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FUXING GROUP

Fuxing China Group Limited



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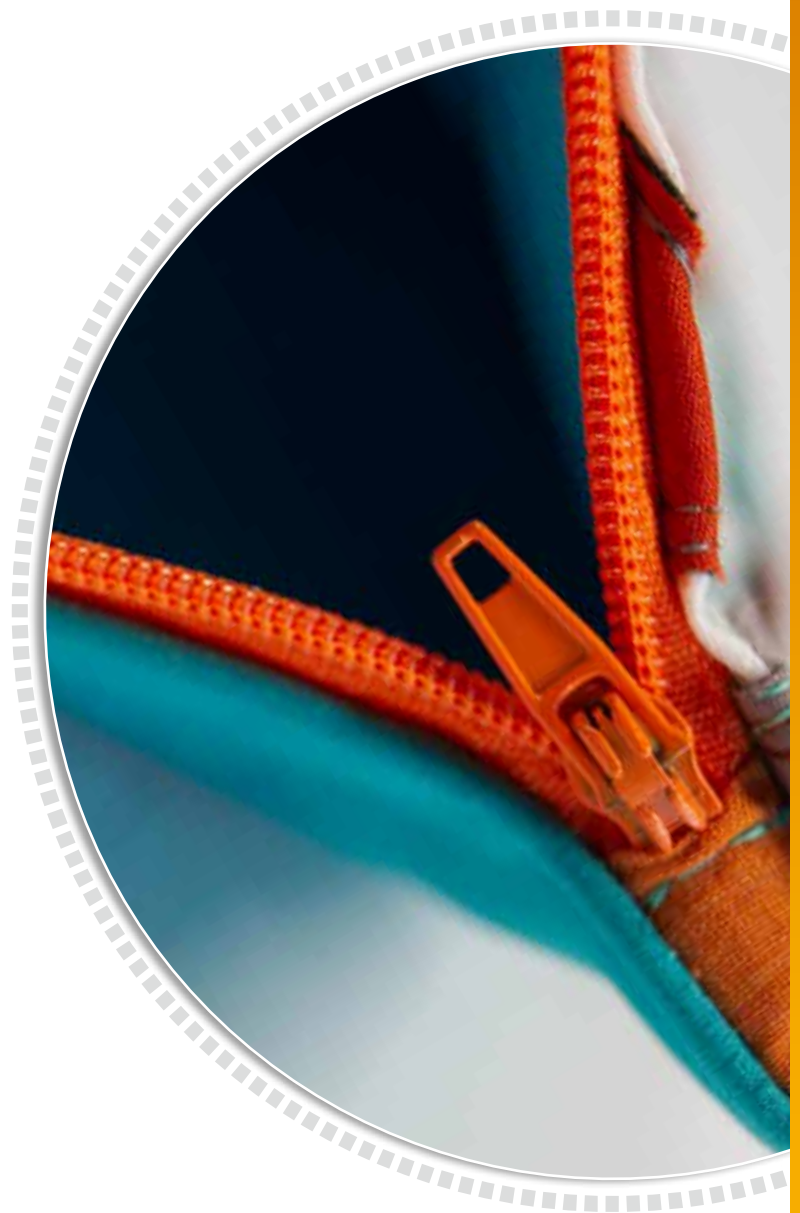
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Corporate Information

With a diversified customer base of over 1600 customers in the PRC, Fuxing China's end products are used by renowned brands such as Anta, Septwolves, CBA Leisu, LiNing, 361o, Samsonite, Fujian Peak and Northpole China, in a wide variety of end-products such as apparels, shoes, bags and camping equipment.

Since its establishment in 1993, Fuxing China has built up a credible track record and market reputation, having garnered over 20 awards in the past 10 years. Its proprietary "3F" brand has been named the "Symbolic Brand of China" (中国标志性品牌) by First Chinese Well-Known Brand Conference in 2006 and "PRC Top 10 Famous Zipper Brands" (中国拉链十大知名品牌) by the Hardware Association of the PRC in 2005. In January 2007, Fuxing China's products were awarded the Intertek Eco-Certification, which allow the EU, Russia, Turkey, Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and many other countries. In 2008, the Group expanded its production facilities to Shanghai and Qingdao to develop new customer base and to be nearer to its existing customers there.

More notably, in 2008, Fuxing China was named one of the 200 companies in Forbes Asia's Fourth Annual Best Under a Billion List, which focuses on Asia Pacific companies with under \$1 billion in sales.

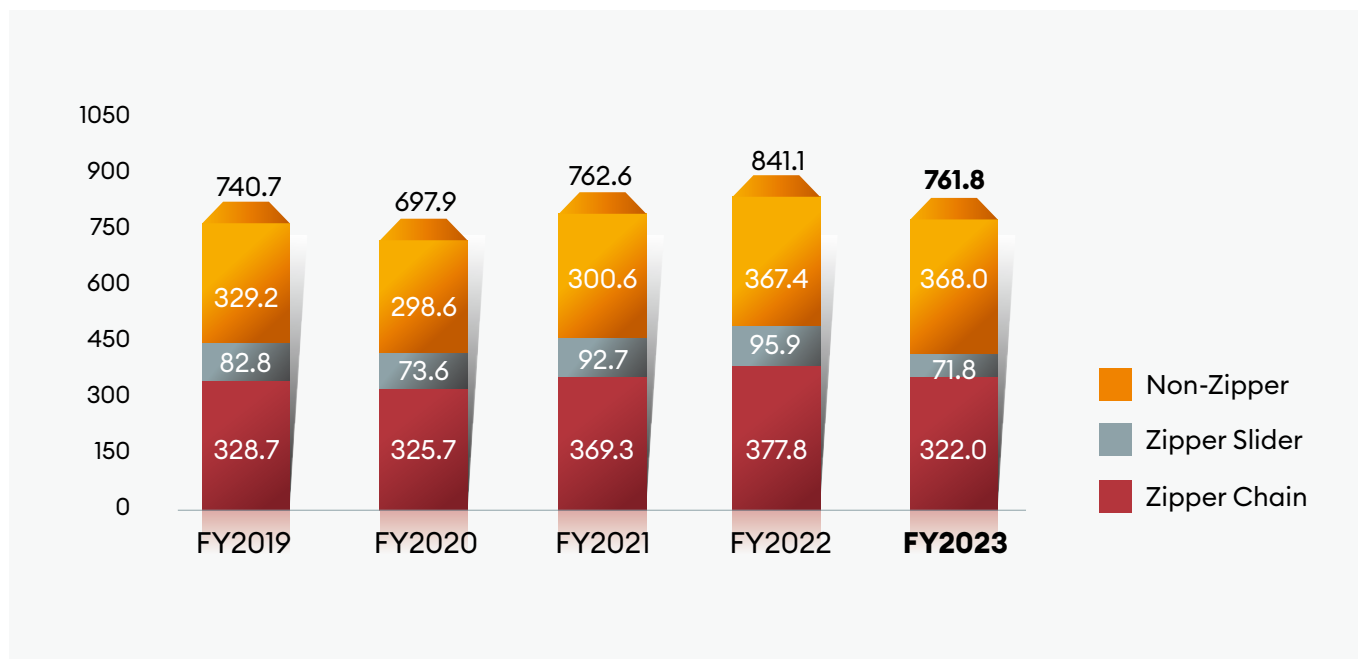
To ensure continual innovation in product quality and improved efficiency, Fuxing China places strong emphasis on product and technical R&D. The Group has a research partnership with the Software Institute of Xiamen University with the aim of enhancing production efficiencies and automation in the manufacturing of zipper products. As a testament of its strength in R&D, Fuxing China's R&D facility was certified as a "Fujian Provincial Level Enterprise Technology Center" in December 2006. The Group has been granted 18 design patents, 12 utility patents, 2 invention patents, in October 2009, the Group was awarded the "New and High Technology Enterprise" by Fujian Provincial Government. In 2011, the group successfully acquired 3 new subsidiaries and a plot of commercial land in Xiamen to develop a headquarter.



# PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS AT A GLANCE

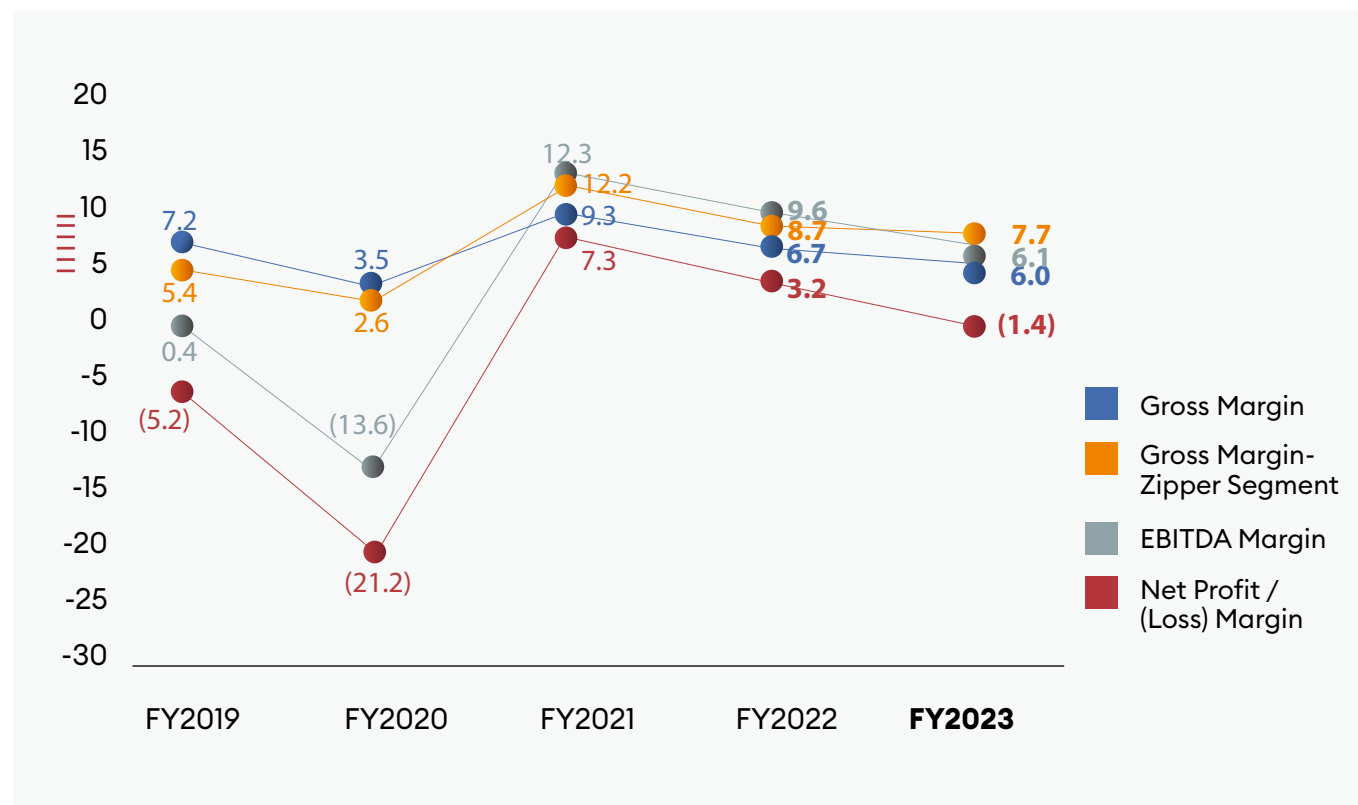
## Revenue Breakdown

RMB' million



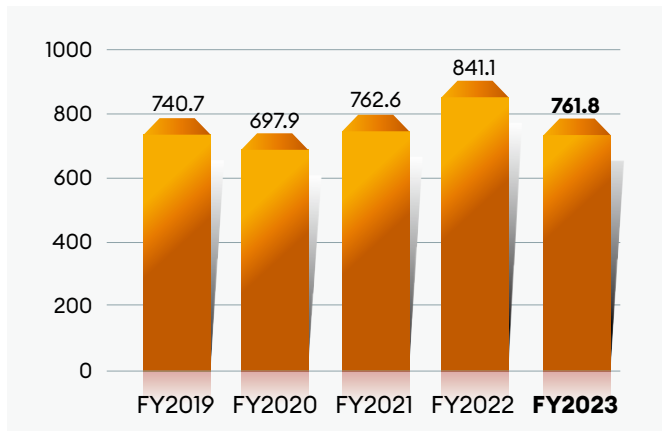
## Margin Trends

%

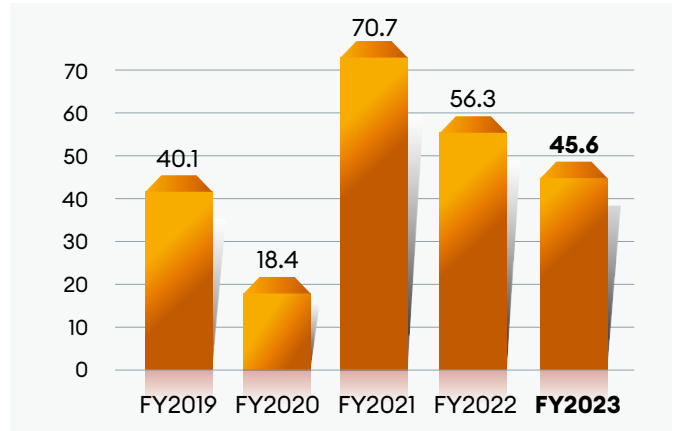


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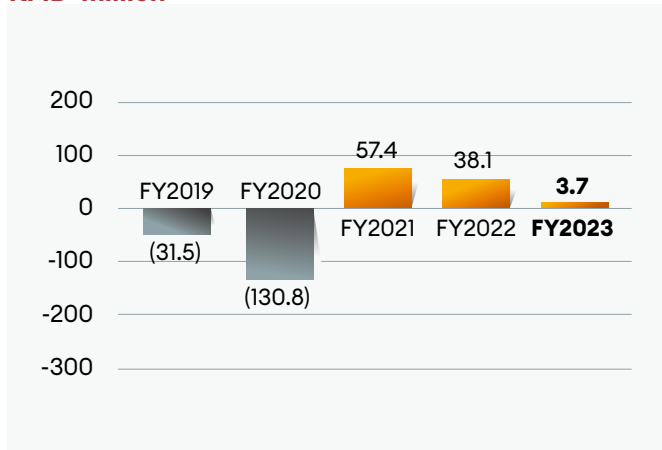
## Revenue RMB' million



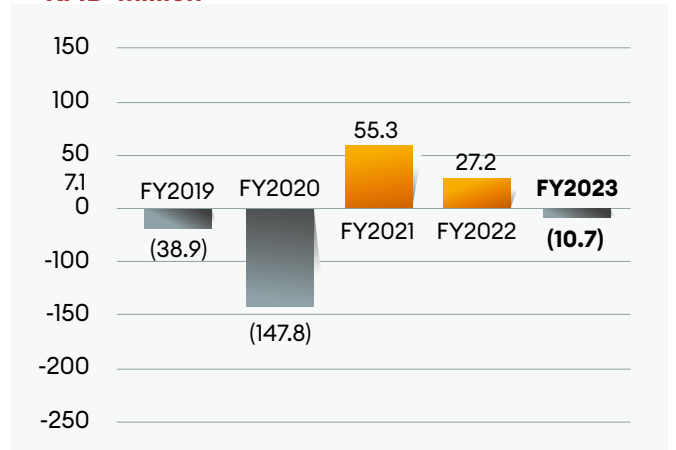
## Gross Profit RMB' million



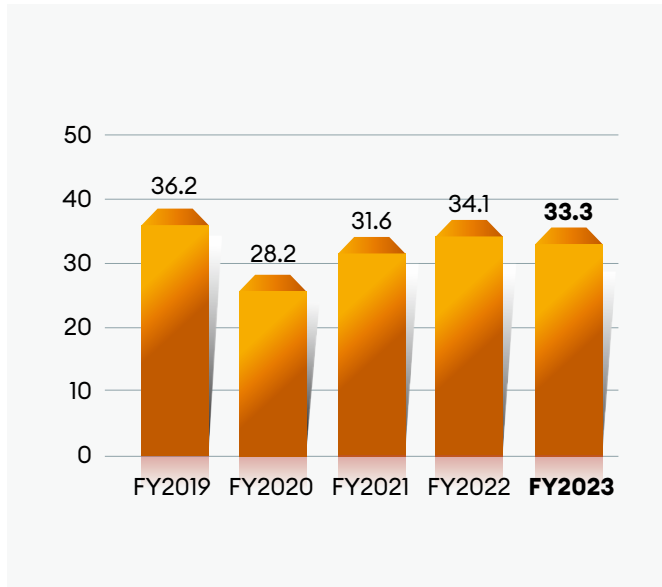
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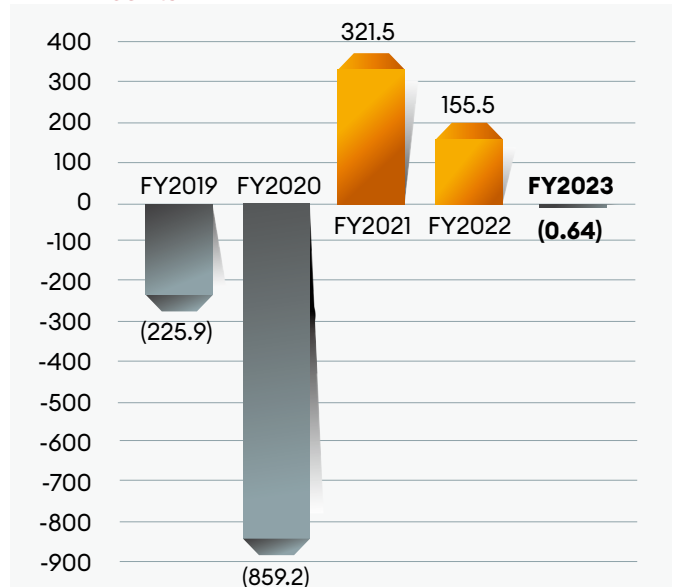
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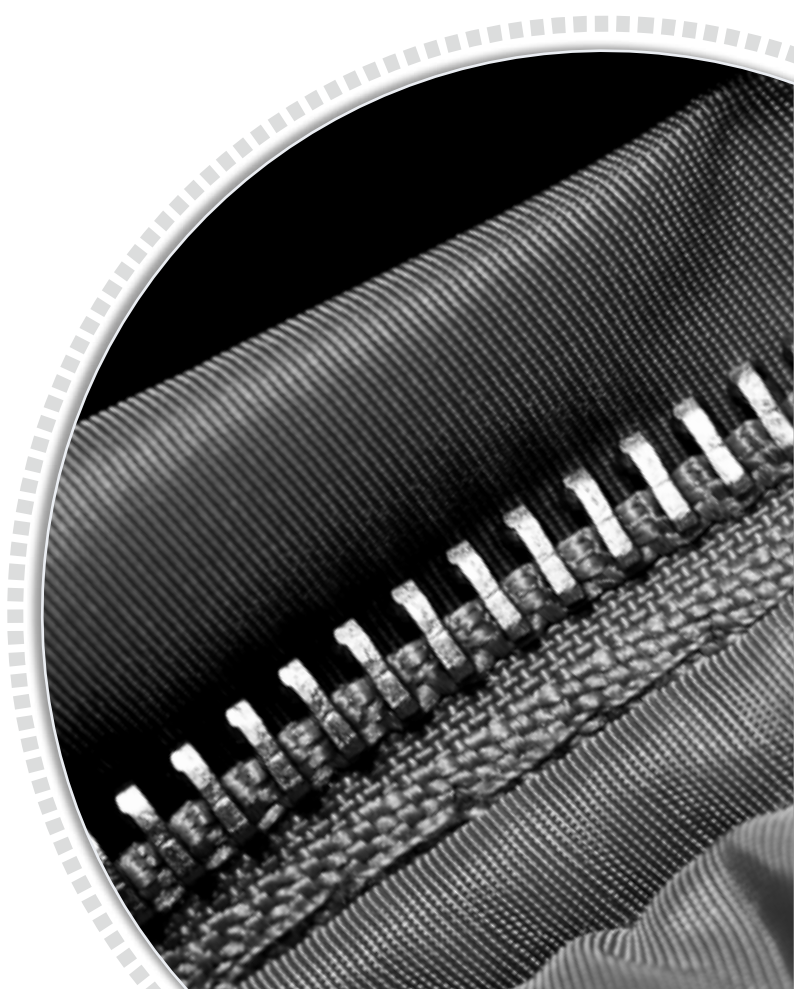
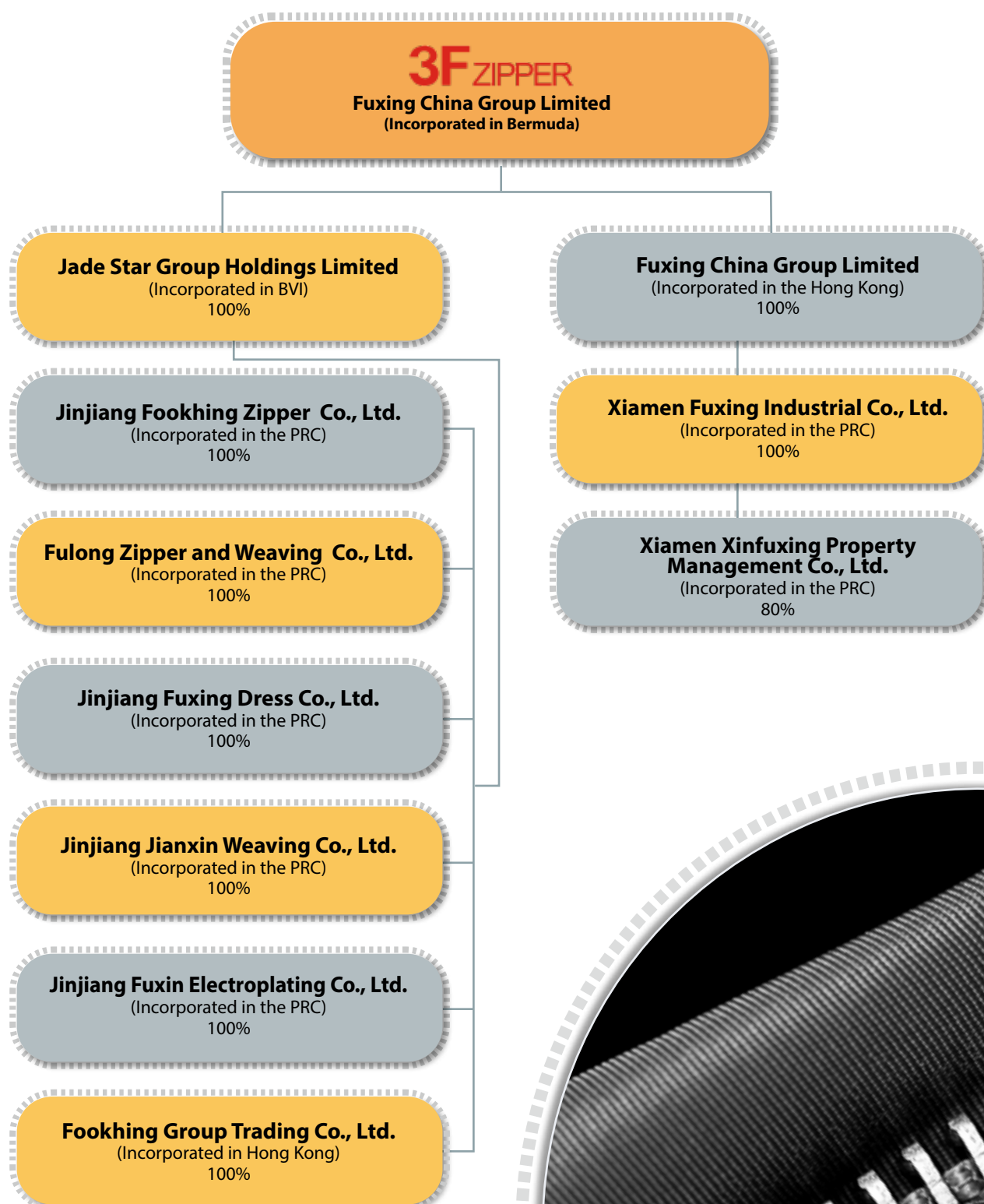
## NAV Per Share RMB



## Earnings / (Loss) Per Share RMB cents



# GROUP STRUCTURE



Dear Valued Shareholders,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I hereby present the results of Fuxing China Group Limited (“Fuxing” or together with its subsidiaries, the “Group”) for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 (“FY2023”).



The past year has been a challenging and tough year for the Group as it continued to operate under a highly competitive environment with razor thin profit margins. The economy slowdown in the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”) further exacerbated the unfavourable business environment, edging the Group into a loss after income tax of RMB10.7 million.

### Review of Financial Performance

The Group’s revenue decreased by RMB79.4 million to RMB761.8 million. This was mainly due to the decrease in the sales of the Zipper segment (RMB80.0 million), the Trading segment (RMB2.4 million). The decrease was partially offset by the increase in Processing segment (RMB3.0 million). The decrease in revenue from the Zipper segment for FY2023 was mainly attributable to the slowdown in the economy in the PRC, which adversely impacted the demand for the Group’s zipper products.

The Group’s gross profit decreased by RMB10.8 million to RMB45.6 million, mainly due to decrease in gross profit from the Zipper segment and Processing segment. Average gross profit margin decreased by 0.7 percentage points to 6.0% mainly due to the decrease in gross profit margin from the Zipper segment arising from the increased production costs, e.g. wages and depreciation charges.

Other income decreased by RMB20.3 million from RMB38.6 million in FY2022 to RMB18.3 million in FY2023 mainly due to the lower foreign exchange gain of RMB0.8 million in FY2023 as compared to RMB14.0 million in FY2022. In addition, due to the economy slowdown in the PRC, the Group’s customers had requested for longer credit terms. As such, the Group recorded net provision for allowance for trade receivables of RMB1.6 million for FY2023 as compared to net reversal of allowance for trade receivables of RMB7.8 million for FY2022.

