

## **CHTC FONG'S INDUSTRIES COMPANY LIMITED**

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) (Stock Code: 641)

Annual Report 2014

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## CORPORATE INFORMATION

#### **CHAIRMAN EMERITUS**

Mr. Fong Sou Lam

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr. Shi Tinghong (Chairman)

Mr. Ye Maoxin# (Vice-chairman)

Mr. Ji Xin (Chief Executive Officer)

Mr. Wan Wai Yung

Mr. Fong Kwok Leung, Kevin

Mr. Zhou Yucheng##

Mr. Ying Wei##

Dr. Yuen Ming Fai##

Mr. Li Jianxin##

# Non-executive Director

## Independent Non-executive Director

#### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

Mr. Lee Che Keung

#### **AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Shi Tinghong

Mr. Lee Che Keung

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Ying Wei (Committee Chairman)

Mr. Zhou Yucheng

Dr. Yuen Ming Fai

Mr. Li Jianxin

#### REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Zhou Yucheng (Committee Chairman)

Mr. Shi Tinghong

Mr. Ji Xin

Mr. Ying Wei

Dr. Yuen Ming Fai

Mr. Li Jianxin

#### NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Shi Tinghong (Committee Chairman)

Mr. Ji Xin

Mr. Zhou Yucheng

Mr. Ying Wei

Dr. Yuen Ming Fai

Mr. Li Jianxin

#### **SOLICITORS**

Reed Smith Richards Butler

#### **AUDITOR**

Baker Tilly Hong Kong Limited

#### PRINCIPAL BANKERS IN HONG KONG

Hang Seng Bank Limited

DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited

Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited

CTBC Bank Co., Ltd.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation

Limited

Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited

## PRINCIPAL BANKERS IN THE PRC

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Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited

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## **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**



On behalf of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of CHTC Fong's Industries Company Limited (the "Company" or "CHTC Fong's"), I am pleased to present the audited annual consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2014.

In 2014, the Group recorded a revenue of approximately HK\$3,415,000,000, representing a decrease of 9% as compared with the same period in the previous year. This was primarily attributable to fewer orders placed by customers of the Group's dyeing and finishing machine business due to the slowing Chinese economy and global economic uncertainties. In response to the complex and ever-changing domestic and overseas market situations, the Group has promptly adjusted its operating strategies and carefully organised its production and operations, and adopted measures to intensify the cost control, which led to profit growth across all business segments. For the year ended 31 December 2014, the Group generated profit attributable to shareholders of approximately HK\$118,000,000, with the earnings per share amounting to 21.38 HK cents, up by 47% as compared with the same period of last year. Overall, the Group has sustained stable operating results and solid financial performance. These achievements were a result of the Group's persistence in adhering to its development strategies, its ability to accurately evaluate market trends and conditions, its responsiveness in capturing every opportunity and its perseverance in carrying out the "integrity-based, technologydriven and customer-oriented" business philosophy. The hard-working, pioneering and innovative spirits of the management team and all staff have no doubt contributed towards our achievements, which allowed the Group to prevail over adverse conditions. In addition, the Group has also further streamlined its internal management system and optimised its asset structure during the year, laying a solid foundation for the sustainable development of the Group. On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the entire workforce for their unremitting efforts.

## **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

On 28 March 2014, Fong's National Engineering (Shenzhen) Company, Limited ("FNES"), a whollyowned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a conditional co-operation agreement (the "Cooperation Agreement") with an independent third party in respect of the redevelopment of FNES's existing land (the "Land") in Buji, Shenzhen by way of urban renewal. Details of the Co-operation Agreement were disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 1 April 2014 and the Company's circular dated 25 April 2014. Pursuant to the Co-operation Agreement, FNES will receive, through resettlement and demolition compensation, RMB1 billion in cash by five installments; and the facilities to be constructed on the redeveloped Land with a gross floor area of approximately 30,000 m<sup>2</sup> (and, in addition, at least 100 car-parks), which are expected to be used as the Group's sales office, product design and research and development facilities. The Co-operation Agreement constitutes a very substantial disposal for the Company and has been approved by the shareholders of the Company at the special general meeting held on 15 May 2014 and by the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council of the PRC. FNES also received the first installment of cash compensation amounting to RMB100 million in December 2014 as scheduled. The cash compensation from the urban renewal project will partially fund the Group's plan to relocate all of its manufacturing facilities from Shenzhen to Zhongshan. The urban renewal project signifies the Group's contribution to urban renewal in Shenzhen and is expected to enhance the Group's technical standard, improve its industrial layout and logistics, and further consolidate and increase the competitiveness of the Group. The Co-operation Agreement will facilitate the Group to modernise its Shenzhen operations especially in terms of its product design, sales and research and development through the retention of the new property on the Land upon completion of the urban renewal project.

On 31 August 2014, the Group entered into a conditional agreement with Hengtian Real Estate Company Limited (恒天地產有限公司), a company owned as to 47.35% by China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司), the controlling shareholder of the Company, to sell its entire 30% equity holding in Foshan East Asia Co., Ltd. (佛山東亞股份有限公司) ("Foshan East Asia") at a consideration of RMB150 million (the "Disposal"). Details of the Disposal were disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 31 August 2014 and the Company's circular dated 31 October 2014. The Disposal constitutes a discloseable and connected transaction for the Company and has been approved by the independent shareholders of the Company at the special general meeting held on 18 November 2014 and by the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council of the PRC. Upon completion of the equity transfer, Foshan East Asia will cease to be an associate of the Company.

## **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

The Company believes that good corporate governance is one of the key factors that drives the Company's success and balances the benefits among its shareholders, customers and employees, and will therefore continue to raise and improve its corporate governance standard. In 2014, the Company has actively explored and further enhanced its corporate governance. In accordance with relevant laws and regulations such as the Companies Act, the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and the Bye-laws, the Company has compiled a Manual of Corporate Governance Practices and is in the process of formulating the Rules of the Board of Directors based on the practical situation. These aim to ensure the due performance of all parties, a balance between authorities and duties, orderly operations and better management, as well as ensuring the avoidance of unnecessary operational risks.

