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UNAUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS AND FULL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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A. CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

			Group				
	Notes	Unaudited 2H2023 S\$'000	Unaudited 2H2022 S\$'000	Unaudited FY2023 S\$'000	Audited FY2022 S\$'000	Change +ve/(-ve) S\$'000	Change +ve/(-ve) %
Revenue Cost of sales	4	42,358 (35,929)	55,988 (44,274)	79,286 (66,214)	104,184 (83,230)	(24,898) 17,016	(23.9 (20.4
Gross profit		6,429	11,714	13,072	20,954	(7,882)	(37.6)
Other operating income		899	1,381	2,043	2,397	(354)	(14.8
Distribution and selling expenses Administrative expenses Reversal of/(Provision for impairment loss) on trade and		(2,507) (5,331)	(3,403) (5,915)	(5,719) (11,200)	(6,381) (11,929)	662 729	(10.4) (6.1)
other receivables and contract assets Other operating expenses Share of results of associates		758 (191) 404	45 (386) 206	105 (559) 341	(613) (894) 168	718 335 173	n.m. (37.5) 103.0
		(6,867)	(9,453)	(17,032)	(19,649)	2,617	(13.3)
(Loss)/profit from operations		461	3,642	(1,917)	3,702	(5,619)	n.m.
Finance expenses Interest income		(1,190) 37	(890) 26	(2,193) 62	(1,592) 83	(601) (21)	37.8 (25.3)
(Loss)/profit before tax Tax (expense)/benefit	6 7	(692) (665)	2,778 111	(4,048) (766)	2,193 45	(6,241) (811)	n.m. n.m.
(Loss)/profit for the period		(1,357)	2,889	(4,814)	2,238	(7,052)	n.m.
Other comprehensive income Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss Net fair value loss on equity instrument at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI")		(2,639)	(145)	(2,639)	(145)	(2,494)	n.m.
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss Foreign currency translation		(633)	(1,018)	(1,175)	(1,125)	(50)	n.m.
Total comprehensive income for the period		(4,629)	1,726	(8,628)	968	(9,596)	n.m.
(Loss)/ profit for the period attributable to :- Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		(1,175) (182) (1,357)	2,527 362 2,889	(4,628) (186) (4,814)	2,073 165 2,238	(6,701) (351) (7,052)	n.m. n.m. n.m.
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to :- Owners of the Company Non-controlling interests		(4,440) (189) (4,629)	1,525 201 1,726	(8,365) (263) (8,628)	1,007 (39) 968	(9,372) (224) (9,596)	n.m. n.m. n.m.
(Loss)/earnings per share for (loss)/profit for the period attri Basic and diluted (cents)	ibutable	(1.05)	2.27	(4.15)	1.86		

There were no potential dilutive ordinary shares existing during the respective financial periods.

1H: 6 months ended 30 June 2H: 6 months ended 31 December FY: 12 months ended 31 December

n.m. : not meaningful

B. CONDENSED INTERIM STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

		Gro	up	Com	pany
	Notes	Unaudited 31 Dec 2023 S\$'000	Audited 31 Dec 2022 S\$'000	Unaudited 31 Dec 2023 S\$'000	Audited 31 Dec 2022 S\$'000
Non-current assets					
Fixed assets	10	25,391	26,832	21,608	21,588
Investment property	11	44	49	, _	-
Intangible assets		188	188	-	-
Right-of-use assets		14,476	13,560	12,517	12,749
Right-of-use assets-land use rights		1,622	1,691	· -	-
Investment in subsidiaries		-	-	20,570	20,570
Investment in associates		8,031	8,547	7,281	7,281
Investment securities	9	6,522	9,621	-	-
Deferred tax assets		1,135	1,175	-	-
Total non-current assets		57,409	61,663	61,976	62,188
Current assets					
Inventories		15,521	19,211	7,806	9,371
Investment securities	9	997	2,360	997	2,360
Trade receivables	9	16,783	16,853	1,766	2,300
Contract assets		9,173	10,855	1,700	1,867
Other receivables		965		365	729
		965 410	1,351 256	365 55	55
Deposits					
Prepayments		220	240	50	53
Advance payment to suppliers		3,396	3,361	2,610	2,614
Amounts due from subsidiaries (trade)		-	-	571	2,288
Amounts due from subsidiaries (non-trade)		-	-	6,310	5,688
Amounts due from associates (trade)		419	935	-	265
Amounts due from associates (non-trade)		133	138	-	-
Tax recoverable		22	70	-	-
Fixed deposits		660	222	660	209
Cash and bank balances		5,732	5,947	897	1,410
Total current assets		54,431	61,742	22,191	27,017
Total assets		111,840	123,405	84,167	89,205
Current liabilities		0.000	40.000		0.000
Trade payables		9,380	13,890	1,443	2,926
Contract liabilities		2,503	1,892	941	_ 304
Trust receipts and bills payable (secured)	12	10,863	12,531	7,000	7,755
Other payables		1,007	826	341	295
Accruals and other liabilities		10,442	6,811	2,404	3,611
Dividend payable		27	25	26	25
Amounts due to subsidiaries (trade)		-	-	5,401	4,305
Amounts due to subsidiaries (non-trade)		-	-	1,560	859
Provision for income tax		329	768	-	-
Lease liabilities (current)		975	733	554	428
Term loans (current)	12	8,424	6,731	4,224	3,135
Total current liabilities		43,950	44,207	23,894	23,643
Net current assets/ liabilities		10,481	17,535	(1,703)	3,374
Non-current liabilities					
Deferred tax liabilities		2,029	2,554	-	-
Amounts due to subsidiaries (non-trade)		-	-	-	485
Lease liabilities (non-current)		13,936	13,308	13,716	13,063
Term loans (non-current) Total non-current liabilities	12	12,624 28,589	15,184 31,046	12,361 26,077	14,405 27,953
Total liabilities Net assets		72,539 39,301	75,253	49,971	51,596
		39,301	48,152	34,196	37,609
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		· • • • -			
Share capital	13	19,680	19,680	19,680	19,680
Retained earnings		16,865	21,716	14,194	17,607
Fair value adjustment reserve		4,977	7,455	-	-
Asset revaluation reserve		(336)	-	-	-
Capital reserve		230	230	322	322
Translation reserve		(4,329)	(3,406)	-	-
		37,087	45,675	34,196	37,609
Non-controlling interests		2,214	2,477	-	-
Total equity		39,301	48,152	34,196	37,609

