. YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### Other information

Management is responsible for the other information contained in the annual report. Other information is defined as all information in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon.

We have obtained all other information prior to the date of this auditors' report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of management and directors for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the provisions of the Act and SFRS(I)s, and for devising and maintaining a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide a reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorised use or disposition; and transactions are properly authorised and that they are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of true and fair financial statements and to maintain accountability of assets.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors' responsibilities include overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal controls.

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- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless the law or regulations preclude public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

## Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In our opinion, the accounting and other records required by the Act to be kept by the Company and by those subsidiary corporations incorporated in Singapore of which we are the auditors have been properly kept in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditors' report is Teo Han Jo.

#### KPMG LLP

Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants

#### Singapore

13 April 2021

# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Group		Company	
	Note	2020	2019	2020	2019
		\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Assets					
Property, plant and equipment	5	10,550	12,016	2,794	3,846
Investments in subsidiaries	6	_	_	10,298	10,298
Loans to subsidiaries	6	-	701	_	_
Deferred tax assets	7	650	701		
Non-current assets		11,200	12,717	13,092_	14,144
Inventories	8	17,516	18,993	-	_
Trade and other receivables	9	10,142	11,542	3,642	3,046
Cash and cash equivalents	10	3,105	2,499	1,077_	73_
		30,763	33,034	4,719	3,119
Assets held for sale	11		6,909		
Current assets		30,763	39,943	4,719	3,119
Total assets		41,963	52,660	17,811	17,263
Equity					
Share capital	12	114,461	114,461	114,461	114,461
Treasury shares		(55)	(55)	(55)	(55)
Currency translation reserve	13	(93)	(879)	-	_
Accumulated losses		(104,302)	(106,388)	(105,928)	(106,988)
Total equity		10,011	7,139	8,478	7,418
Liabilities					
Loans and borrowings	14	6,050	1,588	1,304	1,189
Deferred tax liabilities	7	39	38	20_	19_
Non-current liabilities		6,089	1,626	1,324	1,208
Trade and other payables	16	10,737	14,341	3,144	4,312
Loans and borrowings	14	11,519	25,922	1,277	737
Other provisions	15	3,588	3,588	3,588	3,588
Current tax payable		19	44		
Current liabilities		25,863	43,895	8,009	8,637
Total liabilities		31,952	45,521	9,333	9,845
Total equity and liabilities		41,963	52,660	17,811	17,263

# STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Gr	oup
	Note	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000 Restated*
Continuing operations			
Revenue	17	43,168	53,241
Cost of sales		(35,115)	(42,664)
Gross profit Other income	19	8,053 1,382	10,577 255
Distribution expenses	19	(3,147)	(3,921)
Administrative expenses		(5,078)	(5,343)
Other expenses		(1,227)	(2,872)
Impairment loss on trade receivables		(231)	(245)
Results from operating activities		(248)	(1,549)
Finance income	18	_	5
Finance costs	18	(519)	(700)
Net finance costs		(519)	(695)
Loss before income tax	19	(767)	(2,244)
Income tax expense	20	(183)	(267)
Loss from continuing operations		(950)	(2,511)
Discontinued operation			
Profit/(Loss) from discontinued operation (net of tax)	27	3,036	(14,370)
Profit/(Loss) for the year		2,086	(16,881)
Profit/(Loss) attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		2,086	(16,881)
Profit/(Loss) for the year		2,086	(16,881)
Earnings/(Loss) per share			
Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share (cents)	21	0.04	(0.30)

<sup>\*</sup> See Note 27. The comparative information has been re-presented due to a discontinued operation.

 $\label{thm:companying} The \ accompanying \ notes \ form \ an \ integral \ part \ of \ these \ financial \ statements.$ 

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Group	
	2020	2019
	\$'000	\$'000
Profit/(Loss) for the year	2,086	(16,881)
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
Foreign currency translation differences arising from foreign operations	786	(43)
Other comprehensive income, net of income tax	786	(43)
Total comprehensive income for the year	2,872	(16,924)
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	2,872	(16,924)
Total comprehensive income for the year	2,872	(16,924)

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

		>	Attributable	to owners of	Attributable to owners of the Company	<b>\</b>			YΕΑ
	Note	Share capital	Treasury shares	Currency translation reserve	Accumulated losses	Total	Non- controlling interests	Total equity	AR ENDE
		\$,000	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000	D 31
Group									DEC
At 1 January 2019		114,461	(52)	(836)	(89,503)	24,067	(1,187)	22,880	EMB
Adjustment on initial application of SFRS(I) 16 (net of tax)*		1	1	1	(4)	(4)	I	(4)	ER 20
Adjusted balance at 1 January 2019 Total comprehensive income for the year		114,461	(55)	(836)	(89,507)	24,063	(1,187)	22,876	020
Loss for the year		I	I	I	(16,881)	(16,881)	ı	(16,881)	
Foreign currency translation differences arising from foreign operations		I	I	(43)	I	(43)	I	(43)	
Total comprehensive income for the year  Transactions with owners recorded  directly in equity		I	I	(43)	(16,881)	(16,924)	I	(16,924)	
Deconsolidation of a subsidiary with non-controlling interests	9	I	ı	I	I	I	1,187	1,187	
Transactions with owners		ı	ı	I	1	I	1,187	1,187	
At 31 December 2019		114,461	(55)	(879)	(106,388)	7,139	1	7,139	
At 1 January 2020 Total comprehensive income for the year		114,461	(52)	(879)	(106,388)	7,139	I	7,139	
Profit for the year  Other comprehensive income		I	I	I	2,086	2,086	I	2,086	
Foreign currency translation differences arising from foreign operations		I	1	786	1	786	Ī	786	
Total comprehensive income for the year		1	1	786	2,086	2,872	I	2,872	
At 31 December 2020		114,461	(55)	(63)	(104,302)	10,011	1	10,011	

The Group initially applied SFRS(I) 16 at 1 January 2019, using the modified retrospective approach. Under this approach, comparative information is not restated and the cumulative effect of initially applying SFRS(I) 16 is recognised in retained earnings at the date of initial application.

# **STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

		Gro	oup
	Note	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit/(Loss) before income tax		2,269	(16,614)
Adjustments for:	_	4 00=	2.250
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	5	1,887	3,350
Interest income	18 18	- 519	(5) 1,047
Interest costs (Gain)/Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	19	(53)	30
Gain on sale of discontinued operation, net of tax	27	(4,166)	(660)
Reversal of allowance for inventories	19	(912)	(922)
Bad debts written off	17	31	(,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	5	_	8,397
Impairment loss on trade and other receivables (net)	9	231	5,737
Loss on deconsolidation of subsidiaries	6	80	1,187
		(114)	1,547
Changes in working capital:		(,	.,0 .,
Inventories		2,389	4,511
Trade and other receivables		1,211	1,850
Trade and other payables		(688)	(1,395)
Cash generated from operations		2,798	6,513
Income taxes paid		(116)	(327)
Net cash from operating activities		2,682	6,186
The same of the sa			
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest income received		_	5
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(346)	(1,704)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		93	47
Proceeds from disposal of discontinued operation	27	10,166	660
Net cash outflow on deconsolidation of subsidiary	6		(7)
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities		9,913	(999)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Interest costs paid		(519)	(864)
Proceeds from bills payable and trust receipts		1,124	8,044
Repayment of bills payable and trust receipts		(1,377)	(10,204)
Payment of lease liabilities		(835)	(659)
Proceeds from other borrowing		1,000	_
Proceeds from interest-bearing borrowings		3,569	1,171
Repayment of interest-bearing borrowings		(14,369)	(3,609)
Net cash used in financing activities		(11,407)	(6,121)
Not in an and I do a local		4.400	(02.4)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		1,188	(934)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year  Effect of exchange rate fluctuations		2,499	3,264
•	10	(582)	169
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	10	3,105	2,499

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These notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 13 April 2021.

#### 1 Domicile and activities

Hoe Leong Corporation Ltd. (the 'Company') is incorporated in the Republic of Singapore. The address of the Company's registered office is at 6 Clementi Loop, Singapore 129814.

The principal activities of the Group are those relating to designing, manufacturing, sale and distribution of machinery parts and vessel chartering business. The Company is an investment holding company.

The financial statements of the Group as at and for the year ended 31 December 2020 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the 'Group' and individually as 'Group entities').

#### Business impacts arising from Covid-19 pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic has affected almost all countries of the world, and resulted in border closures, workplace closures, movement controls and other measures imposed by the various governments. The Group's design and manufacture and trading and distribution operating segments, also referred to by Management as the "Equipment segments" was marked by weak business and trade sentiments given the current impact of global and regional economic duress arising from disruptions caused by the onset of Covid-19 since February 2020. The Group's significant operations are in Singapore, Korea and Australia, all of which have been affected by the spread of Covid-19 in 2020.

The global Covid-19 situation remains fluid and the Group continues to maintain a cautious outlook. Notwithstanding the ongoing uncertainties, the Group continues to pursue cost management measures and will also explore additional means to shore up liquidity as necessary. The Company is also actively taking steps to streamline its cost structure with a view to improve the profitability of this business.

Set out below is the impact of Covid-19 on the Group's financial performance reflected in this set of financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020:

- (i) The Group has assessed that the going concern basis of preparation for this set of financial statements remains appropriate (refer to Note 2).
- (ii) In 2020, the Group had received grants from the respective governments which are aimed to help businesses cope with the impacts and challenges of Covid-19. The effects of such government grants as well as the accounting treatment are disclosed in Note 4.12 and Note 19.
- (iii) The Company has considered the market conditions (including the impact of Covid-19) as at the balance sheet date, in making estimates and judgements on the recoverability of financial and non-financial assets. The significant estimates and judgement applied on impairment of non-financial assets, impairment of investments in subsidiaries and impairment of trade receivables, are disclosed in Notes 5, 6 and 9 respectively.

## 2 Use of going concern assumption

As at 31 December 2020, the Group has outstanding current loan and borrowing obligations of \$11,519,000; and of which, \$4,897,000 is due for immediate repayment when called upon as caused by certain breaches of loan covenants (refer to details in Note 14). Yet, the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 have been prepared on a going concern basis. In assessing the validity of the continuing use of the going concern assumption, the directors of the Company have considered the proposed fund raising and debt restructuring plans being put in place, together with an assessment of the Group's cash flow forecast, and other asset divestment plan:

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## 2 Use of going concern assumption (cont'd)

### (i) Proposed fund raising transactions with Shing Heng Holding Pte Ltd (the "Investor")

On 21 December 2020, the Company signed definitive agreements with the Investor in relation to the following funds raising transactions:

- the subscription of convertible loan note of the Company amounting to \$3,000,000 by the Investor; and
- the subscription of new ordinary shares in the Company for \$9,000,000, as an option made available to the Investor (collectively, the "fund raising").

The fund raising is however conditional upon the fulfilment of conditions, including but not limited to, the receipt of approval-in-principle from the Securities Industry Council of Singapore (the "SIC") in relation to the Whitewash Waiver, and the approval of shareholders being obtained for, inter alia, the issuance of convertible loan note, and the grant of options of new shares issuance, and the Whitewash Waiver in compliance with Listing Manual of the SGX-ST.

### (ii) Completion of debt conversion scheme

On 21 December 2020, the Company signed definitive debt settlement agreements with the Group's vessel lenders to convert the unsettled debt obligation of \$1,858,000 via issuance of new shares in the Company and/or issuance of convertible bonds, following the divestment of the Group's vessels whose proceeds raised were used to settle the debt obligation (Refer to details in Note 11).

The implementation of the debt conversion scheme is conditional upon the fulfilment of conditions, including but not limited to, the receipt of approval-in-principle from the SGX-ST in relation to the new ordinary shares and/or convertible bonds to be issued to the vessel lenders, and the approval of shareholders being obtained for, inter alia, the fund raising with the Investors as described above.

## (iii) Cash flows to be generated from the Group's operating and financing activities

The Group expects to continue to generate positive cash flows from its continuing operations, at least, for the next 12 months from the date of authorisation of the financial statements. The Group has also assumed that the existing credit facilities will be made available to the Group, although such continuing financial support from lenders, including any revision in loan covenants, is dependent on the successful completion of the fund raising and debt conversion scheme as stated in the preceding paragraphs.

#### (iv) Divestment of non-core asset

The Group intends to sell a property situated in Johor Bahru, Malaysia and utilise the sale proceeds to repay the Group's external bank loans. The timing and the sale value of the property amid the Covid-19 pandemic, however, cannot be reliably established as at the date of this report.

In considering the fund raising, debt conversion scheme and other asset divestment plans being put in place together with an expectation of the sufficiency of operating cash flows for working capital needs, the directors of the Company believe both the Group and the Company are able to meet its debt obligations as and when they fall due, at least for the next 12 months from the balance sheet date.

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## 2 Use of going concern assumption (cont'd)

#### (iv) Divestment of non-core asset (cont'd)

The directors acknowledge that both the fund raising and debt conversion plans, whose success is key in securing the continuing financial support from lenders, are subject to regulatory and shareholders' approval after the finalisation of the financial statements, but also consider such approvals are not likely to be withheld. If, however, the Company is unsuccessful in obtaining the relevant approvals to meet its debt obligations, these conditions indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Group and the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

If for any reason the Group and the Company are unable to continue as a going concern, it could have an impact on the Group's and Company's classification of assets and liabilities and the ability to realise assets at their recognised values and to extinguish liabilities in the normal course of business at the amounts stated in the financial statements.

## 3 Basis of preparation

## 3.1 Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) (SFRS(I)).

#### 3.2 Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except as otherwise described in accounting policies below.

## 3.3 Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Singapore dollars, which is the Company's functional currency. All financial information presented in Singapore dollars have been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise stated.

#### 3.4 Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with SFRS(I)s requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

There are no critical judgements made in applying the accounting policies.

Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are included in the following notes:

- Note 5 measurement of depreciation and recoverable amounts of property, plant and equipment.
- Note 6 measurement of recoverable amounts of investments in subsidiaries.
- Note 8 measurement of net realisable value of inventories.
- Note 9 measurement of impairment loss allowance for trade receivables.
- Note 25 measurement of estimation of provision of loss liabilities from on-going litigation cases.

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## 3 Basis of preparation (cont'd)

#### 3.5 Changes in accounting policies

#### New standards and amendments

The Group has applied the following SFRS(I)s, amendments to and interpretations of SFRS(I) for the first time for the annual period beginning on 1 January 2020:

- Amendments to References to Conceptual Framework in SFRS(I) Standards
- Definition of a Business (Amendments to SFRS(I) 3)
- Definition of Material (Amendments to SFRS(I) 1-1 and SFRS(I) 1-8)
- Interest Rate Benchmark Reform (Amendments to SFRS(I) 9, SFRS(I) 1-39 and SFRS(I) 7)

The application of these amendments to standards and interpretations does not have a material effect on the financial statements.

## 4 Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

#### 4.1 Basis of consolidation

#### (i) Business combinations

The Group accounts for business combinations using the acquisition method when the acquired set of activities and assets meets the definition of a business and control is transferred to the Group (see note ii). In determining whether a particular set of activities and assets is a business, the Group assesses whether the set of assets and activities acquired includes, at a minimum, an input and substantive process and whether the acquired set has the ability to produce outputs.

The Group has an option to apply a 'concentration test' that permits a simplified assessment of whether an acquired set of activities and assets is not a business. The optional concentration test is met if substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or group of similar identifiable assets.

The Group measures goodwill at the acquisition date as:

- the fair value of the consideration transferred; plus
- the recognised amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree; plus
- if the business combination is achieved in stages, the fair value of the pre-existing equity interest in the acquiree,

over the net recognised amount (generally fair value) of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed. Any goodwill that arises is tested annually for impairment. When the excess is negative, a bargain purchase gain is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

The consideration transferred does not include amounts related to the settlement of pre-existing relationships. Such amounts are generally recognised in profit or loss.