Looking into 2015, CHTC Fong's will still be facing precious opportunities as well as huge challenges and difficulties. The Company will put great efforts on the following action items: (1) exploring new income sources and retrenching expenses, further promoting lean production with an aim to maintain sound momentum in production and operation; (2) capitalising on the favourable opportunities brought by industrial transformations required to meet the demand for energy-saving and environmental protection in the textile industry, by continuously enhancing the development of new products, accelerating the research and development of energy-saving and green dyeing and finishing machinery, expanding product lines, building integrated one-stop supply chains of its products and optimising marketing strategies so as to increase its market share; (3) improving its internal control system, closely monitoring risks and optimising corporate structures to improve corporate governance; (4) actively exploring and optimising its remuneration policy and performance-based bonus system to establish a long-term mechanism to stimulate the initiative and creativity of the operation and management team, which will help the Group to retain its core talents under operations and management, improve management efficiency and achieve sustainable and robust growth in the long run; and (5) considering investment and acquisition opportunities in order to optimise its business structure and profit model. The Group believes it will yield a higher return to the shareholders which is benefited from the gradual implementation of its development strategies.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, I would like to express my gratitude to our business partners, customers, suppliers and bankers for their continuing trust and support. In 2015, the Board, the management team and all the staff will strive forward with concerted efforts to capture various opportunities, tackle difficulties and challenges, act in unity and be endeavored to achieve more splendid results in all business segments in order to reward our shareholders, employees, customers and the society with the long-term and sustainable growth of CHTC Fong's.

#### **Shi Tinghong**

Chairman

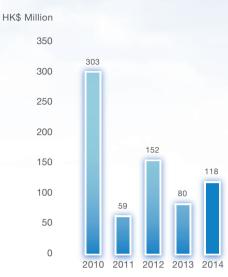
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## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

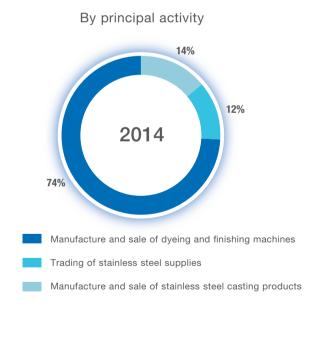


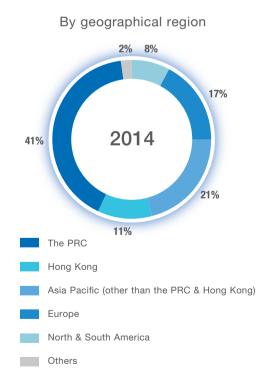
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## **ANALYSIS OF REVENUE FOR THE YEAR**



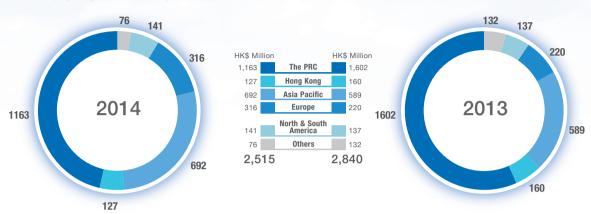


## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

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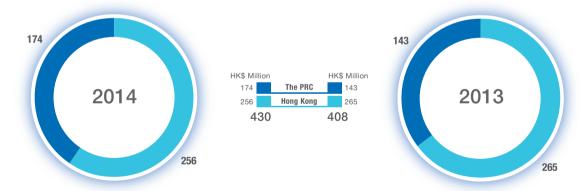
## Manufacture and Sale of Dyeing and Finishing Machines

By geographical region



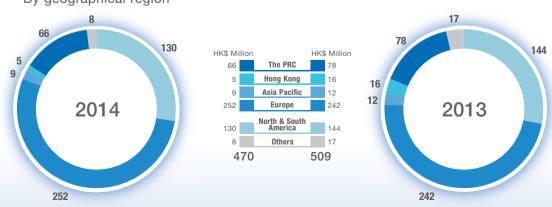
#### **Trading of Stainless Steel Supplies**

By geographical region



## Manufacture and Sale of Stainless Steel Casting Products

By geographical region



#### Chairman Emeritus

**Mr. Fong Sou Lam**, aged 80, is the founder of the Group and the Chairman Emeritus of the Company. Mr. Fong established the dyeing and finishing machine manufacturing business in 1963 and has over 50 years of business experience in the industry.

#### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **Chairman and Executive Director**

Mr. Shi Tinghong, aged 52, joined the Company as Executive Director on 28 January 2014 and has been appointed the Chairman of the Board with effect from 28 February 2014. He is also a member and the chairman of the Nomination Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company. Mr. Shi is responsible for formulating the overall directions, corporate strategies and policies of the Group. Mr. Shi graduated from Shenyang Gold Professional School (瀋陽黄金專科學校) specialising in mechanical engineering in 1982 and was awarded a Master of Business Administration degree from Tsinghua University (清華大學) in 2008. Mr. Shi holds the titles of Engineer, Senior Economist and Senior Information Manager. From 1997 onwards, Mr. Shi had assumed various offices including chairman of Handan Hongda Chemical Fibre Machinery Company Limited (邯鄲宏大化纖 機械有限公司), director and general manager of Honda Chemical Fibre Technological Equipment Company Limited (宏大化纖技術裝備有限公司), the assistant to general manager and a director of Strategy Management Department of China Textile Machinery (Group) Company Limited (中國紡織 機械(集團)有限公司), and a director of Strategy Management Department of China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司), the controlling shareholder of the Company. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Shi had acted as the secretary to the board of directors of China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司) for many years and was responsible for the establishment of corporate governance system of the group companies and its operation, assisting the chairman to manage the audit and risk management functions and assisting the president in the strategy management and investment management. From June 2005, Mr. Shi has been an executive director of Jingwei Textile Machinery Company Limited (經緯紡織機械股份有限公司), a company listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (H-share stock code: 00350) and on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (A-share stock code: 000666). Mr. Shi has extensive experience in corporate governance, business strategy management, investment management, risk management, operation management as well as in-depth knowledge in the textile machinery industry and the technical research and development.

#### Vice-Chairman and Non-executive Director

Mr. Ye Maoxin, aged 52, has been appointed as a Non-executive Director and the Vice-Chairman of the Company with effect from 9 June 2011. Mr. Ye holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree in machinery manufacturing from Xian Jiaotong University (西安交通大學) and an Executive Master of Business Administration degree from Guanghua School of Management, Beijing University (北京大學光華管理學院). He has over 30 years of experience in business management in the textile machinery industry and is one of the influential figures in the industry. Mr. Ye is currently the deputy general manager of China Textile Machinery (Group) Company Limited (中國紡織機械(集團)有限公司), the president of China Hi-Tech Holding Company Limited and the vice-president of China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司). Mr. Ye is also the Chairman of Jingwei Textile Machinery Company Limited (經緯紡織機械股份有限公司), a company listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (H-share stock code: 00350) and on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (A-share stock code: 000666). Mr. Ye is in possession of solid experience in the business of the textile machinery industry and can provide valuable advice and contribution to the development of the Company.