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	FY2023 Unaudited S\$'000	FY2022 Audited S\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities (Loss)/profit before tax Adjustments:	(4,048)	2,193
(Reversal of)/impairment loss on trade receivables and contract assets	(105)	613
Allowance for/(write back of allowance for) obsolete and slow-moving inventories, net	282	(583)
Fixed assets written off	1	6
Loss/(gains) on disposal of fixed assets, net	42	(14)
Gains on disposal of fixed asset held for sale, net	-	(7)
Depreciation of fixed assets	1,676	1,793
Depreciation of investment property	2 966	2 915
Depreciation of right-of-use assets Depreciation of right-of-use assets - land use rights	44	45
Dividend income from investment securities	(370)	(350)
Net fair value loss on held for trading investment securities	196	241
Finance expenses	2,193	1,592
Interest income	(62)	(83)
Share of results of associates	(341)	(168)
Translation difference	(408)	(405)
Operating cash flows before working capital changes (Increase)/decrease in:	68	5,790
Inventories	3,408	735
Trade receivables	(102)	(797)
Other receivables	302 1,902	227 (6,360)
Contract assets Deposits, prepayments and advance payment to suppliers	(168)	(0,300) 892
Amounts due from associates (trade)	516	(120)
Increase/(decrease) in:		~ /
Trade payables	6,353	17,209
Contract liabilities	611	(1,755)
Other creditors	181	(57)
Accruals and other liabilities Amounts due to affiliated company (non-trade)	3,432	(2,470) (158)
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Cash flows generated from operations	16,503	13,136
Interest paid Income taxes paid	(1,643) (835)	(1,004) (391)
Income taxes refunded	37	177
Interest income	62	83
Net cash flows generated from operating activities	14,124	12,001
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets	80	14
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets held for sale	-	897
Proceeds from disposal of investment securities	1,716	1,763
Prepayment of lease	(212) (525)	(486)
Purchase of fixed assets Purchase of investment securities	(523)	(400)
Dividends received	553	465
Net cash flows generated from investing activities	1,062	2,653
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid	(223)	(201)
Repayment of trust receipts and bills payable	(43,555)	(63,362)
Proceeds from trust receipts and bills payable Payment of principal portion of lease liabilities	31,040 (814)	51,355 (855)
Interest paid on lease liabilities	(550)	(588)
Proceeds of term loans, net	16,207	16,016
Repayment from term loans	(17,019)	(17,794)
Bank deposit pledged	200	-
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(14,714)	(15,429)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	472	(775)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(49)	(71)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	5,969	6,815
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	6,392	5,969
Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following :		
Cash and bank balances	5,732	5,947
Less: Bank deposit pledged Fixed deposits	- 660	(200) 222
	6,392	5,969
	5,002	2,500

		Attributable to owners of the Company								
	Equity, total	Equity attributable to owners of the Company, total	Share capital	Retained earnings	Fair value adjustment reserve	Asset revaluation reserve	Capital reserve	Translation reserve	Non- controlling interests	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Group	40.450	45.075	10.000	01 710			000	(0,400)	0.477	
Balance at 1 January 2023 Loss for the year	48,152 (4,814)	45,675 (4,628)	19,680	21,716 (4,628)	7,455	-	230	(3,406)	2,477 (186)	
Other comprehensive income	(4,014)	(4,020)		(4,020)					(100)	
Foreign currency translation	(839)	(762)	-	-	161	-	-	(923)	(77)	
Share of other comprehensive										
income of associate	(336)	(336)	-	-	-	(336)	-	-	-	
Net fair value loss on equity	(0,000)	(0, 000)			(0,000)					
instrument at FVOCI Total comprehensive income	(2,639) (8,628)	(2,639) (8,365)	-	(4,628)	(2,639) (2,478)	(336)	-	(923)	(263)	
Contributions by and	(0,020)	(0,000)	_	(4,020)	(2,470)	(550)	_	(323)	(200)	
distribution to owners										
Dividends on ordinary shares	(223)	(223)	-	(223)	-	-	-	-	-	
Balance at 31 December 2023	39,301	37,087	19,680	16,865	4,977	(336)	230	(4,329)	2,214	
Balance at 1 January 2022	47,385	44,869	19.680	19,844	7,641	-	230	(2,526)	2,516	
Profit for the year	2,238	2,073	-	2,073	-	-		(_,0_0)	165	
Other comprehensive income										
Foreign currency translation	(1,125)	(921)	-	-	(41)	-	-	(880)	(204)	
Net fair value loss on equity										
instrument at FVOCI Total comprehensive income	(145) 968	(145) 1,007	-	2.073	(145) (186)	-	-	- (880)	- (39)	
Contributions by and distribution to owners	900	1,007	-	2,075	(186)	-	-	(880)	(39)	
Dividends on ordinary shares	(201)	(201)	-	(201)	-	-	-	-	-	
Balance at 31 December 2022	48,152	45,675	19,680	21,716	7,455	-	230	(3,406)	2,477	
<u>Company</u> Balance at 1 January 2023 Loss for the year, representing	37,609	37,609	19,680	17,607	-	-	322	-	-	
total comprehensive income for the period	(0.100)	(0,100)		(0.100)						
Contributions by and	(3,190)	(3,190)	-	(3,190)	-	-	-	-	-	
distribution to owners										
Dividends on ordinary shares	(223)	(223)	-	(223)	-	-	-	-	-	
Balance at 31 December 2023	34,196	34,196	19,680	14,194	-	-	322	-	-	
Balance at 1 January 2022 Profit for the year, representing total comprehensive income for	33,412	33,412	19,680	13,410	-	-	322	-	-	
the period	4,398	4,398	-	4,398	-	-	-	-	-	
Contributions by and distribution to owners										
Dividends on ordinary shares	(201)	(201)	-	(201)	-	-	-	-	-	
Balance at 31 December 2022	37,609	37,609	19,680	17,607	-	-	322	-	-	