Other expenses decreased by RMB1.6 million to RMB0.1 million as the Group incurred loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment of RMB1.4 million in FY2022 while there was no such incurrence in FY2023.

Marketing and distribution expenses increased by RMB4.1 million to RMB13.5 million mainly due to the expansion of the sales department by the recruitment of more sales staff in FY2023.

Administrative expenses increased by RMB1.5 million to RMB47.3 million. This was mainly due to the increase in legal advisory and financial consultancy fees arising from the preparation work in relation to the Company’s secondary listing exercise on Nasdaq.

Financial costs, net, increased by RMB0.8 million to RMB10.5 million. This was mainly due to the increase in the interest rate on the bank loans in FY2023.

# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As a result of the above-mentioned factors, the Group recorded a loss after tax of RMB10.7 million for the year.

## Review of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2023, non-current assets amounted to RMB366.3 million comprising property, plant and equipment, investment property, and land use rights.

The Group's property, plant and equipment amounted to RMB301.0 million, a decrease of RMB35.2 million compared to RMB336.2 million as at 31 December 2022. The decrease was mainly due to the depreciation expenses in FY2023.

As at 31 December 2023, current assets amounted to RMB525.5 million, a decrease of RMB41.6 million compared to RMB567.1 million as at 31 December 2022. This was mainly due to the decrease in trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, partially offset by the increase in inventories and prepayments.

Inventories increased by RMB27.9 million to RMB80.3 million mainly due to the RMB30.3 million increase in the raw materials inventory as at 31 December 2023 as compared to 31 December 2022, so as to fulfill 3-months production requirements arising from the anticipated increase in the production requirements in the first quarter of 2024.

The increase in prepayments from RMB74.1 million in FY2022 to RMB89.4 million in FY2023 was mainly due to the increase of RMB11.4 million in advances to suppliers in FY2023 to secure raw materials for the anticipated increase in production in the first quarter of 2024.

Cash and bank balances decreased from RMB154.1 million to RMB113.8 million mainly due to the repayment of short-term bank loans in FY2023.

As at 31 December 2023, total current liabilities were RMB298.2 million, a decrease of RMB63.0 million as compared to RMB361.2 million as at 31 December 2022. This was mainly attributable to the decrease in short-term bank loans.

The short-term bank loan decreased by RMB49.5 million to RMB87.3 million as at 31 December 2023 compared to RMB136.8 million as at 31 December 2022. This was mainly due to the repayment of bank loans in FY2023.

## Non-current liabilities

Non-current liabilities comprised deferred tax liabilities. The increase in deferred tax liabilities was mainly due to the deferred tax charge arising from the fair value adjustment on the investment property in FY2023.

## Review of Cash Flows

### Operating activities

Net cash flows generated from operating activities in FY2023 amounted to RMB27.5 million compared to RMB52.1 million in FY2022. The decrease was mainly due to the increase in inventories and prepayments in FY2023 partially offset by the decrease in trade and other receivables.

### Investing activities

Net cash flows used in investing activities in FY2023 amounted to RMB8.2 million compared to RMB32.4 million in FY2022. The decrease was mainly due to the decrease in purchase of plant and machineries in FY2023 as compared to FY2022.

### Financing activities

Net cash flows used in financing activities in FY2023 amounted to RMB64.6 million compared to RMB14.0 million used in FY2022. This was mainly due to the higher repayment of short-term bank loans in FY2023 as compared to FY2022.



# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

## Outlook

The Group expects its business environment to remain highly challenging and competitive, and in the current inflationary environment, rising factory overheads and labour costs will continue to prevail to exert downward pressures on the performance of the Group and its prospects in the near term.

In efforts to navigate through the challenging business environment, the Group will continue to expend marketing efforts in its sales outreach to more customers to uplift its sales. In addition, the Group will be vigilant in managing its expenses and monitor its receivables and collections closely to minimize bad debts.

## In Appreciation

On behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to our customers, suppliers and business partners for their continuous trust and support over the years. I also would like to thank our fellow Directors for their valuable advices and contributions to the Group.

Last but not least, I want to thank Management and staff of the Group for their efforts and hard work over the past year; as well as our shareholders, for their continued support and belief in the Group.

## Mr Hong Qing Liang

*Executive Chairman*

*April 2024*



# SUSTAINABILITY REPORT



This is a summary of the Company's Sustainability Report for FY2023. The Company considers sustainability issues as part of its strategic formulation. It adopts an inclusive approach by considering and balancing the needs and interests of material stakeholders, as part of its overall strategy to ensure that the best interests of the Company are served. The Company is committed to sustainability and incorporates the key principles of environmental and social responsibility, and corporate governance in setting its business strategies and operations.

The ESG factors to be disclosed in our report are as follows:

-  Economic Performance
-  Board Governance
-  Employment
-  Occupational Health and Safety
-  Training and Education
-  Environmental Compliance
-  Anti-Corruption
-  Procurement Practices
-  Materials

More details and information will be available in the full Sustainability Report that will be published on SGXNet by end April 2024.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Mr Hong Qing Liang

Executive Chairman

Mr Hong Qing Liang is the Group's Co-Founder and Executive Chairman. He was appointed to the Board on 19 December 2006, and last re-elected on 30 June 2022. Since co-founding our Group in 1992, he has played an instrumental role in managing the business, operations and strategic directions of the Group. His responsibilities include formulating and executing our Group's business strategies and policies. He possesses substantial experience and knowledge of the zipper industry, having been involved with the zipper business for over 20 years. Prior to this, he was running his own zipper trading business. In 2000, Mr Hong was named the Honorable Chairman of Zipper Industry Association of Fujian Province. Subsequently in 2003, he was also appointed the Vice Chairman of the Foreign Investment Enterprise Association of Long Hu Town, Jinjiang City, Vice Chairman of Chamber of Commerce of Long Hu Town, Jinjiang City and Chairman of the Zipper Hardware Industry Association of Long Hu Town, Jinjiang City.

Present directorships in other listed companies

- Nil

Past directorships in other listed companies held over the preceding three years

- Nil

## Mr Hong Peng You

Director of Finance and Administration

Mr Hong Peng You is the Group's Director of Finance and Administration. Previously Director of Administration, he was re-designated to Director of Finance and Administration on 1 September 2022. He was appointed to the Board on 19 December 2006, and last re-elected on 3 June 2020. He is responsible for all administration matters in the Group. Mr Hong started his career in 1990 in the finance department of Fujian Fu Lian Zhi Zao Co., Ltd till 1993. From January 1994 to December 2003, he took on the position of the Section Chief in the Group's finance department. He later assumed the position of Financial Manager in the Group in 2004 and was subsequently appointed as Deputy General Manager in 2005 and took charge of all finance and administration matters. Mr Hong graduated from Quanzhou Liming University with an education certificate in accounting in July 1990. He also obtained an education certificate in accounting from Wuhan Technological University in July 2005, as well as a degree certificate in business administration in January 2008. He was awarded China Famous Accountant by World Specialty International Center in 2001 and Senior Finance Manager by China Enterprises Association in 2005. He is a registered accountant with Jinjiang City Finance Bureau and a senior tax planner.

Present directorships in other listed companies

- Nil

Past directorships in other listed companies held over the preceding three years

- Nil

## Mr Low See Lien

Lead Independent Director

Mr Low See Lien was appointed as Lead Independent Non-executive Director to the Board on 1 January 2024. He has more than 20 years of professional experience in audit and assurance related projects, which includes clients in oil and gas, technology, media, manufacturing, and entertainment. He has also been involved in Initial Public Offerings ("IPOs") as well as public debt offerings. During his time with a previous employer, he was seconded to the United States and from this, he has gained extensive knowledge of US reporting requirements, including the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. He is currently a partner at Baker Tilly TFW LLP, which is a top ten accounting firm in Singapore. He is also the audit committee chairperson at Miyoshi Limited, a position he has held since 27 December 2021. Miyoshi Limited, which started its operations in 1987, is a leading manufacturer in Asia with a global customer network of more than 18 countries across Asia Pacific, Europe and North America. He graduated from Nanyang Technological University with a Bachelor in Accountancy degree and he is a fellow Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants ("ISCA"). He sits on ACRA's Complaint and Disciplinary Panel and he is also a Member of Singapore Institute of Directors.

Present directorships in other listed companies / other Principal Commitments

- Miyoshi Limited
- Audit Partner at Baker Tilly TFW LLP
- Honorary Treasurer of the Singapore National Paralympic Council

Past directorships in other listed companies held over the preceding three years

- Nil

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



### Mr Lim Cheng Kee Independent Director

Mr Lim Cheng Kee is the Group's Independent Director and was appointed to the Board on 23 May 2014 and last re-elected on 6 September 2023. He has 30 years of working experience in the banking industry from 1978 to 2008. They included 10 years at Industrial & Commercial Bank Limited, 4 years at Security Pacific National Bank, 3 years at The Nikko Merchant Bank (Singapore) Limited and 13 years at Agricultural Bank of China, Singapore Branch as Head of Finance and Operations. Mr Lim was responsible for the accounting, financial management, taxation, compliance and other operational functions of the banks. Mr Lim retired from the Agricultural Bank of China, Singapore Branch in June 2008. Mr Lim graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce (Accountancy) from the former Nanyang University in 1978 and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Singapore.

Present directorships in other listed companies / other Principal Commitments

- Nil

Past directorships in other listed companies held over the preceding three years

- Nil

### Mr Qiu Qing Yuan Independent Director

Mr Qiu Qing Yuan is the Group's Independent Director and was appointed to the Board on 3 August 2007. He was last re-elected on 29 April 2021. Mr Qiu's present other principal commitment is the Vice General Manager of Xiamen Xianxin Investment Group Co., Ltd, where he is responsible for the external investment as well as the management and supervision of the company's joint ventures. Prior to this, Mr Qiu served as Deputy General Manager for Shandong Weifang Yaxing Chemical Co., Ltd, a Shanghai Stock Exchange-listed company from 2006 to January 2009. Mr Qiu started his career as an accountant in the Fujian Foreign Trading Centre Holdings from July 1986 to January 1993. Subsequently, he joined Hong Kong Gainmen Development Co., Ltd as a Deputy Finance Manager till October 1996. From November 1996 to January 2003, Mr Qiu was the Finance Manager of Hong Kong Keen Yield International Investment Co., Ltd. where he was responsible for the finance and business of relevant subsidiary companies. From February 2003 to February 2006, Mr Qiu was appointed the Departmental Head of Fujian Foreign Trading Centre Holdings where he was in charge of the import and export trading business of the company. Mr Qiu graduated from the University of International Business and Economics in PRC in July 1991 with an education certificate for foreign trade.

Present directorships in other listed companies / other Principal Commitments

- Vice General Manager of Xiamen Xianxin Investment Group Co. Ltd

Past directorships in other listed companies held over the preceding three years

- Nil

# KEY MANAGEMENT

## **Mr Hong Shao Lin** Chief Executive Officer

Mr Hong Shao Lin is the Company's Chief Executive officer. Mr Hong joined a subsidiary of the Group's Purchasing Department in 2009 as Purchasing Executive. In 2011, he was promoted to the Purchasing Manager. In April 2013, he was re-designated as General Manager. Mr Hong is the son of the Company's Executive Chairman, Mr Hong Qing Liang.

He graduated from Huaqiao University with a Bachelor in Economic Management Degree.

## **Mr Hong Shui Ku** Chief of Operations

Mr Hong Shui Ku is the Group's Chief of Operations. He was the Group's Executive Director from 11 May 2011 till 18 March 2019 whereby he relinquished his position as Executive Director to focus on his existing management role in operations.

He has a wealth of practical experience in the zipper business, having been in the zipper trade since 1980. He joined the Group in 1993 and is responsible for assisting the Board in overseeing the overall operations and Management in the Group. Prior to joining the Group, Mr Hong was engaged in zipper trading operations from 1980 till 1992. Mr Hong graduated from Ying Lin High School, Jinjiang City, Fujian Province, the PRC in 1979.

## **Mr Ye Mu Gui** Production Manager

Mr Ye Mu Gui is our Production Manager. He joined our Group in February 1995. He has 25 years of experience in the zipper industry. He is currently responsible for overseeing the technical and production process.

## **Mr Zhang Shang Lian** Sales and Marketing Manager

Mr Zhang Shang Lian is our Sales and Marketing Manager. He joined our Group in October 2009. He is currently responsible for our Group's sales and marketing operations, as well as after sales services. Prior to this, Mr Zhang Shang Lian served as a Sales Manager in HuaCheng Commercial and Trading Co., Ltd.

## **Mr Lei Zhen Min** Human Resource Manager

Mr Lei Zhen Min is our Human Resource Manager. He joined our Group in 2014 and is responsible for the Group's human resources policies, programs, and practices. He graduated from Fujian engineering college and Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University. He has worked in several large companies and enterprise groups in different industries, i.e in Fujian Electronic Information Group and Shandong Laiwu Zhonglian Shangding Real Estate Development Co., Ltd. as the office department head. He has also worked in Zhejiang Puledi Culture Communication Co., Ltd., as the human resources department head and also the executive president of Business schools.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

## INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Fuxing China Group Limited (the “**Company**” and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) is committed to maintaining a high standard of corporate governance within the Group and places importance on its corporate governance and systems so as to enhance shareholders’ value, corporate performance, accountability and protection of stakeholders’ interests.

This report describes the corporate governance practices of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 (“**FY2023**”) with specific reference to the principles and provisions of the Code of Corporate Governance 2018 (the “**Code**”) and accompanying Practice Guidance issued in August 2018, which forms part of the continuing obligations of the Listing Rules of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (“**SGX-ST**”).

The Board is pleased to report that for FY2023, the Group has complied in all material aspects with the Code, save for deviations or areas of non-compliance which are explained under the respective sections.

The Board will continue to review the corporate governance practices on an on-going basis for relevance and effectiveness with reference to the environment in which the Group operates.

## (A) BOARD MATTERS

### THE BOARD’S CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS

***Principle 1:** The Company is headed by an effective Board which is collectively responsible and works with Management for the long-term success of the company.*

#### **Directors’ Fiduciary Duties and Conflicts of Interest (Provision 1.1)**

The Board assumes responsibility for the stewardship of the Group and is collectively responsible for the overall performance of the Group, with the fundamental principle to act in good faith and the best interests of the Company. The Board sets the Group’s values and standards and ensures that all Board members act objectively in discharging their duties and responsibilities at all times and in the interests of the Company for the long-term performance and success of the Group. The Board believes that when taking decisions, all Directors act objectively in discharging their duties and responsibilities at all times as fiduciaries and in the interests of the Company. If there is any conflict of interest, Directors will voluntarily recuse themselves from all discussions and decisions involving the issues of conflict, unless the Board is of the opinion that his participation is necessary.

#### **Directors’ Orientation, Induction, Training and Development (Provision 1.2)**

Directors are encouraged to receive regular training and participate in conferences, seminars or any training programmes in connection with their duties to keep abreast of a dynamic business environment.

In FY2023, the Board was briefed on updates on Listing Rules of the SGX-ST, changes to accounting standards and regulatory developments. The Board is also kept informed of the new updates regarding the amendments and requirements of the SGX-ST and other statutory and regulatory requirements from time to time. Relevant news releases issued by the SGX-ST are also circulated to the Board for information.

Newly appointed Directors are briefed on the Group’s business activities, strategic directions and regulatory environments in which the Group operates. They will also have the opportunity to visit the Group’s operational facilities and to meet with Management so as to gain a better understanding of the Group’s business operations. Newly appointed Directors who do not have prior experience or are not familiar with the duties and obligations required of a Director of a listed company in Singapore will be required to undergo mandatory training pursuant to Listing Rule 201(5)(a) of the SGX-ST on the roles and responsibilities of a listed Company Director. Newly appointed Non-Executive Directors are provided with a letter of appointment setting out their duties, obligations and terms of appointment. On the other hand, Executive Directors are provided with a service agreement setting out their terms of office and terms and conditions of their respective appointments. No new Director was appointed during the year under review.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

## **Board Reserved Matters (Provision 1.3)**

The Board regularly reviews the Group's strategic business plans, and assesses key risks, operation and financial performance of the Group to enable the Group to meet its strategic objectives and also has the overall responsibility for establishing and maintaining a framework of good corporate governance in the Group, including the risk management systems and internal controls to safeguard shareholders' interests and the Group's assets. The Board also considers sustainability issues as part of its strategic formulation.

The Board has adopted internal control guidelines which provide that where appropriate, authority has been delegated to Management to facilitate operational efficiency. Within these guidelines, the Board approves transactions that exceed certain pre-determined thresholds.

In addition, approval of the Board is required for any matters, inter alia, mergers and acquisition, investments and divestments, acquisitions and disposals of assets, major corporate policies on key areas of operations, acceptances of bank facilities, annual budget, release of the Group's half-year and full-year results announcements, interested person transactions of a material nature and matters which are likely to have a material impact on the Group's operating units and/or financial position as well as matters other than in the ordinary course of business.

## **Delegation of Authority to Board Committees (Provision 1.4)**

The Board is supported by the Audit Committee ("AC"), Remuneration Committee ("RC") and Nominating Committee ("NC"), (collectively, "Board Committees"). Each Board Committee is chaired by an Independent Director and a majority of the members are Independent Directors. Functions of these Board Committees including their compositions, authorities and duties are clearly written in its Terms of Reference ("TOR"), which have been approved by the Board. The Board accepts that while these Board Committees have the delegated power to make decisions, execute actions or make recommendations in their specific areas, the ultimate responsibility is vested in the Board. The TOR of each Board Committee is reviewed periodically and any change to the TOR will require the approval of the Board.

## **Board and Board Committees Meetings and Attendance (Provision 1.5)**

The Board conducts scheduled meetings at least four times a year. These meetings are scheduled in advance to facilitate the Directors' planning in view of their on-going commitments. The Board will also meet as and when warranted between the scheduled meetings. The Company's Bye-Laws provide for meetings to be held via telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meetings to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously.

The number of Board and Board Committees meetings as well as general meetings held during FY2023, and the attendance of Directors during these meetings, are as follows:

Meetings	Board	AC	NC	RC	Annual General Meeting <sup>(2)</sup>	Special General Meeting <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Total No. of Meetings held</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Directors</b>	<b>No. of Meetings attended</b>					
Hong Qing Liang	3	3 <sup>(1)</sup>	1	–	1	1
Hong Peng You	3	4 <sup>(1)</sup>	2 <sup>(1)</sup>	2 <sup>(1)</sup>	1	1
Dr Ho Kah Leong	3	4	2	2	1	1
Lim Cheng Kee	3	4	2	2	1	1
Qiu Qing Yuan	3	4	2	2	1	1

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

Notes:

- (1) By invitation.
- (2) Annual General Meeting held on 6 September 2023.
- (3) Special General Meeting held on 28 July 2023.

## **Access to Information (Provision 1.6)**

All agendas for the Board and Board Committees meetings are reviewed by the Chairman of the Board and the respective Board Committees. Detailed Board papers and/or other information are forwarded to the Directors before each meeting with sufficient time for their review and consideration. The Board papers include sufficient information from Management on financial, business and corporate issues to enable Directors to be properly briefed on issues to be considered at Board and Board Committees meeting. Management is invited to attend the meetings to present information and/or render clarification when required. Directors may request for explanations, briefings by or discussions with Management on any aspect of the Group's operations or business. When circumstances require, Board members exchange views outside the formal environment of Board meetings.

## **Access to Management and Company Secretaries (Provision 1.7)**

The Board has separate and independent access to Management, the Company Secretary, External Auditors and external advisers as and when required to seek advices and obtain additional information to facilitate their decision making, at the expense of the Company.

The appointment and the removal of the Company Secretary is a decision of the Board as a whole.

The Company Secretary will administer, attend and prepare minutes of the Board and the Board Committees meetings, assist each of the Board and the Board Committees Chairman in ensuring that the Board's and the Board Committees' procedures are followed and reviewed so that the Board and the Board Committees function effectively, and ensures that the Company's Constitution and relevant rules and regulations, including those of the Companies Act and the SGX-ST, are complied with. The Company Secretary ensures the quality, quantity and timeliness of the flow of information within the Board and the Board Committees, and between Management and Independent Directors, and advises the Board on all corporate governance matters, facilitates orientation, and assists with professional development as and when required.

## **BOARD COMPOSITION AND GUIDANCE**

**Principle 2:** *The Board has an appropriate level of independence and diversity of thought and background in its composition to enable it to make decision in the best interests of the company.*

**Independent Directors and Non-Executive Directors comprise a majority on the Board (Provisions 2.1 to 2.3)**

As at the date of this report, the Board comprises five (5) Directors, three (3) of whom are Independent Directors and two (2) are Executive Directors. The Independent Directors make up a majority of the Board.



# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

The current composition of the Board is as follows:

Board	AC	NC	RC
<b>Executive Directors</b>			
Hong Qing Liang - Executive Chairman	-	-	-
Hong Peng You	-	-	-
<b>Independent Directors</b>			
Low See Lien - Lead Independent Director	Member	Member	Member
Lim Cheng Kee	Chairman	Member	Chairman
Qiu Qing Yuan	Member	Chairman	Member

As a Group, the Directors bring with them a broad range of expertise and experience in areas such as accounting and finance, business and management experience, industry knowledge, strategic planning experience, human resource management, industry's customer-based marketing and manufacturing combined provides core competencies necessary to lead and govern the Group effectively. Each Director has been appointed based on the strength of his calibre, experience, industry knowledge and expertise, grasp of corporate strategy and potential to contribute to the Group and its business. The diversity of the Directors' experience allows for the useful exchange of ideas and views during discussions.

Having assessed the size and composition of the Board and Board Committees, the NC, with the concurrence of the Board, is of the view that the current size and composition of the Board is adequate, taking into account the scope of the Group's operations.

None of the Directors has an alternate Director. All Directors are expected to be able to commit time to the affairs of the Company, the NC will generally not support the appointment of an alternate Director.

The Board assesses the independence of Independent Directors in accordance with the requirements of the Code to ensure appropriate level of independence and diversity of thought and background in its composition to enable it to make decisions in the best interests of the Group.

Under the Code, an Independent Director is one who is independent in conduct, character and judgment, and has no relationship with the Company, its related corporations, its substantial shareholders or its officers that could interfere, or be reasonably perceived to interfere, with the exercise of the Director's independent business judgment in the best interests of the Company.

## **Board Composition and Diversity (Provision 2.4)**

The Board endeavours to achieve the balance and diversity necessary to maximise its effectiveness as part of its Board diversity policy which endorses the principle that its Board should have the balance of skills, knowledge, experience and other aspects of diversity that support the Company in the pursuit of its strategic and business objectives, and its sustainable development. The policy seeks to promote the inclusion of different perspectives, ideas and insights and ensure that the Company can benefit from all available sources of talent.

In determining the optimum composition and size of the Board and each Board committee, the Board diversity policy provides for the NC to consider a combination of factors such as skills, knowledge, professional experience, educational background, gender, age, and length of service. The skills, knowledge and experience to be considered include accounting and finance, business and management experience, industry knowledge, strategic planning experience, human resource management, industry's customer-based marketing and manufacturing combined.

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Suitable candidates will then be identified, including through external search firms. External search firms that are engaged, are instructed that diversity is a key criterion in the search and in particular, gender diversity. Female candidates are therefore required to be included for consideration.

Following its assessment of the candidates, the NC will then interview the short-listed candidates. The NC will thereafter make its recommendations to the Board including appointments to the appropriate Board committees after matching the candidates' skills-set to the needs of each Board committee. The Board, taking into account the views of the NC, will consider if the Directors meet the criteria under its Board diversity policy and possess the necessary competencies to govern the Company effectively.

The Board also aims to achieve gender diversity by the financial year ending 31 December 2024 ("FY2024"). The Board will work closely with the NC to identify and evaluate potential candidates who meet the diversity criteria when appointing new director(s) or Board renewal. Any updates or progress made towards implementing the Board Diversity policy will be disclosed in the Company's Corporate Governance Report, as appropriate.

The Board also recognizes that gender diversity is only one aspect of Board diversity. In terms of qualifications and competencies, members of the Board include seasoned professionals in business and management and strategic planning. The Board believes that its members' different backgrounds, experience, age, gender, tenure of service, and skill sets provide a diversity of perspectives which contribute to the quality of its decision-making. The ultimate decision will be based on merit and contribution that the candidate will bring to the Board. The profiles of the Directors are on pages 9 to 10 of the Annual Report.

The Company remains committed to implementing its Board diversity policy and any further progress made towards the implementation of such policy will be disclosed in future Corporate Governance Reports, as appropriate.

## **Meeting of Independent Directors without Management (Provision 2.5)**

The Independent Directors, led by Mr Low See Lien, the Lead Independent Director, meet without the presence of Management as and when the circumstances warrant. In FY2023, the Independent Directors met regularly (without the presence of Management) both formally and informally, to discuss the remuneration packages and incentives for the Executive Directors and KMP, feedback from the External Auditors and other matters. The Lead Independent Director will provide feedback and recommendations arising from these meetings to the Board and Chairman as appropriate.

## **CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**Principle 3:** *There is a clear division of responsibilities between the leadership of the Board and Management, and no one individual has unfettered powers of decision making.*

### **Chairman and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") (Provision 3.1)**

The Chairman and the CEO are separate persons. The role of Chairman is held by Mr Hong Qing Liang while the role of CEO is held by Mr Hong Qing Liang's son, Mr Hong Shao Lin. As part of succession planning, Mr Hong Qing Liang resigned as the CEO effective 1 January 2023. Mr Hong Qing Liang's son, Mr Hong Shao Lin who joined the Group in 2009 as a purchasing executive and subsequently rose through the ranks to be general manager of one of the Group's subsidiaries, was appointed as the CEO on 1 January 2023. Mr Hong Qing Liang remains as the Executive Chairman as his valuable business insights and experience are still much valued.

All major proposals and decisions made by the Executive Chairman and CEO are discussed and reviewed by the AC. Their performance and appointment are reviewed periodically by the NC and the remuneration packages are reviewed periodically by the RC. As the AC, NC and RC consist of all independent directors, the Board believes that there are sufficient strong and independent elements and adequate safeguards in place against a possible concentration of power and authority that a familial relationship exists between the Executive Chairman and the CEO.