#### **Other Executive Directors**

Mr. Ji Xin, aged 45, has been appointed as an Executive Director of the Company with effect from 15 March 2012, and has acted as the Chief Executive Officer with effect from 1 January 2013. Mr. Ji is also a member of the Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company. Mr. Ji received his Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Designs from Tianjin Polytechnic University (天津工業大學) in 1991 and an Executive Master of Business Administration degree from the School of Economics and Management of Tsinghua University (清華大學) in 2008. He is a senior engineer and has been appointed as a visiting professor by Tianjin Polytechnic University (天津工業大學) since 2008. Mr. Ji had held the positions as the chairman of Qingdao Textile Machinery Co., Ltd. (青島紡織 機械股份有限公司) and as the chairman of Qingdao Hongda Textile Machinery Co., Ltd. (青島宏大紡 織機械有限責任公司), being corporations affiliated with China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天 集團有限公司). In addition, Mr. Ji is currently a director of China Textile Industry Association (中國紡 織工業聯合會), the vice-president of China Textile Machinery Association (中國紡織機械器材工業協 會), the vice-president of China Nonwovens & Industrial Textiles Association (中國產業用紡織品行 業協會) and the vice-president of China Dyeing and Printing Association (中國印染行業協會). Mr. Ji was accredited as Qingdao City Excellent Entrepreneur (青島市優秀企業家), Qingdao City Labour Model (青島市勞動模範), Labour Model in China Textile Industry (全國紡織工業勞動模範) and Top Ten Innovative Figure in China Textile Industry in 2007(二零零七年中國紡織行業十大創新人物). Mr. Ji has rich experience in areas ranging from operation management, sales and marketing, capital operations and strategic planning.

**Mr. Wan Wai Yung**, aged 63, is mainly responsible for the overall management of Monforts Fong's Textile Machinery Co. Limited and the companies of the German Monforts Group, which are engaged in the manufacture and sale of textile finishing machines. Mr. Wan first joined the Group in 1978 and has over 30 years of experience with excellent customer relationships in the textile and dyeing industry.

Mr. Fong Kwok Leung, Kevin, aged 53, joined the Group in 1986. Mr. Kevin Fong has been involved in the business of stainless steel trading since 1988 and is currently responsible for overseeing the stainless steel trading and stainless steel casting businesses of the Group. Mr. Kevin Fong holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the Simon Fraser University, Canada. Mr. Kevin Fong is the eldest son of Mr. Fong Sou Lam.

#### **Independent Non-executive Directors**

Mr. Zhou Yucheng, aged 69, has been appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company since 9 June 2011. Mr. Zhou is also the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and a member of the Audit Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company, Mr. Zhou graduated from Hefei University of Technology (合肥工業大學) majoring in mechanical engineering. Mr. Zhou was the deputy director of the General Office of Textile Industry, Anhui Province, the PRC (中國安徽省紡 織工業廳), the director of the Department of Policies and Regulations of Ministry of Textile Industry (國家紡織工業部政策法規司), the chief executive officer and president of China Huayuan Group Limited (中國華源集團有限公司) and the president of Shanghai Pharmaceutical (Group) Co., Ltd. (上海醫藥(集團)有限公司). Mr. Zhou had been the vice-president of the China Group Companies Promotion Association (中國集團公司促進會), the Federation of Industrial Economy, Shanghai, the PRC(中國上海市工業經濟聯合會), Trade Promotion Committee, Shanghai, the PRC(中國上海市貿 促會) and the Chamber of International Commerce, Shanghai, the PRC(中國上海市國際商會), the president of Pharmaceutical Chamber of All-China Federation of Industry & Commerce (中華全國 工商業聯合會醫藥業商會) and the representative of the 11th and 12th Shanghai People's Congress (中國上海市第十一屆及第十二屆人民代表大會). Mr. Zhou has extensive experience in business management, capital operations and broad industry management in conglomerates.

Mr. Ying Wei, aged 48, has been appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company since 1 September 2011. Mr. Ying is also the Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company. Mr. Ying holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of San Francisco and a Bachelor's degree of Economics from Zhejiang Gongshang University (浙江工商大學) (formerly known as Hangzhou Institute of Commerce (杭州商學院)) and is a non-practising member of the China Institute of Certified Public Accountants (中國註冊會計師協會). Mr. Ying had worked for Chinese Resources Textiles (Holdings) Company Limited (華潤紡織 (集團)有限公司) as executive director and vice-president during the period from 1989 to 2007. Mr. Ying had also worked for China Water Affairs Group Limited (stock code: 855) as vice-president during the period from 2007 to 2009, and had worked for China Botanic Development Holdings Limited (now re-named as China City Infrastructure Group Limited) (stock code: 2349) as an executive director and president during the period from 21 July 2008 to 30 July 2009. Mr. Ying had also acted as an independent non-executive director of China Public Procurement Limited (stock code: 1094) during the period from 28 December 2012 to 24 March 2014. Currently, Mr. Ying is an independent non-executive director of Fountain Set (Holdings) Limited (stock code: 420) and the chairman and non-executive director of New Focus Auto Tech Holdings Limited (stock code: 360). The shares of the above companies are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Mr. Ying is also the operating partner of CDH Investments.

**Dr. Yuen Ming Fai**, aged 64, has been appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company since 1 September 2004. He is also a member of the Audit Committee, Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee of the Company. Dr. Yuen is currently the Professor of the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Dr. Yuen holds a doctorate degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Bristol, the United Kingdom and is a fellow member of both the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (UK) and the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers. Dr. Yuen is also an independent non-executive director of UDL Holdings Limited (a company listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Stock Code: 620).

Mr. Li Jianxin, aged 61, has been appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company since 1 July 2014. Mr. Li is also a member of the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company. Mr. Li graduated from Inner Mongolia Engineering College (內蒙古工學院) (currently known as Inner Mongolia University of Technology (內蒙古工業大學)) specialising in chemical machinery and obtained a Bachelor of Engineering. Mr. Li completed his study of the postgraduate course on Chinese Culture and Modernisation (中國文化與現代化) at Tsinghua University (清華大學) in 2003. Over the period between 1985 until his retirement in 2013, Mr. Li had been working for a large Chinese state-owned commercial bank and held positions as the assistant general manager of Credit and Investment Approval Department, a commission member of Investment Commission and a member of the Credit Policy Committee at the Main Office focusing on approval of corporate finance. Mr. Li holds the title of Senior Economist having many years of experience in financial affairs and in-depth knowledge of the business operations of a wide range of industries and has accumulated extensive experience in financial analysis, project finance, investment management and risk control.

## SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Zhao Chuancong, aged 41, joined the Group on 19 May 2011. Mr. Zhao is a vice-president of the Company and his major responsibilities in the Group are to manage the investment and strategic development division of the Group, as well as the water treatment business. Mr. Zhao holds a Bachelor's degree of economics in international enterprises management from China Anhui University (中國安徽大學) and a Master of Engineering in software engineering from Beihang University (北京航空航天大學). He also completed the part-time master degree studies in respect of the course in investment project management at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (中國社會科學院), the CFO training course at the School of Economics of Peking University (北京大學) and a part-time doctorate degree course in finance at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (中國社會科學院).

Mr. Du Qianyi, aged 49, is the Chief Financial Officer of the Group. Mr. Du had attended on the-job postgraduate courses for engineering management at Hunan University (湖南大學) and on-the-job postgraduate courses for economic management at Jilin University (吉林大學). Mr. Du had worked for corporations affiliated with China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司) since 1986 and had held positions as finance director, chief accountant and financial controller of Shaoyang Textile Machinery Co., Ltd. (邵陽紡織機械有限責任公司) during period from 1997 to 2003. He had also held the positions as deputy finance director and finance director of China Textile Machinery (Group) Co., Ltd. (中國紡織機械(集團)有限公司) and as the finance director of China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司). Mr. Du had achieved excellent scores in the First National Financial and Accounting Knowledge Competition (全國首屆財會知識大賽) and the First National Taxation Knowledge Competition (全國首屆稅法知識大賽). Mr. Du has been working in the textile machinery industry for a prolonged period, knowing the traits in the markets and operations of the textile machinery industry, having extensive experience in corporate management as well as solid theoretical foundation and rich practical experience in the areas of capital operations, operation management and financial management. Mr. Du joined the Group on 15 March 2012.

**Dr. Tsui Tak Ming, William**, aged 56, is a vice-president of the Company and is in charge of the research and development team of the Group. Dr. Tsui is a chartered engineer and chartered I.T. professional, he holds a bachelor of science degree and a doctorate of philosophy degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Manchester, the United Kingdom and is a fellow member of both the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (UK) and the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers. Dr. Tsui is also a corporate member of the British Royal Aeronautical Society, the Hong Kong Computer Society and the British Computer Society. Dr. Tsui is an expert in Physics, Computing, Automation Control and Management issues. Dr. Tsui joined the Group in 1989 and has over 30 years of experience in research and development on mechanical engineering and information technology. Dr. Tsui is the inventor of over 50 inventions of the Group with patent granted. He has been a member of the advisory committee in various universities including the University of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Mr. Yang Xiaojian, aged 57, is a director of Fong's Group Management Limited (a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) and is responsible for the Group's human resources, administration and external affairs. Mr. Yang graduated from Santa Monica College in the USA with an Associate Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He studied business administration courses in California State University in the USA and holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from Suffield University in the USA. Mr. Yang joined the Group in January 2011.

Mr. Leung Sheung Wai, Walter, aged 48, is a sales director of Fong's National Engineering Company, Limited (a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) and is responsible for overseeing the sales and marketing activities of the dyeing and finishing machine business of the Group in the overseas market. Mr. Leung graduated from the Hong Kong Polytechnic (which was subsequently renamed the Hong Kong Polytechnic University) with a Higher Diploma in Textile Chemistry. He is also a Chartered Member of the Textile Institute and a Fellow of the Society of Dyers and Colourists. Mr. Leung joined the Group in 1997.

Mr. Wong Tak Man, Francis, aged 50, is a sales director of Fong's National Engineering Company, Limited (a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) and is responsible for overseeing the sales and marketing activities of the dyeing and finishing machine business of the Group in the knitting market in China. Mr. Wong is also the general manager of Fong's Water Technology Company Limited (a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) responsible for overseeing the operations of the water treatment business. Mr. Wong graduated from the Hong Kong Polytechnic (which was subsequently renamed the Hong Kong Polytechnic University) with a Higher Diploma in Marine Engineering. Mr. Wong joined the Group in 1987.

Mr. Wong Ching Chuen, Patrick, aged 53, is a sales director of Fong's National Engineering Company, Limited (a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) and is responsible for overseeing the sales and marketing activities of the dyeing and finishing machine business of the Group in the woven market in China. Mr. Wong has been educated in the Hong Kong Polytechnic (which was subsequently renamed the Hong Kong Polytechnic University) for Mechanical Engineering and Griffith University in Australia for law respectively. Mr. Wong has extensive experience in China trade for industrial equipment supplies and engineering work. Mr. Wong joined the Group in July 2000.

**Mr. Thomas Archner**, aged 57, is a Joint Managing Director of Fong's Europe GmbH (a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company). Mr. Archner graduated from the University of Hamburg with a Diploma in Economics. He has more than 25 years' senior and executive management experience in industrial companies, including in the textile machinery business. Mr. Archner joined the Group in January 2008.

**Mr. Heinz Scheungraber**, aged 58, is the Chief Financial Officer of Fong's Europe GmbH (a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company). Mr. Scheungraber graduated from the Academy of Business and Administration in Stuttgart, Germany with a Diploma in Business Administration and has over 25 years' experience in finance and controlling management of manufacturing and machinery building companies. Mr. Scheungraber joined the Group in April 2006.

Mr. Roland Hampel, aged 60, is the Joint Managing Director of A. Monforts Textilmaschinen GmbH & Co. KG in Mönchengladbach, Germany. Mr. Hampel graduated from Aachen Technical High School with a Diploma in Engineering. He is an engineer with more than 30 years' experience as an executive manager in the design of textile machines especially driers and thermo treatment machines. Mr. Hampel joined the German Monforts Group in 1999 and has been heading all administrative, technical and financial issues including the manufacturing company "Montex Maschinenfabrik Ges.m.b.H" in Austria since 2007. Mr. Hampel is a board member of Monforts Fong's and a member of the technical advisory committee of the German machine builder's guild VDMA (German Engineering Federation).

Mr. Lee Che Keung, aged 53, is the company secretary of the Company. Mr. Lee graduated from the Hong Kong Polytechnic (which was subsequently renamed the Hong Kong Polytechnic University) with a Professional Diploma in Company Secretaryship and Administration and is an associate member of the Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries. Mr. Lee is responsible for the investor relations of the Company and the overall corporate secretarial matters of the Group. Mr. Lee joined the Group in February 1990.

## **OPERATING RESULTS**

Last year, most developed economies stabilised and recovered gradually. However, there was a slowdown in emerging economies including China, the overall business environment did not see much improvement. The overall operating environment for the manufacturing industry in China remained challenging. Fortunately, in the face of the complex and uncertain market environment, the staff of the Group remained optimistic, kept improving and showed great responsibility in their own duties, which helped the Group to maintain relatively stable performance across all business segments with a profit growth.