Any contingent consideration payable is recognised at fair value at the date of acquisition and included in the consideration transferred. If the contingent consideration that meets the definition of a financial instrument is classified as equity, it is not re-measured and settlement is accounted for within equity. Otherwise, subsequent changes to the fair value of the contingent consideration are recognised in profit or loss.

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## 4 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

#### 4.1 Basis of consolidation (cont'd)

## (i) Business combinations (cont'd)

When share-based payment awards (replacement awards) are exchanged for awards held by the acquiree's employees (acquiree's awards) and relate to past services, then all or a portion of the amount of the acquirer's replacement awards is included in measuring the consideration transferred in the business combination. This determination is based on the market-based value of the replacement awards compared with the market-based value of the acquiree's awards and the extent to which the replacement awards relate to past and/or future service.

Costs related to the acquisition, other than those associated with the issue of debt or equity securities, that the Group incurs in connection with a business combination are expensed as incurred.

Changes in the Group's interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as transactions with owners in their capacity as owners and therefore no adjustments are made to goodwill and no gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. Adjustments to non-controlling interests arising from transactions that do not involve the loss of control are based on a proportionate amount of the net assets of the subsidiary.

#### (ii) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. The Group controls an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases.

The accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to align them with the policies adopted by the Group.

#### (iii) Loss of control

When the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, and any related non-controlling interest ("NCI") and other components of equity. Any resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. Any interest retained in the former subsidiary is measured at fair value when control is lost.

## (iv) Transactions eliminated on consolidation

Intra-group balances and transactions, and any unrealised income and expenses (except for foreign currency transaction gains or losses) arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised losses are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

## (v) Subsidiaries in the separate financial statements

Investments in subsidiaries are stated in the Company's statement of financial position at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

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#### 4 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

## 4.2 Foreign currency

## Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the respective functional currencies of Group entities at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortised cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the year, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the year, and the amortised cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the year.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items in a foreign currency that are measured in terms of historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency differences arising on translation are recognised in profit or loss.

#### Foreign operations

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated to Singapore dollars at exchange rates at the reporting date. The income and expenses of foreign operations are translated to Singapore dollars at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

Foreign currency differences are recognised in other comprehensive income ("OCI"). However, if the foreign operation is a non-wholly-owned subsidiary, then the relevant proportionate share of the translation difference is allocated to the NCI. When a foreign operation is disposed of such that control is lost, the cumulative amount in the translation reserve related to that foreign operation is reclassified to profit or loss as part of the gain or loss on disposal. When the Group disposes of only part of its interest in a subsidiary that includes a foreign operation while retaining control, the relevant proportion of the cumulative amount is reattributed to NCI. When the Group disposes of only part of its investment in an associate or joint venture that includes a foreign operation while retaining significant influence or joint control, the relevant proportion of the cumulative amount is reclassified to profit or loss.

When the settlement of a monetary item receivable from or payable to a foreign operation is neither planned nor likely to occur in the foreseeable future, foreign exchange gains and losses arising from such a monetary item are considered to form part of a net investment in a foreign operation are recognised in other comprehensive income, and are presented in the currency translation reserve in equity.

## 4.3 Financial instruments

#### (i) Recognition and initial measurement

#### Non-derivative financial assets and financial liabilities

Trade receivables are initially recognised when they are originated. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset (unless it is a trade receivable without a significant financing component) or financial liability is initially measured at fair value plus, for an item not at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. A trade receivable without a significant financing component is initially measured at the transaction price.

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## 4 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

## 4.3 Financial instruments (cont'd)

## (ii) Classification and subsequent measurement

#### Non-derivative financial assets

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at amortised cost. Non-derivative financial assets are categorised as follows:

Financial assets	Conditions to be met	Subsequent measurement
Amortised cost	<ul> <li>Business model to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.</li> <li>The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.</li> </ul>

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Group changes its business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

#### Financial assets: Business model assessment

The Group makes an assessment of the objective of the business model in which a financial asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed and information is provided to management. The information considered includes:

- the stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice. These include whether management's strategy focuses on earning contractual interest income, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of any related liabilities or expected cash outflows or realising cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Group's management;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
- how managers of the business are compensated e.g. whether compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or the contractual cash flows collected; and
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales of financial assets in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and expectations about future sales activity.

Transfers of financial assets to third parties in transactions that do not qualify for derecognition are not considered sales for this purpose, consistent with the Group's continuing recognition of the assets.

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### 4 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

#### 4.3 Financial instruments (cont'd)

#### (ii) Classification and subsequent measurement (cont'd)

Non-derivative financial assets: Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest

For the purposes of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as a profit margin.

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, the Group considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition. In making this assessment, the Group considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount or timing of cash flows;
- terms that may adjust the contractual coupon rate, including variable rate features;
- prepayment and extension features; and
- terms that limit the Group's claim to cash flows from specified assets (e.g. non-recourse features).

A prepayment feature is consistent with the solely payments of principal and interest criterion if the prepayment amount substantially represents unpaid amounts of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding, which may include reasonable additional compensation for early termination of the contract. Additionally, for a financial asset acquired at a significant discount or premium to its contractual par amount, a feature that permits or requires prepayment at an amount that substantially represents the contractual par amount plus accrued (but unpaid) contractual interest (which may also include reasonable additional compensation for early termination) is treated as consistent with this criterion if the fair value of the prepayment feature is insignificant at initial recognition.

Non-derivative financial liabilities: Classification, subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost or FVTPL. A financial liability is classified as at FVTPL if it is classified as held-for-trading or it is designated as such on initial recognition. Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value and net gains and losses, including any interest expense, are recognised in profit or loss. Directly attributable transaction costs are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

Other financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value less directly attributable transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss. These financial liabilities comprised loans and borrowings, bank overdrafts, and trade and other payables.

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#### 4 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

## 4.3 Financial instruments (cont'd)

## (iii) Derecognition

#### Financial assets

The Group derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

#### Financial liabilities

The Group derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expire. The Group also derecognises a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different, in which case a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognised at fair value.

On derecognition of a financial liability, the difference between the carrying amount extinguished and the consideration paid (including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed) is recognised in profit or loss.

#### (iv) Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Group currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

## (v) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and short-term deposits with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their fair value, and are used by the Group in the management of its short-term commitments.

## (vi) Share capital

## Ordinary shares

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares are recognised as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effects.

Repurchase, disposal and reissue of share capital (treasury shares)

When share capital recognised as equity is repurchased, the amount of consideration paid, which includes directly attributable costs, net of any tax effects, is recognised as a deduction from equity. Repurchased shares are classified as treasury shares and are presented in the reserve for own share account. When treasury shares are sold or reissued subsequently, the amount received is recognised as an increase in equity, and the resulting surplus or deficit on the transaction is presented in non-distributable capital reserve.

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#### 4 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

#### 4.3 Financial instruments (cont'd)

## (vii) Intra-group financial guarantees in the separate financial statements

Financial guarantees are financial instruments issued by the Company that require the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for the loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to meet payment when due in accordance with the original or modified terms of a debt instrument.

Financial guarantees issued are initially measured at fair value and the initial fair value is amortised over the life of the guarantees. Subsequently, they are measured at the higher of the amount of the loss allowance determined in accordance with SFRS(I) 9 and the amount initially recognised less, when appropriate, the cumulative amount of income recognised in accordance with the principles of SFRS(I) 15.

Expected credit losses (ECLs) are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. ECLs are measured for financial guarantees issued as the expected payments to reimburse the holder less any amounts that the Company expects to recover.

Loss allowances for ECLs for financial guarantees issued are presented in the Company's statement of financial position as 'loans and borrowings'.

## 4.4 Property, plant and equipment

#### (i) Recognition and measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost, which includes capitalised borrowing costs, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. The cost of certain items of property, plant and equipment at 1 January 2017, the Group's date of transition to SFRS(I), was determined with reference to its fair value at that date.

Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of self-constructed assets includes:

- the cost of materials and direct labour;
- any other costs directly attributable to bringing the assets to a working condition for their intended use;
- when the Group has an obligation to remove the asset or restore the site, an estimate of the
  costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located;
  and
- capitalised borrowing costs.

Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

When parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

The gain or loss on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment (calculated as the difference between the net proceeds from disposal and the carrying amount of the item) is recognised in profit or loss.

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## 4 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

#### 4.4 Property, plant and equipment (cont'd)

#### (ii) Subsequent costs

The cost of replacing a component of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the component will flow to the Group, and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced component is derecognised. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property, plant and equipment are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

#### (iii) Depreciation

Depreciation is based on the cost of an asset less its residual value. Significant components of individual assets are assessed and if a component has a useful life that is different from the remainder of that asset, that component is depreciated separately.

Depreciation is recognised as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each component of an item of property, plant and equipment, unless it is included in the carrying amount of another asset. Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives unless it is reasonably certain that the Group will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term. Freehold land is not depreciated.

Depreciation is recognised from the date that the property, plant and equipment are installed and are ready for use, or in respect of internally constructed assets, from the date that the asset is completed and ready for use.

The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative years are as follows:

Freehold building – 50 years
Furniture, fittings and office equipment – 5 to 10 years
Material handling equipment – 5 to 10 years
Computers – 3 years
Motor vehicles – 1 to 5 years
Barge and vessel – 20 to 25 years
Right-of-use assets – 1 to 3 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted if appropriate.

#### 4.5 Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of inventories is calculated using the weighted average cost method, and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories, production or conversion costs and other costs incurred in bringing them to their existing location and condition. In the case of manufactured inventories and work in progress, cost includes an appropriate share of production overheads based on normal operating capacity.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the estimated costs of completion and estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

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### 4 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

### 4.6 Impairment

#### (i) Non-derivative financial assets and contract assets

The Group recognises loss allowances for expected credit losses (ECLs) on

- financial assets measured at amortised cost; and
- intra-group financial guarantee contracts (FGC).

Loss allowances of the Group are measured on either of the following bases:

- 12-month ECLs: these are ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date (or for a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months); or
- Lifetime ECLs: these are ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument or contract asset.

### Simplified approach

The Group applies the simplified approach to provide for ECLs for all trade receivables. The simplified approach requires the loss allowance to be measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs.

### General approach

The Group applies the general approach to provide for ECLs on all other financial instruments and FGCs. Under the general approach, the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to 12-month ECLs at initial recognition.

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether the credit risk of a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition. When credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Group's historical experience and informed credit assessment and includes forward-looking information.

If credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition or if the credit quality of the financial instruments improves such that there is no longer a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to 12-month ECLs.

The Group considers a financial asset to be in default when the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Group in full, without recourse by the Group to actions such as realising security (if any is held) or the financial asset is more than 150 days past due.

The Company considers a FGC to be in default when the debtor of the loan is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the creditor and the Company in full, without recourse by the Company to actions such as realising security (if any is held). The Company only applies a discount rate if, and to the extent that, the risks are not taken into account by adjusting the expected cash shortfalls.

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk.

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### 4 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

### 4.6 Impairment (cont'd)

### (i) Non-derivative financial assets and contract assets (cont'd)

### General approach (cont'd)

### Measurement of expected credit losses (ECLs)

ECLs are probability-weighted estimates of credit losses. Credit losses are measured at the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive).

ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

### Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- a breach of contract such as a default;
- the restructuring of a loan or advance by the Group on terms that the Group would not consider otherwise: or
- it is probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation.

### Presentation of allowance for ECLs in the statement of financial position

Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of these assets.

Loss allowances for FGC are recognised as a financial liability to the extent that they exceed the initial carrying amount of the FGC less the cumulated income recognised.

## Write-off

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off (either partially or in full) to the extent that there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Group determines that the debtor does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Group's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

# (ii) Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Group's non-financial assets, other than inventories and deferred tax assets, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its related cash-generating unit (CGU) exceeds the estimated recoverable amount.

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#### 4 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

### 4.6 Impairment (cont'd)

### (ii) Non-financial assets (cont'd)

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs of disposal. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or CGU. For the purposes of goodwill impairment testing, CGUs to which goodwill has been allocated are aggregated so that the level at which impairment testing is performed reflects the lowest level at which goodwill is monitored for internal reporting purposes. Goodwill acquired in a business combination is allocated to groups of CGUs that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination.

The Group's corporate assets do not generate separate cash inflows and are utilised by more than one CGU. Corporate assets are allocated to CGUs on a reasonable and consistent basis and are tested for impairment as part of the testing of the CGU to which the corporate asset is allocated.

Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised in respect of CGUs are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the CGU (group of CGUs), and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the CGU (group of CGUs) on a pro rata basis.

An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed. In respect of other assets, impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

#### 4.7 Assets held for sale

Non-current assets that are highly probable to be recovered primarily through sale rather than through continuing use, are classified as held for sale. Immediately before classification as held for sale, the assets are remeasured in accordance with the Group's accounting policies. Thereafter, the assets classified as held for sale are generally measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. Impairment losses on initial classification as held for sale and subsequent gains or losses on remeasurement are recognised in profit or loss. Gains are not recognised in excess of any cumulative impairment loss.

Property, plant and equipment once classified as held for sale are not amortised or depreciated.

# 4.8 Employee benefits

### (i) Defined contribution plans

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which an entity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an employee benefit expense in profit or loss in the periods during which services are rendered by employees.

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### 4 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

### 4.8 Employee benefits (cont'd)

### (ii) Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefit obligations are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid under short-term cash bonus or profit-sharing plans if the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee, and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

#### 4.9 Provisions

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as finance cost.

### 4.10 Revenue

#### (i) Goods and services sold

Revenue from sale of goods and services in the ordinary course of business is recognised when the Group satisfies a performance obligation (PO) by transferring control of a promised good or service to the customer. The amount of revenue recognised is the amount of the transaction price allocated to the satisfied PO.

The transaction price is allocated to each PO in the contract on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling prices of the promised goods or services. The individual standalone selling price of a good or service that has not previously been sold on a stand-alone basis, or has a highly variable selling price, is determined based on the residual portion of the transaction price after allocating the transaction price to goods and/or services with observable stand-alone selling prices. A discount or variable consideration is allocated to one or more, but not all, of the performance obligations if it relates specifically to those performance obligations.

The transaction price is the amount of consideration in the contract to which the Group expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring the promised goods or services. The transaction price may be fixed or variable and is adjusted for time value of money if the contract includes a significant financing component. Consideration payable to a customer is deducted from the transaction price if the Group does not receive a separate identifiable benefit from the customer. When consideration is variable, the estimated amount is included in the transaction price to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal of the cumulative revenue will not occur when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is resolved.

Revenue may be recognised at a point in time or over time following the timing of satisfaction of the PO. If a PO is satisfied over time, revenue is recognised based on the percentage of completion reflecting the progress towards complete satisfaction of that PO.

### (ii) Revenue from vessel chartering

Revenue from vessel chartering under an operating lease is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

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#### 4 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

#### 4.11 Leases

At inception of a contract, the Group assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

### (i) As a lessee

At commencement or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of its relative stand-alone prices. However, for the leases of property the Group has elected not to separate non-lease components and account for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

The Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term, unless the lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset to the Group by the end of the lease term or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Group will exercise a purchase option. In that case the right-of-use asset will be depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset, which is determined on the same basis as those of property and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease liability.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Group's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The Group determines its incremental borrowing rate by obtaining interest rates from various external financing sources and makes certain adjustments to reflect the terms of the lease and type of the asset leased.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:

- fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- the exercise price under a purchase option that the Group is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Group is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

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#### 4 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

#### 4.11 Leases (cont'd)

#### (i) As a lessee (cont'd)

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Group's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, if the Group changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option or if there is a revised in-substance fixed lease payment.

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

The Group presents right-of-use assets that do not meet the definition of investment property in 'property, plant and equipment' and lease liabilities in 'loans and borrowings' in the statement of financial position.