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## ***Roles of Chairman and CEO (Provision 3.2)***

As the Executive Chairman of the Board, Mr Hong Qing Liang bears responsibility for the effective workings of the Board. He ensures that Board meetings are held when necessary and sets the Board meeting agenda. The Executive Chairman reviews all Board papers before they are presented to the Board and ensures that procedures are in place to provide Directors with timely and comprehensive analyses necessary for exercising informed judgement and decisions. Management staff who have prepared the papers, or who can provide additional insight in the matters to be discussed, are sometimes invited to attend and present the papers at the Board meeting. The Executive Chairman also ensures that the members of the Board work together with the management team, and have the capability and moral authority to engage Management in constructive debate on various matters, including strategic issues and business planning processes. The day-to-day management functions are performed by senior Management, headed by the CEO.

As the CEO, Mr Hong Shao Lin is responsible for the day-to-day management affairs and business operations of the Group. He also ensures that all corporate policies are properly complied with.

## ***Appointment of Lead Independent Director (Provision 3.3)***

Mr Low See Lien is the Lead Independent Director and is available to shareholders where they have concerns or issues that are not appropriately dealt with by the Chairman or the CEO. Shareholders may contact the Lead Independent Director, Mr Low See Lien at [seelienlow@gmail.com](mailto:seelienlow@gmail.com) when they have concerns which contact through the normal channels of the Executive Directors has failed to resolve or for which such contact is inappropriate.

## **BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

***Principle 4:*** *The Board has a formal and transparent process for the appointment and re-appointment of directors, taking into account the need for progressive renewal of the Board.*

## ***Composition of the Nominating Committee (Provision 4.2)***

As at the date of this report, the NC comprises three (3) members, all of whom (including the NC Chairman) are Independent Directors. The members of the NC are as follows:

Mr Qiu Qing Yuan (Chairman)  
Mr Lim Cheng Kee  
Mr Low See Lien

## ***Role and Responsibilities of the Nominating Committee (Provision 4.1)***

The principal duties and responsibilities of the NC as provided in its TOR are as follows:

- (a) reviewing the structure, size and composition (including the skills, gender, age, qualifications, experience and diversity) of the Board and Board Committees;
- (b) identifying and nominating candidates to fill Board vacancies as they occur;
- (c) recommending membership of the Board Committees to the Board;
- (d) determining annually the independence of the Directors, bearing in mind the circumstances set forth in the Code, Listing Rules of the SGX-ST and any other salient factors;
- (e) evaluating Board's performance as a whole, Board Committees and individual Directors;

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- (f) making recommendations to the Board on all Board appointments, re-appointments and re-elections to the Board (including alternate director, if any), depending on the Director's performance, commitment and his/her ability to continue contributing to the Board;
- (g) reviewing and evaluating whether a Director is able to and has been adequately carrying out his duties as a Director, particularly, when he has multiple board representations;
- (h) overseeing induction, orientation, training and professional development programmes for the Board and its Directors;
- (i) reviewing and ensuring there is clear division of responsibilities between the Chairman and CEO;
- (j) reviewing succession plans for the directors, in particular the appointment and/or replacement of the Chairman, the CEO and KMP; and
- (k) undertaking such other functions and duties as may be delegated by the Board.

For FY2023, the NC reviewed the Board composition, determined the independence of Directors, conducted Board, Board Committees' and Individual Directors' performance evaluation, reviewed Directors' commitments when they have multiple board representations.

## ***Process for selection, appointment and re-appointment of Directors (Provision 4.3)***

The NC has adopted a process for the selection and appointment of new Directors. In selecting potential new Directors, the NC will seek to identify the competencies required to enable the Board to fulfil its responsibilities. External professional help or tagging on the Directors' network may be used to source for potential candidates. The curriculum vitae and other particulars or documents of the nominee or candidate will be given to NC for consideration. The NC will evaluate the suitability of the nominee or candidate based on his or her qualifications, business and related experience, commitment, ability to contribute the Board process and such qualities and attributes that may be required by the Board. The NC will also meet with the potential candidate before making the nomination to the Board for appointment as Director.

## ***Determining Directors' Independence (Provision 4.4)***

The independence of each Director is reviewed annually by the NC with the recommendations set out in the Code and the Listing Rules of the SGX-ST. For FY2023, the NC reviewed the independence of Mr Low See Lien and Mr Lim Cheng Kee and Mr Qiu Qing Yuan. The NC noted that Mr Lim Cheng Kee and Mr Qiu Qing Yuan have served on the Board beyond nine years since the date of their first appointment. The NC is of the view that in assessing the independence of any Independent Director, one should also consider the substance of their professionalism, integrity and objectivity and not merely based on the number of years which they have served on the Board. The rationale for the continuation to serve as an Independent Director is that he has over time developed significant insights of the Group's business and operations and can significantly continue to provide noteworthy and valuable contributions to the Board.

Having conducted rigorous review, the NC considered Mr Lim Cheng Kee and Mr Qiu Qing Yuan to be independent after having determined that they have no relationship with the Company, its related corporations, its 5% shareholders or its officers that could interfere, or be reasonably perceived to interfere, with the exercise of the director's independent business judgment with a view to the best interest of the Company. Mr Lim Cheng Kee and Mr Qiu Qing Yuan have throughout their appointment, demonstrated strong independence in character and judgment in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities as directors of the Company. They have continued to express their individual viewpoints, debated issues and objectively challenged Management on business decisions with a view to the best interests of the Group.

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Having considered the above, the NC has determined that the tenure of each of Mr Lim Cheng Kee and Mr Qiu Qing Yuan's has not affected their independence and judgment in discharging their duties as a member of the Board. The NC has recommended to the Board that Mr Lim Cheng Kee and Mr Qiu Qing Yuan continue to be considered as independent, notwithstanding they have served on the Board for more than nine (9) years since their first appointment. The Board concurred with NC's assessment. The independence of Mr Lim Cheng Kee and Mr Qiu Qing Yuan had been tabled and approved at the last annual general meeting of the Company held on 6 September 2023 and 29 April 2021 respectively under the two-tier voting pursuant to Listing Rule 210(5)(d)(iii) of the SGX-ST. Such resolutions approved by the two-tier voting shall remain in force for three (3) years from the conclusion of the AGM following the passing of the resolutions or the retirement or resignation of the director, whichever the earlier. Subsequently, the two-tier voting was removed and a hard tenure limit of 9 years for independent directors was introduced, as announced by SGX-ST in January 2023. Accordingly, under Transitional Practice Note 4 of the Listing Manual, Mr Lim Cheng Kee and Mr Qiu Qing Yuan who have both served more than 9 years, have offered to step down for Board renewal and will be ceasing directorship or retiring pursuant to Bye-law 86 of the Company's Bye-laws and the Listing Rules of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited at the conclusion of the AGM to be held on 29 April 2024. The Company and NC has commenced the search for their replacements. The Board will make appropriate announcements to update shareholders in due course.

Each of the Independent Directors abstained from discussion and voting in respect of his independence.

## ***Directors' other directorships and principal commitments (Provision 4.5)***

Pursuant to its TOR, the NC is required to determine if a Director has been adequately carrying out his duties as a Director of the Company, particularly if he has multiple Board representations. In view of this, the NC having considered the confirmations received from Mr Low See Lien, Mr Lim Cheng Kee and Mr Qiu Qing Yuan, concluded that such multiple Board representations do not hinder each Director from carrying out his duties as a Director of the Company.

In consultation with the NC, the Board has prescribed that each Independent Director should not hold more than five (5) directorships in other public listed companies. The NC had reviewed and was satisfied that no Independent Director had exceeded the maximum limit of listed company board representations in FY2023 and that each Director had given sufficient time and attention to the affairs of the Group and has been able to diligently discharged his duties as a Director of the Company.

In accordance with Bye-Law 86 of the Company's Bye-Laws, each Director is required to retire at least once in every three (3) years and under Bye-Law 85(6), all newly appointed Directors will have to retire at the next AGM following their appointments. The retiring Directors are eligible to offer themselves for re-election.

Mr Hong Peng You will be retiring by rotation pursuant to the Company's Bye-Law 86 at the forthcoming AGM and being eligible, will be offering himself for re-election. Mr Hong Peng You has signified his consent for re-election.

Information regarding Mr Hong Peng You, who has been nominated for re-election, including the information required under Appendix 7.4.1 of the Listing Rules of the SGX-ST is given under pages 32 to 34 of the Annual Report.

Mr Low See Lien will be retiring pursuant to the Company's Bye-Law 85(6) at the forthcoming AGM and being eligible, will be offering himself for re-election. Mr Low See Lien has signified his consent for re-election.

Information regarding Mr Low See Lien, who has been nominated for re-election, including the information required under Appendix 7.4.1 of the Listing Rules of the SGX-ST is given under pages 35 to 37 of the Annual Report.

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## BOARD PERFORMANCE

**Principle 5:** *The Board undertakes a formal annual assessment of its effectiveness as a whole, and that of each of its board committees and individual directors.*

### **Assessing the effectiveness of the Board, Board Committees and Individual Directors (Provisions 5.1 and 5.2)**

The Board has, through the NC, adopted a process to evaluate the effectiveness of the Board as a whole, each Board Committee separately and the individual Directors. The evaluations are carried out by means of completing the relevant questionnaire forms by each Director on an annual basis and the results will be collated by the Company Secretaries to be presented to the NC. The findings from the evaluations were analysed and discussed with a view to implementing certain recommendations to further enhance the effectiveness of the Board and Board Committees.

The Board and Board Committees' evaluation cover amongst others, the size and composition of the Board and Board Committees, the accessibility of the Board to information, Board and Board Committees processes and accountability in relation to discharging its principal responsibilities and standards of conduct of the Board members.

Individual Directors' assessment was also conducted in FY2023 whereby each Director was evaluated on his contributions to the Board, initiative, knowledge of senior management's job scope and Group's business, leadership and the support that he lends to Management in steering the Group.

For FY2023, the performance evaluation of the Board, Board Committees and Individual Directors was carried out in February 2024. Following the review of the assessment, the NC was generally satisfied with the Board, Board Committees and Individual Directors performance evaluation results which indicated areas of strengths and those that could be improved further. No significant issues had been identified. The NC had discussed the results with Board members who agreed to work on area that could be improved further.

The NC did not engage any external facilitator to assist in the annual performance evaluation exercise for FY2023.

## **(B) REMUNERATION MATTERS**

### **PROCEDURES FOR DEVELOPING REMUNERATION POLICIES**

**Principle 6:** *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.*

### **Composition of the Remuneration Committee (Provision 6.2)**

The RC comprises the following three (3) Independent Directors:

Mr Lim Cheng Kee (Chairman)  
Mr Low See Lien  
Mr Qiu Qing Yuan

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## ***Role and responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee (Provision 6.1)***

The principal duties and responsibilities of the RC as provided in its TOR are as follows:

- (a) reviewing and recommending to the Board a general framework of remuneration for the Board and KMP and to recommend to the Board the specific remuneration packages and terms of employment for:
  - each Director and KMP of the Group;
  - employees related to Directors, CEO or controlling shareholders of the Group;
  - reviewing Directors' fees, which are subject to shareholders' approval at the AGM; and
  - the service contracts of the CEO and Executive Directors. In the event of termination of Executive Directors and KMP's service contracts, to ensure that such contracts of service contain fair and reasonable termination clauses which are not overly generous.
- (b) reviewing all aspects of remuneration, including terminating terms, to ensure they are fair;
- (c) recommending to the Board long-term initiative schemes which may be set up from time to time; and
- (d) undertaking such other functions and duties as may be delegated by the Board.

## ***Remuneration Framework (Provision 6.3)***

There is a formal and transparent process for developing executive remuneration and for determining the remuneration packages of individual Directors. No Director is involved in determining his own remuneration.

The RC reviews all matters concerning the remuneration of the Non-Executive Directors to ensure that remuneration commensurate with their contributions, responsibilities and market benchmarks.

None of the Independent Directors has service contracts or consultancy arrangements with the Company. They are paid Directors' fees based on a structured fee framework reflecting the responsibilities and time commitment of each Director.

The annual quantum of Directors' fees to be paid is also reviewed by the RC and the Board before submission to shareholders for approval at the Company's AGM.

The RC also reviews the remuneration packages of the Executive Directors and KMP and submits its recommendations to the Board for endorsement. The RC will look at the total remuneration provided which comprises annual fixed salary and variable salary component. The variable salary component is in the form of a variable bonus that is linked to the performance of the Group and the individual's performance.

The RC also reviews the Company's obligations under the service agreements of the Executive Directors and KMP that would arise in the event of termination of these service agreements to ensure that such service agreements contain fair and reasonable termination clauses.

The RC sets the remuneration guidelines for the Group for each annual period including annual increments, total incentives for distribution to staff of all grades and structuring long-term incentive plans, if applicable.

## ***RC access to expert professional advice (Provision 6.4)***

The RC has access to expert professional advice if there is a need to consult externally taking in consideration of the industry's practices and norms in determining compensation. No external consultant was engaged in FY2023.

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## LEVEL AND MIX OF REMUNERATION

**Principle 7:** *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 Directors and KMP (Provisions 7.1 and 7.3)**

The remuneration packages are set adequately but not excessively remunerated compared to other comparable companies in the industry in view of present market conditions such that it is appropriate to attract, retain and motivate the Directors to provide good stewardship of the Company and KMP to successfully manage the Company for the long-term. The remuneration policy adopted takes into account the individual's responsibilities, skills, expertise as well as the Group's performance.

The Executive Directors' and KMP (which includes the CEO) respective service agreements detailed his remuneration packages as well as an automatic one-year renewal clause (unless otherwise terminated by either party giving not less than three (3) months' notice to the other). The performance bonus of the Executive Directors and KMP are linked to the Group's performance which will be reviewed by the RC before submission to the Board for approval. As the Executive Directors and KMP are rewarded based on their achievement of certain key performance indicators and the actual results of the Group, and not on any other assigned incentives, there are no provisions in their service agreements. The RC will when appropriate, review the need to adopt provisions allowing the Company to reclaim incentive components of remuneration from Executive Directors and KMP in exceptional circumstances of misstatement of financial results or of misconduct resulting in financial loss to the Group.

The RC will carry out an annual review of the remuneration packages of the Executive Directors and KMP to ensure that a significant and appropriate proportion of their remuneration is structured so as to link rewards to corporate and individual performance, giving due regard to the financial health and business needs of the Group, and align with the interest of the shareholders and other stakeholders and promote long-term success of the Group.

The RC after having reviewed, is satisfied with the remuneration packages of the Executive Directors and KMP and recommended the same for Board approval. The Board had approved the RC's recommendation accordingly.

### **Remuneration of Independent Directors/Non-Executive Directors (Provision 7.2)**

The RC is mindful that remuneration for the Independent Directors should not be excessive, as it may otherwise compromise or reasonably be perceived to compromise, the independence of the Independent Directors. After taking into account factors such as effort and time spent and their roles and responsibilities, the RC, with the concurrence of the Board, is of the view that the current remuneration of the Independent Directors is appropriate to their level of contributions, and would not compromise their independence.

#### Directors' Fees

The RC has recommended to the Board the payment of Directors' fees amounting to S\$111,695 for FY2024 (2023: S\$115,230), payable half-yearly in arrears.

The recommendation will be tabled at the forthcoming AGM for shareholders' approval. Each of the Directors has abstained from voting in respect of their own remuneration. The RC members has also abstained from deliberation and voting in respect of their own remuneration.

The Company does not have any share option or long-term incentive scheme in place.



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## DISCLOSURE ON REMUNERATION

**Principle 8:** 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.

### Disclosure of the remuneration of Directors and KMP (Provisions 8.1 and 8.3)

The breakdown of each individual Director's remuneration for FY2023 is as follows:

Name of Directors	Salary	Bonus	Director's fees	Other benefits	Total	Total remuneration (S\$'000)
<b>Below S\$250,000</b>						
Hong Qing Liang	90%	–	10%	–	100%	53
Hong Peng You	80%	–	20%	–	100%	27
Dr Ho Kah Leong	–	–	100%	–	100%	39
Lim Cheng Kee	–	–	100%	–	100%	42
Qiu Qing Yuan	–	–	100%	–	100%	23

Details of remuneration paid to top five (5) KMP of the Group (who are not Directors) for FY2023 are set out below:

Name of KMP	Salary	Bonus	Other benefits	Total
<b>Below S\$250,000</b>				
Hong Shao Lin - Chief Executive Officer	100%	–	–	100%
Hong Shui Ku - Chief of Operations	100%	–	–	100%
Ye Mu Gui - Production Manager	100%	–	–	100%
Zhang Shang Lian - Sales and Marketing Manager	100%	–	–	100%
Lei Zhen Min - Human Resource Manager	100%	–	–	100%

The aggregate remuneration paid to the top five (5) KMP (who are not Directors) for FY2023 amounted to S\$394,238.

There are no termination, retirement and post-employment benefits that may be granted to the CEO, the Directors and the top five (5) KMP (who are not Directors).

In view of the commercial sensitivity and confidential nature of remuneration matters, the Board opined that it is in the best interest of the Group not to disclose the exact remuneration of KMP, and disclosure in bands of S\$250,000 provides a good overview and is informative of the remuneration of the KMP.

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Taking into account the disclosure of the exact remuneration of the Directors and the aggregate remuneration paid to KMP, the Board has determined that there is sufficient transparency and information on the remuneration policies, level and mix of remuneration, the procedure for setting remuneration and the relationships between remuneration, performance and value creation consistent with the intent of Principle 8 of the Code.

## ***Disclosure of the remuneration of employees who are substantial shareholders of the Company, immediate family members of a Director, the CEO or a substantial shareholder of the Company (Provision 8.2)***

Employees who are immediate family members of a Director, the CEO or controlling shareholders during the year under review are as follows:

- (i) Mr Hong Shao Lin, son of Mr Hong Qing Liang (Chairman of the Company), who is employed as Chief Executive Officer of the Company;
- (ii) Ms Hong Yan Ru, daughter of Mr Hong Qing Liang, who is employed as Project Manager of the Group; and
- (iii) Madam Zeng Li Ming, spouse of Mr Hong Peng You (an Executive Director of the Company), who is employed as Accounts cum Administrator of the Group.

Save for Mr Hong Shao Lin whose remuneration exceeded S\$100,000 but below S\$250,000 (disclosed above), none of the above-mentioned employees' remuneration exceeded S\$100,000 for FY2023.

## **(C) ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT**

### **RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROLS**

***Principle 9:*** *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.*

### ***Design, implementation and monitoring of risk management and internal control systems and formation of a Board Risk Committee to address significant risks (Provision 9.1)***

The Board has overall responsibility for the risk management and internal controls of the Group. The Board determines the nature and extent of the significant risks which the Company is willing to take in achieving its strategic objectives and value creation to ensure that Management maintains a sound system of risk management and internal controls to safeguard the Group's assets and shareholders' interests.

The Board, assisted by the AC, evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's internal controls and risk management system. The Group does not have a separate Risk Management Committee. In line with recommendations of the Code on internal controls and risk management, the Board has designated Mr Hong Shui Ku, the Chief of Operations of the Group to oversee the risk management of the Group.

The Group's Internal and External Auditors have, during the course of their respective audits, conducted an annual review of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's internal controls (including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls) and risk management policies and systems established by Management. Any non-compliance or weaknesses in internal controls recommended for improvements are reported to the AC. The AC will also review the effectiveness of the actions taken by Management on the recommendations made by the Internal and External Auditors and ensures that there are follow-up actions on the implementation. The adequacy and effectiveness of the internal financial control systems and procedures at present are monitored by Management.

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The Board recognises that no internal controls system will preclude all errors and irregularities as a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objects, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

For FY2023, the Group's Internal Auditors were also engaged to review the Group's business and operational activities and identify areas of significant business risks as well as take appropriate measures to control and mitigate these risks. On an annual basis, the Internal Auditors' report and the risk management report are presented to the AC on significant matters arising from the said review and counter measures to mitigate the identified risks potential risks. There were no material deficiencies arising from the review.

## ***Written assurance on adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls (Provision 9.2)***

The Board has received written assurance from:

- (a) the CEO and Finance Director that the financial records have been properly maintained and the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Company's operations and finances; and
- (b) the CEO and other KMP who are responsible, regarding the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's risk management and internal control systems.

Based on the reviews conducted by the Internal Auditors and External Auditors, written assurance of Management, the Board, with the concurrence of the AC, is of the opinion that the internal controls and risk management systems addressing financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls are adequate and effective.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

***Principle 10:*** *The Board has an Audit Committee which discharges its duties objectively.*

### ***Composition of the Audit Committee (Provision 10.2)***

The AC comprises the following three (3) Independent Directors:

Mr Lim Cheng Kee (Chairman)  
Mr Low See Lien  
Mr Qiu Qing Yuan

### **Expertise of AC members**

The Board is of the view that the AC members have the relevant expertise to discharge the functions of an AC. A majority of the AC members bring with them recent and relevant accounting or related financial management expertise or experience, which are appropriately qualified to discharge its duties objectively. Reasonable resources have been made available to the AC to enable them to discharge their duties. The AC members also take measures to keep abreast of the changes to accounting standards and issues which have a direct impact on financial statements through attendance at trainings and updates by professionals and the Company's External Auditors.

### ***Former partner or Director of the Company's existing auditing firm (Provision 10.3)***

In compliance with the Code, none of the AC members was a former partner of the Company's existing External Auditors within the previous two years or has any financial interest in the firm.

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## ***Duties of AC and activities of the AC (Provision 10.1)***

The AC met four (4) times in FY2023, and as and when deem appropriate, to carry out its principal functions as provided in its TOR:

- (a) reviews the half year and full year financial statements of the Group before submission to the Board for approval, focusing in particular, on changes in accounting policies and practices, major risk areas, significant adjustments resulting from the audit, the going concern statement, compliance with accounting standards as well as compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements;
- (b) reviews with the External Auditors any suspected fraud or irregularity, or suspected infringement of any relevant laws, rules or regulation, which has or is likely to have a material impact on the Group's operating results or financial position, and Management's responses thereto;
- (c) reviews and approves the internal and external audit plans and results of their audits and recommendations as well as Management's responses thereto;
- (d) reviews the assistance given by Management to the Internal and External Auditors to facilitate their audits and concerns, if any, arising from the interim and final audits, and any matters which the auditors may wish to discuss (in the absence of Management at least once a year and where necessary);
- (e) reviews and approves the appointment or re-appointment of Internal and External Auditors and matters relating to resignation or dismissal of the auditors;
- (f) reviews interested person transactions;
- (g) reviews annually the scope and results of the audit and its cost effectiveness as well as the independence and objectivity of the External Auditors annually;
- (h) reviews the effectiveness and adequacy of internal controls, including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls and risk management system;
- (i) ensures that arrangements are in place for staff of the Group and any other persons may, in confidence, raise concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting or, other matters;
- (j) reviews potential conflicts of interests, if any;
- (k) undertakes such other functions and duties as may be required by the statute or the Listing Rules of the SGX-ST;
- (l) meets with the External Auditors and Internal Auditors without the presence of Management to discuss the results of their findings and communicated with the Internal Auditors to discuss their evaluation of the Group's internal controls and risk management systems, set out in their respective reports;
- (m) ascertains that both the Internal and External Auditors have had the full co-operation of Management in carrying out their audits of the Group;
- (n) keeps abreast of accounting standards and issues that could potentially impact financial reporting through updates and advice from the External Auditors;
- (o) ensures that Company had complied with Listing Rule 712 of the SGX-ST in relation to the appointment of a suitable auditing firm to meet its audit obligations. RT LLP, the appointed External Auditors of the Group, is registered with Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority and is a member of RT ASEAN.

Together with the Audit Engagement Partner and his team assigned to the particular audit, the AC was satisfied that the resources and experience of RT LLP, the Audit Engagement Partner and his team assigned to the audit were adequate to meet their obligations, given the size, nature and operations of the Group;

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- (p) ensures that the Company had complied with Listing Rule 715 of the SGX-ST in relation to the appointment of the same auditing firm based in Singapore to audit its accounts, its significant foreign-incorporated subsidiaries;
- (q) reviews interested person transactions;
- (r) reviews the implementing process of the Company's sustainability report; and
- (s) reviews the whistle-blowing policy.

The AC has the requisite powers to conduct or authorise investigation into any of the above-mentioned matters. The AC has full access to and co-operation by Management and also has full discretion to invite any Director or Management to attend its meetings as well as reasonable resources to enable it to discharge its duties and functions properly.

## Independence of External Auditors

Audit services rendered by the External Auditors amounted to S\$300,000 for the FY2023 audit. No other non-audit services were rendered by the External Auditors. The External Auditors have affirmed their independence to the AC.

## Key Audit Matters

In the review of the Group's FY2023 financial statements, the AC has discussed with Management and the External Auditors on significant issues and assumptions that impact the financial statements. The significant financial reporting matters have also been identified and included in the Independent Auditors' Report to the shareholders of the Company under "Key Audit Matters".

The AC had reviewed the key audit matters and concurred with the audit procedures adopted by the External Auditors as well as Management's assessment, and is satisfied that the key audit matters have been appropriately dealt with and recommendation was made by the AC to the Board to approve the financial statements.

## Whistleblowing Policy

The AC has also put in place a whistleblowing policy on financial improprieties or other matters whereby staff of the Group and any other persons may raise in confidence and ensure that arrangements are in place of independent investigations of such matters and follow up actions. Complaints or suspicion of impropriety can be made in the form of emails or telephone to the AC Chairman and the Finance Director.

The AC and the Finance Director who receive the report will assess the allegations to determine whether it warrants an investigation. Investigators will be designated by the AC Chairman. All reported whistleblowing incidents or concerns will be independently investigated and remedial actions will be taken to address the whistleblowing incidents. Identity of the whistleblower will be kept highly confidential. No disciplinary or personal action will be taken against the whistleblower for the allegations made in good faith and in absence of malice. There were no whistleblowing incidents received in FY2023.