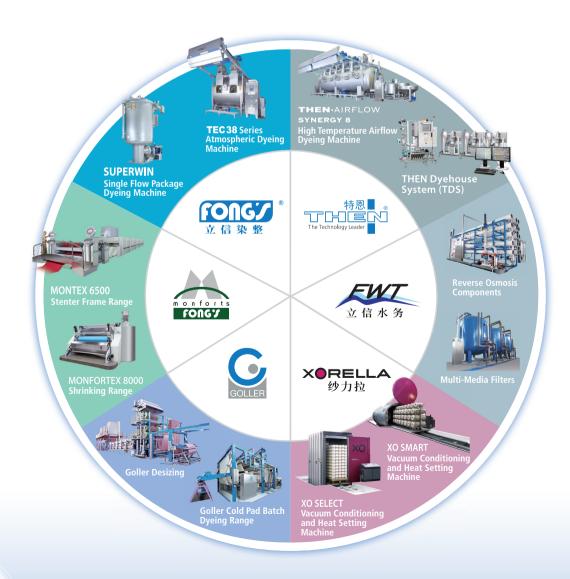
For the year ended 31 December 2014, the Group recorded revenue of approximately HK\$3,415,000,000, representing a decrease of 9% as compared to approximately HK\$3,757,000,000 in the previous year. However, profit increased by 47% from approximately HK\$80,000,000 last year to approximately HK\$118,000,000. Basic earnings per share for the year was 21.38 HK cents (2013: 14.57 HK cents).

## DYEING AND FINISHING MACHINE MANUFACTURING

The year 2014 was still another challenging year for the equipment manufacturing sector. From a macroeconomic point of view, economic recovery in the United States and European countries remained slow and unstable, which has continued to impact the Chinese export trade in the textile and apparels sector. Additionally, as enterprises in mainland China have continued to suffer from financing difficulties and high lending rates, investment confidence levels as well as expansion progress of some enterprises were inevitably impacted, resulting in reduced purchasing of industrial manufacturing equipment, including dyeing and finishing machines. As regards the overseas markets, emerging countries such as India, Brazil and Indonesia have continued to experience financial turmoil, currency devaluation and sluggish economies, which adversely affected the appetite of manufacturers based in these countries when purchasing equipment.

Together with the combined effort of its operating team, the Group achieved steady growth in its dyeing and finishing machine business, as it adopted aggressive market development strategies and leveraged on customers' need for upgraded and more environmentally friendly and energy-saving equipment. For the year ended 31 December 2014, this segment recorded revenue of approximately HK\$2,515,000,000, accounting for 74% of the Group's revenue and representing a decrease of 11% from approximately HK\$2,840,000,000 in the previous year. In particular, combined sales from Hong Kong and the PRC markets were approximately HK\$1,290,000,000 representing a decrease of 27% from HK\$1,762,000,000 recorded last year; however, sales from overseas markets were approximately HK\$1,225,000,000, up by 14% from HK\$1,078,000,000 in the previous year. Despite a decrease in revenue, the segment reported a slight growth with a small increase in operating profit from approximately HK\$135,000,000 in the previous year to approximately HK\$137,000,000. The increase was mainly due to continuous improvement in manufacturing processes and effective cost control, which contributed to a higher gross profit margin. The Group expects the segment's gross profit margin to remain stable, as the prices of major raw materials for stainless steel are expected to hold steady.

Nevertheless, the Group will continue to fine tune its manufacturing process to improve operational efficiencies and strictly control each business expense to ensure healthy operations across trade receivables, inventories, cash flow and foreign exchange risk. The Group will also allocate more resources to product R&D, technology and design as well as marketing, with the aim to improve the quality of our products and technical service. In terms of marketing, the Group will target a few potential emerging markets including countries such as India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Vietnam, Turkey and Brazil, and will strive to boost sales in these markets in accordance with existing strategies. Currently, the Group is focused on harnessing the synergies and cost efficiencies, that have risen from the acquisition of the German Monforts Group at the end of 2012, in order to expand penetration along the textile industry chain and provide the market with more advanced dyeing and finishing equipment, thereby further enhancing the overall competitiveness of the Group.



It has been the Group's persistent business direction to maintain long-term sustainable development. Hence, facing the various market and operational challenges, the Group has continued to focus on the proactive investment in research and development of technology and technical processes in regards to dyeing and finishing machinery, optimising existing product designs and enhancing the quality and reliability of its products in order to maintain its competitiveness. As a result of its advanced technologies in terms of efficiency, energy saving and reduced emissions, the Group's patented SYN-8 high temperature airflow dyeing machine was awarded the "Machinery and Machine Tools Design Award" in the 2013 Hong Kong Awards for Industries and "First Prize in Science and Technology of Textile Vision 2014" by China National Textile and Apparel Council, which demonstrated the leading position of the Group in the dyeing and finishing machine industry in China. In addition, Fong's National Engineering (Shenzhen) Company, Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, was recognised as a High-Tech Enterprise in 2014 for a term of three years. In accordance with the Corporate Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China and national tax regulations applicable to High-Tech Enterprises, it shall be entitled to a preferential tax policy and subject to a reduced Corporate Income Tax rate of 15% during the period from 2014 to 2016, which further demonstrated our scientific research capabilities in the dyeing and finishing machine industry.



■ THEN-AIRFLOW SYN-8 High Temperature Airflow Dyeing Machine won the "First Prize in Science and Technology of Textile Vision 2014" presented by China National Textile and Apparel Council. Vice President Dr. William Tsui received the award.





■ To celebrate Korean agent JINWOO's 25th Anniversary, during ITMA Asia 2014 Mr. Shi Tinghong (right 1), Chairman of CHTC Fong's on behalf of the Group presented a crystal gift to Mr. Peter Kim (middle), President of JINWOO.



To celebrate Indian agent ATE's 75th Anniversary, during ITMA Asia 2014 Mr. Shi Tinghong (left 5), Chairman of CHTC Fong's on behalf of the Group presented a crystal gift to Mr. Anuj Bhagwati (left 4), Management Director of ATE.

As the global community has placed greater importance on environmental protection, many existing and new customers plan to upgrade their prevailing dyeing and finishing machines and to set up additional sewage treatment facilities, in order to improve their product quality and production capacity, as well as to be compliant with the new and more demanding emission standards. This provides a vast number of business opportunities for the Group. "Energy conservation and emissions reduction" is an important policy in China's Twelfth Five-year Plan. In light of the increasing focus on energy conservation, industry upgrading and rising labour costs, the Group believes that market demand for energy-saving and efficient automated machinery and equipment, and the replacement of old equipment, will continue to grow. In view of the above, the Group has already taken the initiative to successfully develop a wastewater reuse system and equipment mainly designed for dyeing factories, through its own R&D team since 2007. Our product "biological no-sludge technology in printing and dyeing wastewater treatment" was listed in the "Catalogue for Energy Saving and Emission Reduction Technologies in Chinese Printing and Dyeing Industry" in 2014. Our wastewater treatment business is now entering the harvest stage. The Group will actively seek projects in this field to become new profit drivers in the near future.