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Group has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases of low-value assets and short-term leases, including IT equipment. The Group recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

## (ii) As a lessor

At inception or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone prices.

When the Group acts as a lessor, it determines at lease inception whether each lease is a finance lease or an operating lease.

To classify each lease, the Group makes an overall assessment of whether the lease transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset. If this is the case, then the lease is a finance lease; if not, then it is an operating lease. As part of this assessment, the Group considers certain indicators such as whether the lease is for the major part of the economic life of the asset.

When the Group is an intermediate lessor, it accounts for its interests in the head lease and the sub-lease separately. It assesses the lease classification of a sub-lease with reference to the right-of-use asset arising from the head lease, not with reference to the underlying asset. If a head lease is a short-term lease to which the Group applies the exemption described above, then it classifies the sub-lease as an operating lease.

If an arrangement contains lease and non-lease components, then the Group applies SFRS(I) 15 to allocate the consideration in the contract.

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### 4 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

### 4.12 Government grants

Government grants related to assets are initially recognised as deferred income at fair value when there is reasonable assurance that they will be received and the Group will comply with the conditions associated with the grant. These grants are then recognised in profit or loss as 'other income' on a systematic basis over the useful life of the asset. Grants that compensate the Group for expenses incurred are recognised in profit or loss as 'other income' on a systematic basis in the periods in which the expenses are recognised, unless the conditions for receiving the grant are met after the related expenses have been recognised. In this case, the grant is recognised when it becomes receivable.

#### 4.13 Finance income and finance costs

The Group's finance income and finance costs include:

- interest income; and
- interest expense.

Interest income or expense is recognised using the effective interest method.

The 'effective interest rate' is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument to:

- the gross carrying amount of the financial asset; or
- the amortised cost of the financial liability.

In calculating interest income and expense, the effective interest rate is applied to the gross carrying amount of the asset (when the asset is not credit-impaired) or to the amortised cost of the liability. However, for financial assets that have become credit-impaired subsequent to initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset. If the asset is no longer credit-impaired, then the calculation of interest income reverts to the gross basis.

Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

#### 4.14 Tax

Tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognised directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

The Group has determined that interest and penalties related to income taxes, including uncertain tax treatments, do not meet the definition of income taxes, and therefore accounted for them under SFRS(I) 1-37 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets.* 

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, measured using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years. The amount of current tax payable or receivable is the best estimate of the tax amount expected to be paid or received that reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset only if certain criteria are met.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes.

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### 4 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

### 4.14 Tax (cont'd)

Deferred tax is not recognised for:

- temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss; and
- temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that the Group is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

The measurement of deferred taxes reflects the tax consequences that would follow the manner in which the Group expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

A deferred tax asset is recognised for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences, to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used.

#### 4.15 Earnings per share

The Group presents basic and diluted earnings per share data for its ordinary shares. Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Company by the weighted-average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period, adjusted for own shares held. Diluted earnings per share is determined by adjusting the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders and the weighted-average number of ordinary shares outstanding, adjusted for own shares held, for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares, which comprise share options and share awards granted to employees.

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#### 4 Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

### 4.16 Segment reporting

An operating segment is a component of the Group that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses, including revenues and expenses that relate to transactions with any of the Group's other components. All operating segments' operating results are reviewed regularly by the Group's CEO (the chief operating decision maker) to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and to assess its performance, and for which discrete financial information is available.

Segment results that are reported to the Group's CEO include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis. Unallocated items comprise mainly corporate assets, head office expenses, and tax assets and liabilities.

Segment capital expenditure is the total cost incurred during the year to acquire property, plant and equipment.

### 4.17 Discontinued operations

A discontinued operation is a component of the Group's business, the operations and cash flows of which can be clearly distinguished from the rest of the Group and which:

- represents a separate major line of business or geographical area of operations; or
- is a part of a single co-ordinated plan to dispose of a separate major line of business or geographical area of operations.

Classification as a discontinued operation occurs at the earlier of disposal or when the operation meets the criteria to be classified as held for sale. When an operation is classified as a discontinued operation, the comparative statement of profit or loss is re-presented as if the operation had been discontinued from the start of the comparative year.

### 4.18 New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards and amendments to standards are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2020 and earlier application is permitted; however, the Group has not early adopted the new or amended standards in preparing these financial statements.

The following amendments to SFRS(I)s are not expected to have a significant impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements and the Company's statement of financial position.

- SFRS(I) 17 Insurance Contracts
- Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (Amendments to SFRS(I) 1-1)
- Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions (Amendment to SFRS(I) 16)
- Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture (Amendments to SFRS(I) 10 and SFRS(I) 1-28)

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# 5 Property, plant and equipment (cont'd)

As at 31 December 2020, the details of the right-of-use assets included in property, plant and equipment are set out as follows:

	Land and buildings \$'000	Office equipment \$'000	Motor t vehicles \$'000	Material handling equipment \$'000	Total \$'000
Group					
Balance at 1 January 2019	191	_	340	52	583
Depreciation charge for the year	(490)	(3)	(126)	(6)	(625)
Additions to right-of-use assets	2,369	4	24		2,397
Balance at 31 December 2019	2,070	1	238	46	2,355
Balance at 1 January 2020	2,070	1	238	46	2,355
Depreciation charge for the year	(781)	(1)	(106) 148	(10)	(898) 148
Additions to right-of-use assets  Derecognition of right-of-use assets	(285)	_	(26)	_	(311)
Balance at 31 December 2020	1,004		254	36	1,294
	bı	nd and uildings \$'000	Motor vehicles \$'000	Office equipment \$'000	Total \$'000
Company		_	_		
Balance at 1 January 2019		_	_	_	_
Depreciation charge for the year		(435)	(4)	(3)	(442)
Additions to right-of-use assets		2,369	24	4	2,397
Balance at 31 December 2019	_	1,934	20	1	1,955
Balance at 1 January 2020 Depreciation charge for the year Additions to right-of-use assets Derecognition of right-of-use assets	,	1,934 (725) – (285)	20 (24) 23	1 (1) - -	1,955 (750) 23 (285)
Balance at 31 December 2020		924	19		943

The following property, plant and equipment and assets held for sale are pledged as security to secure credit facilities:

		Gre	oup
	Note	2020	2019
		\$'000	\$'000
Carrying amount of:			
- freehold land and buildings		6,952	6,849
– material handling equipment		1,443	2,026
– motor vehicles		127	218
– barge and vessels	11		6,909
		8,522	16,002

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# 5 Property, plant and equipment (cont'd)

Assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. As changes in the expected level of usage could impact the economic useful lives and the residual values of these assets, future depreciation charges could be revised. In view of the recurring losses incurred, the Group performed an impairment assessment of its property, plant and equipment. The estimated recoverable amounts are mainly based on fair value less costs of disposal using external valuation reports obtained from independent professional valuers, with appropriate recognised professional qualifications and experience in the assets being valued. The recoverable amounts could change significantly as a result of changes in market conditions and the assumptions used in determining the fair value.

### Impairment loss in relation to property, plant and equipment ("PPE")

For impairment testing of PPE, the CGUs of the design and manufacture and trading and distribution operating segments, also referred to by Management as the "Equipment segments", comprising significant subsidiaries where these PPEs are deployed, are individually tested. Owing to the continuing challenging market conditions affecting the Equipment segments and their CGUs, Management assessed the recoverable amounts of the CGUs based on their respective fair values less costs of disposal. The fair values were estimated using external valuations performed by independent professional valuers with appropriate recognised professional qualifications and experience in the assets being valued. No impairment losses were found to be necessary as at 31 December 2020, and 31 December 2019.

In 2019, a write-down of \$7,737,000 on the Group's barge and vessels from the vessel chartering segment was recognised in the Group's profit or loss as part of cost of sales, bringing down the carrying value of the barge and vessels to their estimated fair value amount of \$6,909,000 and was reclassified to "Assets held for sale".

		Gro	up
		Impairme	nt charge
		2020	2019
	Valuation technique	\$'000	\$'000
Level 2			
<ul> <li>barge and vessels</li> </ul>	Direct sales comparison		7,737

In preparing their valuation reports, some of the factors the valuers considered include market comparable transactions, the current charter market and current market sentiment which takes into account other similar vessels currently on the market, offers and negotiations that have been tabled and/or are under way, vessel specification, builder's yard, quality of equipment and other market factors.

### Change in classification

In 2019, the Group reclassified \$6,909,000 of barge and vessels to assets held for sale (Note 11). In 2020, the Group completed the sale of all vessels from the vessel chartering segment and recognised a gain of \$3,127,000 in Group's profit or loss as part of other income. Following the divestment of the Group's vessels, the proceeds raised from the sale of vessels were used to settle its debt obligation.

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#### 6 Subsidiaries

	Com	oany
	2020	2019
	\$'000	\$'000
Investments in subsidiaries		
Unquoted equity shares, at cost	36,981	37,291
Accumulated impairment losses	(26,683)	(26,993)
Carrying amount	10,298	10,298

The movements in accumulated impairment losses on investment in subsidiaries during the year were as follows:

	2020 \$′000	2019 \$'000
At 1 January	26,993	23,491
Impairment losses charged to profit or loss	_	3,502
Impairment losses utilised	(310)	
At 31 December	26,683	26,993

Investments in subsidiaries are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment by assessing the factors that affect the recoverable amount of an investment, and the financial health of and business outlook for the investee. These include factors such as industry and sector performance, changes in technology, and operating and financing cash flows. Any change in the business environment and estimates of the recoverable amounts of the subsidiaries can impact the carrying amounts of the investments in the subsidiaries. Management of the Company has performed a review of the recoverable amounts of its investments in its subsidiaries in accordance with the accounting policy stated in note 4.6.

Certain subsidiaries have been inactive with no revenue generating activities. The recoverable amounts of investments in inactive subsidiaries were determined on their net asset values comprising mainly working capital monetary items, which approximate their fair values and were below their carrying amounts of the investments in the subsidiaries. Impairment losses of \$3,502,000 were recognised in 2019 and on re-estimation of recoverable amounts of these subsidiaries using similar approach previously applied, there were no further impairment losses or reversal of impairment losses previously made during 2020.

In 2020, four inactive subsidiaries were placed under creditors' voluntary liquidation and accumulated impairment losses of \$310,000 (2019: \$Nil) were utilised.

Details of significant subsidiaries are as follows:

Name of subsidiaries	Country of incorporation	Effective equity held by the Group			
		2020 %	2019 %		
Hoe Leong Crawler Parts Pte. Ltd. (1)	Singapore	100	100		
Ho Leong Tractors Sdn. Bhd. (2)	Malaysia	100	100		
Trackspares (Australia) Pty. Ltd. (3)	Australia	100	100		
Korea Crawler Track Ltd. (4)	Korea	100	100		

- In compliance with Rule 715(1) of the SGX-ST Listing Manual, all Singapore-incorporated subsidiaries are audited by the Company's auditors, KPMG LLP. For this purpose, a subsidiary is considered significant as defined under the SGX-ST Listing Manual if its net tangible assets represent 20% or more of the Group's consolidated net tangible assets, or if its pre-tax profits account for 20% or more of the Group's consolidated pre-tax profits.
- <sup>(2)</sup> Audited by Moore Stephens Associates PLT.
- (3) Audited by Crowe Audit Australia.
- <sup>(4)</sup> Audited by Lian Accounting Corporation.

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#### 6 Subsidiaries (cont'd)

	Com	oany
	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000
Loans to subsidiaries		
Loans to subsidiaries	_	15,022
Accumulated impairment losses		(15,022)

The movements in accumulated impairment losses on loans to subsidiaries during the year were as follows:

	2020 \$'000	\$'000
At 1 January	15,022	_
Impairment losses charged to profit or loss	_	15,022
Impairment losses utilised	(15,022)	
At 31 December		15,022

Loans to subsidiaries were unsecured and non-interest bearing, and were an extension of the Company's investments in these subsidiaries. As such, repayment of these loans was neither planned nor likely to occur in the foreseeable future and were classified as non-current.

During the financial year, the Group completed voluntary liquidation of these subsidiaries, and the accumulated impairment losses were utilised following non-recovery of these loans.

### Deconsolidation of subsidiaries

#### 2019

The Company lost control of the following subsidiaries following voluntary liquidation as at the reporting date:

- (i) Arkstar Ship Management Pte Ltd
- (ii) Ebony Ritz Sdn Bhd

# 2020

The Company lost control of the following subsidiaries following discontinuation of the vessel chartering business as at the reporting date:

- (i) Arkstar Energy Pte Ltd
- (ii) Arkstar Eagle 3 Pte Ltd
- (iii) Markstar Marine Sdn Bhd
- (iv) Polaris Ship Management Pte Ltd

Details on the deconsolidation are set out as follows:

2020	2019
\$'000	\$'000
80	3,308
	(2,121)
80	1,187
	\$'000 80 —

No consideration was received on deconsolidation of the above subsidiaries.

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# 6 Subsidiaries (cont'd)

Loss on deconsolidation of subsidiaries:

	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000
Consideration received Net assets de-recognised	(80)	– (1,187)
Loss on deconsolidation	(80)	(1,187)

### 7 Deferred tax assets and liabilities

Movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities of the Group (prior to offsetting of balances) during the year are as follows:

	At 1 January 2019 \$'000	Recognised in profit or loss (Note 20) \$'000	Exchange differences \$'000	At 31 December 2019 \$'000	Recognised in profit or loss (Note 20) \$'000	Exchange differences \$'000	At 31 December 2020 \$'000
Group Deferred tax assets							
Provisions	720	(16)	(14)	690	(99)	48	639
Others	94	(82)	(1)	11			11
	814	(98)	(15)	701	(99)	48	650
Deferred tax liabilities Property, plant and equipment	(38)	_	_	(38)	(1)	_	(39)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities of the Company (prior to offsetting of balances) are attributable to the following:

	Com	Company		
	2020 	2019 \$'000		
<b>Deferred tax assets</b> Provisions	19	19		
Deferred tax liabilities Property, plant and equipment	(39)	(38)		

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# 7 Deferred tax assets and liabilities (cont'd)

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred taxes relate to the same taxation authority. The following amounts, determined after appropriate offsetting, are included in the statements of financial position as follows:

	Gre	Group		pany
	2020	2020 2019	2020	2019
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Deferred tax assets	650	701	19	19
Deferred tax liabilities	(39)	(38)	(39)	(38)

Deferred tax assets have been recognised in respect of provisions to the extent that these balances will reverse in the foreseeable future and to the extent that their realisation through future taxable profits is probable.

#### 8 Inventories

	Group		
	2020		
	\$'000	\$'000	
Raw materials	1,284	905	
Work-in-progress	5,125	5,169	
Finished goods, at net realisable value	10,905	12,176	
Goods-in-transit	202	743	
	17,516	18,993	

In 2020, the amount of inventories recognised in cost of sales was \$29,814,000 (2019: \$33,120,000). In addition, an allowance for slow-moving inventories of \$912,000 (2019: \$922,000) previously made was written back following subsequent sale of these inventories above their net book value during the year.

Work-in-progress consists primarily raw materials and allocated overhead costs.

Inventories have been written down to lower of cost and estimated net realisable value to be consistent with the view that assets should not be carried in excess of amounts expected to be realised from their sale or use. These estimates take into consideration market demand, the age of the inventories, competition, selling price and events occurring after the end of the financial year to the extent that such events confirm conditions that existed at reporting date.

The Group recognises allowance on obsolete inventories when inventory items are identified as obsolete. Obsolescence is based on the physical and functional conditions of inventory items and is established when these inventory items are no longer marketable. Obsolete inventory items when identified are written off to profit or loss. In addition to an allowance for specifically identified obsolete inventory, allowances are also estimated based on the age of the inventory items. The Group believes such estimates represent a fair charge of the level of inventory obsolescence in a given year.