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## **Internal Audit (Provision 10.4)**

The Group has outsourced its internal audit function to an external audit firm, Xiamen De Cheng Accounting Co. Ltd (the “Internal Auditor”), in the PRC. The AC approves the hiring, removal, evaluation and compensation of the accounting/auditing firm to which the internal audit function is outsourced. The Internal Auditor reports directly to the AC Chairman on internal audit matters and to the CEO on administrative matters. The role of the Internal Auditor is to assist the AC to ensure that the Group maintains a sound system of internal controls by regular monitoring key controls and procedures and ensuring their effectiveness, undertaking investigations as directed by the AC, and conducting regular in-depth audits of high-risk areas.

The annual internal audit plan is prepared in consultation with, but independent of Management, and submitted to the AC for approval. The AC ensures that the internal audit function has appropriate standing within the Company. The Internal Auditor reports directly to the AC and the findings and recommendations made have been adequately followed through and implemented by Management in the financial year. The AC participates in and approves the hiring, removal, evaluation and compensation of the internal audit function. The Internal Auditor is given unfettered access to all company documents, records, properties and personnel, including access to the AC. The adequacy and effectiveness of the outsourced internal audit function is reviewed by the AC at least annually. In doing so, the AC takes into consideration the service level, attentiveness, professionalism and calibre of the assigned personnel who carried out the internal audit activities during the financial year. The AC is satisfied that the internal audit function is independent, adequately resourced and effective.

## **Meeting with External Auditor and Internal Auditor (Provision 10.5)**

For FY2023, the AC met with the External and Internal Auditors without the presence of Management to discuss any issues they may have (including suspected fraud or irregularity, or suspected infringement of any applicable law, rules or regulations) which has, or is likely to have, a material impact on the Group’s operating results or financial position and Management’s response thereof.

Both the External and Internal Auditors confirmed that they had access to and received full co-operation and assistance from Management and no restrictions were placed on the scope of their audit.

## **(D) SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND ENGAGEMENT**

### **SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS**

**Principle 11:** *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.*

#### **Participation of shareholders at general meetings (Provision 11.1)**

In line with its continuing disclosure obligations, the Group is committed to maintaining regular and pro-active communication with shareholders.

The Company is aware of its obligations to shareholders in providing information regarding any changes in the Group’s business which would likely to materially affect the price or value of the Company’s shares.

The Group monitors the dissemination of material information to ensure that it is made publicly available on a timely and non-selective basis. Results and annual report are announced within the mandatory period via SGXNet. The Company does not practice selective disclosure.

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The Company's principal forum of dialogue with shareholders takes place at its general meetings. Shareholders are invited to attend shareholders' meetings to put forth any questions they may have on the motions to be debated and decided upon. The notice of AGM or Special General Meeting ("SGM") (as the case may be) is despatched to shareholders, together with explanatory notes, at least 14 or 21 days before the meeting (as the case may be). Each item under Special Business included in the notice of the meeting is accompanied, where appropriate, by an explanation for the proposed resolutions. At the shareholders' meetings, shareholders are given the opportunity to voice their views and seek clarification on issues relating to the business as outlined in the meeting agenda.

## ***Separate resolutions at general meetings on each substantially separate issue (Provision 11.2)***

At shareholders' meetings, each distinct issue is proposed as a separate resolution. The Company adheres to the requirements of the Listing Rules of the SGX-ST, all resolutions at the Company's shareholders' meetings are put to vote by poll. The detailed results showing the number of votes cast for and against each resolution are announced via SGXNet after the meetings.

## ***Attendance at general meetings (Provision 11.3)***

All Directors, including the Chairman of the Board and the respective Chairmen of AC, RC and NC, as well as External Auditors will endeavor to be present at the shareholders' meetings to address shareholders' queries on issues relevant to the Company and resolutions proposed at the AGMs. The Directors' attendances at general meetings of shareholders held in FY2023 are disclosed on page 13 of the Annual Report.

Following the legislative amendments and taking into account SGX guidance, the forthcoming AGM to be held in respect of FY2023 will be convened and held in a wholly-physical format. Shareholders will not be able to participate by way of electronic means at the forthcoming AGM. Further information regarding the arrangements for the forthcoming AGM are set out in the Notice of AGM on pages 118 to 120 of this Annual Report. In order to facilitate shareholders' votes and to allow shareholders to make an informed decision on the resolutions to be tabled at the relevant general meeting, the Company addressed all substantial and relevant questions received from shareholders in advance of the relevant general meeting (by the deadline announced by the Company for submission of questions in advance), by publishing its responses to such questions on the Company's website and on SGXNET before the deadline for the submission of proxy forms, in line with regulatory guidance.

## ***Absentia voting (Provision 11.4)***

If any shareholder is unable to attend, he/she is allowed to appoint up to two (2) proxies to vote on his/her behalf at the meeting through proxy forms. The duly completed proxy form is required to be deposited at the Group's share transfer agent's office or sent by email to the Company at least seventy-two (72) hours before the shareholders' meeting. The Company is not implementing absentia voting methods such as voting via mail, email or fax until security, integrity and other pertinent issues are satisfactorily resolved. An exception is made for the forthcoming AGM to be held in respect of FY2023, at which shareholders shall be allowed to submit their proxy forms via electronic means.

## ***Minutes of general meetings (Provision 11.5)***

Minutes of general meetings prepared by the Company Secretary records substantial and relevant comments or queries from Shareholders relating to the agenda of the meeting, and responses from the Board and Management. In addition, the minutes of general meetings are also published on SGXNet within one (1) month after the general meetings. Minutes of the upcoming AGM will accordingly be published within one (1) month after the AGM on SGXNet.

## ***Dividend Policy (Provision 11.6)***

The Company does not have a formal dividend policy. The Company takes into account the Group's operating results, financial position, working capital requirements and any other relevant considerations as the Board may deem appropriate. No dividend was proposed by the Board for FY2023 as Company is in accumulated losses position and Management intends to conserve cash for its operational needs.

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## ENGAGEMENT WITH SHAREHOLDERS

**Principle 12:** *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:*

### **Communication with shareholders (Provision 12.1)**

The Company believes that a high standard of disclosure is key to good corporate governance. The Company endeavours to provide shareholders with fair, relevant, comprehensive and timely information regarding financial results and other material information relating to the Group.

To enable shareholders and investors to make informed investment decisions, shareholders are notified in advance of the date of release of the Group's financial results through announcement on SGXNet.

During FY2023, information was communicated to the shareholders on a timely and non-selective basis through:

- (a) SGXNet releases on major developments of the Group;
- (b) half year and full year financial statements containing a summary of the financial information and affairs of the Group via SGXNet;
- (c) annual reports; and
- (d) notices and explanatory notes for shareholders' meetings.

### **Investor Relations (Provisions 12.2 and 12.3)**

The Board embraces openness and transparency in the conduct of Company's affairs, whilst safeguarding its commercial interests. Although the Company does not have an investor relations policy, shareholders can still provide their enquiries and feedback to the Company via email feedback to oilinfxcg@gmail.com.

## (E) MANAGING STAKEHOLDERS RELATIONSHIPS

### ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS

**Principle 13:** *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.*

### **Material stakeholder groups (Provision 13.1)**

The Board recognises the interests of other parties such as shareholders, customers, employees, business partners, governments and regulators, suppliers and communities are essential as part of value creation for the Group to ensure business is sustainable. The Group has in place a process to identify the major stakeholders, their needs and effective communication channels to engage these stakeholders to strike a balance between its business and interests of its stakeholders. Effective stakeholder engagement would enhance better understanding on their needs and incorporate these into the Group's corporate strategy.

### **Management of stakeholder relationships (Provision 13.2)**

The Group engages with the key stakeholders through various means. Details of the approach to stakeholder engagement have been provided in the Company's Sustainability Report.



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## ***Corporate website to communicate and engage with stakeholders (Provision 13.3)***

While the Company does not maintain a corporate website, stakeholders can reach out to the Company through email feedback to oilinfxcg@gmail.com.

## **(F) DEALINGS IN SECURITIES**

The Group has put in place internal compliance code of conduct to provide guidance to its officers regarding dealings in the Company's securities and implications of insider trading in compliance with Listing Rule 1207(19) of the SGX-ST. The Company, Directors and Officers are prohibited from dealing in securities of the Company two (2) weeks before the release of the quarterly results (whether on a voluntary basis or if so required to do so under the relevant Listing Rules of the SGX-ST); otherwise, it will be at least one (1) month before the release of the Company's half-year and full-year results, and at all times if the Directors and Officers are in possession of unpublished material price-sensitive information and on short term considerations.

## **(G) INTERESTED PERSON TRANSACTIONS ("IPT")**

The Group has established procedures to ensure that IPTs are reported in a timely manner to the AC and such transactions are conducted on an arm's length basis and are not prejudicial to the interests of the shareholders. For the financial year reported on, there were no interested person transactions which exceeded the threshold limits set out under Chapter 9 of the Listing Rules of the SGX-ST and no announcement or shareholders' approval was therefore required.

## **(H) MATERIAL CONTRACTS**

Save for the Service Agreements entered into with the Executive Directors and CEO, there was no material contract entered into by the Company or any of its subsidiaries involving the interest of the CEO, any Director or controlling shareholder of the Company for FY2023.

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Information on Director nominated for re-election/re-appointment – Appendix 7.4.1 of the Listing Rules of the SGX-ST

<b>Name of Director</b>	<b>Mr Hong Peng You (“Mr Hong”)</b>
Date of Appointment	19 December 2006
Date of last re-Appointment (if applicable)	3 June 2020
Age	54
Country of principal residence	China
The Board’s comments on this appointment (including rationale, selection criteria, board diversity considerations, and the search and nomination process)	The re-election of Mr Hong as Executive Director was recommended by the Nominating Committee and the Board has accepted the recommendation, after taking into consideration Mr Hong’s experience and overall contribution since he was appointed as Executive Director of the Company.
Whether appointment is executive, and if so, the area of responsibility	Executive. Responsible for all finance and administration matters of the Group.
Job Title (e.g. Lead ID, AC Chairman, AC Member etc.)	Director of Finance and Administration
Professional qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Education certificate in Accounting from Quanzhou Liming University in 1990</li> <li>– Education certificate in Accounting from Wuhan Technological University in 2005</li> <li>– Degree certificate in business administration from Wuhan Technological University in 2008</li> </ul> <p>Registered accountant with Jinjiang City Finance Bureau.</p>
Working experience and occupation(s) during the past 10 years	Executive Director in the listed issuer.
Shareholding interest in the listed issuer and its subsidiaries	372,000 shares in the listed issuer
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	Nil
Conflict of interest (including any competing business)	Nil
Undertaking (in the format set out in Appendix 7.7) under Rule 720(1) has been submitted to the listed issuer	Yes
<b>Other Principal commitments* Including directorships#</b> * “Principal Commitments” has the same meaning as defined in the Code. # These fields are not applicable for announcements of appointments pursuant to Listing Rule 704(9) of the SGX-ST	
Past (for the last 5 years)	Nil
Present	Nil

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## **Information required**

**Disclose the following matters concerning an appointment of director, chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief operating officer, general manager or other officer of equivalent rank. If the answer to any question is “yes”, full details must 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?
- (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, 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?
- (c) Whether there is any unsatisfied judgment against him?
- (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?
- (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?
- (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?
- (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?
- (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?
- (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?
- (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
  - (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

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- (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?

**Mr Hong has individually given a negative disclosure on each of the above items (a) to (k).**

## **Disclosure applicable to the appointment of Director only.**

Any prior experience as a director of an issuer listed on the Exchange? If yes, please provide details of prior experience. 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).

**Not applicable for Mr Hong as this is a re-election/re-appointment of director.**

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<b>Name of Director</b>	<b>Mr Low See Lien (“Mr. Low”)</b>
Date of Appointment	1 January 2024
Date of last re-Appointment (if applicable)	N.A.
Age	48
Country of principal residence	Singapore
The Board’s comments on this appointment (including rationale, selection criteria, board diversity considerations, and the search and nomination process)	The re-election of Mr. Low as Independent Director of the Company was recommended by the Nominating Committee and the Board has accepted the recommendation, after taking into consideration Mr. Low’s experience and overall contribution since he was appointed as a Director of the Company.
Whether appointment is executive, and if so, the area of responsibility	Non-Executive
Job Title (e.g. Lead ID, AC Chairman, AC Member etc.)	Lead Independent Non-Executive Director, Member of the Audit Committee, Nominating Committee and Remuneration Committee
Professional qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Bachelor of Accountancy, Nanyang Technological University</li> <li>– Public Accountant</li> <li>– Practicing Member of the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants</li> <li>– Member of the Singapore Institute of Directors</li> <li>– Member of ACRA’s Complaints and Disciplinary Committee</li> </ul>
Working experience and occupation(s) during the past 10 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– May 2021 to Current – Audit Partner, Baker Tilly TFW LLP</li> <li>– June 2012 to May 2021 – Director, CLA Global TS Public Accounting Corporation</li> </ul>
Shareholding interest in the listed issuer and its subsidiaries	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	Nil
Conflict of interest (including any competing business)	Nil
Undertaking (in the format set out in Appendix 7.7) under Rule 720(1) has been submitted to the listed issuer	Yes
<b>Other Principal commitments* Including directorships#</b> * “Principal Commitments” has the same meaning as defined in the Code. # These fields are not applicable for announcements of appointments pursuant to Listing Rule 704(9) of the SGX-ST	
Past (for the last 5 years)	Nil
Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– December 2021 to Current – Independent Director and Audit Committee Chairman, Miyoshi Limited</li> <li>– September 2021 to Current – Treasurer, Singapore National Paralympic Council</li> </ul>

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## **Information required**

**Disclose the following matters concerning an appointment of director, chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief operating officer, general manager or other officer of equivalent rank. If the answer to any question is “yes”, full details must 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?
- (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, 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?
- (c) Whether there is any unsatisfied judgment against him?
- (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?
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- (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?
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- (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?
- (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
  - (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

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- (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?

**Mr. Low has individually given a negative disclosure on each of the above items (a) to (k).**

**Disclosure applicable to the appointment of Director only.**

Any prior experience as a director of an issuer listed on the Exchange? If yes, please provide details of prior experience. 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.

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**Not applicable for Mr. Low as this is a re-election/re-appointment of director.**

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# DIRECTORS' STATEMENT

*For the financial year ended 31 December 2023*

The directors are pleased to submit this annual report to the members of Fuxing China Group Limited (the "Company") together with the audited financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023 and statement of changes in equity of the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

## 1. Opinion of the directors

In the opinion of the directors,

- (i) the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Group and the statement of financial position and statement of changes in equity of the Company are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the Company as at 31 December 2023 and the financial performance, changes in equity and cash flows of the Group and changes in equity of the Company for the financial year then ended on that date in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International); and
- (ii) at the date of this statement, 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.

## 2. Directors

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

Hong Qing Liang	Executive Chairman
Hong Peng You	Executive Director
Lim Cheng Kee	Independent and Non-Executive Director
Ho Kah Leong	Independent and Non-Executive Director (resigned on 1 January 2024)
Qiu Qing Yuan	Independent and Non-Executive Director
Low See Lien	Lead Independent and Non-Executive Director (appointed on 1 January 2024)

## 3. Arrangements to enable directors to acquire shares or debentures

Neither at the end of nor at any time during the financial year, was the Company a party to any arrangement whose objects were, or one of whose objects was, 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, except as disclosed in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this statement.

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## 4. Directors' interests in shares or debentures

The directors of the Company holding office at the end of the financial year had no interests in shares or debentures of the Company or other related corporations except as follows:

Name of director and respective companies in which interests are held	Direct interest		Deemed interest	
	At the beginning of the year	At the end of the year	At the beginning of the year	At the end of the year
Fuxing China Group Limited (No. of ordinary shares)				
Hong Qing Liang	10,068,640	10,068,640	–	–
Hong Peng You	–	–	372,000	372,000

The directors' interests as at 21 January 2024 in the shares or debentures of the Company have not changed from those disclosed as at 31 December 2023.

## 5. Share options

There were no share options granted by the Company or its subsidiaries during the financial year.

There were no shares issued during the financial year by virtue of the exercise of options to take up unissued shares of the Company or its subsidiaries.

There were no unissued shares under option in the Company or its subsidiaries as at the end of the financial year.

## 6. Audit Committee

The Audit Committee of the Company comprises three non-executive directors and at the date of this statement, they are:

Lim Cheng Kee	(Chairman)
Low See Lien	(Member)
Qiu Qing Yuan	(Member)

The Audit Committee has convened four meetings during the financial year with key management and the internal and external auditors of the Company.

The Audit Committee performed the below functions specified in the SGX-ST Listing Manual and the Code of Corporate Governance:

- (i) reviewed the audit plan and results of the external audit, the independence and objectivity of the external auditors, including the review of the extent of non-audit services provided by the external auditors to the Group;
- (ii) reviewed the audit plans of the internal auditors of the Group and their evaluation of the adequacy of the Group's system of internal accounting controls;
- (iii) reviewed the Group's quarterly and annual financial statements and the external auditor's report on the annual financial statements of the Group and of the Company before their submission to the board of directors;

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## 6. Audit Committee (Cont'd)

- (iv) reviewed the half-yearly and annual announcements on the results of the Group and financial position of the Group and of the Company;
- (v) reviewed and assessed the adequacy of the Group's risk management processes;
- (vi) reviewed and checked the Group's compliance with legal requirements and regulations, including the related compliance policies and programmes and reports received from regulators, if any;
- (vii) reviewed interested person transactions in accordance with SGX-ST Listing Rules;
- (viii) reviewed the nomination of external auditors and approval of their compensation; and
- (ix) submitted report of actions and minutes of the Audit Committee to the board of directors with any recommendations as the Audit Committee deems appropriate.

The Audit Committee has full access to and has the co-operation of the management and has been given the resources required for it to discharge its function properly. It also has full discretion to invite any director and executive officer to attend its meetings. The external and internal auditors have unrestricted access to the Audit Committee.

## 7. Other information required by the SGX-ST

### Material information

There is no material contract to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries, is a party which involve directors' interests subsisted or have been entered into during the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

### Interested person transactions

There was no interested person transaction as defined in Chapter 9 of the SGX-ST Listing Manual conducted during the financial year except as disclosed under "**Interested Person Transactions**" in the "**Corporate Governance Report**" sections of the annual report.

## 8. Independent auditor

The auditor, RT LLP, have indicated its willingness to accept re-appointment.

On behalf of the board of directors

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**Hong Qing Liang**

Director

Singapore, 28 March 2024

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**Hong Peng You**

Director

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Fuxing China Group Limited

For the financial year ended 31 December 2023

## Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Fuxing China Group Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively, 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 2023, and the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows of the Group and the statement of changes in equity of the Company for the financial year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements are properly drawn up in accordance with the 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 2023 and of the consolidated financial performance, consolidated changes in equity and consolidated cash flows of the Group and the changes in equity of the Company for the financial year ended on that date.

### Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing ("SSAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group and the Company in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority ("ACRA") *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 of our opinion.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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## Report on the Audit of Financial Statements (Cont'd)

### 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 financial year. 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.

Key Audit Matters	How the matter was addressed in the audit
<p><b>Allowance for receivables</b></p> <p>As stated in Note 19, the carrying amount of the trade and other receivables as at 31 December 2023 is RMB 241,995,000.</p> <p>With reference to SFRS(I) 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i> (“SFRS(I) 9”), the Group adopts a simplified approach for the recognition of the loss allowance for trade and bill receivables, which are carried at amortised cost, at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses (“ECL”) and has also used the practical expedient permitted in SFRS(I) 9 in the form of a provision matrix.</p> <p>For other receivables which are carried at amortised cost, the Group recognises the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses where there is no significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. In the event that the credit risk is assessed to have increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group recognises the loss allowance of such other receivables at an amount equal to lifetime ECL.</p> <p>The assessment of the credit risk and the measurement of ECL require the use of significant judgement and estimates. Any impairment losses or gains resulting from the recognition or reversal of ECL are recognised in profit or loss as an adjustment to the loss allowance at the reporting date.</p>	<p>We consider the audit of allowance for receivables to be a key audit matter due to the significant management judgement involved.</p> <p>Our audit focused on evaluating the key assumptions, judgements and estimations used by management in conducting the impairment review of the trade and other receivables. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to the following:</p> <p>We have reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the management’s assessment of the recoverability of long outstanding and overdue trade receivables;</li> <li>• the reasonableness of management’s assumptions and inputs used in the allowance matrix to measure the ECL by comparing to historical credit loss rates, and reviewed data and information used by the management, including the consideration of forward-looking information based on specific economic data;</li> <li>• the arithmetic accuracy of management’s computation of ECL;</li> <li>• the debtor ageing analysis and verified to subsequent receipts from major debtors; and</li> <li>• documentary evidence, representation and explanations from management to assess the recoverability of long outstanding debts, where applicable.</li> </ul>

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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For the financial year ended 31 December 2023

## Report on the Audit of Financial Statements (Cont'd)

### Key Audit Matters (Cont'd)

Key Audit Matters	How the matter was addressed in the audit
<p><b>Advances from customers</b></p> <p>As stated in Note 25, the carrying amount of the advances from customers as at 31 December 2023 is RMB 27,099,000.</p> <p>The Group typically necessitate upfront payments from customers before fulfilling contractual performance obligations within the scope of the ordinary business operations.</p>	<p>We consider the audit of advances from customers to be a key audit matter due to the magnitude of the amount recognised in the financial statements.</p> <p>Our audit procedures included, and were not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sighted to the customer contracts and records of payment received;</li><li>• Sighted to the sales invoices for proper offset of revenue against advances from customers;</li><li>• Obtained confirmations from the customers to confirm the balance of advances from customers as at 31 December 2023; and</li><li>• Performed cut-off testing to ensure advances received from customers are recorded in the correct period.</li></ul>

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Fuxing China Group Limited  
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## Report on the Audit of Financial Statements (Cont'd)

### Key Audit Matters (Cont'd)

Key Audit Matters	How the matter was addressed in the audit
<p><b>Impairment assessment of property, plant and equipment and land use rights</b></p> <p>As stated in Note 13 and Note 15, the Group has property, plant and equipment and land use rights with carrying amounts of RMB 300,962,000 and RMB 23,312,000, respectively.</p> <p>SFRS(I) 1-36 <i>Impairment of Assets</i> requires that when there is any indication of impairment, the reporting entity shall estimate the recoverable amount of that asset.</p> <p>During the current financial year, management performed an impairment test for the property, plant and equipment and land use rights based on the assets' fair value ("FV") less cost of disposal. Value in use ("VIU") of the assets have not been evaluated as management considered the result of this assessment to be inconsequential to the carrying amounts of the property, plant and equipment and land use rights as at the reporting date.</p> <p>The FV less cost of disposal of these property, plant and equipment and land use rights are estimated based on valuation reports prepared by an independent external valuer. The valuation process involves significant judgement in determining the appropriate valuation methodologies to be used, and in estimating the underlying assumptions to be applied. The valuations are highly sensitive to key assumptions applied and a small change in the assumptions can have a significant impact to the valuation.</p> <p>During the financial year, the Group made no impairment loss on its property, plant and equipment and land use rights.</p>	<p>We consider the audit of the impairment assessment of property, plant and equipment and land use rights to be a key audit matter due to the significant management's expert judgement involved.</p> <p>Our audit focused on evaluating the key assumptions, judgements and estimations used by management's expert in conducting the valuation and impairment review of the property, plant and equipment and land use rights. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inquired of management on the existence of any indicators of impairment by considering the market condition, operational and funding liquidity, mitigating factors, management information and forecasting, sensitivities and stress testing in view of the current environment.</li> <li>• Evaluated management's estimation of the recoverable amounts of property, plant and equipment and land use rights, we assessed the reasonableness of management's key assumptions underlying the fair value less cost of disposal calculations.</li> <li>• Assessed the competencies and objectivities of the management's expert.</li> </ul>

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Fuxing China Group Limited

For the financial year ended 31 December 2023

## Report on the Audit of Financial Statements (Cont'd)

### Key Audit Matters (Cont'd)

Key Audit Matters	How the matter was addressed in the audit
<p><b>Valuation of investment property</b></p> <p>As stated in Note 14, the Group has investment property with carrying amount of RMB 42,060,000.</p> <p>The investment property is stated at fair value based on valuation reports prepared by an independent external valuer. The valuation process involves significant judgement in determining the appropriate valuation methodologies to be used, and in estimating the underlying assumptions to be applied. The valuations are highly sensitive to key assumptions applied and a small change in the assumptions can have a significant impact to the valuation.</p> <p>During the financial year, no change to the fair value of the investment property from the prior year.</p>	<p>We consider the audit of the valuation of investment property to be a key audit matter due to the significant management's expert judgement involved.</p> <p>Our audit focused on evaluating the key assumptions, judgements and estimations used by management's expert in conducting the valuation of the investment property. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assessed the competencies and objectivities of the management's expert.</li><li>• Assessed the appropriateness of the valuation techniques and basis for the significant assumptions and estimates used, including key valuation adjustments made by the management's expert in response to the changes in market and economic conditions.</li><li>• Evaluated the adequacy of the related disclosures in the financial statements relating to the investment property.</li></ul>



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

*To the Members of Fuxing China Group Limited  
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## **Report on the Audit of Financial Statements (Cont'd)**

### **Other information**

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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 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 and the Company's ability to continue as going concerns, 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 the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Fuxing China Group Limited

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## Report on the Audit of Financial Statements (Cont'd)

### Auditor's 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 auditor's 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 control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control 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 and the Company's internal control.
- 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 and the Company's ability to continue as going concerns. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's 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 auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group or the Company to cease to continue as going concerns.
- 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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

*To the Members of Fuxing China Group Limited  
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## **Report on the Audit of Financial Statements (Cont'd)**

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Cont'd)**

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 control 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 to 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 auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes 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**

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Mr. Kenneth Ng Boon Chong.