E. NOTES TO THE CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Corporate Information

Far East Group Limited (the "Company") is incorporated and domiciled in Singapore and whose shares are publicly traded on the Catalist of the Singapore Exchange. These condensed interim consolidated financial statements as at and for the 6 months and the financial year ended 31 December 2023 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group"). The principal activities of the Company consist of manufacturing and trading of refrigeration parts, servicing of cold rooms, construction and installation of commercial and industrial cold rooms and all other incidental business of refrigeration.

The principal activities of the Group are disclosed in Note 4 on segment and revenue information below.

2. Basis of Preparation

The condensed interim financial statements for the six months and the full year ended 31 December 2023 have been prepared in accordance with SFRS(I) 1-34 Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Accounting Standards Council Singapore. The condensed interim financial statements do not include all the information required for a complete set of financial statements. However, selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the Group's financial position and performance of the Group since the last interim financial statements for the 1H2023.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year which were prepared in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards (International) ("SFRS(I)s"), except for the adoption of new and amended standards as set out in Note 2.1.

The condensed interim financial statements are presented in Singapore dollar which is the Company's functional currency.

The financial information contained in this announcement has neither been audited nor reviewed by the auditors.

The latest audited annual financial statements were not subject to an adverse opinion, qualified opinion or disclaimer of opinion.

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2.1. New and amended standards adopted by the Group

The Group has adopted all the new and amended standards which are relevant to the Group and are effective for annual financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. The Group did not have to change its accounting policies or make retrospective adjustments as a result of adopting those standards.

2.2. Use of judgements and estimates

The preparation of the Group's consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the end of the reporting period. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset or liability affected in the future periods.

2.2.1 Judgements made in applying accounting policies

2.2.1a Income taxes

Uncertainties exist with respect to the interpretation of complex tax regulations and the amount and timing of future taxable income. Given the Group's regional business relationships and the nature and complexity of existing contractual agreements, differences arising between the actual results and the assumptions made, or future changes to such assumptions, could necessitate future adjustments to tax provisions already recorded.

The Group establishes provisions, based on reasonable estimates, for possible consequences of audits by the tax authorities of the respective countries in which it operates. The amount of such provisions is based on various factors, such as experience of previous tax audits and differing interpretations of tax regulations by the taxable entity and the relevant tax authority. Such differences of interpretation may arise on a wide variety of issues depending on the conditions prevailing in the respective Group's domicile.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all unused tax losses to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the losses can be utilised. Significant management judgement is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognised, based upon the timing and level of future taxable profits together with future tax planning strategies.

As at 31 December 2023, the carrying amounts of the Group's tax recoverable, provision for income tax, deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities amounted to \$22,000 (31 December 2022: \$70,000), \$329,000 (31 December 2022: \$768,000), \$1,135,000 (31 December 2022: \$1,175,000) and \$2,029,000 (31 December 2022: \$2,554,000) respectively.

2.2.1b Assessment of classification of unquoted investment security

The Group holds 30% equity interest in its unquoted investment security. The Group does not participate in the operating and financing decision process, fails to obtain representation on the board of directors and is unable to obtain timely or adequate financial information required to apply equity method. Based on these facts and circumstances, management concludes that the Group cannot exert a significant influence in its unquoted investment security and classifies this investment as financial instrument carried at fair value through other comprehensive income.

2.2.2 Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period are discussed below. The Group based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the financial statements were prepared. Existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments, however, may change due to market changes or circumstances arising beyond the control of the Group. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.

2.2.2a Impairment of non-financial assets

An impairment exists when the carrying value of an asset or cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. The value in use calculation is based on a discounted cash flow model. The cash flows are derived from the forecast for the next five years. The recoverable amount is most sensitive to the discount rate used for the discounted cash flow model as well as the expected future cash inflows and the growth rate used for extrapolation purposes.

As at 31 December 2023, the carrying amounts of the Company's investments in subsidiaries were \$20,570,000 (2022: \$20,570,000).