Finished goods are stated after deducting an allowance for slow-moving inventories of \$17,516,000 (2019: \$18,673,000).

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#### Trade and other receivables

	Group		Company	
	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000
Trade receivables due from:				
– third parties	15,587	17,448	_	114
– subsidiaries			9,945	9,963
	15,587	17,448	9,945	10,077
Less: allowance for impairment losses				
– third parties	(7,263)	(7,284)	_	(110)
– subsidiaries			(6,456)	(7,216)
	(7,263)	(7,284)	(6,456)	(7,326)
Net trade receivables	8,324	10,164	3,489	2,751
Non-trade receivables due from subsidiaries Less: allowance for impairment losses	- -	_ _	13,726 (13,726)	48,843 (48,755)
Net non-trade receivables				88
Advances to suppliers	94	282	_	_
Deposits	891	544	149	98
Tax recoverable	80	21	_	_
Sundry receivables	601	253		
	9,990	11,264	3,638	2,937
Prepayments	152	278	4	109
	10,142	11,542	3,642	3,046

Non-trade receivables due from subsidiaries are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

The Group does not require collateral in respect of trade receivables. The Group does not have trade receivables for which no loss allowance is recognised because of collateral.

Management estimated the impairment loss allowance on credit-impaired receivables based on the age of the trade receivables, their future collectability, credit-worthiness of customers, the historical default rate, and various other factors. The Group estimated the 'expected credit loss' (ECL) for trade receivables using the allowance matrix to measure the ECLs of trade receivables from individually significant customers and groups of customers with common characteristics. The historical credit loss rates were determined based on historical credit losses in relation to aggregated balances over a period of 4 years.

Loss rates are calculated separately for exposures in the different segments based on geographic region and adjusted to take into account current conditions with reference to the forward looking gross domestic product (GDP) growth. If the financial conditions of the customers or counterparties were to deteriorate, actual write-offs or impairment losses could be higher than estimated.

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### 9 Trade and other receivables (cont'd)

The exposure to credit risk for trade receivables at the reporting date (by geographical distribution) was as follows:

	Group		Com	pany
	2020	2019 2020	2020	2019
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Singapore	133	154	_	11
Australia	1,667	2,653	_	_
Europe	1,801	822	_	_
North America	2,233	2,006	_	_
Other parts of South East Asia	629	1,300	_	(17)
Other parts of Asia	1,297	1,184	3,489	2,760
Middle East	_	1,113	_	_
Others	564	932		(3)
	8,324	10,164	3,489	2,751

A summary of the Group and Company's exposures to credit risk for trade receivables is as follows:

		2020			2019	
	Not credit- impaired \$'000	Credit- impaired \$'000	Gross carrying amount \$'000	Not credit- impaired \$'000	Credit- impaired \$'000	Gross carrying amount \$'000
Group						
Receivables measured at lifetime ECL						
Trade receivables	9,041	6,546	15,587	11,958	5,490	17,448
Total gross carrying amount	9,041	6,546	15,587	11,958	5,490	17,448
Allowance for impairment						
losses on trade receivables	(717)	(6,546)	(7,263)	(1,794)	(5,490)	(7,284)
Total	8,324		8,324	10,164		10,164
Company						
Receivables measured at lifetime ECL						
Trade receivables	3,953	5,992	9,945	4,069	6,008	10,077
Total gross carrying amount	3,953	5,992	9,945	4,069	6,008	10,077
Allowance for impairment losses on trade receivables	(464)	(5,992)	(6,456)	(1,320)	(6,006)	(7,326)
Total	3,489		3,489	2,749	2	2,751

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### 9 Trade and other receivables (cont'd)

### Movements in allowance for impairment losses in respect of trade and other receivables

The movements in the allowance for impairment in respect of trade and non-trade receivables (excluding loans to investees) during the year were as follows:

	Group Lifetime ECL \$'000	Company Lifetime ECL \$'000
At 1 January 2019	1,677	55,610
Impairment loss recognised	5,737	471
Translation differences	(130)	
At 31 December 2019	7,284	56,081
Impairment loss recognised	231	16
Impairment loss utilised	(177)	(35,915)
Translation differences	(75)	
At 31 December 2020	7,263	20,182

### **Expected credit loss assessment**

The Group uses an allowance matrix to measure the ECLs of trade receivables from customers, which comprise a large number of individually insignificant balances. The allowance matrix is based on actual credit loss experience over the past four years. The ECL computed is derived from historical data which management is of the view that the historical conditions are representative of the conditions prevailing at the reporting date, taking into consideration of the GDP growth of the construction industry in Singapore.

The following table provides information about the exposure to credit risk and ECLs for trade receivables for individual customers as at the reporting date:

	Weighted	Gross	Allowance for impairment	
	average	carrying amount	losses	Credit
	loss rate	\$'000	\$'000	impaired
2020				
Group				
Not past due	5.7%	5,985	96	No
Past due 0 – 30 days	8.2%	1,212	100	No
Past due 31 – 60 days	12.7%	868	110	No
Past due 61 – 90 days	44.7%	530	236	No
Past due 91 – 150 days	39.2%	446	175	No
Past due more than 150 days	100%	6,546	6,546	Yes
		15,587	7,263	

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### 9 Trade and other receivables (cont'd)

### Expected credit loss assessment (cont'd)

2019       Group     5.6%     5,924     333     No       Past due 0 – 30 days     11.2%     1,738     195     No       Past due 31 – 60 days     15.5%     1,401     217     No	0
Not past due       5.6%       5,924       333       No         Past due 0 – 30 days       11.2%       1,738       195       No	0
Past due 0 – 30 days 11.2% 1,738 195 No	0
Past due 31 – 60 days 15.5% 1,401 217 No	0
	0
Past due 61 – 90 days 26.6% 1,562 416 No	0
Past due 91 – 150 days 47.5% 1,333 633 No	0
Past due more than 150 days 100%	:S
17,448	
2020 Company Not past due	0
2019	
Company	
Not past due – 11 – No	
Past due 0 – 90 days – No	
Past due 91 – 150 days 32.5% 4,058 1,320 No	
Past due more than 150 days 100% <u>6,008</u> <u>6,006</u> Yes	S
10,077 7,326	

Loss rates are based on actual credit loss experience over the past four years. These rates are multiplied by scalar factors to reflect differences between economic conditions during the period over which the historic data has been collected, current conditions and the Group's view of economic conditions over the expected lives of the receivables.

Scalar factors are based on actual and forecast gross domestic product and are as follows: 0.44 (FY2019: 1.04) for Singapore, 2.15 (FY2019: 1.6) for Malaysia and 1.08 (FY2019: 0.7) for Australia.

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### 10 Cash and cash equivalents

	Group		Company	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash and cash equivalents in the				
statements of financial position	3,105	2,499	1,077	73
Cash and cash equivalents in the				
statement of cash flows	3,105	2,499		

Cash at banks of approximately \$1,297,000 (2019: \$1,840,000) are held in countries with foreign exchange controls.

Impairment on cash and cash equivalents has been measured on the 12-month expected loss basis and reflects the short maturities of the exposures. The Group considers that its cash and cash equivalents have low credit risk based on the external credit ratings of the counterparties.

The amount of the allowance on cash and cash equivalents is negligible.

### 11 Assets held for sale

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During 2019, Management embarked on a restructuring plan to sell all of its vessels. Accordingly, the vessels were presented as assets held for sale.

In 2020, the Group completed the sale of all vessels from the vessel chartering segment and recognised a gain of \$3,127,000 in Group's profit or loss as part of other income. Following the divestment of the Group's vessels, the proceeds raised from the sale of vessels were used to settle its debt obligation.

			Note	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000
	Property, plant and equipment		5	_	6,909
12	Share capital				
			Group and	Company	
		2020	2020	2019	2019
		No. of	Share	No. of	Share
		shares	capital	shares	capital
		′000	\$'000	′000	\$'000
	Issued and fully paid ordinary shares, with no par value				
	At 1 January and 31 December	5,619,543	114,461	5,619,543	114,461

The holders of ordinary shares (excluding treasury shares) are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at general meetings of the Company. All shares (excluding treasury shares) rank equally with regard to the Company's residual assets.

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### 12 Share capital (cont'd)

On 21 December 2020, the Company signed a definitive agreements with Shing Heng Holding Pte Ltd (the "Investor") in relation to the following fund raising transactions:

- a. the subscription of convertible loan note of the Company amounting to \$3,000,000 by the Investor, convertible in whole into 2,054,794,520 new ordinary shares at a conversion price of \$\$0.00146 per share; and
- b. the granting of \$9,000,000 option by the Company to the Investor which gives a right for the Investor to exercise the option at \$0.00146 per share in exchange for 6,164,383,561 new ordinary shares, subject to regulatory and shareholders' approval which have not been obtained as at the date of this report.

On 21 December 2020, the Company signed definitive debt settlement agreements with the Group's vessel lenders for the unsettled debt of \$1,858,000 to be converted into (i) share capital of \$1,025,000 comprising 586,000,000 new ordinary shares at an issue price of \$\$0.00175 and/or (ii) convertible bonds of \$833,000 to be issued by the Company and convertible into 476,000,000 shares at a conversion price of \$\$0.00175, mandatorily converted within a three-year period. The implementation of the debt conversion scheme is conditional upon shareholders' and regulatory approvals which have not been obtained as at the date of this report.

Also, the Company had entered into employment contract with the Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company on 1 November 2019, stating that a portion of his monthly remuneration amounting to \$8,000 shall be paid in shares subject to shareholders' approval at a general meeting. In satisfaction of a portion of the remuneration for the period from 23 October 2019 to 31 December 2020 amounting to \$115,000, 65,391,302 shares are to be allotted and issued by the Company based on the proposed issue price of \$\$0.00175 per share.

Upon the completion of the above proposed transactions (assuming that all options are exercised), the Company will have an enlarged issued share capital of approximately \$128,434,000 comprising 14,966,541,389 shares (excluding treasury shares).

### Capital management

The Board's policy is to maintain an adequate capital base so as to maintain investor, creditor and market confidence and to sustain future development of the business. The Board monitors the return on capital, which the Group defines as profit for the year divided by total shareholders' equity. The Board also monitors the level of dividends to ordinary shareholders. The Group funds its operations and growth through a mix of equity and debts. This includes the maintenance of adequate lines of credit and assessing the need to raise additional equity, when required.

There were no changes in the Group's approach to capital management in 2019 and 2020.

Certain of the Group's banking facilities are subject to fulfilment of covenants relating to certain balance sheet ratios and minimum level of net worth.

### 13 Currency translation reserve

The currency translation reserve of the Group comprises foreign currency differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations whose functional currency is in a foreign currency, as well as from the translation of receivables denominated in foreign currencies, which form part of the Company's net investment in the foreign operations.

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### 14 Loans and borrowings

	Group		Com	oany
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Non-current liabilities				
Secured bank loan C	38	226	_	_
Other borrowing	1,000	_	1,000	_
Lease liabilities	502	1,362	304	1,189
Unsecured bank loan	4,510			
	6,050	1,588	1,304	1,189
Current liabilities				
Secured bank Ioan A	_	210	_	_
Secured bank Ioan B	833	5,630	_	_
Secured bank Ioan C	4,397	4,076	_	_
Secured bank Ioan D	602	2,434	602	_
Secured bank Ioan E	423	2,434	_	_
Secured bank loan F	915	914	_	_
Secured bank loan H	2,124	2,177	_	_
Lease liabilities	821	964	675	737
Secured invoice financing	679	1,513	_	_
Unsecured bank loan	725	5,570		
	11,519	25,922	1,277	737
	17,569	27,510	2,581	1,926

- (i) The secured bank loans A, B, D and E are granted to the subsidiaries and in 2019, they were secured by vessels previously held by the subsidiaries.
- (ii) The secured bank loans C, F and H and secured invoice financing are granted to the subsidiaries and are secured by legal mortgages over the freehold land and building, and certain plant and equipment of the subsidiaries.
- (iii) Corporate guarantees are provided by the Company for secured bank loans A, B, D, E, F, H and unsecured bank loan granted to subsidiaries.
- (iv) Personal guarantees are provided by former directors for secured bank loan H granted to a subsidiary.
- (v) Other borrowing pertains to secured loan from the Investor is secured by all ordinary shares of a subsidiary.

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# 14 Loans and borrowings (cont'd)

### Lease liabilities

Lease liabilities are payable as follows:

	Total contractual cash flows \$'000	Interest \$'000	Present value of minimum lease payments \$'000
Group			
<b>2020</b> Within 1 year Between 1 and 5 years	844 506	23 4	821 502
•	1,350	27	1,323
2019			
Within 1 year	1,029	65	964
Between 1 and 5 years	1,405	43	1,362
	2,434	108	2,326
Company 2020			
Within 1 year	695	20	675
Between 1 and 5 years	307	3	304
	1,002	23	979
2019			
Within 1 year	784	47	737
Between 1 and 5 years	1,215	26	1,189
	1,999	73	1,926

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# 14 Loans and borrowings (cont'd)

### Terms and debt repayment schedule

Terms and conditions of outstanding loans and borrowings are as follows:

		20	020	2019	
	Year of maturity	Face value \$'000	Carrying amount \$'000	Face value \$'000	Carrying amount \$'000
Group					
S\$ floating rate loans:					
– secured bank loans A, B, D, E	2020 – 2025	1,858	1,858	10,708	10,708
<ul><li>unsecured bank loans</li><li>\$\$ fixed rate loan:</li></ul>	2020 – 2024	5,235	5,235	5,570	5,570
<ul><li>other borrowing</li><li>KRW floating rate loan:</li></ul>	2020 – 2022	1,000	1,000	_	_
<ul><li>secured bank loan C</li><li>AUD floating rate loan:</li></ul>	2020 – 2022	4,435	4,435	4,302	4,302
– secured bank loan F RM floating rate loan:	2020 – 2021	915	915	914	914
– secured bank loan H	2020 – 2031	2,124	2,124	2,177	2,177
Lease liabilities	2020 - 2024	1,350	1,323	2,434	2,326
Secured invoice financing	2020 – 2021	679	679	1,513	1,513
		17,596	17,569	27,618	27,510
		20	020	20	)19
	Year of maturity	Face value \$'000	Carrying amount \$'000	Face value \$'000	Carrying amount \$'000
Company S\$ floating rate loans:					
– secured bank loan D S\$ fixed rate loan:	2020 – 2025	602	602	_	_
– other borrowing	2020 – 2022	1,000	1,000	_	_
Lease liabilities	2020 – 2022	1,002	979	1,999	1,926
		2,639	2,581	1,999	1,926

The S\$ floating rate loans bear interest of 3.00% (2019: 3.00%) per annum.

The KRW floating rate loan bears interest ranging from 1.80% to 3.70% (2019: 2.97% to 5.09%) per annum and is repriced on a quarterly basis.

The AUD floating rate loans bear interest ranging from 3.65% to 4.79% (2019: 4.75% to 5.98%) per annum and are repriced on a monthly basis.

The RM floating rate loan bears interest ranging from 4.10% to 4.35% (2019: 5.10% to 5.35%) per annum and is repriced on a monthly basis.

As at 31 December 2020, the Group had breached certain covenants on consolidated tangible net worth and debt to equity ratio, as stipulated under the bank facilities agreements. As a result of the breach, loans and borrowings of \$4,897,000 (2019: \$19,369,000) can be called for repayment at any time upon notification by the banks and the amount has been reclassified from non-current liabilities to current liabilities as at 31 December 2020.

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# 14 Loans and borrowings (cont'd)

# Terms and debt repayment schedule (cont'd)

The Group has obtained letter of waiver from one of the banks for the breach of loan covenants for a term loan amounting to \$5,235,000 during the financial year ended 31 December 2020.