#### **RT LLP**

Public Accountants and  
Chartered Accountants

Singapore, 28 March 2024

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
<b>Revenue</b>	4	761,768	841,133
Cost of sales		(716,140)	(784,740)
<b>Gross profit</b>		45,628	56,393
<b>Other items of income</b>			
Other income	5	18,253	38,612
<b>Other items of expenses</b>			
Marketing and distribution expenses		(13,520)	(9,400)
Administrative expenses		(47,325)	(45,826)
Other expenses	7	(109)	(1,671)
Financial costs, net	6	(10,537)	(9,700)
<b>(Loss)/Profit before tax</b>	8	(7,610)	28,408
Income tax expense	11	(3,113)	(1,229)
<b>(Loss)/Profit for the year</b>		(10,723)	27,179
<b>Other comprehensive loss:</b>			
<i>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>			
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations		(1,529)	(11,281)
<b>Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year</b>		(12,252)	15,898
<b>(Loss)/Profit attributable to:</b>			
Owners of the Company		(11,033)	26,623
Non-controlling interests		310	556
		(10,723)	27,179
<b>Total comprehensive (loss)/income attributable to:</b>			
Owners of the Company		(12,562)	15,342
Non-controlling interests		310	556
		(12,252)	15,898
<b>(Loss)/Earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company (RMB per share)</b>			
Basic and diluted	12	(0.64)	1.55

The accompanying accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2023

	Note	Group		Company	
		2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
<b>Assets</b>					
<b>Non-current assets</b>					
Property, plant and equipment	13	300,962	336,219	–	–
Investment property	14	42,060	38,600	–	–
Land use rights	15	23,312	24,217	–	–
Investment in subsidiaries	17	–	–	344,853	344,853
		<u>366,334</u>	<u>399,036</u>	<u>344,853</u>	<u>344,853</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Inventories	18	80,317	52,387	–	–
Trade and other receivables	19	241,995	286,530	245,973	253,102
Prepayments	20	89,377	74,146	–	–
Cash and short-term deposits	21	113,783	154,079	859	1,570
		<u>525,472</u>	<u>567,142</u>	<u>246,832</u>	<u>254,672</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>891,806</u>	<u>966,178</u>	<u>591,685</u>	<u>599,525</u>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>					
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the Company</b>					
Share capital	22	772,574	772,574	772,574	772,574
Treasury shares	22	(6,408)	(6,408)	(6,408)	(6,408)
Reserve fund	23	67,130	67,130	–	–
Capital reserve	23	39,573	39,573	39,573	39,573
Restructuring reserve	23	(117,878)	(117,878)	–	–
Foreign currency translation reserve	23	(9,959)	(8,430)	–	–
Accumulated losses		(171,754)	(160,721)	(218,337)	(209,820)
		<u>573,278</u>	<u>585,840</u>	<u>587,402</u>	<u>595,919</u>
Total equity attributable to owners of the Company		<u>573,278</u>	<u>585,840</u>	<u>587,402</u>	<u>595,919</u>
Non-controlling interests		444	363	–	–
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>573,722</u>	<u>586,203</u>	<u>587,402</u>	<u>595,919</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Trade and other payables	24	136,305	138,761	2,343	2,466
Other liabilities	25	71,008	81,262	1,940	1,140
Loans and borrowings	26	87,300	136,800	–	–
Income tax payable		3,601	4,329	–	–
		<u>298,214</u>	<u>361,152</u>	<u>4,283</u>	<u>3,606</u>
<b>Non-current liability</b>					
Deferred tax liabilities	27	19,870	18,823	–	–
		<u>19,870</u>	<u>18,823</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>318,084</u>	<u>379,975</u>	<u>4,283</u>	<u>3,606</u>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<u>891,806</u>	<u>966,178</u>	<u>591,685</u>	<u>599,525</u>

The accompanying accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Share capital RMB'000	Treasury shares RMB'000	Reserve fund RMB'000	Capital reserve RMB'000	Restructuring reserve RMB'000	Foreign currency translation reserve RMB'000	Accumulated losses RMB'000	Attributable to owners of the Company RMB'000	Non-controlling interests RMB'000	Total RMB'000
<b>2023</b>										
<b>Group</b>										
<b>Balance at 1 January 2023</b>	772,574	(6,408)	67,130	39,573	(117,878)	(8,430)	(160,721)	585,840	363	586,203
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	(11,033)	(11,033)	310	(10,723)
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	-	-	-	-	-	(1,529)	-	(1,529)	-	(1,529)
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year</b>	-	-	-	-	-	(1,529)	(11,033)	(12,562)	310	(12,252)
Contribution by and distributions to owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(229)	(229)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	772,574	(6,408)	67,130	39,573	(117,878)	(9,959)	(171,754)	573,278	444	573,722

The accompanying accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Share capital RMB'000	Treasury shares RMB'000	Reserve fund RMB'000	Capital reserve RMB'000	Restructuring reserve RMB'000	Foreign currency translation reserve RMB'000	Accumulated losses RMB'000	Attributable to owners of the Company RMB'000	Non-controlling interests RMB'000	Total RMB'000
<b>Balance at 1 January 2022</b>	772,574	(6,408)	67,008	39,573	(117,878)	2,851	(187,222)	570,498	26	570,524
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,623	26,623	556	27,179
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	-	(11,281)	-	(11,281)	-	(11,281)
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	-	-	-	-	-	(11,281)	-	(11,281)	-	(11,281)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	-	-	-	-	-	(11,281)	26,623	15,342	556	15,898
Contributions by and distributions to Owners	-	-	-	-	-	-	(122)	-	-	-
Appropriation to reserve fund	-	-	122	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(219)	(219)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	772,574	(6,408)	67,130	39,573	(117,878)	(8,430)	(160,721)	585,840	363	586,203

The accompanying accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Sharecapital RMB'000	Treasury shares RMB'000	Capitalreserve RMB'000	Accumulated losses RMB'000	Totalequity RMB'000
<b>Company</b>					
<b>Balance at 1 January 2022</b>	772,574	(6,408)	39,573	(216,579)	589,160
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	–	–	–	6,759	6,759
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	772,574	(6,408)	39,573	(209,820)	595,919
Loss and total comprehensive loss for the year	–	–	–	(8,517)	(8,517)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	772,574	(6,408)	39,573	(218,337)	587,402

The accompanying accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
(Loss)/Profit before tax		(7,610)	28,408
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	13	41,663	40,835
Amortisation of land use rights	15	905	905
Write off of property, plant and equipment	7	–	215
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	7	–	1,393
Fair value change of investment property	5	(3,460)	–
Net provision for/(reversal of) allowance for trade receivables	5	1,606	(7,828)
Net provision for/(reversal of) allowance for advances to suppliers	5	558	(1,548)
Net provision for allowance for inventories	8	–	1,861
Net reversal of provision for social security contribution	8	(7,094)	(4,487)
Finance costs, net	6	10,537	9,700
Foreign currency differences		(1,528)	(11,281)
Total adjustments		43,187	29,765
Operating cash flows before changes in working capital		35,577	58,173
Changes in working capital:			
Inventories		(27,930)	(1,956)
Trade and other receivables		42,928	(27,954)
Prepayments		(13,249)	21,939
Trade and other payables		(3,900)	2,074
Other liabilities		(3,160)	443
Total changes in working capital		(5,311)	(5,454)
Cash flows generated from operations		30,266	52,719
Income taxes paid		(2,794)	(620)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>		<b>27,472</b>	<b>52,099</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	13	(8,947)	(37,603)
Proceeds from disposal of assets held for sale		–	4,127
Interest received		761	1,100
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(8,186)</b>	<b>(32,376)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests of a subsidiary		(229)	(219)
Advances from/(Repayment of amounts due to) directors		1,445	(2,298)
Proceeds from loans and borrowings		95,969	247,636
Repayments of loans and borrowings		(156,767)	(279,133)
(Increase)/Decrease in fixed deposits pledged to banks		(5,000)	20,000
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<b>(64,582)</b>	<b>(14,014)</b>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(45,296)	5,709
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year</b>		<b>125,579</b>	<b>119,870</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>80,283</b>	<b>125,579</b>

The accompanying accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the financial year ended 31 December 2023

## Reconciliation of liabilities/(assets) arising from financing activities

<u>2023</u>	1 January	Non-cash	Financing	31 December
	2023	movement	cash inflows /	2023
	RMB'000	Interest	(outflows)	RMB'000
		expense	RMB'000	RMB'000
		RMB'000		
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Loans and borrowings (Note 26)	136,800	11,298	(60,798)	87,300
Amount due to a director (non-trade) (Note 24)	147	–	1,445	1,592
<b>Assets</b>				
Pledged deposits (Note 21)	(28,500)	–	(5,000)	(33,500)

<u>2022</u>	1 January	Non-cash	Financing	31 December
	2022	movement	cash inflows /	2022
	RMB'000	Interest	(outflows)	RMB'000
		expense	RMB'000	RMB'000
		RMB'000		
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Loans and borrowings (Note 26)	157,497	10,800	(31,497)	136,800
Amount due to a director (non-trade) (Note 24)	2,445	–	(2,298)	147
<b>Assets</b>				
Pledged deposits (Note 21)	(48,500)	–	20,000	(28,500)

The accompanying accounting policies and explanatory notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

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These notes form an integral part of and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the board of directors on 28 March 2024.

## 1. General

Fuxing China Group Limited (the “Company”) was incorporated and domiciled as an exempt company with limited liability in Bermuda and is listed on the mainboard of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (“SGX-ST”).

The principal activity of the Company is that of investment holding.

The principal activities of the subsidiaries are disclosed in Note 17 to the financial statements.

The registered office of the Company is located at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda and the principal place of business of the Group is located at Hangbian Industry Area, Longhu Town, Jinjiang City, Fujian Province, the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”).

The financial statements of the Group as at and for the year ended 31 December 2023 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the “Group” and individually as “Group entities”).

### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) (“SFRS(I)s”) and are prepared on the historical cost basis, except as otherwise disclosed in the notes below.

The financial statements are presented in Renminbi (“RMB”), which is the Company’s functional currency. All financial information presented in RMB has been rounded to the nearest thousand (“RMB’000”), unless otherwise stated.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year except in the current financial year, the Group has adopted all the new and revised standards which are effective for annual financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. The application of these amendments to standards and interpretations does not have a material effect on the financial statements.

Reference	Description	Effective date (Annual periods beginning on or after)
Amendments to: SFRS(I) 1-1 and SFRS(I) Practice Statement 2	Disclosure of Accounting Policies	1 January 2023
SFRS(I) 1-8	Definition of Accounting Estimates	1 January 2023
SFRS(I) 1-12	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction	1 January 2023
SFRS(I) 1-12	International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules	1 January 2023

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## 1. General (Cont'd)

### 1.1 Basis of preparation (Cont'd)

The Group has not adopted the following amendments to standards and interpretations applicable to the Group that have been issued but not yet effective:

Reference	Description	Effective date (Annual periods beginning on or after)
Amendments to: SFRS(I) 1-1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	1 January 2024
SFRS(I) 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback	1 January 2024
SFRS(I) 1-1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants	1 January 2024
SFRS(I) 1-7, SFRS(I) 7	Supplier Finance Arrangements	1 January 2024
SFRS(I) 1-21, SFRS(I) 1	Lack of Exchangeability	1 January 2025

Management expects that the adoption of the standards above will have no material impact on the financial statements in the year of initial application.

## 2. Material accounting policy information

### 2.1 Basis of consolidation

#### Business combinations

The Group accounts for business combinations using the acquisition method when the acquired set of activities and assets meet the definition of a business and control is transferred to the Group. In determining whether a particular set of activities and assets is a business, the Group assesses whether the set of activities and assets 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 date of acquisition as:

- the consideration transferred (generally measured at fair value); plus
- the recognised amount of any non-controlling interest (NCI) 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 measured at 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.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (Cont'd)

### 2.1 Basis of consolidation (Cont'd)

#### Business combinations (Cont'd)

Any contingent consideration payable is recognised at fair value at the acquisition date 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 remeasured and settlement is accounted for within equity. Otherwise, other contingent consideration is remeasured at fair value at each reporting date and subsequent changes to the fair value of the contingent consideration are recognised in profit or loss.

NCI that are present ownership interests and entitle their holders to a proportionate share of net assets of the acquiree in the event of liquidation are measured at fair value or at the NCI's proportionate share of the recognised amounts of the acquiree's identifiable net assets at the date of acquisition. The measurement basis taken is elected for each business combination. All other NCI are measured at acquisition-date fair value, unless another measurement basis is required by SFRS(I)s.

Cost related to the acquisition, other than those associated with the issue of debt or equity investments, 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 equity transactions.

#### 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 when necessary to align them with the policies adopted by the Group. Losses applicable to the NCI in a subsidiary are allocated to the NCI even if doing so causes the NCI to have a deficit balance.

#### Loss of control

When the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, and any related 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.

#### 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.

#### Subsidiaries in the separate financial statements

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

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (Cont'd)

### 2.2 Revenue recognition

The Group is principally in the business of production and trading of zipper products and provision of related processing services. 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 POs.

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.

#### Sale of goods

The Group provides customisation and manufacturing of zipper products to deliver the desired designs to customers. Generally, the contracts would be completed within a year from commencement date. Customers can select the materials and quality of their products to fit their requirements. The customisation and manufacturing of zipper products is one PO as the promises are not distinct within the context of the contract. Revenue is recognised at a point in time when the control of the goods is transferred to the customer (i.e. when the goods are delivered in accordance with the applicable incoterms or terms and conditions and significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods is transferred to the customer). A corresponding receivable is recognised for the consideration that is unconditional when only the passage of time is required before the payment is due.

#### Processing

Processing represents colour dyeing of fabric tapes for zippers, electroplating services for zipper sliders and manufacturing and sales of dyed yarn. Revenue from processing is recognised at a point in time when the end customer receives the service (i.e. when the service is performed in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions). A corresponding receivable is recognised for the consideration that is unconditional when only the passage of time is required before the payment is due.

#### Rental income

Rental income from rental of investment property is recognised upon acceptance of tenancy and is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (Cont'd)

### 2.3 Finance income and finance costs

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 are capitalised as part of the cost of a qualifying asset if they are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of that asset. Capitalisation of borrowing costs commences when the activities to prepare the asset for its intended use or sale are in progress and the expenditures and borrowing costs are incurred. Borrowing costs are capitalised until the assets are substantially completed for their intended use or sale. All other borrowing costs are expensed in the period they occur. Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that an entity incurs in connection with the borrowing of funds.

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.

### 2.4 Retirement benefit costs

The Group participates in the national pension schemes as defined by the laws of PRC. Subsidiaries incorporated in the PRC are required to provide staff pension benefits to their employees under existing PRC legislation. These subsidiaries are required to contribute a certain percentage of their payroll costs to the pension scheme to fund the benefits. The pension funds are managed by government agencies, which are responsible for paying pensions to the retired employees. Contributions under the pension scheme are recognised as an employee benefit expense in profit or loss in the periods during which related services are rendered by employees.

### 2.5 Employee leave entitlements

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the end of the financial year.

### 2.6 Income 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 items recognised directly in equity or in OCI.

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.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (Cont'd)

### 2.6 Income tax (Cont'd)

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, 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 also includes any tax arising from dividends.

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. 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;
- temporary differences related to investment 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; and
- taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill.

The Group recognises deferred tax liabilities on withholding tax of the forecast dividend payout of the earnings of its PRC subsidiaries.

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 tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date, and reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any.

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 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.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for unused tax losses, unused 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 used. Future taxable profits are determined based on the reversal of relevant taxable temporary differences. If the amount of taxable temporary differences is insufficient to recognise a deferred tax asset in full, then future taxable profits, adjusted for reversals of existing temporary differences, are considered, based on the business plans for the Group. 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; such reductions are reversed when the probability of future taxable profits improves.



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## 2. Material accounting policy information (Cont'd)

### 2.7 Foreign currency transactions and translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the respective functional currencies of the 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.

Foreign currency differences arising on translation are generally recognised in profit or loss.

### 2.8 Property, plant and equipment

#### 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.

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.

If significant 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.

Any gain or loss on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in profit or loss.

#### 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.

#### 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.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (Cont'd)

### 2.8 Property, plant and equipment (Cont'd)

#### Depreciation (Cont'd)

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:

- |                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| • Plant and machinery | 5 to 10 years |
| • Buildings           | 20 years      |
| • Motor vehicles      | 5 to 10 years |
| • Office equipment    | 5 years       |

No depreciation has been provided for construction-in-progress.

For acquisitions and disposals during the financial year, depreciation is provided from the month of acquisition and to the month before disposal respectively. Fully depreciated property, plant and equipment, if any, are retained in the books of accounts until they are no longer in use.

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

### 2.9 Land use rights

Land use rights are initially measured at cost. Following initial recognition, land use rights are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation. The land use rights are amortised on a straight-line basis over the lease term of 50 years.

### 2.10 Investment property

Investment property is property held either to earn rental income or for capital appreciation or for both, but not for sale in the ordinary course of business, use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes. Investment property is measured at cost on initial recognition and subsequently at fair value with any change therein recognised in profit or loss.

Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the investment property. The cost of self-constructed investment property includes the cost of materials and direct labour, any other costs directly attributable to bringing the investment property to a working condition for their intended use and capitalised borrowing costs.

Any gain or loss on disposal of an investment property (calculated as the difference between the net proceeds from disposal and the carrying amount of the item) is recognised in profit or loss. When an investment property that was previously classified as property, plant and equipment is sold, any related amount included in the revaluation reserve is transferred to retained earnings.

When the use of a property changes such that it is reclassified as property, plant and equipment, its fair value at the date of reclassification becomes its cost for subsequent accounting. Property that is being constructed for future use as investment property is accounted for at fair value.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (Cont'd)

### 2.11 Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired separately are measured initially at cost. The cost of intangible assets acquired in a business combination is their fair values as at the date of acquisition. Following initial recognition, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Internally generated intangible assets, excluding capitalised development costs, are not capitalised and expenditure is reflected in profit or loss in the year in which expenditure is incurred.

The useful lives of intangible assets are assessed as either finite or indefinite.

Intangible assets with finite useful lives are amortised on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired. The amortisation period and the amortisation method are reviewed at least at each financial year end. Changes in the expected useful life or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the asset is accounted for by changing the amortisation period or method, as appropriate, and are treated as changes in accounting estimates. The amortisation expense on intangible assets with finite lives is recognised in profit or loss in the expense category consistent with the function of the intangible asset.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives or not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if events and circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired either individually or at the cash-generating unit level. Such intangible assets are not amortised. The useful life of an intangible asset with an indefinite useful life is reviewed annually to determine whether the useful life assessment continues to be supportable. If not, the change in useful life from indefinite to finite is made on a prospective basis.

Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset are measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised.

#### Computer software

Acquired computer software licences are initially capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and prepare the software for its intended use. Direct expenditure which enhances or extends the performance of computer software beyond its specifications and which can be reliably measured is added to the original cost of the software. Costs associated with maintaining computer software are recognised as an expense as incurred.

Computer software licences are subsequently carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. These costs are amortised to profit or loss over their estimated useful lives of 5 years.

#### Patent

A patent for the new Super Durable Zipper product was purchased in the financial year ended 31 December 2010. This patent is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any impairment loss. It is amortised on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life of 7 years.

The amortisation expense on the patent with a finite life is recognised in profit or loss through the 'Administrative expenses' line item.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (Cont'd)

### 2.11 Intangible assets (Cont'd)

#### Customer base

The customer base was acquired in business combinations. This customer base is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any impairment loss. It is amortised on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life of 10 years.

The amortisation expense on the customer base with a finite life is recognised in profit or loss through the 'Administrative expenses' line item.

#### Operating licence

The operating licence was acquired in business combinations. This operating licence is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any impairment loss. It is amortised on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life of 22 years.

The amortisation expense on the operating licence with a finite life is recognised in profit or loss through the 'Administrative expenses' line item.

### 2.12 Impairment of 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 units (CGU) exceeds its estimated recoverable amount.

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 CGUs.

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 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 to reduce the carrying amounts of the assets in the CGU (group of CGUs) on a pro rata basis.

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, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (Cont'd)

### 2.13 Financial instruments

#### Recognition and initial measurement

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

Trade receivables and debt investments are initially recognised when they are originated. All other financial assets 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 or minus, for an item not at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition of or issue. A trade receivable without a significant financing component is initially measured at the transaction price.

#### Classification and subsequent measurement

##### Non-derivative financial assets

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortised cost; fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) – debt investment; FVOCI – equity investment; or FVTPL.

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.

As at the reporting date and during the reporting period, the Group only held financial assets measured at amortised cost.

##### *Financial assets at amortised cost*

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (Cont'd)

### 2.13 Financial instruments (Cont'd)

#### Classification and subsequent measurement (Cont'd)

##### 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.

Financial assets that are held-for-trading or are managed and whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis are measured at FVTPL.

##### 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).

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (Cont'd)

### 2.13 Financial instruments (Cont'd)

#### Classification and subsequent measurement (Cont'd)

#### Non-derivative financial assets: Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest (Cont'd)

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 assets: Subsequent measurement and gains and losses

#### *Financial assets at amortised cost*

These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

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

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost and 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.

#### *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. Subsequently, they are measured at the higher 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.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (Cont'd)

### 2.13 Financial instruments (Cont'd)

#### 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 either
  - substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred; or
  - 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.

Transferred assets are not derecognised when the Group enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognised in its statement of financial position, but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets.

##### 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.

#### 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.

#### Impairment of financial assets

The Group recognises loss allowances for ECLs on financial assets measured at amortised costs.

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.



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## 2. Material accounting policy information (Cont'd)

### 2.13 Financial instruments (Cont'd)

#### Impairment of financial assets (Cont'd)

##### General approach

The Group applies the general approach to provide for ECLs on all other financial instruments. 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 assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days past due.

The Group considers a financial asset to be in default when:

- the debtor 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 180 days past due.

##### Measurement of 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 debtor;
- a breach of contract such as a default or being more than 180 days past due;
- the restructuring of a loan or advance by the Group on terms that the Group would not consider otherwise;
- it is probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
- the disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (Cont'd)

### 2.13 Financial instruments (Cont'd)

#### Impairment of financial assets (Cont'd)

#### 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.

#### 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.

### 2.14 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issuance of new ordinary shares are deducted against the share capital account.

When shares recognised as equity are reacquired, the amount of consideration paid is recognised directly in equity. Reacquired shares are classified as treasury shares and presented as a deduction from total equity. No gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss on the purchase, sale issue or cancellation of treasury shares.

When treasury shares are subsequently cancelled, the cost of treasury shares are deducted against the share capital account if the shares are purchased out of capital of the Company, or against the accumulated profits of the Company if the shares are purchased out of earnings of the Company, or proportionately against the share capital and accumulated profits accounts if the shares are purchased both out of capital and accumulated profits of the Company.

When treasury shares are subsequently sold or reissued pursuant to the employee share option scheme, the cost of treasury shares is reversed from the treasury share account and the realised gain or loss on sale or reissue, net of any directly attributable incremental transaction costs and related income tax, is recognised in the capital reserve of the Company.

### 2.15 Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of inventories is based on the weighted-average basis 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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## 2. Material accounting policy information (Cont'd)

### 2.16 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.

### 2.17 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.

### 2.18 Contingencies

A contingent liability is:

- (i) a possible obligation that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Group; or
- (ii) a present obligation that arises from past events but is not recognised because:
  - (a) it is not probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; or
  - (b) the amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability.

A contingent asset is a possible asset that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Group.

Contingencies are not recognised on the consolidated statement of financial position of the Group, except for contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination that are present obligations and which the fair value can be reliably determined.

### 2.19 Government grants

Government grants are recognised at their fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grants will be received and all attaching conditions will be complied with. When the grants are related to an expense item, it is recognised in profit or loss over the period necessary to match them on a systematic basis to the costs that it is intended to compensate.

### 2.20 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 Chief Executive Officer (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 (primarily the Company's headquarters), head office expenses, and tax assets and liabilities.

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## 2. Material accounting policy information (Cont'd)

### 2.21 Leases

#### 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.

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

### 2.22 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 year. 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, for the effect of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

## 3. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The Group made judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that were not readily apparent from other sources in the application of the Group's accounting policies. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from the estimates.

### 3.1 Critical judgements made in applying the Group's accounting policies

#### Determination of functional currency

The Group measures foreign currency transactions in the respective functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries. In determining the functional currency of the respective entity in the Group, judgement is required to determine the currency that mainly influences sales prices of goods and services and of the country whose competitive forces and regulations mainly determines the sales prices of its goods and services. The functional currency of the entities in the Group is determined based on the local management's assessment of the economic environment in which the entities operate and the respective entity's process of determining sales prices.

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## 3. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty (Cont'd)

### 3.2 Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

#### Impairment of property, plant and equipment and land use rights

The Group reviews at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment for its property, plant and equipment and land use rights. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. The Group evaluates the recoverable amount of the assets primarily by their fair value less costs of disposal, determined by independent valuer which based on the Replacement Cost Method. As at 31 December 2023, value in use of the assets have not been evaluated as management considered the result of the assessment to be inconsequential to the carrying amounts of the property, plant and equipment and land use rights as at the reporting date. The carrying amounts of the Group's property, plant and equipment and land use rights as at 31 December 2023 are disclosed in Note 13 and Note 15 to the financial statements, respectively.

#### Estimated fair value of investment property

Investment property is stated at fair value, determined by independent valuer which based on the Direct Market Comparison Method that comparing the subject property with similar properties that were either transacted recently or listed for sale within the same location or other comparable localities. Gain or loss arising from change in the fair value of investment property is recognised in the profit or loss in the year in which it arises. The fair value of the investment property as at 31 December 2023 is disclosed in Note 14 to the financial statements.