2.2.2b Expected credit losses for trade receivables and contract assets

The Group uses a provision matrix to calculate ECLs for trade receivables and contract assets. For trade receivables and contract assets, the provision rates are based on days past due for groupings of various customer segments that have similar loss patterns.

The provision matrix is initially based on the Group's historical observed default rates. The Group will calibrate the matrix to adjust historical credit loss experience with forward-looking information. At every reporting date, historical default rates are updated and changes in the forward-looking estimates are analysed.

The assessment of the correlation between historical observed default rates, forecast economic conditions and ECLs is a significant estimate. The amount of ECLs is sensitive to changes in circumstances and of forecast economic conditions. The Group's historical credit loss experience and forecast of economic conditions may also not be representative of customer's actual default in the future.

As at 31 December 2023, the carrying amounts of the Group's and Company's trade receivables and contract assets, including balances with subsidiaries and associates totaled \$26,375,000 (31 December 2022: \$28,586,000) and \$2,441,000 (31 December 2022: \$4,528,000) respectively.

2.2.2c Fair value measurement of unquoted equity security

The Group has investment in unquoted equity security which is measured at FVOCI. This requires the Group to engage external valuation expert to perform the valuation.

This financial instrument is categorised as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy where certain pricing inputs to value these instruments are unobservable. The valuation involves the application of unobservable inputs such as discount for lack of marketability used by the external valuation expert.

As at 31 December 2023, the carrying amount of the unquoted equity security amounted to \$6,522,000 (31 December 2022: \$9,621,000).

2.2.2d Revenue from engineering contracts

Engineering contracts revenue is recognised over time by reference to the Group's progress towards completing the performance obligation in the contract. The measure of progress is based on the costs incurred to date as a proportion of total costs expected to be incurred up to the completion of the performance obligation within the contract.

Significant assumptions are required to estimate the total contract costs that will affect the stage of completion and revenue recognised. The estimates are based on the past experiences and knowledge of the project director and the quantity surveyor team.

Contract revenue comprises the initial amount of revenue agreed in the contract and variations in contract work to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved.

As at 31 December 2023, the carrying amounts of the Group's contract assets arising from engineering contracts amounted to \$9,173,000 (31 December 2022: \$10,798,000).

3. Seasonal operations

The Group's businesses are not affected significantly by seasonal or cyclical factors during the financial period.

4. Segment and revenue information

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

- Wholesale and Distribution segment represents the sale of the Group's own manufactured products, multinational agency products and other distribution models of the Group;

- Manufacturing segment mainly comprises the manufacturing and sale of the Group's comprehensive range of energy-efficient heat-exchangers, compressor racks and condensing units; and

- Engineering Solutions segment represents the provision of system design and installation of various sustainable engineering solutions and applications for various industries.

4.1. Reportable segments

	Wholesale and	Manufacturing	Engineering Solutions	Elimination	Total
Group	Distribution				
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
FY2023					
Revenue	42,014	19,476	31,718	(13,922)	79,286
Cost of sales	(34,655)	(16,075)	(29,406)	13,922	(66,214)
Gross profit	7,359	3,401	2,312		13,072
FY2022					
Revenue	54,976	23,302	43,499	(17,593)	104,184
Cost of sales	(44,016)	(19,096)	(37,711)	17,593	(83,230)
Gross profit	10,960	4,206	5,788		20,954

4.2. Disaggregation of Revenue

Segment	Wholesale and Distribution		Manufacturing		Engineering Solutions		Elimination		Total	
Jegment	2H2023 \$'000	2H2022 \$'000	2H2023 \$'000	2H2022 \$'000	2H2023 \$'000	2H2022 \$'000	2H2023 \$'000	2H2022 \$'000	2H2023 \$'000	2H2022 \$'000
Primary geographical markets										
Singapore	5,077	7,045	1,066	533	17,233	23,477	(1,547)	(1,113)	21,829	29,942
Malaysia	8,483	10,066	293	524	-	-	(2,399)	(3,349)	6,377	7,241
Indonesia	5,060	4,394	-	-	-	-	(1,970)	(678)	3,090	3,716
Hong Kong/Macau/People's Republic of China	1,288	2,788	9,394	11,581	-	-	(669)	(2,193)	10,013	12,176
Indo-China*	1,179	3,011	-	- 11	57	309	(661)	(1,209)	575	2,100
Others	466	769	8	44	-	-			474	813
	21,553	28,073	10,761	12,671	17,290	23,786		_	42,358	55,988

Revenue contribution from a single region is disclosed separately when it exceeds 5% of the Group's revenue respectively.

Major revenue streams

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	21,553	28,073	10,761	12,671	17,290	23,786			42,358	55,988
Over time	466	794	-	-	15,271	23,112	15	9	15,752	23,915
At a point in time	21,087	27,279	10,761	12,671	2,019	674	(7,261)	(8,551)	26,606	32,073
Timing of transfer of goods or services										
	21,553	28,073	10,761	12,671	17,290	23,786			42,358	55,988
Engineering contracts revenue	466	794	-	-	15,271	23,112	15	9	15,752	23,915
Project installation and maintenance services	15	242	-	-	1,811	572			1,826	814
Sale of goods	21,072	27,037	10,761	12,671	208	102	(7,261)	(8,551)	24,780	31,259