### Contractual cash flows

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments and excluding the impact of netting agreements:

		Cash flows				
	Carrying amount \$'000	Contractual cash flows	Within 1 year \$'000	Within 1 to 5 years 	More than 5 years \$'000	
Group						
31 December 2020						
Non-derivative financial liabilities  Variable interest rate loans	14,567	(15,750)	(7,885)	(6,294)	(1,571)	
Fixed interest rate loan	1,000	(13,730)	(7,003)	(1,018)	(1,3/1)	
Lease liabilities	1,323	(1,350)	(844)	(506)	_	
Invoice financing	679	(679)	(679)	_	_	
Trade and other payables	10,737	(10,737)	(10,737)			
	28,306	(29,534)	(20,145)	(7,818)	(1,571)	
Group						
31 December 2019						
Non-derivative financial liabilities						
Variable interest rate loans	23,671	(26,005)	(8,942)	(15,148)	(1,915)	
Lease liabilities	2,326	(2,434)	(1,029)	(1,405)	_	
Invoice financing Trade and other payables	1,513 14,341	(1,513) (14,341)	(1,513) (14,341)	_	_	
Trade and other payables	41,851	(44,293)	(25,825)	(16,553)	(1,915)	
	41,031	(44,273)	(23,023)	(10,555)	(1,713)	
Company 31 December 2020						
Non-derivative financial liabilities						
Variable interest rate loan	602	(602)	(602)	_	_	
Fixed interest rate loan	1,000	(1,018)	_	(1,018)	_	
Lease liabilities	979	(1,002)	(695)	(307)	_	
Trade and other payables	3,144	(3,144)	(3,144)			
	5,725	(5,766)	(4,441)	(1,325)		
31 December 2019						
Non-derivative financial liabilities						
Lease liabilities	1,926	(1,999)	(783)	(1,216)	-	
Trade and other payables	4,312	(4,312)	(4,312)			
	6,238	(6,311)	(5,095)	(1,216)		

It is not expected that the cash flows included in the maturity analysis could occur significantly earlier or later, or at significantly different amounts.

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# 14 Loans and borrowings (cont'd)

Reconciliation of movements of liabilities to cash flows arising from financing activities

	Liabil		
	Other loans and borrowings \$'000	Lease liabilities \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance at 1 January 2019	29,718	807	30,525
Changes from financing cash flows Proceeds from bills payables, trust receipts and interest-bearing borrowings Repayment of bills payables, trust receipts	9,215	_	9,215
and interest-bearing borrowings Payment of lease liabilities	(13,813)	- (659)	(13,813) (659)
Finance costs paid	(802)	(62)	(864)
Total changes from financing cash flows	(5,400)	(721)	(6,121)
The effect of changes in foreign exchange rates	(119)	(4)	(123)
Other changes Liability-related			
New leases	-	2,182	2,182
Interest expense	985	62	1,047
Total liability-related other changes	985	2,244	3,229
Balance at 31 December 2019	25,184	2,326	27,510
Balance at 1 January 2020	25,184	2,326	27,510
Changes from financing cash flows Proceeds from bills payables and trust receipts Proceeds from interest-bearing borrowings Proceeds from other borrowing Repayment of bills payables and trust receipts Repayment of interest-bearing borrowings Payment of lease liabilities Finance costs paid	1,124 3,569 1,000 (1,377) (14,369) – (455)	- - - - - (835) (64)	1,124 3,569 1,000 (1,377) (14,369) (835) (519)
Total changes from financing cash flows	(10,508)	(899)	(11,407)
The effect of changes in foreign exchange rates	(170)	16	(154)
Other changes Liability-related			
Reclassification from interest accrual	1,285	-	1,285
Derecognition of right of use asset	455	(285)	(285)
Interest expense New leases	455	64 101	519 101
Total liability-related other changes	1,740	(120)	1,620
Balance at 31 December 2020	16,246	1,323	17,569

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# 15 Other provision

	Gro	oup	Com	pany
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At 1 January	3,588	3,588	3,588	_
Provision made during the year				3,588
At 31 December	3,588	3,588	3,588	3,588

The provision made refers to outstanding claims.

In accordance to paragraph 92 of SFRS(I) 1-37 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*, details of the provisions made for each litigation case were not disclosed in order not to prejudice the Group's legal position in the proceedings.

### 16 Trade and other payables

	Group		Company	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade payables due to:				
– third parties	4,507	6,226	_	_
– subsidiaries	_	_	418	1,004
Non-trade payables due to:				
– subsidiaries	_	_	780	696
<ul><li>affiliated corporation*</li></ul>	674	853	_	_
Accrued expenses	5,479	7,076	1,946	2,612
Accrued interests	_	183	_	_
Deposits received	77	3		
	10,737	14,341	3,144	4,312

<sup>\*</sup> Affiliated corporation refers to an associate of a controlling shareholder of the Group.

Outstanding balances with related parties are unsecured and repayable on demand.

### 17 Revenue

Revenue represents sales of goods less discounts and returns, and income from chartering of vessels.

	Conti opera	nuing ations	Discontinue (see No	•	Gro	oup
	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000
Sales of goods Vessels chartering	43,168	53,241 9,240	_ 515		43,168 515	53,241 9,240
	43,168	62,481	515	_	43,683	62,481

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### 17 Revenue (cont'd)

The following table provides information about the nature and timing of the satisfaction of performance obligations in contracts with customers, including significant payment terms, and the related revenue recognition policies:

# Sale of goods

Nature of goods or services	Sales and distribution of machinery parts.
When revenue is recognised	Revenue is recognised when goods are received at the customers' warehouse or when goods are delivered onto the carrier at the port depending on the shipping terms.
Significant payment terms	Varies from 30 to 90 days after invoice date.
Obligations for returns and refunds, if any	Customers do not have right of return except for faulty parts.
Obligations for warranties	Faulty parts are exchanged on one-for-one basis.

### Vessel chartering

Nature of goods or services	Revenue from vessel chartering.
When revenue is recognised	Lease income is recognised on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.
Significant payment terms	Varies from 30 to 45 days after invoice date.

# Disaggregation of revenue

In the following table, revenue is disaggregated by primary geographical markets and major products/service lines (including revenue related to discontinued operation).

Primary	Machine	ry parts	Vessel ch (Discon	•	To	tal
geographical markets	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000
Singapore	263	346	_	_	263	346
Australia	14,714	17,372	_	_	14,714	17,372
Europe	6,837	6,222	_	_	6,837	6,222
North America	6,820	10,341	_	_	6,820	10,341
South East Asia	5,495	8,300	_	_	5,495	8,300
Other parts of Asia	5,098	6,191	_	_	5,098	6,191
Middle East	683	1,026	515	9,240	1,198	10,266
Others	3,258	3,443_			3,258	3,443
Total	43,168	53,241	515	9,240	43,683	62,481

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# 18 Finance income and costs

	Gro	up
	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000
Finance income:  – bank deposits		5
Finance costs:  – interest-bearing borrowings  – financial liabilities measured at amortised cost – interest expense	(455) (64)	(638) (62)
	(519)	(700)
Net finance costs recognised in profit or loss	(519)	(695)

# 19 Loss before income tax

The following items have been included in arriving at loss before income tax:

Allowance written back for slow-moving inventories, included in other expenses 8 Audit fees paid and payable to: - auditors of the Company - other auditors Bad debts written off	\$'000 (912) 184	2019 \$'000 (922)
included in other expenses 8 Audit fees paid and payable to: - auditors of the Company - other auditors	(912)	(922)
included in other expenses 8 Audit fees paid and payable to: - auditors of the Company - other auditors	184	
Audit fees paid and payable to:  – auditors of the Company  – other auditors	184	
<ul><li>auditors of the Company</li><li>other auditors</li></ul>		04.4
– other auditors		04/
	c=	216
Darl dalataittara a ff	87	81
bad debts written on	31	_
Depreciation expense 5	1,887	3,350
Foreign exchange (gain)/loss, included in other expenses	(259)	1,120
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment,		
included in cost of sales 5	_	7,737
Loss on deconsolidation of subsidiaries 6	80	1,187
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net		30
Other income		
Gain on sale of scrap metals	123	146
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	53	_
Government grant	935	_
Other income	193	35
Rental income	78	74
	1,382	255
Employee benefits expense	_	_
Staff costs	4,149	5,037
Contributions to defined contribution plans	351	460
	4,500	5,497

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# 20 Income tax expense

	Gre	oup
	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000
Current tax expense		
Current year	178	284
Changes in estimates related to prior years	(95)	(116)
	83	168
Deferred tax expense		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	100	99
Total income tax expense	183	267
Reconciliation of effective tax rate		
Profit/(Loss) before income tax	2,269	(16,614)
Tax using the Singapore tax rate of 17% (2019: 17%)	386	(2,824)
Effect of tax rates in foreign jurisdictions	1	82
Non-deductible expenses	300	2,869
Tax exempt income	_	(5)
Utilisation of tax losses not previously recognised/Benefits of		
deferred tax assets not recognised	(409)	74
Over provided in prior years	(95)	(116)
Others		187
	183	267

Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of the following items:

Gro	up
2020	2019
\$'000	\$'000
-	19
20,490	22,874
20,490	22,893
	\$'000 - 20,490

The tax losses are subject to agreement by the tax authorities and compliance with tax regulations in the respective countries in which certain subsidiaries operate. The tax losses, capital allowances and deductible temporary differences do not expire under current tax legislation. Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of these items because it is uncertain as to whether that future taxable profit will be available against which the Group can utilise the benefits.

# 21 Earnings/(Loss) per share

	Gro	up
	2020	2019
Basic earnings/(loss) per share (cents)	0.04	(0.30)
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (cents)	0.04	(0.30)
The basic earnings/(loss) per share is calculated based on:		
Profit/(Loss) attributable to owners of the Company	2,086	(16,881)

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# 21 Earnings/(Loss) per share (cont'd)

	Grou	ıρ
	2020	2019
	No. of	No. of
	Shares	shares
	′000	′000
Issued ordinary shares at 1 January	5,619,903	5,619,903
Effect of own shares held	(470)	(470)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation		
of basic earnings per share for the financial year	5,619,433	5,619,433
	Grou 2020 \$′000	2019 \$'000
Profit/(Loss) attributable to owners of the Company	2,086	(16,881)
	No. of	No. of
	Shares	shares
	′000	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation		
of diluted earnings per share for the financial year	5,619,433	5,619,433

### 22 Operating segments

The Group has three operating and reportable segments, as described below, which are the Group's strategic business units. The strategic business units offer different products and services, and are managed separately because they require different marketing strategies. For each of the strategic business units, the Group's CEO reviews internal management reports at least on a quarterly basis. The following summary describes the operations in each of the Group's reportable segments:

### Design and manufacture

Design, manufacture and sale of equipment parts for both heavy equipment and industrial machinery under in-house brand names, "KBJ", "OEM", "ROSSI" and "TMI".

# Trading and distribution

Trading and distribution of an extensive range of equipment parts for both heavy equipment and industrial machinery sourced from third parties.

### Vessel chartering

Chartering of vessels to oil and gas industry.

Information regarding the results of each reportable segment is included below. Performance is measured based on segment profit before income tax, as included in the internal management reports that are reviewed by the Group's CEO.

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Operating segments (cont'd)

Business segments

Information about reportable segments

	Design and I	Design and manufacture	Trading and distribution	distribution	Vessel chartering (Discontinued)	artering tinued)	Total	ra
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000	\$,000
External revenue	30,365	38,193	12,803	15,048	515	9,240	43,683	62,481
Finance income	I	2	I	I	I	I	I	5
Finance costs	(400)	(466)	(118)	(234)	(384)	(347)	(905)	(1,047)
Depreciation	(1,500)	(1,398)	(387)	(365)	I	(1,587)	(1,887)	(3,350)
Reportable segment profit/(loss) before income tax	(1,355)	(697)	(803)	526	3,036*	(14,370)	878	(14,541)
Unallocated income							1,391	I
Unallocated expenses							ı	(2,073)
Profit/(Loss) before income tax							2,269	(16,614)
Other material non-cash items: Allowance written back for								
slow-moving inventories	813	804	66	118	ı	I	912	922
Impairment loss on trade receivables	(65)	(178)	(166)	(67)	I	(5,492)	(231)	(5,737)
Bad debts written off	(15)	I	(16)	I	I	I	(31)	I
Impairment on property, plant	1		I		!	(7577)	ı	(7 7 7 7)
				I			I	(1011)
Capital expenditure: Purchase of property, plant								
and equipment	(315)	(80)	(8)	(144)	I	(1,569)	(323)	(1,793)
Additions to right-of-use assets	1	1	(148)	(2,397)	1	1	(148)	(2,397)

In 2020, the profit from vessel chartering segment is mainly attributable to a gain from sale of all vessels of \$3,127,000.

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# 22 Operating segments (cont'd)

Business segments (cont'd)

Information about reportable segments (cont'd)

	Desig	n and	Tradin	g and	Vessel ch	nartering		
	manuf	acture	distrib	ution	(Discon	tinued)	То	tal
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Reportable segment								
assets	16,653	28,540	24,934	15,338	376	8,479	41,963	52,357
Unallocated assets								303
Total assets							41,963	52,660
Reportable segment	15.493	17.120	13,577	8.104	2.596	15.098	31,666	40,322
Unallocated liabilities	13,473	17,120	13,377	0,104	2,370	13,070	286	5,199
Total liabilities							31,952	45,521

# Information about major customers

Revenue of approximately \$3,455,000 (2019: \$6,384,000) are derived from a single external customer who individually contributed approximately 8% (2019: 10%) of the Group's revenue and is attributable to the design and manufacture segment (2019: vessel chartering segment).

# Geographical segments

The design and manufacture, trading and distribution, and vessel chartering segments are presented by geographical segment below.

In presenting information on the basis of geographical segments, segment revenue is based on the geographical location of customers and segment assets are based on the geographical location of the assets.

	Reve	enue	Non-curre (excluding tax as	deferred
	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000
Australia	14,714	17,372	599	2,639
Europe	6,837	6,222	_	_
North America	6,820	10,341	_	_
South East Asia (Including Singapore)	5,758	8,646	3,686	2,760
Other parts of Asia	5,098	6,191	6,265	6,617
Middle East	1,198	10,266	_	_
Others	3,258	3,443		
	43,683	62,481	10,550	12,016

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#### 23 Financial instruments

#### General

The Group has a system of controls in place to create an acceptable balance between the potential loss from risks occurring and the cost of managing the risks. The management continually monitors the Group's risk management process to ensure that an appropriate balance between risk and control is achieved. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Group's activities.

The Audit Committee oversees how management monitors compliance with the Group's risk management policies and procedures, and reviews the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the Group. The Audit Committee is assisted in its oversight role by an outsourced Internal Audit function. Internal Audit undertakes both regular and ad hoc reviews of risk management controls and procedures, the results of which are reported to the Audit Committee.

The financial risk management is described below:

#### Credit risk

The Group has a credit policy in place which establishes credit limits for customers and monitors their balances on an ongoing basis. Credit evaluations are performed on all customers requiring credit over a certain amount. The credit limit of each customer is established after taking into account the financial position of, and past experience with, the customer.

Refer to Notes 9 and 10 to the financial statements for disclosures relating to the Group's credit risk exposures and ECL.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and fixed deposits are placed with banks and approved financial institutions.

Impairment on cash and cash equivalents has been measured on the 12-month expected loss basis and reflects the short maturities of the exposures. The Group considers that its cash and cash equivalents have low credit risk based on the external credit ratings of the counterparties. The amount of the allowance on cash and cash equivalents was negligible.