#### Measurement of ECL of trade receivables and bill receivables

The Group uses an allowance matrix to measure ECL for trade receivables and bill receivables. The ECL rates are based on the Group's historical loss experience of the receivables, for the last 1 year prior to the reporting date for various customer groups that are assessed by geographical locations, product types and internal ratings, adjusted for forward looking factors, specific to the receivables and the economic environment which could affect the ability of the debtors to settle the trade receivables and bill receivables. In considering the impact of the economic environment on the ECL rates, the Group assesses, for example, the gross domestic production growth rates of the countries and the growth rates of the major industries in which its customers operate. The Group adjusts the allowance matrix at each reporting date. Such estimation of the ECL rates may not be representative of the actual default in the future. The expected loss allowance on the Group's trade receivables and bill receivables as at 31 December 2023 are disclosed in Note 19 to the financial statements.

#### Depreciation of property, plant and equipment

The Group depreciates the property, plant and equipment over their estimated useful lives after taking into account of their estimated residual values. The estimated useful life reflects management's estimate of the period that the Group intends to derive future economic benefits from the use of the Group's property, plant and equipment. The residual value reflects management's estimated amount that the Group would currently obtain from the disposal of the asset, after deducting the estimated costs of disposal, as if the asset may already of the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life. Changes in the expected level of usage and technological developments could affect the economics, useful lives and the residual values of these assets which could then consequentially impact future depreciation charges. The carrying amount of the Group's property, plant and equipment at 31 December 2023 are disclosed in Note 13 to the financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## 3. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty (Cont'd)

### 3.2 Key sources of estimation uncertainty (cont'd)

#### Inventory valuation method

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Management reviews the Group's inventory levels in order to identify slow-moving and obsolete merchandise and identifies items of inventory which have a market price, being the merchandise's selling price quoted from the market of similar items, that is lower than its carrying amount. Management then estimates the amount of inventory loss as an allowance on inventory. Changes in demand levels, technological developments and pricing competition could affect the stability and values of the inventory which could then consequentially impact the Group's results, cash flows and financial position. The carrying amount of the Group's inventories as at 31 December 2023 is disclosed in Note 18 to the financial statements.

#### Measurement of prepayments

The Group's prepayments mainly pertain to the advances to supplier for future purchase. The loss allowances for prepayments are based on assumptions about risk of default and expected loss rates. The Group uses judgement in making these assumptions and selecting the inputs to the impairment calculation, based on the Group's past history, existing market conditions as well as forward looking estimates at the end of each reporting period. The carrying amount of the Group's prepayments as at 31 December 2023 is disclosed in Note 20 to the financial statements.

#### Impairment of investment in subsidiaries

At the end of each financial year, an assessment is made on whether there are indicators that the Company's investment is impaired. If any such indication exists, then the investment's recoverable amount is estimated. The Company's carrying amount of investment in subsidiaries as at 31 December 2023 is disclosed in Note 17 to the financial statements.

#### Provision for income taxes

The Group has exposure to income taxes in several jurisdictions of which a portion of these taxes arose from certain transactions and computations for which ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Group recognises liabilities of expected tax issues based on their best estimates of the likely taxes due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recognised, such differences will impact the income tax and deferred tax positions in the period in which such determination is made. The carrying amount of the Group's current tax payables as at 31 December 2023 were RMB 3,601,000 (2022: RMB 4,329,000).

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## 4. Revenue

The disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers is as follows:

	Reportable segments						Inter-segment revenue			Total		
	Sale of goods			Processing			Inter-segment revenue					
	Zipper	Trading		Total		Processing		Inter-segment revenue				
2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	
RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
PRC	393,769	473,754	-	-	393,769	473,754	84,159	87,105	(23,579)	(29,568)	454,349	531,291
Hong Kong	-	-	307,419	309,842	307,419	309,842	-	-	-	-	307,419	309,842
	393,769	473,754	307,419	309,842	701,188	783,596	84,159	87,105	(23,579)	(29,568)	761,768	841,133
	393,769	473,754	307,419	309,842	701,188	786,596	84,159	87,105	(23,579)	(29,568)	761,768	841,133

### Timing of revenue recognition

Goods transferred at a point in time

(a) *The disaggregation is based on the location of customers from which revenue was generated.*

The Group has applied the practical expedient permitted under SFRS(I) 15 for those performance obligations which are part of contracts that have an original expected duration of one year or less.

Nature of goods or services	For details on the nature of goods or services of the Group, refer to Note 2.2.
When revenue is recognised	For details on the revenue recognition policy of the Group, refer to Note 2.2.
Significant payment terms	Invoices for sales of Zipper, Trading and Processing are issued to the customers when the products are delivered or when the services are performed. Payment for these products and services are due within 90 to 180 days. No element of financing is deemed present as the credit terms are consistent with market practice. Hence no interest is charged to customers.

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## 4. Revenue (Cont'd)

### Contract balances

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Contract liabilities – Advances from customers (Note 25)	(27,099)	(23,735)

Significant changes in the contract liabilities balances during the period are as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the year	3,495	33,844
Increases due to cash received, excluding amounts recognised as revenue during the year	(6,859)	(23,735)

## 5. Other income

	Group	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Rental and management income	14,846	13,219
Fair value change of investment property	3,460	–
Foreign exchange gain, net	795	13,959
Net (provision for)/reversal of allowance for trade receivables	(1,606)	7,828
Net (provision for)/reversal of allowance for advances to suppliers	(558)	1,548
Government grants	1,170	1,350
Others	146	708
	<u>18,253</u>	<u>38,612</u>

Rental and management income mainly relate to operating leases and management services provided for the investment property held by the subsidiary, Xiamen Fuxing Industrial Company Limited (“Xiamen Fuxing”). Refer to Note 14 for details of the investment property.



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## 6. Financial costs, net

	Group	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Interest income from:		
- Bank deposits	761	1,100
Interest expense on:		
- Bank loans	(11,298)	(10,800)
	<u>(10,537)</u>	<u>(9,700)</u>

## 7. Other expenses

	Group	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	–	1,393
Write off of property, plant and equipment	–	215
Others	109	63
	<u>109</u>	<u>1,671</u>

## 8. (Loss)/Profit before tax

The following charges/(credits) were included in determination of profit before income tax:

	Note	Group	
		2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Personnel expenses	10	71,083	69,926
Depreciation and amortisation	13, 15	42,568	41,740
Net provision for allowance for inventories	18	–	1,861
Net reversal of provision for social security contribution		(8,397)	(4,387)
Audit fees charged by auditors of the Company		<u>1,581</u>	<u>1,568</u>

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## 9. Significant related party transactions

A related party is defined as follows:

- (a) A person or a close member of that person's family is related to the Group and Company if that person:
  - (i) Has control or joint control over the Company;
  - (ii) Has significant influence over the Company; or
  - (iii) Is a member of the key management personnel of the Group or Company or of a parent of the Company.
  
- (b) An entity is related to the Group and the Company if any of the following conditions applies:
  - (i) The entity and the Company are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidiary and fellow subsidiary is related to the others);
  - (ii) One entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member);
  - (iii) Both entities are joint ventures of the same third party;
  - (iv) One entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity;
  - (v) The entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Company or itself such a plan, the sponsoring employers are also related to the Company;
  - (vi) The entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a);
  - (vii) A person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity); or
  - (viii) The entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the reporting entity or to the parent of the reporting entity.

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## 9. Significant related party transactions (Cont'd)

In addition to the information disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, the Group had the following transactions with related parties:

### Compensation of directors and key management personnel

	Group		Company	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Total compensation to key management personnel – salaries, bonuses and fees (Included in personnel expenses in Note 10)	3,111	2,813	1,452	1,304
Comprises amounts paid to:				
- Directors	991	1,678	620	1,304
- Other key management personnel	2,120	1,135	832	–
	3,111	2,813	1,452	1,304

No defined contribution plans were paid to key management personnel.

## 10. Personnel expenses

	Group	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Salaries and bonuses	72,386	69,827
Net reversal of provision for social security contribution	(8,397)	(4,387)
	63,989	65,440

## 11. Income tax expense

	Group	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
<b>Current income tax:</b>		
- Current financial year	2,066	1,123
<b>Deferred income tax (Note 27)</b>		
- Origination and reversal of temporary differences	1,047	166
- Overprovision of deferred tax in prior financial year	–	(60)
	1,047	106
Total income tax expense	3,113	1,229

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## 11. Income tax expense (Cont'd)

The reconciliation between tax expense and the (loss)/profit before tax multiplied by the applicable corporate tax rate for the financial years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	Group	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
(Loss)/Profit before tax	(7,610)	28,408
Tax at the domestic tax rates applicable to profits in the countries where the Group operates	530	5,430
Adjustments:		
- Non-deductible expenses	1,416	620
- Income not subject to taxation	(1,481)	(2,852)
- Deferred tax originating from temporary differences	1,047	166
- Utilisation of deferred tax assets previously not recognised	(1,251)	(1,307)
- Deferred tax assets not recognised	3,294	-
- Overprovision of current tax in prior financial year	(442)	(828)
Income tax expense	3,113	1,229

### Unutilised tax losses

At the end of the reporting period, the Group has tax losses of approximately RMB 117,468,000 (2022: RMB 109,296,000) that are available for offset against future taxable profits of the companies in which the losses arose. Deferred tax asset has not been recognised in respect of such losses due to uncertainty of its recoverability. The use of these tax losses is subject to the agreement of the tax authorities and compliance with the relevant provisions of the tax legislation in the PRC.

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## 12. (Loss)/Earnings per share

Basic (loss)/earnings per share is calculated by dividing the (loss)/profit for the year attributable to owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year amounting to 17,205,438 ordinary shares (2022: 17,205,438).

The following tables reflect the (loss)/earnings and share data used in the computation of basic and diluted (loss)/earnings per share for the years ended 31 December:

	Group	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
(Loss)/Profit for the year attributable to owners of the Company	(11,033)	26,623
	No. of shares '000	No. of shares '000
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for diluted earnings per share computation	17,205	17,205

Note: Basic (loss)/earnings per share is computed based on weighted average number of shares in issue in 17,205,438 ordinary shares (2022: 17,205,438).

	Group	
	2023	2022
Basic and diluted (loss)/earnings per share (RMB per share)	(0.64)	1.55

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## 13. Property, plant and equipment

	Plant and machinery RMB'000	Buildings RMB'000	Motor vehicles RMB'000	Office equipment RMB'000	Construction- in-progress RMB'000	Total RMB'000
<b>Group</b>						
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1 January 2022	229,440	312,272	8,808	1,827	25,731	578,078
Additions	60,529	29,318	776	125	(25,731)	65,017
Disposal	(15,060)	–	(789)	–	–	(15,849)
Write off	(1,168)	–	–	(35)	–	(1,203)
At 31 December 2022	273,741	341,590	8,795	1,917	–	626,043
Additions <sup>(a)</sup>	3,418	–	451	2,537	–	6,406
Disposal	–	–	(694)	(2)	–	(696)
At 31 December 2023	277,159	341,590	8,552	4,452	–	631,753
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
At 1 January 2022	62,388	185,373	7,365	1,104	–	256,230
Depreciation charge for the financial year	25,409	14,908	329	189	–	40,835
Disposal	(9,540)	–	(789)	–	–	(10,329)
Write off	(954)	–	–	(34)	–	(988)
At 31 December 2022	77,303	200,281	6,905	1,259	–	285,748
Depreciation charge for the financial year	26,290	14,732	321	320	–	41,663
Disposal	–	–	(694)	(2)	–	(696)
At 31 December 2023	103,593	215,013	6,532	1,577	–	326,715
<b>Accumulated impairment loss</b>						
At 1 January 2022, 31 December 2022 and 2023	–	4,076	–	–	–	4,076
<b>Net carrying amount</b>						
At 31 December 2023	173,566	122,501	2,020	2,875	–	300,962
At 31 December 2022	196,438	137,233	1,890	658	–	336,219

(a) Included in the additions of plant and machinery at 31 December 2023 was an amount of Nil (2022: RMB 25,731,000) relating to assets in construction-in-progress transferred to plant and machinery upon completion and available for use.

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## 13. Property, plant and equipment (Cont'd)

### Purchase of property, plant and equipment

	Group	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Aggregate cost of property, plant and equipment acquired	6,406	65,017
Less: Prepayments made in prior financial year (Note 20)	(3,000)	(30,624)
Add: Prepayments made in current financial year (Note 20)	5,541	3,210
Net cash outflow for purchase of property, plant and equipment	8,947	37,603

As of 31 December 2023, certain buildings of the Group with net carrying amount of RMB 110,610,000 (2022: RMB 124,121,000) were pledged as security for the facility of bills payables (Note 24) and short-term bank loans (Note 26).

There are no rules or guidelines under the existing rules and regulations in the PRC as to the responsibility of restoration upon expiry of land use rights. There is no reliable estimation to the cost of restoration and the expenditure is not probable.

### Impairment assessment of property, plant and equipment

The Group reviews at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment for its property, plant and equipment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

The Group evaluates the recoverable amount based on valuation performed as at 31 December 2023 and 2022. The valuation was performed by Quanzhou Decheng Assets Appraisal Co., Ltd. (the "Valuer"), an independent valuer, on the reporting dates. The Valuer has a recognised and relevant professional qualification and with relevant recent experience in the assets being valued. The valuation is performed on the fair value less costs of disposal based on the replacement cost approach with adjustments to the actual usage and conditions of individual items. Value in use of the assets have not been evaluated as management considered result of the assessment to be inconsequential to the carrying amount.

## 14. Investment property

	Group	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
<b>At fair value:</b>		
At 1 January	38,600	38,600
Fair value change	3,460	–
At 31 December	42,060	38,600
<b>Recognised in profit or loss</b>		
Fair value change – net of deferred tax charge	2,595	–
Rental income and management income (including direct expenses) - net	7,286	6,988
	9,881	6,988

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## 14. Investment property (Cont'd)

### Valuation of investment property

Investment property is stated at fair value based on management's intention to resale the property, which has been determined based on valuation performed as at 31 December 2023 and 2022. The valuation of investment property was performed by the Valuer on the reporting dates. The Valuer has a recognised and relevant professional qualification and with relevant recent experience in the location and category of the properties being valued. The valuation is based on the direct market comparison approach that makes reference to the market values of comparable properties in the same area.

Key unobservable input used is the transacted prices per square metre of comparable properties in close proximity based on recent market transactions. These recent transacted prices are subsequently adjusted to consider the size of the Group's property, the age of the building, the remaining tenure of the property and/or the plot ratio of the land relative to those of the comparable properties sold to derive the fair value of the Group's property. An increase in transacted prices per square metre would increase the valuation.

### Investment property pledged as security

The investment property is mortgaged to secure short-term loans (Note 26).

Details of the investment property held by the Group as at 31 December 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Gross Area</b>	<b>Existing Use</b>	<b>Tenure</b>	<b>Expiry of Lease Term</b>
Siming District, Xiamen City, Fujian Province, the People's Republic of China	6,378 sq m	Office	Leasehold	27 April 2061



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## 15. Land use rights

	Group	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 January and 31 December	35,300	35,300
<b>Accumulated amortisation</b>		
At 1 January	11,083	10,178
Amortisation charge for the financial year	905	905
At 31 December	11,988	11,083
<b>Net carrying amount</b>		
At 31 December	23,312	24,217
<b>Amount to be amortised</b>		
- Not later than one year	905	905
- Later than one year but not later than five years	4,525	4,525
- Later than five years	17,882	18,787
	23,312	24,217

The Group has land use rights over six plots (2022: six plots) of state-owned land in the PRC where the Group's manufacturing and storage facilities reside. The land use rights have remaining tenure of 23 years to 35 years (2022: 24 years to 36 years).

### Land use rights pledged as security

As of 31 December 2023, the land use rights of the Group with net carrying amount of RMB 23,312,000 (2022: RMB 24,217,000) were pledged as security for the facility of bills payables (Note 24) and short-term bank loans (Note 26).

## 16. Intangible assets

	Software RMB'000	Patent RMB'000	Customer base RMB'000	Operating licence RMB'000	Total RMB'000
<b>Group</b>					
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2022, 31 December 2022, and 2023	209	46,000	71,951	98,254	216,414
<b>Accumulated amortisation</b>					
At 1 January 2022, 31 December 2022, and 2023	209	20,262	18,587	10,793	49,851
<b>Accumulated impairment</b>					
At 1 January 2022, 31 December 2022, and 2023	-	25,738	53,364	87,461	166,563
<b>Net carrying amount</b>					
At 31 December 2022 and 2023	-	-	-	-	-

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## 16. Intangible assets (Cont'd)

Customer base and operating licence arose from business combinations in 2011.

### Patent

This represents the patent right bought from the patent holder for the production of Super Durable Zipper, hence it has been identified as an intangible asset from these acquisitions.

### Customer base

The vast majority of the products by Fulong Zipper and Weaving Co., Ltd (“Fulong”) and Jinjiang Jianxin Weaving Co., Ltd (“Jianxin”) are transacted with existing customers whom the subsidiaries have long-term relationship with and repeated orders from these customers, hence it has been identified as an intangible asset arising from these acquisitions.

### Operating licence

The electroplating industry is regulated tightly in the PRC due to its pollutive nature and there will be limited granting of such licences to new entrants based on current legislation, hence it has been identified as an intangible asset arising from these acquisitions.

### Amortisation expense

The amortisation of software, patent, customer base and operating licence is included in “Administrative expenses” in profit or loss.

### Impairment loss recognised previously

In 2013, full impairment was recognised on the carrying amount of patent, customer base and operating licence.

## 17. Investment in subsidiaries

	Company	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Unquoted shares, at cost	344,853	344,853

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## 17. Investment in subsidiaries (Cont'd)

Name	Country of incorporation	Principal activities	Effective equity held by the Company	
			2023 %	2022 %
<i>Held by the Company</i>				
Jade Star Group Holdings Limited ("Jade Star") <sup>(2)</sup>	British Virgin Islands	Investment holding	100	100
Fuxing China Group Limited (HK) ("FCG") <sup>(2)</sup>	Hong Kong	Investment holding, to facilitate the application of the State-owned Land Use Right Certificate in respect of the Land Parcel	100	100
<i>Held through Jade Star</i>				
Jinjiang Fookhing Zipper Co., Ltd ("Fookhing Zipper") <sup>(1)</sup>	People's Republic of China	Production and sale of finished zippers and zipper chains	100	100
Jinjiang Fuxing Dress Co., Ltd ("Fuxing Dress") <sup>(1)</sup>	People's Republic of China	Production and sale of zipper sliders	100	100
Fookhing Group Trading Co., Ltd ("Fuxing HK") <sup>(1)</sup>	Hong Kong	Trading of raw materials for textile sector	100	100
Fulong Zipper and Weaving Co., Ltd ("Fulong") <sup>(1)</sup>	People's Republic of China	Colour dyeing of fabric tapes for zippers	100	100
Jinjiang Jianxin Weaving Co., Ltd ("Jianxin") <sup>(1)</sup>	People's Republic of China	Manufacturing and sales of dyed yarn	100	100
Jinjiang Fuxin Electroplating Co., Ltd ("Fuxin") <sup>(1)</sup>	People's Republic of China	Provision of electroplating services for zipper sliders	100	100
<i>Held through FCG</i>				
Xiamen Fuxing Industrial Company Limited ("Xiamen Fuxing") <sup>(1)</sup>	People's Republic of China	Real estate development	100	100
<i>Held through Xiamen Fuxing</i>				
Xiamen Xinfuxing Property Management Co., Ltd ("Xiamen Property") <sup>(2)</sup>	People's Republic of China	To handle property management and realtor services for the Group's Xiamen headquarters	80	80

<sup>(1)</sup> Audited by RT LLP for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the consolidated financial statements.

<sup>(2)</sup> The unaudited management accounts have been used for consolidation purposes as they are not material to the Group's financial statements. Summarised financial information was not disclosed as the non-controlling interests of the Group is not significant.

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## 18. Inventories

	Group	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Raw materials	44,169	13,897
Work-in-progress	9,308	9,033
Finished goods	26,840	29,457
	80,317	52,387

The Group has recognised RMB 714,704,000 (2022: RMB 782,858,000), as an expense in cost of sales.

The inventories have been reduced by Nil (2022: RMB 1,861,000) because of the write down to net realisable value. The write-down is included as an expense in cost of sales.

## 19. Trade and other receivables

	Group		Company	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Trade receivables	260,048	306,605	–	–
Less: loss allowance (Note 30)	(52,303)	(50,697)	–	–
	207,745	255,908	–	–
Bills receivables	3,475	5,779	–	–
Other receivables	31,680	25,748	2	2
Amounts due from subsidiaries (non-trade)	–	–	557,936	565,065
Less: loss allowance (Note 30)	(905)	(905)	(311,965)	(311,965)
Total trade and other receivables	241,995	286,530	245,973	253,102

### Trade receivables

Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and are normally settled on 90 to 180 days (2022: 90 to 180 days) term. They are recognised at their original invoice amounts which represent their fair values on initial recognition. The trade receivables are denominated in the functional currencies of the respective entities as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

### Bills receivables

Bills receivables are interest-free and have maturity periods of approximately 180 days (2022: 180 days) and are denominated in the functional currencies of the respective entities.

### Other receivables

Other receivables mainly comprise of VAT receivables arising from input tax credits of RMB 11,799,000 (2022: RMB 10,298,000).

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## 19. Trade and other receivables (Cont'd)

### Amounts due from subsidiaries

Amounts due from subsidiaries are unsecured, non-interest bearing, repayable on demand and are to be settled in cash. Amounts due from subsidiaries are denominated in the functional currency of the Company except for an amount of RMB 16,782,000 (2022: RMB 7,584,000) which are denominated in Hong Kong Dollar ("HKD").

The details of the impairment of trade and other receivables and credit exposures are disclosed in Note 30.

## 20. Prepayments

	Group	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
<b>Current:</b>		
Advances to suppliers	81,625	70,183
Less: loss allowance (Note 30)	(2,725)	(3,037)
	78,900	67,146
Prepayments for property, plant and equipment	5,751	3,210
Prepaid operating expenses	4,726	3,790
Total prepayments	89,377	74,146

The prepayments are non-interest bearing, refundable on demand and denominated in the functional currencies of the respective entities as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

### Movement in loss allowance for advances to suppliers:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
At 1 January	3,037	4,585
Reversal for the financial year	(312)	(1,548)
At 31 December	2,725	3,037

The Group has made prepayment of RMB 5,751,000 (2022: RMB 3,210,000) to third party vendors to acquire certain machineries as at the reporting date.

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## 21. Cash and short-term deposits

	Group		Company	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Cash at banks and on hand	80,283	125,579	859	1,570
Short-term deposits	33,500	28,500	–	–
Cash and short-term deposits	113,783	154,079	859	1,570

Cash at banks earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates. Short-term deposits are made for varying periods of between one day and three months depending on the immediate cash requirements of the Group and earn interests at the respective short-term deposits rates. Short-term deposits amounting to RMB 33,500,000 (2022: RMB 28,500,000) are pledged to banks for the Group's bills payables to banks (Note 24) and short-term bank loans (Note 26).

Cash and short-term deposits denominated in foreign currencies at 31 December are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
United States Dollar	1,901	1,712	–	–
Singapore Dollar	11	165	11	165
Hong Kong Dollar	972	1,665	848	1,405

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following at the end of the reporting period:

	Group	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Cash and short-term deposits	113,783	154,079
Less: short-term deposits pledged	(33,500)	(28,500)
Cash and cash equivalents	80,283	125,579

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## 22. Share capital and treasury shares

### (a) Share capital

	Group and Company			
	2023		2022	
	No. of shares '000	Value RMB'000	No. of shares '000	Value RMB'000
At 1 January and 31 December	17,205	772,574	17,205	772,574

The holders of ordinary shares (except treasury shares) are entitled to receive dividends as and when declared by the Company. All ordinary shares carry one vote per share without restrictions. The ordinary shares have par value of SGD 5 each.

### (b) Treasury shares

	Group and Company			
	2023		2022	
	No. of shares '000	Value RMB'000	No. of shares '000	Value RMB'000
At 1 January and 31 December	277	6,408	277	6,408

Treasury shares relate to ordinary shares of the Company that are held by the Company.

## 23. Other reserves

### (a) Reserve fund

In accordance with the Foreign Enterprise Law applicable to the subsidiaries in the PRC, the subsidiary is required to make appropriation to a Statutory Reserve Fund (SRF). At least 10% of the statutory after-tax profits as determined in accordance with the applicable PRC accounting standards and regulations must be allocated to the SRF until the cumulative total of the reserve fund reaches 50% of the subsidiary's registered capital. Subject to approval from the relevant PRC authorities, the SRF may be used to offset any accumulated losses or increase the registered capital of the subsidiary. The SRF is not available for dividend distribution to shareholders.

### (b) Capital reserve

On 10 September 2007, the Company acquired the entire issued share capital of Jade Star Group at an aggregate consideration based on the net assets value ("NAV") of Jade Star Group and its subsidiaries of SGD 67,777,712 (RMB 344,854,544) (which is the aggregate of the audited NAV of Fookhing Zipper and Fuxing Dress as at 31 December 2006) which is deemed as fair value of the investment in Jade Star Group and its subsidiaries. In consideration of the foregoing, the Company issued an aggregate of 599,800,000 shares of SGD 0.10 each in the Company at an aggregate excess value of SGD 7,797,712 (RMB 39,572,999), credited to the capital reserve of the Company.

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## 23. Other reserves (Cont'd)

### (c) Restructuring reserve

This represents the difference between the nominal value of shares issued by the Company in exchange for the nominal value of shares and capital reserve of subsidiaries acquired which is accounted for under “merger accounting”.

### (d) Foreign currency translation reserve

The foreign currency translation reserve represents exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of the entities whose functional currencies are different from that of the Group's presentation currency.

## 24. Trade and other payables

	Group		Company	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Trade payables	11,602	22,908	–	–
Bills payables to banks	123,111	115,706	–	–
Amount due to a director (non-trade)	1,592	147	2,343	2,466
Total trade and other payables	<u>136,305</u>	<u>138,761</u>	<u>2,343</u>	<u>2,466</u>

### Trade payables

Trade payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days.

### Bills payables to banks

	Group	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Bill payable 1	47,000	47,000
Bill payable 2	20,000	10,000
Bill payable 3	56,111	58,706
	<u>123,111</u>	<u>115,706</u>



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## 24. Trade and other payables (Cont'd)

Bills payables to banks have maturity periods ranging from 30 to 120 days.