* relates to Vietnam, Myanmar and Cambodia

4.2. Disaggregation of Revenue

4.2. Disaygregation of nevenue										
Segment	Wholesale and Distribution		Manufacturing		Engineering Solutions		Elimination		Total	
	FY2023 \$'000	FY2022 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000	FY2022 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000	FY2022 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000	FY2022 \$'000	FY2023 \$'000	FY2022 \$'000
Primary geographical markets										
Singapore	10,571	14,720	2,292	2,251	31,488	42,916	(3,189)	(3,146)	41,162	56,741
Malaysia	17,474	20,814	894	1,412	-	-	(5,644)	(8,471)	12,724	13,755
Indonesia	7,573	8,506	-	-	-	-	(2,207)	(984)	5,366	7,522
Hong Kong/Macau/People's Republic of China	2,430	4,216	16,264	19,594	-	-	(1,417)	(3,174)	17,277	20,636
Indo-China*	3,184	4,979	-	-	230	583	(1,465)	(1,818)	1,949	3,744
Others	782	1,741	26	45	-	-			808	1,786
	42,014	54,976	19,476	23,302	31,718	43,499	-	=	79,286	104,184
Major revenue streams										
Sale of goods	41,211	52,615	19,476	23,302	433	247	(13,922)	(17,593)	47,198	58,571
Project installation and maintenance services	31	257	-	-	2,614	1,191	,	, , ,	2,645	1,448
Engineering contracts revenue	772	2,104	-	-	28,671	42,061			29,443	44,165
	42,014	54,976	19,476	23,302	31,718	43,499	-	-	79,286	104,184
Timing of transfer of goods or services										
At a point in time	41,242	52,872	19,476	23,302	3,047	1,438	(13,922)	(17,593)	49,843	60,019
Over time	772	2,104	-	-	28,671	42,061		/	29,443	44,165
	42,014	54,976	19,476	23,302	31,718	43,499	-	-	79,286	104,184
* relates to Vietnam, Myanmar and Cambodia	-	•	•		-	-		-	•	

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4.3. A breakdown of sales is as follows:-

	GROU	Р			
(a) Sales reported for the first half year	FY2023 S\$'000 36,928	FY2022 S\$'000 48,196	Change +ve/(-ve) -23%		
(b) Operating loss after tax before deducting non-controlling interest reported for the first half year	(3,457)	(651)	n.m.		
(c) Sales reported for the second half year	42,358	55,988	-24%		
(d) Operating (loss)/profit after tax before deducting non-controlling interests reported for the second half year	(1,357)	2,889	n.m.		

5. Financial assets and financial liabilities

	Gr	oup	Company			
	31 Dec 2023 \$'000	31 Dec 2022 \$'000	31 Dec 2023 \$'000	31 Dec 2022 \$'000		
Financial Assets Financial assets at FVOCI Unquoted equity security	6,522	9,621	-	-		
Financial assets at FVPL Held for trading investment securities	997	2,360	997	2,360		
Financial assets carried at amortised cost Cash and bank balances and trade and other receivables (Amortised cost)	25,102	25,702	10,624	12,511		
	32,621	37,683	11,621	14,871		
Financial Liabilities						
Trade and other payables and borrowings (Amortised cost)	67,678	70,039	49,030	50,807		

6. Profit before taxation

6.1. Significant items

The Group's total comprehensive income for the financial period is derived after charging/(crediting) the following:

	Group				
	Unaudited 2H2023 S\$'000	Unaudited 2H2022 S\$'000	Unaudited FY2023 S\$'000	Audited FY2022 S\$'000	
Interest income	(37)	(26)	(62)	(83)	
Finance expenses	1,190	890	2,193	1,592	
(Reversal of)/impairment loss on trade and other					
receivables and contract assets	(758)	(45)	(105)	613	
Allowance for/(Write back of allowance for) obsolete and slow-moving inventories, net	156	(389)	282	(583)	
Fixed assets written off	1	4	1	6	
Loss/(gain) on disposal of fixed asset held for sale, net	-	4	-	(7)	
Gain/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets, net	(21)	(13)	42	(14)	
Depreciation of fixed assets	828	879	1,676	1,793	
Depreciation of investment property	2	2	2	2	
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	485	474	966	915	
Depreciation of right-of-use assets - land use rights	22	22	44	45	
Dividend income from investment securities	(60)	(350)	(370)	(350)	
Share of results of associates	(404)	(206)	(341)	(168)	
Net fair value (gain)/loss on held for trading investment securities	-	(5)	196	241	
Foreign currency loss, net	202	464	290	629	

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6.2. Related party transactions

Sale and purchase of goods and services

In addition to the related party information disclosed elsewhere in the condensed interim financial statements, the following significant transactions between the Group and related parties took place at terms agreed between the parties during FY2023:

	Group \$'000	Company \$'000
Income		
Sales of goods to subsidiaries	-	11,665
Sales of goods to associates	1,563	-
Sales of goods to affiliated companies	497	-
Management fee income from subsidiaries	-	1,833
Dividend income from a subsidiary	-	799
Royalty fee income from a subsidiary	-	166
Expenses		
Purchases from subsidiaries	-	2,768
Rental paid to an affiliated company	4	-
Loan interest paid to subsidiaries	-	67

7. Taxation

The Group calculates the period income tax expense/(benefit) using the tax rate that would be applicable to the expected total annual earnings. The major components of income tax expense in the condensed interim consolidated statement of profit or loss are as follows:

	Group				
	2H2023	2H2022	FY2023	FY2022	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Current income tax expense	549	480	621	514	
Deferred income tax expense/(benefit) relating to origination and reversal of					
temporary differences	116	(591)	145	(559)	
	665	(111)	766	(45)	

8. Dividends

	Comp	bany
Declared and paid during the financial year:	FY2023 \$'000	FY2022 \$'000
Dividends on ordinary shares: Final exempt 2022 dividend of 0.20 cents per share (2022: Final exempt 2021 dividend of 0.18 cents per share)	223	201

9. Investment securities

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income comprise the following:

	Gr	roup
	31 Dec 2023 \$'000	3 31 Dec 2022 \$'000
Unquoted equity security	6,522	9,621

- Guangzhou Fayi Trading Co., Ltd.