#### Financial guarantees

The credit risk represents the loss that would be recognised upon a default by the parties to which the guarantees were given on behalf of. To mitigate these risks, management continually monitors the risks and has established processes including performing credit evaluations of the parties it is providing the guarantee on behalf of. Guarantees are only given to its subsidiaries. Financial guarantees provided by the Company to its subsidiaries are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

Financial guarantees were computed based on the expected payment to reimburse the holder less any amount that the Company expected to recover. Estimates of the Company's obligations arising from financial guarantee contracts may be affected by future events, which cannot be predicted with any certainty. The assumptions may well vary from actual experience so that the actual liability may vary considerably from the best estimates. Financial guarantees comprise guarantees granted by the Company to banks in respect of banking facilities amounting to \$9,531,000 (2019: \$19,571,000).

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#### 23 Financial instruments (cont'd)

#### Liquidity risk

The Group monitors its liquidity risk and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate by management to finance the Group's operations and to mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows.

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Group's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Group's reputation.

Typically, the Group ensures that it has sufficient cash on demand to meet expected operational expenses, including the servicing of financial obligations; this excludes the potential impact of extreme circumstances that cannot reasonably be predicted, such as defaults by certain major customers.

The Group's operations are financed mainly through equity and bank borrowings. As disclosed in Note 2, the Group had breached certain covenants on consolidated tangible net worth and debt to equity ratio, as stipulated under the bank facilities agreements. As a result of the breach, loans and borrowings of \$4,897,000 (2019: \$19,369,000) can be called for repayment at any time upon notification by the banks and the amount has been reclassified from non-current liabilities to current liabilities as at 31 December 2020. The Group had obtained letter of waiver from the bank for the breach of loan covenants for one of the term loans amounting to \$5,235,000 during the financial year ended 31 December 2020. However, it remains uncertain whether the letter of waiver will be forthcoming for the financial year ending 31 December 2021.

The Company has also successfully negotiated with one of the banks on the revision of its loan covenants, conditional upon the successful completion of equity injection by an Investor, and debt conversion scheme as described in Note 2.

The following are the remaining contractual maturities of financial liabilities. The amounts are gross and undiscounted, and include contractual interest payments and excluding the impact of netting agreements:

	Carrying amount \$'000	Contractual cash flows \$'000	1 year or less \$'000	1-2 years \$'000	2-5 years \$'000	More than 5 years \$'000
Group						
31 December 2020						
Non-derivative financial						
liabilities						
Secured loans	10,332	(11,169)	(7,011)	(1,438)	(1,149)	(1,571)
Unsecured bank loan	5,235	(5,599)	(874)	(1,454)	(3,271)	_
Invoice financing	679	(679)	(679)	_	_	_
Lease liabilities	1,323	(1,350)	(844)	(506)	_	_
Trade and other payables	10,737	(10,737)	(10,737)			
	28,306	(29,534)	(20,145)	(3,398)	(4,420)	(1,571)

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## 23 Financial instruments (cont'd)

## Liquidity risk (cont'd)

The following are the remaining contractual maturities of financial liabilities. The amounts are gross and undiscounted, and include contractual interest payments and excluding the impact of netting agreements: (cont'd)

	Carrying amount \$'000	Contractual cash flows	1 year or less \$'000	1-2 years \$'000	2-5 years \$'000	More than 5 years \$'000
Group						
31 December 2019						
Non-derivative financial liabilities						
Secured loans	18,101	(20,009)	(7,926)	(4,883)	(5,285)	(1,915)
Unsecured bank loan	5,570	(5,996)	(1,016)	(4,003)	(3,753)	(1,713)
Invoice financing	1,513	(1,513)	(1,513)	(1,227)	(0,700)	_
Lease liabilities	2,326	(2,434)	(943)	(972)	(519)	_
Trade and other payables	14,341	(14,341)	(14,341)	_	_	_
	41,851	(44,293)	(25,739)	(7,082)	(9,557)	(1,915)
Company 31 December 2020 Non-derivative financial liabilities Secured loans Lease liabilities Trade and other payables Recognised financial liabilities Intra-group financial guarantees	1,602 979 3,144 5,725 – 5,725	(1,637) (1,002) (3,144) (5,783) (9,531) (15,314)	(602) (695) (3,144) (4,441) (9,531) (13,972)	(1,035) (307) — – (1,342) — – (1,342)	- - - - - -	- - - - - - -
31 December 2019 Non-derivative financial liabilities Lease liabilities Trade and other payables	1,926 4,312	(1,999) (4,312)	(783) (4,312)	(836)	(380)	
Recognised financial liabilities	6,238	(6,311)	(5,095)	(836)	(380)	_
Intra-group financial guarantees		(21,829)	(21,829)			
	6,238	(28,140)	(26,924)	(836)	(380)	_

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## 23 Financial instruments (cont'd)

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates and foreign exchange rates will affect the Group's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

#### Interest rate risk

The Group's exposure to risk of change in cash flows due to changes in interest rates relates primarily to the Group's variable-rate borrowings with financial institutions. Short-term receivables and payables are not exposed to interest rate risk.

Exposure to interest rate risk

At the reporting date, the interest rate profile of the Group's and Company's interest-bearing financial instruments was as follows:

	Gro	Group		oany
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Variable rate instruments				
Loans and borrowings	14,567	23,671	1,602	

Cash flow sensitivity analysis for variable rate instruments

A change of 50 basis points (bp) in interest rates at the reporting date would have increased/(decreased) profit before tax by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular foreign currency rates, remain constant. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2019.

	Profit be	efore tax
	50 bp	50 bp
	increase \$'000	decrease \$'000
Group		
31 December 2020 Variable rate instruments	(291)	291
31 December 2019 Variable rate instruments	(473)	473
Company 31 December 2020 Variable rate instruments	(32)	32
31 December 2019 Variable rate instruments		

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#### 23 Financial instruments (cont'd)

#### Foreign currency risk

The Group is exposed to transactional foreign currency risk to the extent that there is a mismatch between the currencies in which sales, purchases, receivables and borrowings, including inter-company sales, purchases and inter-company balances, that are denominated in a currency other than the respective functional currencies of Group entities. The functional currencies of Group entities are primarily the Singapore dollar, United States dollar, Australian dollar, Korean Won and Malaysian Ringgit. The currencies in which these transactions are primarily denominated are the United States dollar (USD) and Australian dollar (AUD).

The Group's and Company's exposures to foreign currency risk are as follows:

	2020		20	19
	AUD	USD	AUD	USD
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Group				
Trade and other receivables (before impairment)	2,017	5,969	2,678	12,239
Cash and cash equivalents	685	454	317	791
Trade and other payables	(637)	(1,142)	(622)	(2,253)
Loans and borrowings	(1,122)		(1,203)	(1,308)
Net exposure	944	5,281	1,170	9,469
Company				
Trade and other receivables (before impairment)	_	_	_	3,472
Cash and cash equivalents	_	17	_	5
Trade and other payables				(776)
Net exposure		17		2,701

#### Sensitivity analysis

A 10% strengthening of the Singapore dollar against the following currencies at the reporting date would have increased/(decreased) profit before tax by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant. The analysis is performed on the same basis for 2019, as indicated below:

	Group Profit before tax 	Company Profit before tax \$'000
<b>31 December 2020</b> AUD USD	(94) (528)	- (2)
<b>31 December 2019</b> AUD USD	(117) (947)	– (270)

A 10% weakening of the Singapore dollar against the above currencies would have an equal but opposite effect on equity and profit or loss by the amounts shown above, on the basis that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant.

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#### 23 Financial instruments (cont'd)

#### Measurement of fair values

The following summarises the significant methods and assumptions used in measuring the fair values of financial instruments of the Group and the Company.

Non-derivative financial liabilities

Fair value, which is determined for disclosure purposes, is calculated based on the present value of future principal and interest cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the reporting date.

Other financial assets and liabilities

The carrying amounts of financial assets and liabilities with a maturity of less than one year (including trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents, trade and other payables and interest-bearing borrowings) are assumed to approximate their fair values because of the short period to maturity.

#### Fair value hierarchy

The table below analyses fair value measurements for assets and liabilities, by the levels in the fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

- Level 1 quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).
- Level 3 inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

#### Accounting classification and fair values

The carrying amounts and fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities are as follows. It does not include fair value information for financial assets and financial liabilities not measured at fair value as the carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

Counting amount

		Carrying amount		
	Note	Amortised cost \$'000	Other financial liabilities \$'000	Total \$'000
Group				
31 December 2020				
Financial assets not measured at fair value				
Trade and other receivables	9	9,990	_	9,990
Cash and cash equivalents	10	3,105		3,105
		13,095		13,095
Financial liabilities not measured at fair value				
Loans and borrowings	14	_	(17,569)	(17,569)
Trade and other payables	16		(10,737)	(10,737)
		_	(28,306)	(28,306)

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## 23 Financial instruments (cont'd)

Accounting classification and fair values (cont'd)

		Carrying amount		
	Note	Amortised cost	Other financial liabilities \$'000	Total \$'000
31 December 2019				
Financial assets not measured at fair value				
Trade and other receivables	9	11,264	_	11,264
Cash and cash equivalents	10	2,499	_	2,499
		13,763		13,763
Financial liabilities not measured at fair value				
Loans and borrowings	14	_	(27,510)	(27,510)
Trade and other payables	16		(14,341)	(14,341)
			(41,851)	(41,851)
Company				
31 December 2020				
Financial assets not measured at fair value				
Trade and other receivables	9	3,638	-	3,638
Cash and cash equivalents	10	1,077		1,077
		4,715		4,715
Financial liabilities not measured at fair value				
Loans and borrowings	14	_	(2,581)	(2,581)
Trade and other payables	16		(3,144)	(3,144)
			(5,725)	(5,725)
31 December 2019				
Financial assets not measured at fair value				
Trade and other receivables	9	2,937	_	2,937
Cash and cash equivalents	10	73		73
		3,010		3,010
Financial liabilities not measured at fair value				
Loans and borrowings	14	_	(1,926)	(1,926)
Trade and other payables	16		(4,312)	(4,312)
			(6,238)	(6,238)

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#### 24 Leases

#### Leases as lessee

The Group leases office space, motor vehicle and office equipment. The leases typically run for a period of three to five years and may have an option to renew the lease after that date. Lease payments are renegotiated every three years to reflect market rentals. Some leases provide for additional rent payments that are based on changes in local price indices. For certain leases, the Group is restricted from entering into any sub-lease arrangements.

The Group also leases certain motor vehicle with contract term of one year. These leases are short term. The Group has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for these leases.

Information about leases for which the Group is a lessee is presented below.

#### Right-of-use assets

Right-of-use assets related to leased properties that do not meet the definition of investment property are presented as property, plant and equipment (see Note 5).

#### Amounts recognised in profit or loss

	2020 \$'000	2019 \$'000
Interest on lease liabilities Expenses relating to short-term leases	64 597	62 661
Amounts recognised in statement of cash flows		
	2020	2019
	\$'000	\$'000
Total cash outflow for leases	835	659

#### **Extension options**

Some property leases may contain extension options exercisable by the Group up to one year before the end of the non-cancellable contract period. Where practicable, the Group seeks to include extension options in new leases to provide operational flexibility. The extension options held are exercisable only by the Group and not by the lessors. The Group assesses at lease commencement date whether it is reasonably certain to exercise the extension options. The Group reassesses whether it is reasonably certain to exercise the options if there is a significant event or significant changes in circumstances within its control.

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#### 25 Contingencies

#### A. Kuala Lumpur High Court -Auspicious Journey Sdn Bhd vs Ebony Ritz Sdn Bhd & 5 Ors

Auspicious Journey Sdn Bhd, a minority shareholder in Ebony Ritz Sdn Bhd ("Ebony"), had filed in the Malaysian High Court a suit against the Company, being the majority shareholder in Ebony, for conducting the affairs of Ebony in manner that is oppressive to the Plaintiff.

On 3 August 2016, the Court issued an Order partially in favour of the Plaintiff and ordered:

- 1. A declaration that the Company has conducted the affairs of Ebony in a manner that is oppressive to the Plaintiff;
- 2. Ebony is to be wound up and the Official Receiver be appointed as the liquidator of Ebony;
- 3. the Company is to pay general damages with interest to the Plaintiff, to be assessed by the Court through an assessment process; and
- 4. the Company has to pay costs of RM300,000 (equivalent to \$\$98,680) to the Plaintiff.

Both the Plaintiff and the Company appealed against the Order. The Appeals were heard on 21 November 2017 and 21 May 2018 in the Court of Appeal. Both Appeals were dismissed.

The Plaintiff filed an application for leave to appeal to the Federal Court against the dismissal of its Appeal by the Court of Appeal. On 13 May 2019, the Federal Court made a decision to allow the Leave application in part, in particular only insofar as the Leave application relates to whether the directors of the Company can be attributed with the Company's liability in respect of its said oppression on Auspicious Journey. The hearing of the Federal Court appeal concluded on 4 August 2020 with neither decision nor date for its decision pronounced.

On 9 March 2021, the Federal Court dismissed the plaintiff's appeal and directed the assessment of damages to be assessed by a High Court Judge. The outcome of the Federal Court appeal was updated to the High Court on 12 March 2021 during a case management for the assessment of damages proceeding. The next case management will be held on 16 April 2021.

The Official Receiver of Ebony had previously filed an application for a private liquidator to be appointed to manage Ebony in place of the Official Receiver (the "Private Liquidator Application"). During case management on 6 April 2021 and 7 April 2021, the Court directed that the hearing of the Private Liquidator Application be fixed on 14 June 2021.

While the Court has issued an order in favour of the minority shareholder, the amount of damages has not been assessed. The proceedings for the assessment of damages are still ongoing and the outcome remains uncertain.

## B. Kuala Lumpur High Court – Tan Sri Halim Bin Saad v Hoe Leong Corporation Ltd & 5 Ors

On 9 September 2019, the Company received a writ dated 20 June 2019 from Tan Sri Halim Bin Saad claiming for, misrepresentation, fraud, and/or conspiracy alleged to have been committed by the Company and other defendants against Tan Sri Halim Bin Saad.

The Company has engaged solicitors to enter its appearance in the civil suit and to defend against the same. The Company has filed its defence against the said civil suit on 4 November 2019. On 8 December 2020, the High Court had dismissed the striking out application with costs of RM3,000, payable each by the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th defendants to the plaintiff (RM12,000 in total). The trial of this legal suit is fixed from 21 October 2021 to 25 October 2021.

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#### 25 Contingencies (cont'd)

#### B. Kuala Lumpur High Court – Tan Sri Halim Bin Saad v Hoe Leong Corporation Ltd & 5 Ors (cont'd)

On 16 December 2020, the Company filed an appeal to the Court of Appeal against the dismissal of the striking out application. During the case management on 3 March 2021 in respect of the appeal against the dismissal of the striking out application, the Court of Appeal fixed the hearing on 20 October 2021 and further case management on 22 September 2021 and 13 October 2021.

As at 31 December 2020, the proceedings are still at an early stage. The outcome of the proceedings remains uncertain

In accordance to paragraph 92 of SFRS(I) 1-37 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets,* details of the provisions made for each litigation case were not disclosed in order not to prejudice the Group's legal position in the proceedings.

## 26 Related party transactions

#### Other related party transactions

Other than those disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, transactions with related parties are as follows:

	Group		
	2020		
	\$'000	\$'000	
Affiliated corporations			
Utilities expenses	_	69	
Rental and miscellaneous expenses	305	439	
Rental income	(78)	(63)	

#### Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel of the Group are persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of Group entities. The executive directors and certain key executives are considered as key management personnel of the Group.

	Gro	Group		
	2020	2019		
	\$'000	\$'000		
Key management personnel compensation comprised:				
Short-term employee benefits	782	1,249		
Post-employment benefits (including CPF)		66		
	782	1,315		

### 27 Discontinued operation

During the year, the Group sold all of its vessels pertaining to vessel chartering segment (see Note 5). The segment was not previously presented as a discontinued operation as at 31 December 2019. Thus, the comparative statement of profit or loss has been re-presented to show the discontinued operation separately from continuing operations.