As mentioned in the section "Disposal of Major Assets" below, the construction on Phase II of the Zhongshan plant of the Group has commenced and is expected to be completed by early 2017. Upon completion, the Group's production facilities of its primary business segments will be relocated from Shenzhen to Zhongshan. As a result, the Group's existing production capacity will be greatly strengthened and better cater to its future development needs. The Group's management will also become more centralised, eliminating the duplication of costs through the integration of resources. This will allow the Group to better pursue its goal of providing European technology, domestic production, global distribution and one-stop production solutions to its customers.

The management of the Group believes that the existing challenges faced by the domestic manufacturing industry will be difficult to eliminate or to mitigate in the near future. The Group will adopt a plan to upgrade its enterprise and products in a timely manner as part of its established strategy. The Group will continue to step up its efforts in R&D and employee training, to stay ahead of its competitors in terms of product functions, technology and service. With its one-stop product structure, sustained innovation, strong customer base and a brand image that has been well-established for over 50 years, the Group is confident that it will be able to handle potential challenges in the future. In the meantime, the Group will continue to uphold its "integrity-based, technology-driven and customer-oriented" business philosophy, while being guided by a need to protect the environment and create value for customers, so as to continuously develop high-quality products that meet the market's needs, while providing Chinese and international dyeing enterprises with the most advanced, environmentally-friendly and best value-for-money dyeing and finishing equipment.

## STAINLESS STEEL TRADING

The stainless steel market remained flat over recent three years, with a relatively low gross profit from stainless steel distribution. Over the years, the Group has been cautious in its stainless steel trading business and has only expanded its sales moderately in order to reduce sales risk from fluctuations in stainless steel prices. For the year ended 31 December 2014, this business segment recorded revenue of approximately HK\$430,000,000, accounting for 12% of the Group's revenue, representing a slight increase of 6% compared to the approximately HK\$408,000,000 for the previous year. Operating profit for this segment recovered due to the Group's accurate analysis of market trends, appropriate purchase and sales arrangements, as well as strengthened inventory management. Operating profit for this business segment was back to a solid level, increasing significantly from approximately HK\$2,000,000 in the previous year to approximately HK\$22,000,000.

The Group will continue to adopt a prudent approach in running this business. It will take appropriate actions to mitigate market risks, adjust prices and inventories appropriately and in a timely manner, based on market analysis and its judgment, in order to improve the inventory turnover ratio while minimising the risk on price fluctuations. At the same time, the Group will strengthen the credit management of sales and trade receivables in order to lower the risk of bad debt and improve its cash flow.







▲ Stainless Steel Coils

## STAINLESS STEEL CASTING

The products of this business segment are primarily high-quality investment castings and sand castings and machined processing parts made of stainless steel, dualphase steel and nickel-based alloys that are widely used in large industrial facilities, such as valves, pumps, chemical, oil and gas and food processing machines, with customers principally hailing from Europe, the United States and Japan. The stainless steel casting business maintained a steady flow of orders from its major customers thanks to the efforts of the management team, stable supply capacity and good product quality. Meanwhile, the Group continued to optimise cost control, improve workshops and the production processes of certain products, increase automated production equipment, enhance product quality and effectively reduce the scrappage rate of its products. As such, the stainless steel casting business segment recorded improvement in its overall gross profit margin.

For the year ended 31 December 2014, the segment reported stable performance and results in line with targets. This business segment recorded revenue of approximately HK\$470,000,000, accounting for 14% of the Group's revenue and representing a decrease of 8% compared to approximately HK\$510,000,000 in the previous year. However, the operating profit for this segment increased from approximately HK\$44,000,000 in the previous year to approximately HK\$45,000,000.

The management of the Group believes that market demand for high-quality stainless steel castings will continue to grow. Given the above measures that the Group is implementing and the anticipated stabilisation of the global economy and market environment, the management is also confident that in the mid to long term, this business segment will retain steady revenue growth and bring satisfactory profit contributions to the Group.



▲ Automatic Production Line - Robotic Arm



Sand Casting Workshop

## **DISPOSAL OF MAJOR ASSETS**

On 28 March 2014, Fong's National Engineering (Shenzhen) Company, Limited ("FNES"), the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, entered into a conditional co-operation agreement (the "Co-operation Agreement") with (among others) an independent third party in respect of the redevelopment of FNES's existing land (the "Land") in Buji, Shenzhen by way of urban renewal. Details of the Co-operation Agreement were disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 1 April 2014 and the Company's circular dated 25 April 2014. Pursuant to the Co-operation Agreement, FNES will receive, through resettlement and demolition compensation, a total of RMB1 billion in cash by five installments; and the facilities to be constructed on the redeveloped Land with a gross floor area of approximately 30,000 m<sup>2</sup> (and, in addition, at least 100 car-parks), which are expected to be used as the Group's sales office, product design and research and development facilities. The Co-operation Agreement constitutes a very substantial disposal for the Company and has been approved by the shareholders of the Company at the special general meeting held on 15 May 2014 and by the Stateowned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council of the PRC. FNES also received the first installment of cash compensation amounting to RMB100 million in December 2014 as scheduled. The cash compensation from the urban renewal project will partially fund the Group's plan to relocate all of its manufacturing facilities in Shenzhen to Zhongshan (including the construction cost for Phase II of the Zhongshan manufacturing plant). Construction of Phase II of the Zhongshan manufacturing plant is expected to complete by early 2017. The urban renewal project signifies the Group's contribution to urban renewal in Shenzhen and is expected to enhance the manufacturing technology of the Group, improve its industrial layout and logistics and further consolidate and increase the competitiveness of the Group. The Co-operation Agreement will facilitate the Group to modernise its Shenzhen operations especially in terms of its product design, sales and research and development through the retention of the new property on the Land upon completion of the urban renewal project.