The Group has elected to measure the unquoted equity security at FVOCI due to the Group's intention to hold the equity instruments for long-term appreciation.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss comprise the following:

	Group
	31 Dec 2023 31 Dec 2022 \$'000 \$'000
Held for trading investment securities (quoted) on:	
-Bonds	997 2,360

9.1 Fair value measurement

The Group categorises fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that is dependent on the valuation inputs used as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities that the Group can access at the measurement date; Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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.

The following table presented the assets measured at fair value:

	Group			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
31 December 2023				
Financial assets				
FVOCI investments	-	-	6,522	6,522
At fair value through profit or loss- held for trading investment securities (quoted)	997	-	-	997
31 December 2022				
Financial assets			9.621	0.001
FVOCI investments	2.360	-	-) -	9,621
At fair value through profit or loss- held for trading investment securities (quoted)	2,360	-	-	2,360

10. Fixed assets

In FY2023, the Group acquired assets amounting to \$525,000 (FY2022: \$486,000) and disposed of assets amounting to \$122,000 (FY2022: NIL).

11. Investment property

The Group's investment property is a commecial property held for long term for rental yield and capital appreciation and is not substantially occupied by the Group. It is leased to a third party.

	Gr	oup
	31 Dec 2023 \$'000	31 Dec 2022 \$'000
Cost		
At 1 January and 31 December	115	115
Accumulated depreciation		
At 1 January	66	62
Depreciation charge for the year	2	2
Translation	3	2
At 31 December	71	66
Net book value	44	49
At valuation:		
Freehold property	790	724

11.1 Valuation

The Group engages external, independent and qualified valuer, Knight Frank Malaysia Sdn Bhd, to determine the fair value of the Group's investment property regularly based on the property's highest and best use. The fair value of the Group's investment property is derived using the market approach, under which the valuer considers the sales of similar or substitute properties and related market data, and establishes a value estimate by adjustments made for differences in factors that affect value. In general, a property being valued is compared with sales of similar properties that have been transacted in the open market. Listings and offers may also be considered.

		Group				Comp	bany	
	As at 31 Dec 2023	As at 31 Dec 2022	As at 31 Dec 2023	As at 31 Dec 2022	As at 31 Dec 2023	As at 31 Dec 2022	As at 31 Dec 2023	As at 31 Dec 2022
	Secured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Secured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000	Unsecured S\$'000
Repayable in one year or less, or on demand	18,412	19,475	1,123	1,099	10,316	10,979	1,123	1,099
Repayable after one year	12,351	15,787	1,426	2,546	11,925	14,800	1,426	2,546
Total borrowings	30,763	35,262	2,549	3,645	22,241	25,779	2,549	3,645

Details of any collateral

The above borrowings are secured by (i) legal mortgages over the leasehold land and buildings; (ii) corporate guarantee by the Company; and (iii) leased assets. Total borrowings include trust receipts and bills payable, leases liabilities under hire purchase, term loans and bank overdraft.

13. Share Capital

		Group and Company				
	As at 31 D	As at 31 Dec 2023				
	No. of shares	\$'000	No. of shares	\$'000		
Issued and fully paid ordinary shares						
Beginning and end of interim period	111,462	19,680	111,462	19,680		

The total number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares) was 111,462,000 as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022.

There was no change in the Company's issued and paid up share capital from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

The Company does not hold any treasury shares or convertible instruments as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022.

The Company's subsidiaries do not hold any shares in the Company as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022.

14. Net assets value

	G	roup	Company		
	As at 31 Dec 2023	As at 31 Dec 2022	As at 31 Dec 2023	As at 31 Dec 2022	
Net asset value attributable to owners of the Company (S\$'000)	37,087	45,675	34,196	37,609	
Number of ordinary shares ('000)	111,462	111,462	111,462	111,462	
Net asset value per share (cents)	33.3	41.0	30.7	33.7	

15. Subsequent events

There are no known subsequent events which have led to adjustments to this set of interim financial statements.

F. OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY CATALIST RULE APPENDIX 7C

1. A review of the performance of the group, to the extent necessary for a reasonable understanding of the group's business. The review must discuss any significant factors that affected the turnover, cost, and earning of the group for the current financial period reported on, including (where applicable) seasonal or cyclical factors. It must also discuss any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the group during the current financial period reported on.

Review of Financial Performance

Revenue

Revenue decreased by S\$24.9 million or 23.9%, from S\$104.2 million in FY2022 to S\$79.3 million in FY2023. The Group's performance slowed down due to the drop in revenue from all business segments.