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#### 27 Discontinued operation (cont'd)

Management has taken deliberate steps to address the challenging markets and operating conditions of the Vessel Chartering segment and committed to a plan to sell the Group's vessels in 2019 following a strategic decision to place greater focus on the Group's Equipment segments.

	Group 2020 \$'000	Group 2019 \$'000
Results of discontinued operation		
External revenue	515	9,240
External expenses	(1,645)	(24,270)
Results from operating activities	(1,130)	(15,030)
Tax	_	_
Results from operating activities, net of tax	(1,130)	(15,030)
Gain on sale of discontinued operation	3,127	660
Derecognition of liabilities*	1,039	_
Total other income	4,166	660
Profit/(Loss) from discontinued operation, net of tax	3,036	(14,370)
Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share (cents)	0.05	(0.26)

<sup>\*</sup> In 2019, the Company deconsolidated one of its former subsidiaries, Arkstar Ship Management Pte Ltd (ASM), and recorded accrued expenses owing to third party suppliers amounting to \$1,039,000 in the consolidated accounts when the liquidation was underway. The Company is not legally bound to make payment to the third party vessel suppliers and this is consistent with the principles of separate legal entity and limited liability structure of companies. In the absence of any claims against the Company and considering that ASM had been dissolved during the year, a reversal of the accruals was made.

The profit from discontinued operation of \$3,036,000 (2019: loss of \$11,992,000) is attributable entirely to the owners of the Company. The loss from continuing operation of \$240,000 (2019: \$\$3,927,000) is attributable entirely to the owners of the Company.

		Group 2020 \$'000	Group 2019 \$'000
Cash flows from/(used in) discontinued operation		(287)	300
Net cash (used in)/from operating activities  Net cash from investing activities		10,166	660
Net cash used in financing activities		(9,690)	(2,301)
Net cash flows for the year		189	(1,341)
Effect of disposal on the financial position of the Group			
	Note	Group 2020 \$'000	Group 2019 \$'000
Assets held for sale	5	6,909	
Trade and other payables		(1,039)	
Net assets and liabilities		5,870	
Consideration received, satisfied in cash		10,166	660
Net cash inflow		10,166	660

## STATISTICS OF SHAREHOLDINGS

AS AT 22 MARCH 2021

Class of shares : Ordinary and fully paid
Voting rights : One vote per share
Number of shares (excluding treasury shares) : 5,619,432,579
Number of treasury shares : 470,000

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF SHAREHOLDINGS**

	Number of		Number of	
Size of Shareholdings	Shareholders	%	Shares	%
1 – 99	44	2.97	596	_*
100 – 1,000	108	7.29	70,485	_*
1,001 – 10,000	322	21.74	2,240,380	0.04
10,001 – 1,000,000	956	64.55	112,409,224	2.00
1,000,001 and above	51	3.45	5,504,711,894	97.96
Total	1,481	100.00	5,619,432,579	100.00

Less than 0.01%.

#### **REGISTER OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS**

	Direct interest		Deemed in	terest
	Number of shares	%	Number of shares	%
United Overseas Bank Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	_	_	1,610,543,486	28.66
DBS Bank Ltd. <sup>(2)</sup>	_	_	916,972,699	16.32
DBS Group Holdings Ltd <sup>(2)</sup>	_	_	916,972,699	16.32
Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited <sup>(2)</sup>	_	_	916,972,699	16.32
CIMB Bank Berhad <sup>(3)</sup>	_	_	452,285,350	8.05
Australia and New Zealand Banking				
Group Limited <sup>(4)</sup>	_	_	290,105,850	5.16
Hoe Leong Co. (Pte.) Ltd	1,589,854,677	28.29	_	_
Kuah Geok Lin <sup>(5)</sup>	15,506,617	0.28	1,589,854,677	28.29
Kuah Geok Khim <sup>(5)</sup>	15,314,117	0.27	1,589,854,677	28.29
Quah Yoke Hwee <sup>(5)</sup>	15,314,117	0.27	1,589,854,677	28.29
Mdm Kuah Geok Khim <sup>(5)</sup>	7,400,592	0.13	1,589,854,677	28.29

#### Notes:

- (1) United Overseas Bank Limited's interests in 1,610,543,486 shares are held in a nominee account with United Overseas Bank Nominees Pte Ltd.
- (2) DBS Bank Ltd.'s interests in 916,972,699 shares are held in a nominee account with DBS Nominees Pte Ltd. DBS Group Holdings Ltd and Temasek Holdings (Private) Limited are deemed to have an interest in the shares held by DBS Bank Ltd.
- (3) CIMB Bank Berhad's interests in 452,285,350 shares are held in a nominee account with CGS-CIMB Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd.
- (4) Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited's interests in 290,105,850 shares are held in a nominee account with DBS Vickers Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd.
- (5) Messrs Kuah Geok Lin, Kuah Geok Khim, Quah Yoke Hwee and Mdm Kuah Geok Khim are deemed to be interested in the shares of the Company held by Hoe Leong Co. (Pte.) Ltd. by virtue of Section 7(4) of the Companies Act.

# STATISTICS OF SHAREHOLDINGS

AS AT 22 MARCH 2021

## TWENTY LARGEST SHAREHOLDERS

		Number of	
No.	Name of Shareholders	Shares	%
1	United Overseas Bank Nominees Pte Ltd	1,611,062,393	28.67
2	Hoe Leong Co. (Pte.) Ltd.	1,589,854,677	28.29
3	DBS Nominees Pte Ltd	975,459,725	17.36
4	CGS-CIMB Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd	458,059,404	8.15
5	DBS Vickers Securities (Singapore) Pte Ltd	290,105,850	5.16
6	RHB Bank Nominees Pte Ltd	280,903,297	4.99
7	Sing Investments & Finance Ltd	118,555,561	2.11
8	Maybank Nominees (Singapore) Pte Ltd	38,396,802	0.68
9	Kuah Geok Lin	15,506,617	0.28
10	Kuah Geok Khim	15,314,117	0.27
11	Quah Yoke Hwee	15,314,117	0.27
12	Maybank Kim Eng Securities Pte. Ltd	10,755,676	0.19
13	Kuah Geok Khim (Mdm)	7,400,592	0.13
14	Raffles Nominees (Pte) Limited	6,972,300	0.12
15	Heng Wang Chew	4,000,000	0.07
16	Tan Kee Sea	3,700,200	0.07
17	Tan Bak Chua Robert	3,561,000	0.06
18	Chua Yean Cheng (Cai Yingqing)	3,506,900	0.06
19	Chew Eu Hock	2,907,800	0.05
20	Larry Kong Chin Wa (Kuang Zhenhua)	2,800,000	0.05
	Total	5,454,137,028	97.03

#### PERCENTAGE OF SHAREHOLDINGS IN PUBLIC'S HANDS

12.53% of the Company's shares are held in the hands of the public. Accordingly, the Company has complied with Rule 723 of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of Hoe Leong Corporation Ltd. (the "Company") will be held by electronic means (via LIVE WEBCAST and AUDIO ONLY MEANS) on Thursday, 29 April 2021 at 10.00am to transact the following businesses:—

#### AS ORDINARY BUSINESS

- 1. To receive and adopt the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2020 and the Directors' Statement and the Auditor's Report thereon.
- 2. To re-elect Mr Choy Bing Choong, a director retiring pursuant to Regulation 98(2) of the (Resolution 2) Constitution of the Company:

Mr Choy Bing Choong is considered as independent for the purposes of Rule 704(8) of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST"). If re-elected, Mr Choy will remain as the Lead Independent Director and member of the Audit Committee and take the position of Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and member of the Nominating Committee.

- 3. To note the retirement of Mr Ang Mong Seng, a director retiring pursuant to Regulation 98(2) of the Constitution of the Company.
- 4. To appoint Mr Wee Sung Leng as a director of the Company pursuant to Regulation 99. (Resolution 3)

Mr Wee Sung Leng will be considered independent for the purposes of Rule 704(8) of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST"). If appointed, he will be the Chairman of the Audit Committee and member of the Remuneration Committee.

- 5. To approve payment of Directors' fees of S\$135,000 for the financial year ending 31 (Resolution 4) December 2021 (2020: S\$135,000).
- 6. To re-appoint Messrs KPMG LLP as Auditors of the Company for the financial year ending (Resolution 5) 31 December 2021 and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration.
- 7. To transact any other ordinary business which may be properly transacted at an Annual General Meeting.

#### AS SPECIAL BUSINESS

To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions, with or without modifications:-

8. Authority to issue shares

(Resolution 6)

"That pursuant to Section 161 of the Companies Act, Chapter 50 ("Act"), and the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST"), authority be and is hereby given to the Directors of the Company to:—

- (a) (i) issue shares in the capital of the Company whether by way of rights, bonus or otherwise;
  - (ii) make or grant offers, agreements or options that might or would require shares to be issued or other transferable rights to subscribe for or purchase shares (collectively, "Instruments") including but not limited to the creation and issue of warrants, debentures or other instruments convertible into shares;

(iii) issue additional Instruments arising from adjustments made to the number of Instruments previously issued in the event of rights, bonus or capitalisation issues.

at any time to such persons and upon such terms and for such purposes as the Directors may in their absolute discretion deem fit; and

(b) (notwithstanding that the authority conferred by the shareholders may have ceased to be in force) issue shares in pursuance of any Instrument made or granted by the Directors while the authority was in force,

provided always that

the aggregate number of shares to be issued pursuant to this resolution (including shares to be issued in pursuance of Instruments made or granted pursuant to this resolution) does not exceed 50% of the Company's total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares), of which the aggregate number of shares (including shares to be issued in pursuance of Instruments made or granted pursuant to this resolution) to be issued other than on a pro rata basis to shareholders of the Company does not exceed 20% of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) of the Company, and for the purpose of this resolution, the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) shall be the Company's total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) at the time this resolution is passed, after adjusting for:

- (i) new shares arising from the conversion or exercise of convertible securities,
- (ii) new shares arising from exercising share options or vesting of share awards outstanding or subsisting at the time this resolution is passed provided the options or awards were granted in compliance with Part VIII of Chapter 8 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST, and
- (iii) any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of the Company's shares, and

such authority shall, unless revoked or varied by the Company at a general meeting, continue in force until the conclusion of the next AGM or the date by which the next AGM of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is the earlier."

(see explanatory note 1)

On Behalf of the Board

Liew Yoke Pheng Joseph Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: 14 April 2021

#### **Explanatory Notes:**

1. Resolution 6, if passed, will authorise and empower the Directors of the Company from the date of the above AGM until the next AGM to issue shares and convertible securities in the Company up to an amount not exceeding in aggregate 50% of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) of the Company of which the total number of shares and convertible securities issued other than on a pro rata basis to existing shareholders shall not exceed 20% of the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) of the Company at the time the resolution is passed, for such purposes as they consider would be in the interests of the Company. Rule 806(3) of the Listing Manual of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited currently provides that the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) of the Company for this purpose shall be the total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) at the time of this resolution is passed (after adjusting for new shares arising from the conversion of convertible securities or share options on issue at the time this resolution is passed and any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of the Company's shares). This authority will, unless revoked or varied at a general meeting, expire at the next AGM of the Company.

#### Important Notice of Shareholders Regarding the Conduct of the Company's AGM

Pursuant to Part 4 of the Covid-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 and the Covid-19 (Temporary Measures) (Alternative Arrangements for Meetings for Companies, Variable Capital Companies, Business Trusts, Unit Trusts and Debenture Holders) Order 2020, a member of the Company will not be able to attend the Meeting in person. A member of the Company (whether individual or corporate) must appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as his/her/its proxy to attend and vote on his/her/its behalf at the Meeting if such member wishes to exercise his/her/its voting rights at the Meeting. This proxy form has been made available on SGXNET and the Company's corporate website at https://www.hoeleong.com/home.html. A printed copy of this proxy form will **NOT** be despatched to members.

Shareholders should note the following procedures and/or instructions to participate in the AGM via LIVE WEBCAST or AUDIO ONLY MEANS.

#### 1. Proxy Voting

Voting at the AGM is by proxy ONLY. Shareholders who wish to vote on any or all of the resolutions at the AGM must appoint the Chairman of the AGM as your proxy to vote on your behalf by completing the proxy form attached to the Notice of AGM or download it from the Company's announcement on SGXNET or from the Company's corporate website at https://www.hoeleong.com/home.html. Shareholders should specifically indicate how they wish to vote for or vote against (or abstain from voting on) the resolutions set out in the Notice of AGM.

Shareholders must submit the completed and signed proxy form appointing the Chairman of the AGM as proxy (i) by email to contact@hoeleong.com; or (ii) by post to the registered address of the Company at No. 6 Clementi Loop, Singapore 129814, by 10.00 a.m. on 26 April 2021 (being not less than seventy-two (72) hours before the time fixed for the AGM). Any incomplete proxy form will be rejected by the Company.

For CPF and SRS investors who wish to appoint the Chairman of the AGM as their proxy, they should approach their respective CPF Agent Banks or SRS Operators to submit their votes by email to contact@hoeleong.com or post to the registered address of the Company at No. 6 Clementi Loop, Singapore 129814 at least seven (7) working days before the AGM.

#### 2. Shareholders' Questions and Answers (Q&A)

If Shareholders have any questions in relation to any item of the Agenda of the AGM, Shareholders may send their queries in advance, by 5.00 p.m. on 23 April 2021, by **email to** contact@hoeleong.com. Please state your question(s), your full name, NRIC/Passport Nos./Company Registration Nos. and number of shares held, and whether you are a shareholder or a Proxy or a Corporate Representative of a Corporate Shareholder. Any question without these identification details will not be entertained.

Please note that the Company will provide responses to substantial questions and relevant comments from Shareholders, so submitted by Shareholders in advance, prior to the AGM by publishing the responses on the SGXNet and Company's corporate website at <a href="www.hoeleong.com">www.hoeleong.com</a>. Where substantial questions and relevant comments submitted by Shareholders are unable to be addressed prior to the AGM, the Company will address them during the AGM via LIVE WEBCAST and AUDIO ONLY MEANS. The Company will also address any subsequent clarifications sought, or follow-up questions, prior to, or at, the AGM in respect of substantial and relevant matters. The responses from the Board and management of the Company shall thereafter be published on SGXNET and the Company's corporate website at <a href="www.hoeleong.com">www.hoeleong.com</a>, together with the minutes of the AGM, within one (1) month after the conclusion of the AGM.

Shareholders, who would have been able to be appointed as proxies by relevant intermediaries under Section 181(1C) of the Companies Act, Cap. 50 of Singapore, such as CPF and SRS investors, should approach their respective agents, such as CPF Agent Banks or SRS Operators, to submit their questions in relation to any resolution set out in the Notice of AGM prior to the AGM and have their substantial queries and relevant comments answered.

#### 3. Registration to attend the LIVE WEBCAST or AUDIO ONLY MEANS

#### LIVE WEBCAST

Shareholders who wish to attend the AGM by viewing the proceedings of the AGM can participate via the LIVE WEBCAST by submitting their particulars (comprising emails, full names, NRIC/Passport Nos./Company Registration Nos. and number of shares held) by email to contact@hoeleong.com by 10.00 a.m. on 26 April 2021 (being not less than seventy-two (72) hours before the time fixed for the AGM) (the "Registration Deadline") to enable the Company to verify the Shareholders' status. After the verification process, a unique link will be sent to authenticated Shareholders before end-of-the-day on 28 April 2021. The link will be used by Shareholders to view the proceedings of the AGM by accessing the LIVE WEBCAST. Shareholders may attend the LIVE WEBCAST via your smart phones, tablets or laptops/computers.