- 1 Bill payable to bank amounting to RMB 47,000,000 (2022: RMB 47,000,000) is secured by bank deposits of Fookhing Zipper and certain land use rights and buildings owned by Jianxin, located at Donghaian Comprehensive Development Zone, Shenhu Town, Jinjiang City, Fujian Province, the PRC. and personal guarantee from a related party – Mr. Hong Qing Liang (Executive Chairman), and corporate guarantee from a subsidiary – Fuxing Dress and independent third party – Jinjiang Yuanda Garment Weaving Co., Ltd.
- 2 Bill payable to bank amounting to RMB 20,000,000 (2022: RMB 10,000,000) is secured by bank deposits of Fuxing Dress and certain land use rights and buildings owned by Fulong, located at Donghaian Comprehensive Development Zone, Shenhu Town, Jinjiang City, Fujian Province, the PRC. and personal guarantee from related parties – Mr. Hong Qing Liang (Executive Chairman) and Ms. Shi Mei Mei.
- 3 Bill payable to bank amounting to RMB 56,111,000 (2022: RMB 58,706,000) is secured by a charge over a property (Unit 13 on 5th Floor) located at Seapower Tower Concordia Plaza, No.1 Science Museum Road, Kowloon owned by Goldplan Corporation Limited, corporate guarantee from the Company, and personal guarantee from a related party - Mr. Hong Qing Liang (Executive Chairman).

Goldplan Corporation Limited is wholly owned by Mr. Hong Qing Liang (Executive Chairman).

### Amount due to a director

Amount due to a director is non-trade related, unsecured, non-interest bearing and repayable on demand.

All trade and other payables are denominated in the functional currencies of the respective entities as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

## 25. Other liabilities

	Group		Company	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Advances from customers (trade)	27,099	23,735	–	–
Accrued salary and bonuses	28,289	33,700	–	–
Other accruals	15,620	23,827	1,940	1,140
	<u>71,008</u>	<u>81,262</u>	<u>1,940</u>	<u>1,140</u>

All other liabilities are denominated in the functional currencies of the respective entities as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

### Other accruals

Other accruals mainly comprise of VAT payables arising from output tax of RMB 4,433,000 (2022: RMB 10,366,000).

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## 26. Loans and borrowings

	Group	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Short-term bank loans:		
Loan 1	71,300	106,500
Loan 2	6,800	2,100
Loan 3	–	18,900
Loan 4	9,200	9,300
	<u>87,300</u>	<u>136,800</u>

- 1 This short-term bank loan is secured by bank deposits of Fookhing Zipper and certain land use rights and buildings owned by Jianxin, located at Donghaian Development Zone, Shenhui Town, Jinjiang City, Fujian Province, the PRC. and personal guarantee from a related party – Mr. Hong Qing Liang (Executive Chairman), and corporate guarantee from a subsidiary – Fuxing Dress and independent third party – Jinjiang Yuanda Garment Weaving Co., Ltd.
- 2 This short-term bank loan is secured by certain land use rights and buildings owned by Fookhing Zipper, located at Hangbian Industrial Area, Longhu Town, Jinjiang City, Fujian Province, the PRC. and personal guarantee from a related party – Mr. Hong Qing Liang (Executive Chairman), and corporate guarantee from a subsidiary – Fuxing Dress and independent third party – Jinjiang Yuanda Garment Weaving Co., Ltd.
- 3 As at 31 December 2022, this short-term bank loan was secured by personal guarantee from a related party – Mr. Hong Qing Liang (Executive Chairman) and independent third party – Mr. Wu Yuan Yang and corporate guarantee from independent third party – Jinjiang Yuanda Garment Weaving Co., Ltd.
- 4 This short-term bank loan is secured by bank deposits of Fuxing Dress and certain land use rights and buildings owned by Fulong, located at Donghaian Comprehensive Development Zone, Shenhui Town, Jinjiang City, Fujian Province, the PRC and personal guarantee from related parties – Mr. Hong Qing Liang (Executive Chairman) and Ms. Shi Mei Mei.

All loans and borrowings are denominated in the functional currencies of the respective entities as at 31 December 2023 and 2022. The short-term loans bear interest ranging from 4.35% to 7.4% (2022: 4.35% to 7.4%) and are repayable within 12 months.

On 23 July 2020, the Group entered into a mortgage agreement with Xiamen International Bank to pledge the investment property (Note 14) as a security for a loan facility with credit limit of RMB 78,180,000 and the facility has expired on 29 July 2023. This loan facility was unutilised as at 31 December 2022.

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## 27. Deferred tax liabilities

Deferred tax as at 31 December relates to the following:

<u>Group</u>	<b>Accelerated tax depreciation RMB'000</b>	<b>Fair value adjustment on investment property RMB'000</b>	<b>Withholding tax on undistributed profits<sup>(1)</sup> RMB'000</b>	<b>Total RMB'000</b>
<b>Deferred tax liabilities</b>				
At 1 January 2022	9,035	–	9,682	18,717
Charge to profit or loss	–	–	106	106
At 31 December 2022	9,035	–	9,788	18,823
Charge to profit or loss	–	865	182	1,047
At 31 December 2023	9,035	865	9,970	19,870

<sup>1</sup> On 22 February 2008, the State Administration of Taxation of China issued a circular [2008] No.001, which states that distribution of dividends after 1 January 2008 from pre-2008 profits will be exempt from withholding tax on distribution to foreign investors. As a result, there should be no deferred tax liabilities arising from undistributed profits of the Company's PRC subsidiaries accumulated up till 31 December 2007. Provision for deferred tax liabilities, however, would be required to the extent per SFRS(I) 1-12 on profits accumulated from 1 January 2008 onwards.

## 28. Segment information

For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on their products and services, and has four reportable operating segments as follows:

### (i) Zippers

This operating segment is further sub-divided into 2 sub-segments as follows:

#### (a) Zipper Chains

The zipper chain consists of 2 strips of fabric tapes, with parallel rows of specially shaped nylon, metal or plastic teeth, as the case may be, either weaved on or punched onto adjacent edges of a fabric tape, thereby interlocking with each other to provide a firm grip and resulting in a zipper chain.

#### (b) Zipper Sliders

The zipper slider consists of a zinc zipper head and zipper pull tab which is subsequently affixed on the zipper chain, such that it moves along the rows of teeth, allowing the teeth to be fastened or separated, depending on the direction of the movement.

### (ii) Processing

Processing represents colour dyeing of fabric tapes for zippers, electroplating services for zipper sliders and manufacturing and sales of dyed yarn.

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## 28. Segment information (Cont'd)

### (iii) Trading

The trading segment represents trading of raw materials, including rubber thread, nylon fabric and nylon yarn.

### (iv) Corporate

The corporate segment is involved in Group-level corporate services and treasury functions.

Except as indicated above, no operating segments has been aggregated to form the above reportable operating segments.

Management monitors the operating results of its business units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on operating profit or loss which in certain respects, as explained in the table below, is measured differently from operating profit or loss in the consolidated financial statements.

Segment assets and liabilities are not disclosed as such separate financial information is not available but is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision-maker in deciding how to allocate resources to the operating segments.

Transfer prices between operating segments are on an arm's length basis in a manner similar to transactions with third parties.

### Geographical information

Revenue and non-current assets information based on geographical location of customers and assets respectively are as follows:

	Revenue		Non-current assets	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
People's Republic of China	454,349	531,291	366,324	399,023
Hong Kong	307,419	309,842	10	13
	<u>761,768</u>	<u>841,133</u>	<u>366,334</u>	<u>399,036</u>

Non-current assets information presented above consist of property, plant and equipment, investment property, land use rights and intangible assets as presented in the consolidated statement of financial position.

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## 28. Segment information (Cont'd)

### Business segments

The following table presents revenue, results and other information regarding the Group's business segments for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Zipper</u> RMB'000	<u>Trading</u> RMB'000	<u>Processing</u> RMB'000	<u>Corporate</u> RMB'000	<u>Elimination</u> RMB'000	<u>Total</u> RMB'000
<b>31 December 2023</b>						
<b>Revenue:</b>						
Sales to external customers	393,769	307,419	60,580	-	-	761,768
Inter-segment sales	-	-	23,579	-	(23,579)	-
Total revenue	<u>393,769</u>	<u>307,419</u>	<u>84,159</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(23,579)</u>	<u>761,768</u>
<b>Results:</b>						
Segment gross profit	30,270	7,139	8,219	-	-	45,628
Segment results	(2,674)	5,009	4,215	(3,623)	-	2,927
Financial costs, net	(5,884)	(3,882)	(789)	18	-	(10,537)
Loss before tax						(7,610)
Income tax expense						(3,113)
Loss for the year						<u>(10,723)</u>
<b>Other segment information</b>						
Depreciation and amortisation	28,183	2	13,389	994	-	42,568
Fair value change of investment property	-	-	-	(3,460)	-	(3,460)
Net reversal of provision for social security contribution	(3,527)	-	(3,566)	-	-	(7,093)
Net provision for/(reversal of) allowance for trade receivables	103	-	1,529	(26)	-	1,606
Net provision for allowance for advances to suppliers	541	17	-	-	-	558
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>600,336</u>	<u>85,506</u>	<u>149,416</u>	<u>56,548</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>891,806</u>
Total assets include:						
Capital expenditure for property, plant and equipment	5,291	-	1,115	-	-	6,406
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>(214,114)</u>	<u>(56,225)</u>	<u>(41,053)</u>	<u>(6,692)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(318,084)</u>

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## 28. Segment information (Cont'd)

### Business segments (Cont'd)

<u>Group</u>	<u>Zipper</u> RMB'000	<u>Trading</u> RMB'000	<u>Processing</u> RMB'000	<u>Corporate</u> RMB'000	<u>Elimination</u> RMB'000	<u>Total</u> RMB'000
<b>31 December 2022</b>						
<b>Revenue:</b>						
Sales to external customers	473,754	309,842	57,537	-	-	841,133
Inter-segment sales	-	-	29,568	-	(29,568)	-
Total revenue	<u>473,754</u>	<u>309,842</u>	<u>87,105</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(29,568)</u>	<u>841,133</u>
<b>Results:</b>						
Segment gross profit	41,052	6,773	8,568	-	-	56,393
Segment results	19,725	4,647	3,491	10,245	-	38,108
Financial costs, net	(6,236)	(2,090)	(1,405)	31	-	(9,700)
Profit before tax						28,408
Income tax credits						(1,229)
Profit for the year						<u>27,179</u>
<b>Other segment information</b>						
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,393	-	-	-	-	1,393
Depreciation and amortisation	27,998	4	12,722	1,016	-	41,740
Net reversal of provision for social security contribution	(2,958)	-	(1,529)	-	-	(4,487)
Net (reversal of)/provision for allowance for trade receivables	(7,595)	-	46	(279)	-	(7,828)
Net provision for allowance for advances to suppliers	260	418	870	-	-	1,548
Write off of property, plant and equipment	-	-	215	-	-	215
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>647,567</u>	<u>96,188</u>	<u>165,518</u>	<u>56,905</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>966,178</u>
Total assets include:						
Capital expenditure for property, plant and equipment	57,861	17	7,139	-	-	65,017
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>(247,188)</u>	<u>(59,000)</u>	<u>(70,245)</u>	<u>(3,542)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(379,975)</u>

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## 29. Commitments

### Guarantees

At 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Company has provided the following corporate guarantees at the end of the reporting period for bills payable taken up by Fuxing HK:

- Bills payable to banks of RMB 56,111,000 (2022: RMB 58,706,000) (Note 24).

The financial effects relating to financial guarantee contracts issued by the Company are insignificant to the financial statements of the Company and therefore are not recognised.

## 30. Financial instruments and financial risks

### Financial instruments by category

The carrying amount of the different categories of financial instruments is as disclosed on the face of the statements of financial position and as follows:

		Group	
	Note	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
<b>Financial assets at amortised cost</b>			
Trade and other receivables <sup>(a)</sup>	19	230,196	276,232
Cash and short-term deposits	21	113,783	154,079
		343,979	430,311
<b>Financial liabilities at amortised cost</b>			
Trade and other payables	24	136,305	138,761
Other liabilities <sup>(b)</sup>	25	39,476	47,161
Loans and borrowings	26	87,300	136,800
		263,081	322,722

(a) Excluding VAT receivables.

(b) Excluding VAT payables and advances from customers.

		Company	
	Note	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
<b>Financial assets at amortised cost</b>			
Trade and other receivables	19	245,973	253,102
Cash and cash equivalents	21	859	1,570
		246,832	254,672
<b>Financial liabilities at amortised cost</b>			
Trade and other payables	24	2,343	2,466
Other liabilities	25	1,940	1,140
		4,283	3,606

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## 30. Financial instruments and financial risks (Cont'd)

### *Financial instruments by category (cont'd)*

The Group is exposed to financial risks arising from its operations and the use of financial instruments. The key financial risks include credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk. The Board of Directors reviews and agrees policies and procedures for the management of these risks which are executed by the Chief Financial Officer. The Audit Committee provides independent oversight to the effectiveness of the risk management process. It is and has been throughout the current and previous financial years, the Group's policy that no derivatives shall be undertaken except for the use as hedging instruments where appropriate and cost-efficient. The Group does not apply hedge accounting.

The following sections provide details regarding the Group's exposure to the above-mentioned financial risks and the objectives, policies and processes for the management of these risks.

There has been no change to the Group's exposure to these financial risks or the manner in which it manages and measures the risks.

### **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk of loss that may arise on outstanding financial instruments should a counterparty default on its obligations. The Group's and the Company's exposure to credit risk arises primarily from trade and other receivables. For other financial assets (including cash and short-term deposits), the Group and the Company minimise credit risk by dealing exclusively with high credit rating counterparties.

The Group's objective is to seek continual revenue growth while minimising losses incurred due to increased credit risk exposure. The Group trades only with recognised and creditworthy third parties. It is the Group's policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures. In addition, receivable balances are monitored closely on an ongoing basis.

To assess and manage its credit risk, the Group categorises the aforementioned financial assets according to their risk of default. The Group defines default to have taken place when internal or/and external information indicates that the financial asset is unlikely to be received, which could include a breach of debt covenant, and/or where contractual payments are 180 days past due.

The Group has not rebutted the presumption included in SFRS(I) 9 that there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition when financial assets are more than 30 days past due.

In their assessment, the management considers, amongst other factors, the latest relevant credit ratings from reputable external rating agencies where available and deemed appropriate, historical credit experiences, latest available financial information and latest applicable credit reputation of the debtor.



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## 30. Financial instruments and financial risks (Cont'd)

### Credit risk (cont'd)

The Group's internal credit risk grading categories are as follows:

Category	Description	Basis of recognising ECL
1	Low credit risk <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	12-months ECL
2	Non-significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition and financial asset is ≤ 30 days past due	12-months ECL
3	Significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition <sup>(Note 2)</sup> or financial asset is > 30 days past due	Lifetime ECL
4	Evidence indicates that financial asset is credit-impaired <sup>(Note 3)</sup>	Difference between financial asset's gross carrying amount and present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate
5	Evidence indicates that the management has no reasonable expectations of recovering the write off amount <sup>(Note 4)</sup>	Written-off

#### Note 1. Low credit risk

The financial asset is determined to have low credit risk if the financial assets have a low risk of default, the counterparty has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term and adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the counterparty to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations. Generally, this is the case when the Group assesses and determines that the debtor has been, is in and is highly likely to be, in the foreseeable future and during the (contractual) term of the financial asset, in a financial position that will allow the debtor to settle the financial asset as and when it falls due.

#### Note 2. Significant increase in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk of the financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group compares the risk of default occurring on the financial asset as of reporting date with the risk of default occurring on the financial asset as of date of initial recognition, and considered reasonable and supportable information, that is available without undue cost or effort, that is indicative of significant increases in credit risk since initial recognition. In assessing the significance of the change in the risk of default, the Group considers both past due and forward looking quantitative and qualitative information. Forward looking information includes the assessment of the latest performance and financial position of the debtor, adjusted for the Group's future outlook of the industry in which the debtor operates based on independently obtained information and the most recent news or market talks about the debtor, as applicable. In its assessment, the Group will generally, for example, assess whether the deterioration of the financial performance and/or financial position, adverse change in the economic environment (country and industry in which the debtor operates), deterioration of credit risk of the debtor, etc. is in line with its expectation as of the date of initial recognition of the financial asset.

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## 30. Financial instruments and financial risks (Cont'd)

### Credit risk (cont'd)

#### Note 3. Credit impaired

In determining whether financial assets are credit-impaired, the Group assesses whether one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cashflows of the financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit impaired includes the following observable data:

- Significant financial difficulty of the debtor;
- Breach of contract; such as a default or being more than 180 days from invoice date;
- It is becoming probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
- the disappearance of an active market for the financial asset because of financial difficulties.

#### Note 4. Write off

Generally, the Group writes off, partially or fully, the financial asset when it assesses that there is no realistic prospect of recovery of the amount as evidenced by, for example, the debtor's lack of assets or income sources that could generate sufficient cashflows to repay the amounts subjected to the write-off.

The Group performs ongoing credit evaluation of its counterparties' financial condition and generally does not require collateral.

The Group and Company do not have any significant credit exposure to any single counterparty or any groups of counterparties having similar characteristics other than the geographical location of their operations.

#### Credit risk concentration profile

The Group is principally engaged in the production and sale of zipper sliders, zipper chains, provision of colour dyeing of fabric tapes for zippers, electroplating services for zipper sliders and manufacturing and sales of dyed yarn. The Group is also engaged in the trading of raw materials in Hong Kong. The products are sold to a diversified customer base which is in numerous industry sectors. The Group determines concentrations of credit risk by monitoring the country of its trade receivables on an ongoing basis. The credit risk concentration profile of the Group's trade receivables at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

By country:	Group			
	2023		2022	
	RMB'000	% of total	RMB'000	% of total
People's Republic of China	124,367	60	162,322	63
Hong Kong	83,378	40	93,586	37
	207,745	100	255,908	100

At the end of the reporting year, approximately 72% (2022: 70%) of the Group's trade receivables were due from 5 (2022: 5) major customers who are all trading companies located in the PRC.

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## 30. Financial instruments and financial risks (Cont'd)

### Credit risk (cont'd)

#### Trade receivables and bill receivables (Note 19)

The Group uses the practical expedient under SFRS(I) 9 in the form of allowance matrix to measure the ECL for trade receivables and bill receivables, where the loss allowance is equal to lifetime ECL.

The ECL for trade receivables and bill receivables are estimated using an allowance matrix by reference to the historical credit loss experience of the customers for the last 1 years prior to the respective reporting dates for various customer groups that are assessed by geographical locations, product types and internal ratings, adjusted for forward looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment which could affect the ability of the debtors to settle the financial assets. In considering the impact of the economic environment on the ECL rates, the Group assesses, for example, the gross domestic production growth rates of the countries and the growth rates of the major industries which its customers operate in.

Trade receivables and bill receivables are written off when there is evidence to indicate that the customer is in severe financial difficulty such as being under liquidation or bankruptcy and there are no reasonable expectations for recovering the outstanding balances.

The loss allowance for trade receivables and bill receivables are determined as follows:

	Trade receivables and bill receivables				Total
	Current	Past due more than 1 to 90 days	Past due more than 91 to 180 days	Past due more than 180 days	
<b>31 December 2023</b>					
Expected credit loss rates	0%	0%	0%	87%	
Trade receivables (gross)	60,054	97,997	42,192	59,805	260,048
Bill receivables (gross)	3,475	–	–	–	3,475
Loss allowance (including credit impaired)	–	–	–	(52,303)	(52,303)
<b>31 December 2022</b>					
Expected credit loss rates	0%	0%	0%	52%	
Trade receivables (gross)	68,968	87,857	52,221	97,559	306,605
Bill receivables (gross)	5,779	–	–	–	5,779
Loss allowance (including credit impaired)	–	–	–	(50,697)	(50,697)

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## 30. Financial instruments and financial risks (Cont'd)

### ***Credit risk (cont'd)***

#### Other receivables (Note 19) and advances to suppliers (Note 20)

As of 31 December 2023, the Group recorded other receivables and advances to suppliers amounted to RMB 31,680,000 (2022: RMB 25,748,000) and RMB 81,625,000 (2022: RMB 70,183,000), respectively. The Group assessed on those suppliers' credit reputation and concluded that there has been no significant increase in the credit risk since the initial recognition of the financial assets, except for those with objective evidence which indicated that financial assets were credit impaired. Accordingly, the Group measured the impairment loss allowance pursuant to the above-mentioned credit risk grading categories and determined that loss allowances of RMB 905,000 and RMB 2,725,000 (2022: RMB 905,000 and RMB 3,037,000) on other receivables and advances to suppliers respectively were made.

#### Amounts due from subsidiaries (Note 19)

As of 31 December 2023, the Company recorded amounts due from subsidiaries of RMB 557,936,000 (2022: RMB 565,065,000) consequent to an extension of loans to the subsidiaries. In its assessment of the credit risk of the subsidiaries, the Company considered amongst other factors, the financial position of the subsidiaries as of 31 December 2023. The Company assessed the impairment loss allowance of these amounts on a 12-month ECL basis consequent to their assessment and conclusion that these receivables are of low credit risk other than the credit impaired amount of RMB 311,965,000 (2022: RMB 311,965,000).

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## 30. Financial instruments and financial risk (Cont'd)

### Credit risk (cont'd)

The movement in the loss allowance during the financial year and the Group's exposure to credit risk in respect of the trade receivables, bill receivables, other receivables and prepayments are as follows:

	Group				Company			
	Trade receivables		Bill receivables		Other receivables and prepayment <sup>(a)</sup>		Other receivables and amount due from subsidiaries	
	Note (i) RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Note (i) RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Category 2 RMB'000	Total RMB'000	Category 1 RMB'000	Category 4 RMB'000
<b>Internal credit risk grading</b>								
<b>Loss allowance</b>								
<b>Balance at 1 January 2022</b>	-	58,525	-	58,525	5,535	5,535	-	311,965
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	-	(7,828)	-	(7,828)	(1,593)	(1,593)	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	-	50,697	-	50,697	3,942	3,942	-	311,965
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	-	1,606	-	1,606	(312)	(312)	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	-	52,303	-	52,303	3,630	3,630	-	311,965
<b>Gross carrying amount</b>								
At 31 December 2022	255,908	50,697	5,779	306,605	92,633	92,633	253,102	311,965
At 31 December 2023	207,745	52,303	3,475	260,048	111,983	111,983	245,973	311,965
<b>Net carrying amount</b>								
At 31 December 2022	255,908	-	5,779	255,908	88,691	88,691	253,102	-
At 31 December 2023	207,745	-	3,475	207,745	108,353	108,353	245,973	-

Note (i) For trade receivables, the Group uses the practical expedient under SFRS(I) 9 in the form of an allowance matrix to measure the ECL, where then loss allowance is equal to lifetime ECL.

(a) Excluding VAT receivables.

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## 30. Financial instruments and financial risk (Cont'd)

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting financial obligations due to shortage of funds. The Group's exposure to liquidity risk arises primarily from mismatches of the maturities of financial assets and liabilities. The Group's objective is to maintain a balance between continuity of funding and flexibility using stand-by credit facilities.

The Group monitors and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate by the management to finance the Group's operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows. The Group's liquidity risk management policy is to maintain sufficient liquid financial assets and funding flexibility using bank loans and bills payables when necessary. At the end of the reporting period, 100% (2022: 100%) of the Group's borrowings will mature in less than one year based on the carrying amount reflected in the financial statements.

The Group assessed the concentration of risk with respect to refinancing its debt and concluded it to be low. Access to sources of funding is sufficiently available and debt maturing within 12 months can be rolled over with existing lenders.

### Analysis of financial instruments by remaining contractual maturities

The table below summarises the maturity profile of the Group's and of the Company's financial assets and liabilities at the end of the reporting period based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations.

	One year or less	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
<b>Group</b>		
<b>Financial assets:</b>		
Trade and other receivables <sup>(a)</sup>	230,196	276,232
Advances to suppliers	78,900	67,146
Cash and short-term deposits	113,783	154,079
Total undiscounted financial assets	422,879	497,457
<b>Financial liabilities:</b>		
Trade and other payables	136,305	138,761
Other liabilities <sup>(b)</sup>	39,476	47,161
Loans and borrowings	87,300	136,800
Total undiscounted financial liabilities	263,081	322,722
<b>Total net undiscounted financial assets</b>	<b>159,798</b>	<b>174,735</b>

(a) Excluding VAT receivables.

(b) Excluding VAT payables and advances from customers.

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## 30. Financial instruments and financial risk (Cont'd)

### Liquidity risk (cont'd)

#### Analysis of financial instruments by remaining contractual maturities (cont'd)

	One year or less	
	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
<b>Company</b>		
<b>Financial assets:</b>		
Trade and other receivables	245,973	253,102
Cash and short-term deposits	859	1,570
Total undiscounted financial assets	246,832	254,672
<b>Financial liabilities:</b>		
Trade and other payables	2,343	2,466
Other liabilities	1,940	1,140
Total undiscounted financial liabilities	4,283	3,606
<b>Total net undiscounted financial assets</b>	<b>242,549</b>	<b>251,066</b>

### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of the Group's financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Group's exposure to interest rate risk arises primarily from their short-term bank loans.

The Group's policy is to obtain the most favourable interest rates available.

#### Sensitivity analysis for interest rate risk

At the end of the reporting period, if RMB interest rates had been 100 (2022: 100) basis points lower/higher and all other variables were held constant, the Group's profit before income tax would have been RMB 966,000 (2022: RMB 984,000) higher/lower, arising mainly as a result of lower/higher interest expenses/income on floating rate cash and short-term deposits, bills payables to banks and floating rate bank loans. The assumed movement in basis points for interest rate sensitivity analysis is based on the currently observable market environment, showing a significantly lower volatility as in prior financial years.