On 31 August 2014, the Group entered into a conditional agreement with Hengtian Real Estate Company Limited (恒天地產有限公司), a company owned as to 47.35% by China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司), the controlling shareholder of the Company, to sell its entire 30% equity holding in Foshan East Asia Co., Ltd. (佛山東亞股份有限公司) ("Foshan East Asia") at a consideration of RMB150 million (the "Disposal"). Details of the Disposal were disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 31 August 2014 and the Company's circular dated 31 October 2014. The Disposal constitutes a discloseable and connected transaction for the Company and has been approved by the independent shareholders of the Company at the special general meeting held on 18 November 2014 and by the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council of the PRC. Upon completion of the equity transfer, Foshan East Asia will cease to be an associate of the Company. During the year and as of the date hereof, the Disposal has not been completed.

Save as disclosed above, the Group did not have other significant investment, acquisition and disposal during the year under review.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

As at 31 December 2014, the Group had a total of approximately 4,540 employees (31 December 2013: 4,960 employees) across mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Thailand, India, Turkey and Central and South America. In 2014, staffing costs, including Directors' emoluments, were approximately HK\$411,000,000 (2013: HK\$395,000,000), accounting for 12.0% (2013: 10.5%) of the Group's revenue. The Group will continue to monitor the market situation and consolidate its human resource and labour structure in order to utilise manpower more efficiently and enhance operational productivity.

The Group has always placed great importance on human resources and considers that competitive remuneration is an essential component of the overall factors that motivate employees at all levels of the business to be dedicated to their work and to provide customers with high quality products and services. The Group's employees are remunerated according to industry benchmarks, as well as prevailing market conditions, their experience and performance. The Group's remuneration policies and packages are reviewed by the Remuneration Committee of the Company on a regular basis. Year-end bonuses may be awarded to employees based on performance evaluation, with an aim to encourage and reward staff for superior performance. The Group also provides eligible employees with other benefits including annual leave, medical insurance, educational sponsorship subsidies, retirement benefits scheme or Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes.

The Group recognises the importance of having high caliber employees. In order to prepare its workforce for the future, the Group will continue to offer training programs at all levels of employment on an ongoing basis. The aim of these programs is to cultivate a dynamic corporate culture and to develop effective communication among staff and customer service skills. Close monitoring of daily operations will also be reinforced to ensure high operational efficiency and good performance from all employees.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Given continuously increasing cost pressure, the Group strictly implemented prudent cost and cash flow management. During the year, the Group met ordinary and usual course of business funding requirements through cash flow generated from operations and existing banking facilities. The Board believes that the Group is in a healthy financial position and has sufficient resources to support its operational requirements.

During the year ended 31 December 2014, the Group's net cash inflow generated from operating activities was approximately HK\$58,000,000. As at 31 December 2014, the Group's inventory level decreased to approximately HK\$773,000,000 as compared to approximately HK\$786,000,000 as at 31 December 2013.

As at 31 December 2014, bank borrowings of the Group amounted to approximately HK\$1,022,000,000. Most of the bank borrowings were sourced from Hong Kong, with 59% denominated in Hong Kong dollars and 41% denominated in United States dollars. The Group's bank borrowings are predominantly subject to floating interest rates.

As at 31 December 2014, the Group's bank balances and cash amounted to approximately HK\$496,000,000, of which 61% was denominated in Renminbi, 17% in Hong Kong dollars, 11% in United States dollars, 10% in Euros and the remaining 1% in other currencies.

The Group continued to maintain prudent financial management policies during the year, and as such, as at 31 December 2014, the Group's gearing ratio, defined as net bank borrowings (other than payables in ordinary course of business) over total equity, decreased to 41% (31 December 2013: 43%) and its current ratio was 0.98 (31 December 2013: 0.90). The Board considers these ratios to be at healthy and acceptable levels.

The Group's sales were principally denominated in Renminbi, United States dollars or Euros, while purchases were denominated in Renminbi, United States dollars, Euros or Hong Kong dollars; as such, the Group does not foresee significant exposure to exchange rate risks in this respect. The Board will continue to monitor the Group's overall exposure to foreign exchange and will consider hedging significant foreign currency risks, should the need arise.

The Board is pleased to present this Corporate Governance Report for the year ended 31 December 2014.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Adapting and adhering to recognised standards of corporate governance principles and practices has always been one of the top priorities of the Company. The Board believes that good corporate governance is one of the areas that leads to the success of the Company and in balancing the interests of shareholders, customers and employees, and the Board is devoted to ongoing enhancements of the efficiency and effectiveness of such principles and practices.

Throughout the year ended 31 December 2014, the Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") as contained in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"), except for the deviations from code provision A.6.7 as disclosed below.

# CODES FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS AND RELEVANT EMPLOYEES

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors on terms no less exacting than the required standard set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules. All the Directors have confirmed, following a specific enquiry by the Company, that they have complied with the required standard as set out in the code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors adopted by the Company during the year ended 31 December 2014.

The Company has also adopted a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by relevant employees on terms no less exacting than the Model Code, to regulate dealings in the securities of the Company by certain employees of the Company or directors or employees of the Company's subsidiaries who are considered to be likely in possession of unpublished price sensitive information in relation to the Company or its subsidiaries. No incident of non-compliance was noted by the Company for the year ended 31 December 2014.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board is responsible for the management of the Company with acting in the interest of the Company and its shareholders as its principle and is accountable to the shareholders for the assets and resources entrusted to them by the shareholders. The key responsibilities of the Board include the formulation of the Company's long-term development strategies and operating direction, setting of the management targets and supervising members of the management in implementing matters resolved by the Board and performing the duties.

All Directors have full and timely access to all relevant information as well as the advice and services of the Company Secretary and members of the management. Any Director may request independent professional advice in appropriate circumstances at the Company's expense, upon making reasonable request to the Board. The Board reserves the right to decide on all major matters of the Company, including approval and monitoring of all policy matters, overall strategies and budgets, internal control and risk management systems, material transactions (in particular those that may involve conflict of interests), financial information, appointment of directors and other significant financial and operational matters.

The Board is led by the Chairman and currently comprises four Executive Directors, one Non-executive Director and four Independent Non-executive Directors. The Directors during the year and up to the date of this Corporate Governance Report were:

#### **Executive Directors**

Mr. Shi Tinghong *(Chairman)* (appointed as Executive Director on 28 January 2014 and as Chairman on 28 February 2014)

Mr. Ji Xin (Chief Executive Officer)

Mr. Wan Wai Yung

Mr. Fong Kwok Leung, Kevin

Ms. He Fengxian (Chairman) (retired on 28 February 2014)

#### Non-executive Director

Mr. Ye Maoxin (Vice-chairman)

#### **Independent Non-executive Directors**

Mr. Zhou Yucheng

Mr. Ying Wei

Dr. Yuen Ming Fai

Mr. Li Jianxin (appointed on 1 July 2014)

Dr. Keung Wing Ching (retired on 15 May 2014)

The biographical details of the current Directors are listed in the section of "Directors and Senior Management Profile" in this Annual Report.