#### AUDIO ONLY MEANS

Shareholders who wish to attend the AGM by observing the proceedings of the AGM by listening only, can participate via the AUDIO ONLY MEANS by submitting their particulars (comprising emails, full names, NRIC/Passport Nos./Company Registration Nos. and number of shares held) by email to contact@hoeleong.com by the Registration Deadline to enable the Company to verify the Shareholders' status. After the verification process, an email confirmation containing details of the AUDIO ONLY MEANS will be sent to authenticated Shareholders by 5.00pm on 28 April 2021. The details contained in the email confirmation will be used by Shareholders to observe the proceedings of the AGM by listening via the AUDIO ONLY MEANS.

Shareholders who wish to attend the AGM via LIVE WEBCAST or AUDIO ONLY MEANS are reminded that the AGM is private. Invitations to attend the LIVE WEBCAST or AUDIO ONLY MEANS shall not be forwarded to anyone who is not a Shareholder of the Company or who is not authorized to attend the LIVE WEBCAST or AUDIO ONLY MEANS. Recording of the LIVE WEBCAST and AUDIO ONLY MEANS in whatever form is also strictly prohibited.

The Company asks for Shareholders' understanding in the event of any technical distruptions during the LIVE WEBCAST and AUDIO ONLY MEANS.

Shareholders, who would have been able to be appointed as proxies by relevant intermediaries under Section 181(1C) of the Companies Act, Cap. 50 of Singapore, such as CPF and SRS investors, should approach their respective agents, such as CPF Agent Banks or SRS Operators, to participate in the AGM via LIVE WEBCAST or AUDIO ONLY MEANS.

Shareholders who register by the Registration Deadline but do not receive an email response by 5.00pm on 28 April 2021 may contact the Company at 6463 8666 or contact@hoeleong.com for assistance.

#### 4. Documents for the AGM

Documents relating to the business of the AGM, which comprise the Company's annual report for the financial year ended 31 December 2020, as well as the Notice of AGM and the proxy form for the AGM, have been published on SGXNET and the Company's corporate website at https://www.hoeleong.com/annualreport.html on 14 April 2021.

The Company also seeks Shareholders' understanding and cooperation to adhere to the measures taken by the Company in light of the COVID-19 situation. Shareholders are advised to check on the Company's announcement(s) on SGXNET or the Company's corporate website at https://www.hoeleong.com/home.html for any changes or updates on this AGM, should there be any further measures recommended by the relevant authorities.

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Mr Choy Bing Choong is the director seeking re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to be convened on 29 April 2021 ("**AGM**").

Mr Wee Sung Leng is proposed to be appointed as Independent Director at the forthcoming AGM.

Pursuant to Rule 720(6) of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST, the information, as set out in Appendix 7.4.1 to the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST, relating to Mr Choy and Mr Wee are set out below.

	MR CHOY BING CHOONG	MR WEE SUNG LENG
Date of appointment	1 September 2019	29 April 2021
Date of last re-appointment	24 June 2020	Not applicable.
Age	55	55
Country of principal residence	Singapore	Singapore
The Board's comments on this appointment (including rationale, selection criteria, and the search and nomination process)	The Board reviewed Mr Choy's performance in FY2020, and taken into consideration his experience, expertise, knowledge and skills, concluded that he can continue to contribute positively to the Board and the Group.	The Board concurred with the views of the Nominating Committee in that Mr Wee has the qualification, work experience and competencies for appointment as an independent director of the Company.
Whether appointment is executive, and if so, the area of responsibility	Non-Executive.	Non-Executive.
Job Title (e.g. Lead ID, AC Chairman, AC Member etc.)	Independent Director.  If re-elected, he will step down as Chairman of the Audit Committee ("AC") (but remain as a member of the AC), take the position of Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Nominating Committee. Mr Choy would also remain as the Lead Independent Director of the Company.	Independent Director.  If appointed, he will take the position of Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee.
Professional qualifications	Non-practising Chartered Accountant of Singapore.  Bachelor of Accountancy Degree, National University of Singapore.	Bachelor of Accountancy Degree, National University of Singapore.

	MR CHOY BING CHOONG	MR WEE SUNG LENG
Working experience and occupation(s) during the past 10 years	March 2020 to present: Director and Group Chief Operating Officer of Natural Cool Holdings Limited	June 2019 to present: Independent Director, Combine Will International Holdings Limited
	July 2014 to February 2020: Chief Investment Officer of Natural Cool Holdings Limited	November 2013 to present: Independent Director, Singapore Myanmar Investco Limited
	August 2006 to June 2014: Director, Corporate Finance of CIMB Bank Berhad, Singapore Branch	May 2018 to June 2019: Chief Financial Officer, MoneyMax Financial Services Ltd.
	Bank Bernad, Singapore Branch	May 2014 to March 2016: General Manager, Head of Group Corporate Affairs, Straits Corporation Pte. Ltd.
		May 2013 to May 2014: Assistant Vice President, IL&FS Global Financial Services Pte Ltd
		September 2008 to October 2012: Executive Director and Co-Head, Maybank Kim Eng Corporate Finance Pte Ltd
Shareholding interest in the listed issuer and its subsidiaries	NIL.	NIL.
Any relationship (including immediate family relationships) with any existing director, existing executive officer, the issuer and/or substantial shareholder of the listed issuer or of any of its principal subsidiaries	No.	No.
Conflict of Interest (including any competing business)	No.	No.
Undertaking (in the format set out in Appendix 7.7) under Rule 720(1) has been submitted to the listed issuer	Yes.	Yes.
Other principal commitments* including directorships  Past (for the last 5 years)	<ol> <li>HMK Energy Pte Ltd</li> <li>P.T. Harpindo Mitra Kharisma</li> <li>HMK Investments Ltd.</li> <li>Natural Cool Holdings Limited</li> </ol>	NIL.
* Excludes working experience and occupation(s) as listed in previous section	j	

	MR CHOY BING CHOONG	MR WEE SUNG LENG
Present	<ol> <li>Natural Cool Holdings Limited</li> <li>Hiap Tong Corporation Ltd.</li> <li>Zhongmin Baihui Retail Group Ltd.</li> <li>Neo Group Limited</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Singapore Myanmar Investco Limited</li> <li>Combine Will International Holdings Ltd</li> <li>Fortune Green Global Corp</li> </ol>
_	oncerning an appointment of director, general manager or other officer of oust be given.	
a) Whether at any time during the last 10 years, an application or a petition under any bankruptcy law of any jurisdiction was filed against him or against a partnership of which he was a partner at the time when he was a partner or at any time within 2 years from the date he ceased to be a partner?	No.	No.
b) Whether at any time during the last 10 years, an application or a petition under any law of any jurisdiction was filed against an entity (not being a partnership) of which he was a director or an equivalent person or a key executive, at the time when he was a director or an equivalent person or a key executive of that entity or at any time within 2 years from the date he ceased to be a director or an equivalent person or a key executive of that entity or at any time within 2 years from the date he ceased to be a director or an equivalent person or a key executive of that entity, for the winding up or dissolution of that entity or, where that entity is the trustee of a business trust, that business trust, on the ground of insolvency?	No.	No.
c) Whether there is any unsatisfied judgment against him?	No.	No.

		MR CHOY BING CHOONG	MR WEE SUNG LENG
d)	Whether he has ever been convicted of any offence, in Singapore or elsewhere, involving fraud or dishonesty which is punishable with imprisonment, or has been the subject of any criminal proceedings (including any pending criminal proceedings of which he is aware) for such purpose?	No.	No.
e)	Whether he has ever been convicted of any offence, in Singapore or elsewhere, involving a breach of any law or regulatory requirement that relates to the securities or futures industry in Singapore or elsewhere, or has been the subject of any criminal proceedings (including any pending criminal proceedings of which he is aware) for such breach?	No.	No.
f)	Whether at any time during the last 10 years, judgment has been entered against him in any civil proceedings in Singapore or elsewhere involving a breach of any law or regulatory requirement that relates to the securities or futures industry in Singapore or elsewhere, or a finding of fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty on his part, or he has been the subject of any civil proceedings (including any pending civil proceedings of which he is aware) involving an allegation of fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty on his part?	No.	No.

		MR CHOY BING CHOONG	MR WEE SUNG LENG
g)	Whether he has ever been convicted in Singapore or elsewhere of any offence in connection with the formation or management of any entity or business trust?	No.	No.
h)	Whether he has ever been disqualified from acting as a director or an equivalent person of any entity (including the trustee of a business trust), or from taking part directly or indirectly in the management of any entity or business trust?	No.	No.
i)	Whether he has ever been the subject of any order, judgment or ruling of any court, tribunal or governmental body, permanently or temporarily enjoining him from engaging in any type of business practice or activity?	No.	No.
j)	Whether he has ever, to his knowledge, been concerned with the management or conduct, in Singapore or elsewhere, of the affairs of:—  i. any corporation which has been investigated for a breach of any law or regulatory requirement governing corporations in Singapore or elsewhere; or	No.	No.
	ii. any entity (not being a corporation) which has been investigated for a breach of any law or regulatory requirement governing such entities in Singapore or elsewhere; or		

	MR CHOY BING CHOONG	MR WEE SUNG LENG
iii. any business trust which has been investigated for a breach of any law or regulatory requirement governing business trusts in Singapore or elsewhere; or  iv. any entity or business trust which has been investigated for a breach of any law or regulatory requirement that relates to the securities or futures industry in Singapore or elsewhere		
in connection with any matter occurring or arising during that period when he was so concerned with the entity or business trust?		
k) Whether he has been the subject of any current or past investigation or disciplinary proceedings, or has been reprimanded or issued any warning, by the Monetary Authority of Singapore or any other regulatory authority, exchange, professional body or government agency, whether in Singapore or elsewhere?	No.	No.
Information Required Pursuant	to Listing Rule 704(7)(I)	
Any prior experience as a director of a listed company?  If yes, please provide details of prior experience.	Not applicable – Disclosure applicable to the appointment of director only.	Yes.  Independent Director of Singapore Myanmar Investco Limited and Combine Will International Holdings Ltd.
If no, please state if the director has attended or will be attending training on the roles and responsibilities of a director of a listed issuer as prescribed by the Exchange.		
Please provide details of relevant experience and the nominating committee's reasons for not requiring the director to undergo training as prescribed by the Exchange (if applicable).		



### HOE LEONG CORPORATION LTD.

(Company Registration No.: 199408433W) (Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

PROXY FORM
FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### IMPORTANT:

- 1. The Annual General Meeting ("AGM") is being convened, and will be held, partly by way of electronic means pursuant to First Schedule of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Alternative Arrangements for Meetings for Companies, Variable Capital Companies, Business Trusts, Unit Trusts and Debenture Holders) Order 2020. Printed copies of the Notice of AGM will NOT be sent to members. Instead, the Notice of AGM will be sent to members by electronic means via publication on SGXNet and the Company's corporate website at <a href="https://www.hoeleong.com">https://www.hoeleong.com</a>.
- 2. Alternative arrangements relating to attendance at the AGM via electronic means (including arrangements by which the AGM can be electronically accessed via LIVE WEBCAST or AUDIO ONLY MEANS), submission of questions in advance of the AGM, addressing of substantial queries and relevant comments, prior to, or at, the AGM and voting by appointing the Chairman of the Meeting as proxy at the AGM, are set out in the Notice of AGM.
- 3. Due to the current COVID-19 restriction orders in Singapore, a member will not be able to attend the AGM in person. A member (whether individual or corporate) must appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as his/her/its proxy to attend, speak and vote on his/her/its behalf at the AGM if such member wishes to exercise his/her/its voting rights at the AGM.

#### (PLEASE SEE NOTES OVERLEAF BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM)

I/We	(Name)		(*NRI	C/Passport No.)
of				(Address)
*me/us on *r AUDIO ONL' proxies to voi If no specific	int the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting (the "Mony/our behalf at the Meeting of the Company to be held Y MEANS) on 29 April 2021 at 10.00am and at any adjour te for or against or abstain from voting the Resolutions protection as to voting is given or in the event of any other thereof, the appointment of the Chairman of the Meeting	by electronic mea rnment thereof. *I/ oposed at the Meet her matter arising	ns (via LIVE 'We direct * ing as indica at the Mee	oxies to vote for WEBCAST and 'my/our *proxy/ ated hereunder. ting and at any
Resolution				
No.	Ordinary Resolutions	For**	Against**	Abstain**
1	Directors' Statement and Audited Financial Statements the financial year ended 31 December 2020.	s for		
2	Re-election of Mr Choy Bing Chong as a director.			
3	Appointment of Mr Wee Sung Leng as a director.			
4	Approval of Directors' fee of S\$135,000 for the financial ending 31 December 2021.	year		
5	Re-appointment of Messrs KPMG LLP as Auditor.			
6	Authority to issue shares.			
Notes:  * Delete acco  ** Voting will be in the relevant	ate your vote "For" or "Against" or "Abstain" with a tic ordingly be conducted by poll. If you wish to exercise all your votes "For" or "Aga ant box provided. Alternatively, please indicate the number of votes "Fo bstain box for a particular resolution, you are directing your proxy not to	ainst" or "Abstain" the r or" or "Against" or "Abs	relevant resolut stain" each res	tion, please tick "√"
Signed this _	day of 2021.			
	<u></u>	Total Number of S	Shares in:	No. of Shares
	(;	a) CDP Register		
	(I	b) Register of Mem	nbers	

Signature(s) of Shareholder(s) or Common Seal

\* Delete accordingly



#### IMPORTANT:-

#### Notes:-

- 1. Due to the current COVID-19 restriction orders in Singapore, a member of the Company will not be able to attend the Meeting in person. A member of the Company (whether individual or corporate) must appoint the Chairman of the Meeting as his/her/its proxy to attend, speak and vote on his/her/its behalf at the Meeting if such member wishes to exercise his/her/its voting rights at the Meeting. This proxy form has been made available on SGXNET and the Company's corporate website at https://www.hoeleong.com. A printed copy of this proxy form will **NOT** be despatched to members.
- 2. This duly executed proxy form, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or notarially certified copy thereof, must be sent by email to contact@hoeleong.com or posted to the registered address of the Company at No. 6 Clementi Loop, Singapore 129814 by 10.00 a.m. on 26 April 2021 (being not less than seventy-two (72) hours before the time appointed for holding the Meeting).
- 3. The instrument appointing a proxy or proxies must be under the hand of the appointor or his attorney duly authorised in writing. Where the instrument appointing a proxy or proxies is executed by a corporation, it must be executed under its common seal or under the hand of its attorney or duly authorised officer.
- 4. A member should insert the total number of shares held. If the member has shares entered against his name in the Depository Register (as defined in Section 81SF of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore), he should insert that number of shares. If the member has shares registered in his name in the Register of Members of the Company, he should insert the number of shares. If the member has shares entered against his name in the Depository Register and shares registered in his name in the Register of Members of the Company, he should insert the aggregate number of shares. If no number is inserted, this form of proxy will be deemed to relate to all the shares held by the member of the Company.
- 5. The Company shall be entitled to reject the instrument appointing a proxy or proxies if it is incomplete, improperly completed or illegible or where the true intentions of the appointor are not ascertainable from the instructions of the appointor specified in the instrument appointing a proxy or proxies. In addition, in the case of members of the Company whose shares are entered against their names in the Depository Register, the Company may reject any instrument appointing a proxy or proxies lodged if such members are not shown to have shares entered against their names in the Depository Register seventy-two (72) hours before the time appointed for holding the Annual General Meeting as certified by The Central Depository (Pte) Limited to the Company.
- 6. A Depositor shall not be regarded as a member of the Company entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and to speak and vote thereat unless his name appears on the Depository Register seventy-two (72) hours before the time set for the Annual General Meeting.
- 7. An investor who buys shares using CPF monies ("CPF Investor") and/or SRS monies ("SRS Investor") (as may be applicable) may attend and cast his vote(s) at the Meeting in person. CPF and SRS Investors who are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting but would like to vote, may inform their CPF and/or SRS Approved Nominees to appoint the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting to act as their proxy, in which case, the CPF and SRS Investors shall be precluded from attending the Annual General Meeting.

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