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## 30. Financial instruments and financial risk (Cont'd)

### Foreign currency risk

The Group collects most of its revenue and incurs most of its expenditures in RMB. Cash and bank balances of the Group are mainly denominated in RMB. The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy as management considers the foreign exchange risk exposure of the Group to be limited. However, the Group monitors currency risk exposure by periodically reviewing foreign currency exchange rates and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

The Group's operations are primarily conducted in the PRC in RMB. Currently, the PRC government imposes control over foreign currencies, RMB, the official currency in the PRC, is not freely convertible. Enterprises operating in the PRC can enter into exchange transactions through the People's Bank of China or other authorised financial institutions.

Payments for imported materials or services, which are outside the PRC, are subject to the availability of foreign currency which depends on the foreign currency denominated earnings of the enterprises. Exchanges of RMB for foreign currency must be arranged through the People's Bank of China or other authorised financial institutions and is granted to enterprises in the PRC for valid reasons such as purchase of imported materials and remittance of earnings. While conversion of RMB into other currencies can generally be effected at the People's Bank of China or other authorised financial institutions, there is no guarantee that it can be effected at all times.

### Sensitivity analysis for foreign currency risk

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity of the Group's and of the Company's profit before tax to a reasonably possible change in the HKD exchange rates against RMB, with all other variables held constant.

	Group		Company	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	Profit/(loss) before income tax		Profit/(loss) before income tax	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
HKD – strengthened 5% (2022: 5%)	49	83	(797)	(1,089)
– weakened 5% (2022: 5%)	(49)	(83)	797	1,089



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## 31. Fair value of assets and liabilities

The fair values of applicable assets and liabilities are determined as follows:

- (a) Level 1 – the fair values of assets and liabilities with standard terms and conditions and which trade in active liquid markets that the Group can access at the measurement date are determined with reference to quoted market prices (unadjusted).
- (b) Level 2 – in the absence of quoted market prices, the fair values of the assets and liabilities (excluding derivative instruments) are determined using the other observable, either directly or indirectly, inputs such as quoted prices for similar assets/liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets/liabilities in non-active markets.
- (c) Level 3 – in the absence of quoted market prices included within Level 1 and observable inputs included within Level 2, the fair values of the remaining assets and liabilities are determined in accordance with generally accepted pricing models.

Fair value measurements that use inputs of different hierarchy levels are categorised in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement.

### Recurring Fair Value Measurement

	Level 1 RMB'000	Level 2 RMB'000	Level 3 RMB'000
<b>Group</b>			
<b>2023</b>			
<b>Non-financial assets:</b>			
Investment property - Commercial	–	–	42,060
<b>2022</b>			
<b>Non-financial assets:</b>			
Investment property - Commercial	–	–	38,600

### **Movements in Level 3 assets and liabilities subject to recurring fair value measurements**

The following table presents the reconciliation for all assets and liabilities measured at fair value based on significant unobservable inputs (Level 3):

	Investment property	
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
At 1 January	38,600	38,600
Fair value change recognised in profit or loss	3,460	–
At 31 December	42,060	38,600

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## 31. Fair value of assets and liabilities (Cont'd)

### Valuation policies and procedures

The Group's Finance Director ("FD") oversees the Group's financial reporting valuation process and is responsible for setting and documenting the Group's valuation policies and procedures and reports to the Group's Audit Committee.

It is the Group's policy to engage external valuation experts to perform all significant financial reporting valuations using valuation models and significant unobservable inputs. The FD is responsible for selecting and engaging valuation experts that possess the relevant credentials and knowledge on the subject of valuation, valuation methodologies, and SFRS (I) 13 *Fair Value Measurement* guidance. He also reviews the appropriateness of the valuation methodologies and assumptions adopted and evaluates the appropriateness and reliability of the inputs (including those developed internally by the Group) used in the valuations.

At least on an annual basis, the FD evaluates all significant changes in fair value measurements for reasonableness. Key drivers of the changes are identified and assessed for reasonableness against relevant information from independent sources, or internal sources, if necessary and appropriate.

The analysis and results of the external valuations are then reported to the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis who then performs a high-level independent review of the valuation process and results and recommends if any revisions need to be made before presenting the results to the Board of Directors for approval. During the financial year, there is no change in the valuation technique of the various classes of financial instruments.

## 32. Capital management

The primary objective of the Group's capital management is to ensure that it maintains a strong credit rating and healthy capital ratios in order to support its business and maximise shareholders value.

The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, in light of changes in economic conditions. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the dividend payment to shareholders, return capital to shareholders or issue new shares. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

As disclosed in Note 23(a), PRC subsidiaries are required by the relevant law and regulations of the PRC to contribute to and maintain a non-distributable statutory reserve fund whose utilisation is subject to approval by the relevant PRC authorities. This externally imposed capital requirement has been complied with by the above-mentioned subsidiaries for the financial years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

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## 32. Capital management (Cont'd)

The Group monitors capital using a gearing ratio, which is net debt divided by total capital plus net debt. The Group includes within net debt, trade and other payables, other liabilities and loans and borrowings, less cash and unpledged fixed deposits. Capital includes equity attributable to the owners of the Company less restricted statutory reserve fund.

	Group	
	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Trade and other payables	136,305	138,761
Other liabilities	71,008	81,262
Loans and borrowings	87,300	136,800
Less: Cash and unpledged fixed deposits	(80,283)	(125,579)
Net debt	214,330	231,244
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	573,278	585,840
Less: Reserve fund	(67,130)	(67,130)
Total capital	506,148	518,710
Capital and net debt	720,478	749,954
Gearing ratio	0.30	0.31

## 33. Events after end of reporting period

On 14 March 2024, the Company announced that the Company proposes to undertake a reorganisation of its share capital to, inter alia, reduce the par value of each issued and unissued ordinary share in the capital of the Company from SGD 5.00 to SGD 0.10. Details are set out in the Company's announcement dated 14 March 2024.

# STATISTICS OF SHAREHOLDINGS

As at 28 March 2024

Authorised share capital	:	S\$200,000,000
Issued and fully-paid up capital	:	S\$152,814,000 (equivalent to RMB 772,574,000)
No. of shares issued (excluding Treasury shares)	:	17,205,438
Class of shares	:	Ordinary share of S\$5 each
Voting rights	:	One vote per share

## DISTRIBUTION OF SHAREHOLDINGS

SIZE OF SHAREHOLDINGS	NO. OF SHAREHOLDERS	%	NO. OF SHARES	%
1 - 99	111	9.88	4,823	0.03
100 - 1,000	662	58.95	305,713	1.78
1,001 - 10,000	288	25.65	821,018	4.77
10,001 - 1,000,000	60	5.34	3,015,844	17.53
1,000,001 AND ABOVE	2	0.18	13,058,040	75.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>17,205,438</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## TREASURY SHARES AND SUBSIDIARY HOLDINGS

Number of treasury shares held	:	277,720
Percentage of treasury shares held against total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares)	:	1.61%
Number of subsidiary holdings	:	NIL

## TWENTY LARGEST SHAREHOLDERS

NO.	NAME	NO. OF SHARES	%
1	HONG QINGLIANG	10,068,640	58.52
2	HSBC (SINGAPORE) NOMINEES PTE LTD	2,989,400	17.37
3	UOB KAY HIAN PRIVATE LIMITED	597,120	3.47
4	KHOE HONG OAN	300,000	1.74
5	DBS NOMINEES (PRIVATE) LIMITED	186,840	1.09
6	MAYBANK SECURITIES PTE. LTD.	129,758	0.75
7	RAFFLES NOMINEES (PTE.) LIMITED	123,450	0.72
8	WONG PANG FEI	115,384	0.67
9	SHI NENGYI	99,680	0.58
10	WU SHU MAN	72,600	0.42
11	ATMA SINGH S/O NAND SINGH	70,000	0.41
12	XU PENG FENG	70,000	0.41
13	PHILLIP SECURITIES PTE LTD	67,939	0.39
14	ONG SWEE LOONG	64,000	0.37
15	CAI MINGXIN	62,240	0.36
16	KWEK LAY HAR	55,460	0.32
17	NUN KWONG HOLDINGS PTE LTD	45,760	0.27
18	QIU JIAN SHENG	42,820	0.25
19	SHI FENGRUI	39,720	0.23
20	TAN AH GUAN	39,000	0.23
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,239,811</b>	<b>88.57</b>

# STATISTICS OF SHAREHOLDINGS

28 March 2024

## SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

(As recorded in the Register of Substantial Shareholders as at 28 March 2024)

	Direct Interest	%	Deemed Interest	%
Hong Qing Liang	10,068,640	58.52	–	–
Santa Lucia Asset Management Pte Ltd <sup>(1)</sup>	–	–	2,394,900	13.92
HB8 Holding Pte Ltd <sup>(2)</sup>	–	–	2,394,900	13.92
Florian Jorg Weidinger <sup>(3)</sup>	–	–	2,394,900	13.92

### Notes:

- (1) By virtue of Section 4 of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 Singapore, Santa Lucia Asset Management Pte Ltd is deemed interested in Fuxing China Group Limited's shares held by HSBC (SINGAPORE) NOMINEES PTE LTD (for the accounts of CIM Investment Fund ICAV and Van Biema Select Pan Asia Fund I LP) and its capacity as investment manager of CIM Investment Fund ICAV and Van Biema Select Pan Asia Fund I LP (the "Funds"). Santa Lucia Asset Management Pte Ltd became the investment manager on 31 December 2020 for the CIM Investment Fund ICAV and on 1 January 2021 for Van Biema Select Pan Asia Fund I LP when CIM Investment Management Limited novated the investment management agreements for the Funds.
- (2) HB8 Holding Pte Ltd is deemed interested in Fuxing China Group Limited's shares held by HSBC (SINGAPORE) NOMINEES PTE LTD by virtue of holding a controlling interest in Santa Lucia Asset Management Pte Ltd. by virtue of Section 7(4) of the Companies Act. HB8 Holding Pte Ltd obtained a controlling interest in Santa Lucia Asset Management Pte Ltd on 1 July 2021.
- (3) Florian Jorg Weidinger has a substantial ownership interest in HB8 Holding Pte Ltd which holds a substantial ownership interest in Santa Lucia Asset Management Pte Ltd which is investment manager respectively, of CIM Investment Fund ICAV and Van Biema Select Pan Asia Fund I LP, and as such, has a deemed interest in the Fuxing China Group Limited's shares by virtue of Section 7(4) of the Companies Act.

## PERCENTAGE OF SHAREHOLDINGS IN PUBLIC'S HANDS

Approximately 24.19% of the Company's shares are held in the hands of public. Accordingly, the Company has complied with Rule 723 of the Listing Manual of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting (“**AGM**” or the “**Meeting**”) of the Company will be convened and held at 1 Robinson Road, #21-00 AIA Tower, Singapore 048542 on Monday, 29 April 2024 at 1.00 p.m. for the purposes of transacting the following business:-

## AS ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. To receive and adopt the Directors’ Statement and the Audited Financial Statements of the Company and of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 (“**FY2023**”), together with the Independent Auditor’s Report thereon. **(Resolution 1)**
2. To note the retirement of Mr. Qiu Qing Yuan pursuant to Bye-law 86 of the Company’s Bye-laws. [See Explanatory Note (i)]
3. To re-elect Mr. Hong Peng You, a Director retiring pursuant to Bye-law 86 of the Company’s Bye-Laws. [See Explanatory Note (ii)] **(Resolution 2)**
4. To re-elect Mr. Low See Lien, a Director retiring pursuant to Bye-law 85(6) of the Company’s Bye-laws. [See Explanatory Note (iii)] **(Resolution 3)**
5. To approve the payment of Directors’ fees of S\$111,695 for the financial year ending 31 December 2024 (“**FY2024**”), to be paid half yearly in arrears (FY2023: S\$115,230). **(Resolution 4)**
6. To re-appoint Messrs RT LLP as the Independent Auditors of the Company to hold office until the next AGM and to authorise the Directors of the Company to fix their remuneration. **(Resolution 5)**
7. To transact any other ordinary business which may properly be transacted at an AGM.

## AS SPECIAL BUSINESS

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following as Ordinary Resolutions, with or without modifications:-

### 8. Authority to allot and issue shares in the capital of the Company

“That pursuant to Rule 806 of the Listing Manual (the “**Listing Rules**”) of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the “**SGX-ST**”), authority be and is hereby given to the Directors to:-

- (a) (i) allot and issue shares in the capital of the Company (the “**Shares**”) whether by way of rights, bonus or otherwise; and / or
- (ii) make or grant offers, agreements or options (collectively, the “**Instruments**”) that might or would require Shares to be issued, including but not limited to the creation and issue of (as well as adjustments to) options, warrants, debentures or other instruments convertible into Shares,

at any time and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes and to such persons as the Directors may in their absolute discretion deem fit; and

- (b) (notwithstanding that the authority conferred by this Resolution may have ceased to be in force) issue Shares in pursuance of any Instrument made or granted by the Directors while this Resolution is in force,

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provided that:

- (1) the aggregate number of Shares to be issued pursuant to this Resolution (including Shares to be issued in pursuance of the Instruments made or granted pursuant to this Resolution) shall not exceed fifty per cent. (50%) of the Company's total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings, if any) (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) below), of which the aggregate number of Shares to be issued other than on a *pro-rata* basis to existing shareholders of the Company (the "**Shareholders**") (including Shares to be issued in pursuance of the Instruments made or granted pursuant to this Resolution), shall not exceed twenty per cent. (20%) of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings, if any) (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) below);
- (2) (subject to such manner of calculation as may be prescribed by the SGX-ST) for the purpose of determining the aggregate number of Shares (including Shares to be issued pursuant to the Instruments) that may be issued under sub-paragraph (1) above, the percentage of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings, if any) shall be calculated based on the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings, if any) at the time of the passing of this Resolution, after adjusting for:-
  - (i) new Shares arising from the conversion or exercise of the Instruments or any convertible securities which are outstanding or subsisting at the time this Resolution is passed;
  - (ii) (where applicable) new Shares arising from the exercise of share options or vesting of share awards, provided that such share options or share awards (as the case may be) were granted in compliance with Part VIII of Chapter 8 of the Listing Rules; and
  - (iii) any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of shares;

adjustments in accordance with sub-paragraph (2)(i) or sub-paragraph (2)(ii) above are only to be made in respect of new Shares arising from the Instruments, convertible securities, share options or share awards which were issued and outstanding or subsisting at the time of the passing of this Resolution;

- (3) in exercising the authority conferred by this Resolution, the Company shall comply with the provisions the Listing Rules (including supplemental measures hereto) for the time being in force (unless such compliance has been waived by the SGX-ST), and the Bye-Laws of the Company; and
- (4) (unless revoked or varied by the Company in general meeting) the authority conferred by this Resolution shall continue in force until (i) the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company, or the date by which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held, whichever is the earlier, or (ii) in the case of Shares to be issued in pursuance of the Instruments, made or granted pursuant to this Resolution, until the issuance of such Shares in accordance with the terms of the Instruments."

[See Explanatory Note (iv)]

## BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Chua Kern  
Company Secretary

Singapore,  
12 April 2024

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## Explanatory Notes:

- (i) Following the retirement of Mr. Qiu Qing Yuan, the Board and the relevant Board Committees are currently in the process of reviewing its composition and filling up the memberships of the Board Committees to ensure compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance 2018 (the “Code”), including but not limited to meeting (i) the minimum requirement of Principle 2 (Guideline 2.2) of the Code which provides that independent directors should make up a majority of the Board where the Chairman is not independent; (ii) Principle 4 (Guideline 4.2) and Principle 6 (Guideline 6.2) of the Code which provides that the Nominating Committee and Remuneration Committee should each comprise at least three directors, the majority of whom are independent; (iii) Rule 210(5)(c) of the Listing Rules that independent directors to comprise at least one-third of the Board; and (iv) Rule 704(8) of the Listing Rules to fill the vacancy in the Audit Committee to meet the requirement of a minimum number of not less than three Audit Committee members within two months, but in any case not later than three months.
- (ii) Mr. Hong Peng You (“**Mr. Hong**”) will, upon re-election as a Director of the Company, remain as the Executive Director and Director of Finance and Administration of the Company. Detailed information on Mr. Hong can be found under the sections entitled “Board of Directors”, “Corporate Governance Report” in the Company’s Annual Report 2023.
- (iii) Mr. Low See Lien (“**Mr. Low**”) will, upon re-election as a Director of the Company, remain as the Lead Independent Director, and a member of the Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee, and Nominating Committee. There are no relationships (including family relationship) between Mr. Low and the other Directors, the Company, its related corporations, its officers or its substantial shareholders, which may affect his independence. The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) considers Mr. Low to be independent for the purpose of Rule 704(7) of the Listing Rules. Detailed information on Mr. Lim can be found under the sections entitled “Board of Directors”, “Corporate Governance Report” in the Company’s Annual Report 2023.
- (iv) **Ordinary Resolution 6** proposed in item 8 above, if passed, will empower the Directors from the date of this AGM until the date of the next AGM of the Company, or the date by which the next AGM of the Company is required by law to be held or such authority is varied or revoked by the Company in a general meeting, whichever is earlier, to allot and issue Shares, make or grant Instruments convertible into Shares and to issue Shares pursuant to such Instruments, up to a number not exceeding, in total, fifty per cent. (50%) of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings, if any), of which up to twenty per cent. (20%) of the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings, if any) may be issued other than on a *pro-rata* basis to existing Shareholders.

For the purpose of determining the aggregate number of Shares that may be issued, the percentage of issued Shares will be calculated based on the total number of issued Shares (excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings, if any) at the time this Resolution is passed after adjusting for new Shares arising from the conversion or exercise of the Instruments or any convertible securities, the exercise of share options or the vesting of share awards which are outstanding or subsisting at the time when this Resolution is passed and any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of Shares.

## Notes:

1. A Member (other than CDP) entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint not more than two (2) proxies to attend and vote in his/her stead. A proxy need not be a Member of the Company.
2. If a Depositor (who is not an individual) whose name appears in the Depository Register (as defined in Section 81SF of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore) wishes to attend and vote at the AGM, then he/she/it should complete the Depositor Proxy Form and deposit the duly completed Depositor Proxy Form at the office of the **Company’s Singapore Share Transfer Agent at Boardroom Corporate & Advisory Services Pte. Ltd. at 1 Harbourfront Avenue, Keppel Bay Tower #14-07, Singapore 098632** or sent by email to [oilinfxcg@gmail.com](mailto:oilinfxcg@gmail.com) not less than seventy-two (72) hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM.
3. If the Depositor is a corporation, the instrument appointing a proxy must be executed under its seal or the hand of its duly authorised officer or attorney.
4. The AGM will be held in a wholly physical format at 1 Robinson Road, #21-00 AIA Tower, Singapore 048542 on Monday, 29 April 2024 at 1.00 p.m.. There will be no option to participate virtually.

Shareholders may participate in the AGM by:-

- (i) attending the AGM in person;
- (ii) submitting questions to the Chairman of the AGM in advance of, or at, the AGM; and/or
- (iii) voting at the AGM (i) themselves; or (ii) through duly appointed proxy(ies).

Printed copies of this notice and Proxy Form for the AGM will be despatched to shareholders.



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Details of the steps for registration, submission of questions and voting at the AGM by shareholders are set out below:

## A. Attend in person at the AGM

**Shareholders and (where applicable) duly appointed proxies can attend the AGM in person.** They will first need to register personally at the registration counter(s) outside the AGM venue on the day of the event, and should bring along their NRIC/passport to enable the Company to verify their identity for entry to, and (where applicable) be provided with a handheld device for electronic voting at, the physical meeting.

Registration will commence at 12.30 p.m.. Shareholders are advised not to attend the AGM if they are feeling unwell.

## B. Submit questions in advance of, or at, the AGM

**Shareholders can submit questions in advance of, or at, the AGM.**

**Submitting questions in advance of the AGM.** Shareholders may submit substantial and relevant questions related to the resolutions to be tabled for approval at the AGM to the Chairman of the AGM, in advance of the AGM, in the following manner:

- **Via email.** Shareholders may submit their questions via email to [oilinfxcg@gmail.com](mailto:oilinfxcg@gmail.com).

When submitting questions via email, shareholders should provide the Company with the following details to enable the Company to verify their status as shareholders:-

- (i) the shareholder's full name (as per CDP records);
- (ii) the last four alphanumeric characters of the shareholder's NRIC/FIN/Passport No./UEN;
- (iii) the shareholder's address; and
- (iv) the manner in which the shareholder holds his/her/its shares in the Company (e.g., CDP).

**Deadline for submitting questions in advance of the AGM.** All questions submitted in advance of the AGM via email must be received by the Company by **1.00 p.m. on 22 April 2024**.

**Asking questions at the AGM.** Shareholders and (where applicable) duly appointed proxies may also ask the Chairman of the AGM substantial and relevant questions related to the resolutions to be tabled for approval at the AGM, at the AGM itself.

**Addressing questions.** The Company will address all substantial and relevant questions received from shareholders by the 22 April 2024 submission deadline by publishing its responses to such questions on the SGX website prior to the AGM.

The Company will address any subsequent clarifications sought, or substantial and relevant follow-up questions (which are related to the resolutions to be tabled for approval at the AGM) received after the 22 April 2024 submission deadline which have not already been addressed prior to the AGM, as well as those substantial and relevant questions received at the AGM, at the AGM itself. Where substantially similar questions are received, the Company will consolidate such questions and consequently not all questions may be individually addressed.

**Minutes of AGM.** The Company will publish the minutes of the AGM on the SGX website, and the minutes will include the responses to substantial and relevant questions and clarifications from shareholders (if any) which are addressed during the AGM.

## C. Vote in person, or appoint proxy(ies) to vote, at the AGM

**Shareholders can vote at the AGM themselves or through duly appointed proxy(ies).** Please refer to paragraph A. above regarding registration in person at the AGM venue.

**Shareholders who wish to appoint a proxy(ies) must submit an instrument appointing a proxy(ies).**

**Submission of instruments appointing a proxy(ies).** The instrument appointing a proxy(ies) must be submitted to the Company by post to the **Company's Singapore Share Transfer Agent, Boardroom Corporate & Advisory Services Pte. Ltd. at 1 Harbourfront Avenue, #14-07 Keppel Bay Tower, Singapore 098632** or sent by email to [oilinfxcg@gmail.com](mailto:oilinfxcg@gmail.com) **not less than seventy-two (72) hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM.**

A shareholder who wishes to submit an instrument appointing a proxy(ies) can either use the printed copy of the Proxy Form which is sent to him/her/it by post, and complete and sign the Proxy Form, before submitting it by post to the address provided above, or before scanning and submitting it by email to the email address provided above.

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**Deemed revocation of proxy appointment if shareholder attends the AGM in person.** Completion and submission of the instrument appointing a proxy(ies) by a shareholder will not prevent him/her from attending, speaking and voting at the AGM if he/she so wishes. The appointment of a proxy(ies) for the AGM shall be deemed to be revoked if the shareholder attends the AGM in person, and in such event, the Company reserves the right to refuse to admit any person or persons appointed under the relevant instrument appointing a proxy(ies), to the AGM.

5. Printed copies of the Notice of AGM and the accompanying Proxy Form will be sent by post to members and published on the SGXNet at the URL <https://www.sgx.com/securities/company-announcements>.

The Annual Report for 2023 (“**Annual Report 2023**”) will be published on the SGXNet at the URL <https://www.sgx.com/securities/company-announcements>. Printed copies of the Annual Report 2023 will not be sent to members unless requested for by a member submitting a request by email to [oilinfxcg@gmail.com](mailto:oilinfxcg@gmail.com) by 22 April 2024. The following information must be provided:-

- (i) the member’s full name;
- (ii) the member’s address; and
- (iii) the manner in which the shares are held.

A printed copy of the Annual Report 2023 will then be sent to the address specified by the member.

## **Personal data privacy statement:**

By submitting an instrument appointing a proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to attend, speak and vote at the AGM and/or any adjournment thereof, a member/Depositor of the Company (i) consents to the collection, use and disclosure of the member’s/Depositor’s personal data by the Company (or its agents) for the purpose of the processing and administration by the Company (or its agents) of proxies and representatives appointed for the AGM (including any adjournment thereof) and the preparation and compilation of the attendance lists, minutes and other documents relating to the AGM (including any adjournment thereof), and in order for the Company (or its agents) to comply with any applicable laws, listing rules, regulations and/or guidelines (collectively, the “Purposes”), (ii) warrants that where the member/Depositor discloses the personal data of the member’s/Depositor’s proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to the Company (or its agents), the member/Depositor has obtained the prior consent of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the collection, use and disclosure by the Company (or its agents) of the personal data of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the Purposes, and (iii) agrees that the member/Depositor will indemnify the Company in respect of any penalties, liabilities, claims, demands, losses and damages as a result of the member’s/Depositor’s breach of warranty.

# CORPORATE INFORMATION

## Board of Directors

**Hong Qing Liang**  
(Executive Chairman)

**Hong Peng You**  
(Executive Director)

**Low See Lien**  
(Lead Independent Director)

**Lim Cheng Kee**  
(Independent Director)

**Qiu Qing Yuan**  
(Independent Director)

## Audit Committee

**Lim Cheng Kee** (Chairman)  
**Low See Lien**  
**Qiu Qing Yuan**

## Remuneration Committee

**Lim Cheng Kee** (Chairman)  
**Low See Lien**  
**Qiu Qing Yuan**

## Nominating Committee

**Qiu Qing Yuan** (Chairman)  
**Lim Cheng Kee**  
**Low See Lien**

## Company Secretaries

**Chua Kern**  
(Appointed on 1 September  
2023)

## Registered Office

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## Auditors

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Partner-in-charge  
**Kenneth Ng Boon Chong**  
(since financial year ended 31  
December 2022)

## Bermuda Share Registrar

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(Bermuda) Limited  
Clarendon House,  
2 Church Street  
Hamilton HM11, Bermuda

## Singapore Share Transfer Agent

Boardroom Corporate &  
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## Principal Bankers

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China Construction Bank  
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of China Limited  
Fujian Jinjiang Agricultural Bank  
- Longhu Branch

## Legal Counsel

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