		Group			Change	Change
Revenue by Business Segment	2H2023 S\$'000	Contribution %	2H2022 S\$'000	Contribution %	+ve/(-ve) S\$'000	+ve/(-ve) %
Wholesale and Distribution	15,753	37.2%	21,589	38.6%	(5,836)	(27.0)
Manufacturing	9,402	22.2%	10,653	19.0%	(1,251)	(11.7)
Engineering Solutions	17,203	40.6%	23,746	42.4%	(6,543)	(27.6)
	42,358	100%	55,988	100%	(13,630)	(24.3)

		Group			Change	Change
Revenue by Business Segment	FY2023 S\$'000	Contribution %	FY2022 S\$'000	Contribution %	+ve/(-ve) S\$'000	+ve/(-ve) %
Wholesale and Distribution	31,380	39.6%	42,322	40.6%	(10,942)	(25.9)
Manufacturing	16,290	20.5%	18,412	17.7%	(2,122)	(11.5)
Engineering Solutions	31,616	39.9%	43,450	41.7%	(11,834)	(27.2)
	79,286	100%	104,184	100%	(24,898)	(23.9)

Revenue from Wholesale and Distribution segment decreased by S\$10.9 million in FY2023 as compared with FY2022 mainly due to drop in sales in Singapore, Indonesia and Vietnam markets, amid economy slowdown in the South East Asia region.

Revenue from Manufacturing segment decreased by S\$2.1 million in FY2023 as compared with FY2022 mainly due to the slow recovery of the Group's business in the People's Republic of China.

Revenue from Engineering Solutions segment decreased by S\$11.8 million in FY2023 as compared with FY2022 as significant new projects secured in 2H2023 have yet to contribute substantial revenue in FY2023.

Gross profit and gross profit margin

The Group's gross profit decreased by \$\$7.9 million or 37.6%, from \$\$21.0 million in FY2022 to \$\$13.1 million in FY2023 mainly due to the decrease in revenue. The gross profit margin decreased slightly by 3.6 percentage points, from 20.1% in FY2022 to 16.5% in FY2023. This decrease mainly arose from Engineering Solutions segment due to the increase in material costs and subcontractor charges relative to level of revenue.

Other operating income

Other operating income decreased by S\$0.4 million, from S\$2.4 million in FY2022 to S\$2.0 million in FY2023 mainly due to reduction in management fee from third parties of S\$0.4 million.

Distribution and selling expenses

Distribution and selling expenses decreased by S\$0.7 million or 10.4%, from S\$6.4 million in FY2022 to S\$5.7 million in FY2023. This is in line with the decrease in revenue in FY2023.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses decreased by \$\$0.7 million, from \$\$11.9 million in FY2022 to \$\$11.2 million in FY2023. This was mainly due to decrease in staff costs.

Reversal for impairment loss on trade and other receivables and contract assets

The reversal for impairment loss on trade and other receivables and contract assets of S\$0.1 million was mainly due to a reversal of impairment loss on contract assets of S\$0.3 million, partially offset by a provision for impairment loss on trade and other receivables of S\$0.2 million.

Other operating expenses

Other operating expenses decreased by S\$0.3 million, from S\$0.9 million in FY2022 to S\$0.6 million in FY2023 mainly due to foreign currency exchange differences.

Finance expenses

Finance expenses increased by S\$0.6 million, from S\$1.6 million in FY2022 to S\$2.2 million in FY2023. This was mainly due to the hikes of interest rate in FY2023.

Tax expense

Tax expense of S\$0.8 million comprises (i) current year tax provision of S\$0.6 million; and (ii) deferred tax expenses recognised in FY2023 of S\$0.2 million.

Profitability

The Group incurred a loss of S\$4.0 million mainly due to the significant drop in revenue and lower gross profit margin.

Review of Financial Position

Non-current assets

Non-current assets decreased by S\$4.2 million, from S\$61.6 million as at 31 December 2022 to S\$57.4 million as at 31 December 2023.

The decrease was mainly due to a decrease in (i) the fair value of unquoted equity security of \$\$3.1 million; (ii) fixed assets of \$\$1.4 million; (iii) investment in associates of \$\$0.5 million; and (iv) land use right of \$\$0.1 million. This was partially offset by an increase in right-of-use assets of \$\$0.9 million.

Current assets

Current assets decreased by \$\$7.3 million, from \$\$61.7 million as at 31 December 2022 to \$\$54.4 million as at 31 December 2023.

The decrease was mainly due to a decrease in (i) inventories of S\$3.7 million; (ii) trade receivables and contract assets of S\$1.7 million; (iii) investment securities of S\$1.4 million; (iv) amount due from affiliated companies (trade) of S\$0.5 million; (v) other receivables of S\$0.4 million; and (vi) cash and bank balances of S\$0.2 million . This was partially offset by an increase in (i) fixed deposits of S\$0.4 million; and (ii) deposits of S\$0.2 million.

Current liabilities

Current liabilities decreased by \$\$0.3 million, from \$\$44.2 million as at 31 December 2022 to \$\$43.9 million as at 31 December 2023.

The decrease was mainly due to a decrease in (i) trade payables of S\$4.5 million; (ii) trust receipts and bills payable of S\$1.7 million; and (iii) provision for income tax of S\$0.4 million. This was partially offset by an increase in (i) accruals and other liabilities of S\$3.6 million ; (ii) term loans of S\$1.7 million; (iii) contract liabilities of S\$0.6 million; (iv) other creditors of S\$0.2 million; and (v) lease liabilities of S\$0.2 million.

Non-current liabilities

Non-current liabilities decreased by S\$2.5 million, from S\$31.1 million as at 31 December 2022 to S\$28.6 million as at 31 December 2023.

The decrease was mainly due to a decrease in term loans of S\$2.5 million.

Equity

Total equity decreased by S\$8.9 million, from S\$48.2 million as at 31 December 2022 to S\$39.3 million as at 31 December 2023.

The decrease was mainly due to was mainly due to (i) loss for the year of S\$4.9 million; decrease in (ii) fair value adjustment reserve of S\$2.5 million; (iii) translation reserve of S\$0.9 million; (iv) asset revaluation reserve of S\$0.3 million; and (v) non-controlling interests of S\$0.3 million.

Review of Cash Flow Statement

Net cash flows generated from operating activities amounted to S\$14.1 million in FY2023, mainly due to (i) operating cash inflows before working capital changes of S\$0.1 million; (ii) positive working capital changes of S\$1.4 million; and (iii) interest income of S\$0.1 million. This was partially offset by (i) interest paid of S\$1.7 million; and (ii) income taxes paid of S\$0.8 million.

Net cash generated from investing activities amounting to \$\$0.9 million in FY2023 was mainly due to (i) proceeds from disposal of investment securities of \$\$1.7 million; (ii) dividend received of \$\$0.4 million; and (iii) proceeds from disposal of fixed assets of \$\$0.1 million. This was partially offset by (i) purchase of investment securities of \$\$0.6 million; (ii) purchase of fixed assets of \$\$0.5 million; and (iii) prepayment of lease of \$\$0.2 million.

Net cash used in financing activities amounted to S\$14.7 million in FY2023. This was mainly due to (i) net repayment of trust receipts and bills payable of S\$12.5 million; (ii) net repayment of lease liabilities and interest of S\$1.4 million; (iii) net repayment of term loans of S\$0.8 million; and (iv) dividend paid of S\$0.2 million. This was partially offset by receipt of bank deposit pledged of S\$0.2 million.

2. Where a forecast, or a prospect statement, has been previously disclosed to shareholders, any variance between it and the actual results.

The Group's results for FY2023 are generally in line with the Company's profit guidance announcement dated 27 February 2024.

3. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the competitive conditions of the industry in which the group operates and any known factors or

The Group continues to face volatility with the on-going US-China tensions affecting market sentiments. The stubborn inflation due to the strong economy in the United States has kept interest rates high in Singapore, thus resulting in persistently high operating costs. The Israel-Hamas war, and the Red Sea issue with commercial vessels being targeted, affected the supply chain resulting in delayed shipments, thereby affecting the timely receipt of goods. If this persists, the Group expects freight costs to increase on affected routes.

The various segments will continue to be cautious in navigating the uncertain and volatile environments in the regions that the Group operates. The Distribution and Wholesale segment remains challenging and very competitive with customers being very price-sensitive. The Engineering and Solutions segment continues to face the impact of the inflation and will take action to mitigate such impact by working with suppliers and subcontractors with an increased order book. The Group expects the Manufacturing segment to ride the moderate growth of the China economy while striving to grow export sales.

The Group expects the markets to remain very challenging. The Management continues to focus on cost controls and remain competitive.

4. Dividend

(a) Current Financial Period Reported on 31 December 2023 Any dividend declared for the current financial period that is reporting? No.

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

Any dividend declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year?

Name of dividend	Final
Dividend type	Cash
Dividend amount per share (in cents)	0.20 cents per ordinary share
Tax rate	Tax exempt (one-tier)

(c) Date Payable

To be announced, subject to shareholders' approval at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be convened.

(d) Record Date

To be announced, subject to shareholders' approval at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be convened.

5. If no dividend has been declared/recommended, a statement to the effect and reason(s) for the decision.

No final dividend is proposed for FY2023 as the Board is of the view that it would be more prudent to conserve the cash resources in times of economic slowdown, aggravated by high inflationary and interest pressures.

6. Interested Person Transaction ("IPT")

The Group does not have a general mandate from shareholders for interested person transactions pursuant to Rule 920(1)(a)(ii) of the Catalist Rules. There are no interested person transactions of S\$100,000 or more during the financial period under review.

7. Issuer to confirm that it has procured undertaking from all its directors and executive officers in the format set out in Appendix 7H under Rule 720(1)

The Board of Directors confirms that the Company has procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officers in the format set out in Appendix 7H under Rule 720(1) of the Catalist Rules.

8. Disclosures on acquisition or sale of shares pursuant to Rule 706A of the Catalist Rules

On 13 July 2023, the Group incorporated FEG Logistics Pte Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary in Singapore for a paid-up capital comprising 2 shares at S\$1 per share. The subsidiary is engaged in the provision of general and refrigerated warehousing and storage. The Group also struck off FE & B Engineering (M) Sdn. Bhd., a wholly-owned subsidiary in Malaysia, effective 7 July 2023. The company was dormant since 2015. It was previously engaged in trading of electrical, refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment and parts. Other than the aforementioned, there were no acquisition or realisation of shares thereby resulting (i) in a change in the subsidiary or associated company of the Group or (ii) an entity becoming or ceasing to be (as the case may be) a subsidiary or associated company of the Group of the Group during 2H2023.

9. Disclosure of person occupying a managerial position in the issuer or any of its principal subsidiaries who is a relative of a director or chief executive

Pursuant to Rule 704(10) of the Catalist Rules, the Company confirms that during FY2023 and up to the date hereof, there has not been any person occupying a managerial position in the Company or any of its principal subsidiaries who is a relative of a director or chief executive officer or substantial shareholder of the Company.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD Far East Group Limited

Loh Mun Yew CEO and Executive Director Leng Chee Keong COO and Executive Director

29 February 2024