The Board has delegated a number of responsibilities to the Executive Directors and the management team of the Company. The management team under the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for formulating the strategic plans and operation goals of the Group. The delegated functions and responsibilities are periodically reviewed by the Board. Approval has to be obtained from the Board prior to any significant transactions entered into by the aforesaid officers. The Board will also review the management structure of the Group from time to time and will adopt appropriate measures as may be desirable for future development of the operating activities or business of the Group.

There is no relationship (including financial, business, family or other material or relevant relationship) among members of the Board and in particular, between the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer. The Company considers that the Directors have the necessary skills and experience appropriate for discharging their duties as directors in the best interest of the Company and that the current board size is adequate for its present operations. Executive Directors are in charge of different businesses or functional divisions in accordance with their respective areas of expertise. The Non-executive Director and Independent Non-executive Directors possess extensive academic, professional and industry expertise and management experience, and play a significant role in the Board by virtue of their impartial view and independent advice on the Company's business strategies and management so as to safeguard the interests of the Company and its shareholders.

The Company has also arranged appropriate insurance cover for Directors' and officers' liabilities in respect of legal actions against them arising from corporate activities. During the year, no claim was made against any Directors and officers of the Company.

#### CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

In order to have a clear division between the management of the Board and the day-to-day management of the business operations of the Group, the role of the Chairman is separate from that of the Chief Executive Officer. The Chairman focuses on overall corporate development and strategic direction of the Group and provides leadership for the Board and oversees the efficient functioning of the Board. The Chairman is also responsible for instilling corporate culture and developing strategic plans for the Group. On the other hand, the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for all day-to-day corporate management and operations as well as assisting the Chairman in planning and developing the Group's strategies. Such division of responsibilities helps to reinforce their independence and to ensure a balance of power and authority.

On 28 February 2014, Ms. He Fengxian retired as the Chairman of the Board and ceased to hold any positions in the Group because of reaching the retirement age. Mr. Shi Tinghong has been appointed as the Chairman of the Board in place of Ms. He Fengxian with effect from 28 February 2014.

During the year ended 31 December 2014, the role of Chief Executive Officer has been performed by Mr. Ji Xin.

# NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Dr. Keung Wing Ching retired as an Independent Non-executive Director at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 15 May 2014 ("2014 AGM"). Following his retirement, Dr. Keung had ceased to take the roles as member of the Audit Committee, the Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee of the Company at the conclusion of the 2014 AGM.

Mr. Li Jianxin was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director on 1 July 2014 and was also appointed as a member of the Audit Committee, the Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee of the Company on the same date.

The Company has received from each of the Independent Non-executive Directors an annual confirmation of his independence. The Board considers that each Independent Non-executive Director is independent in character and judgement and that they all meet the specific independence criteria as required under Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. Moreover, all the Non-executive Director and Independent Non-executive Directors are engaged on service contracts for a term of two years, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-laws of the Company.

As at 31 December 2014, the Board met the requirements of the Listing Rules relating to the appointment of at least three Independent Non-executive Directors (representing at least one-third of the Board members), with at least one Independent Non-executive Director possessing appropriate professional qualifications and accounting and related financial management expertise.

In compliance with Rule 3.10(2) of the Listing Rules, Mr. Ying Wei, one of the Independent Non- executive Directors, is a non-practising member of the Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountants (中國註冊會計師協會) and has appropriate qualifications and accounting and related financial management expertise.

The Independent Non-executive Directors are expressly identified in all of the Company's publications such as circular, announcement or relevant corporate communications in which the names of Directors are disclosed.

#### **BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board members meet regularly throughout the year to review the overall strategy and to monitor the operations as well as the financial performance of the Group. Senior executives are from time to time invited to attend board meetings to make presentations or answer the Board's enquiries.

The Board is scheduled to meet regularly at least four times a year at approximately quarterly intervals to discuss the overall strategy as well as the operational and financial performance of the Group. Other board meetings will be held when necessary. The Bye-laws of the Company allows board meetings to be conducted by way of telephone or video conference and any resolutions to be passed by way of written resolutions circulated to and signed by all Directors from time to time when necessary unless any matters in which a substantial shareholder or a Director or their respective associates has a conflict of interest. As some of the Directors are on occasional, and sometimes unexpected, business trips and/or are stationed in different regions of the PRC, it may, in practice, be inconvenient to convene a full board meeting on a frequent basis. Hence, the Board may approve certain issues in the form of a written resolution. With a view to facilitating Directors' attendance at board meetings and committee meetings as well as corporate events, the Company Secretary will seek advice from the Board and prepare an annual plan for the Board. The Board held a total of twelve board meetings (including four meetings by way of circulation of written resolutions and four meetings which were held regarding matters involving the attendance of Executive Directors only) during the year ended 31 December 2014. The attendance record of each Director at the board meetings is disclosed below in this Corporate Governance Report.

In the said board meetings, sufficient fourteen-day notices for regular board meetings and notice in reasonable days for non-regular board meetings were given to all Directors so as to ensure that each of them had an opportunity to attend the meetings, and agendas and accompanying board papers were given to all Directors in a timely manner before the appointed date of the board meetings and at least three days before the regular board meetings. Sufficient information was also supplied by the management to the Board to enable it to make decisions, which are made in the best interests of the Company. All minutes are kept by the Company Secretary and are open for inspection at any reasonable time on reasonable prior notice by any Director.

During the year, a meeting of the Chairman and the Non-executive Directors (including Independent Non-executive Directors) without presence of the Executive Directors was held to discuss and review the strategic planning of the Group, and the adequacy of systems and controls in place to safeguard the interests of the Group.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FUNCTIONS

The Board is responsible for performing the corporate governance functions set out in code provision D.3.1 of the CG Code. As at the date of this Corporate Governance Report, the Board has reviewed and monitored: (a) the Company's corporate governance policies and practices; (b) training and continuous professional development of Directors and senior management; (c) the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; (d) the Company's code of conduct and (e) the Company's compliance with the CG Code and disclosures in this Corporate Governance Report.

## **BOARD DIVERSITY POLICY**

The Company recognises and embraces the benefits of having a diverse board to the quality of its performance. The Company adopted a board diversity policy on 28 August 2013 with the aim of setting out the approach to achieve diversity on the Board. In designing the Board's composition, board diversity has been considered to ensure that the Board has a balance of skills, experience and diversity of perspectives appropriate to the requirements of the Company's business.

All Board appointments will continue to be made on a merit basis with due regard for the benefits of diversity of the Board members. Selection of candidates will be based on a range of diversity perspectives, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, experience (professional or otherwise), skills and knowledge. The ultimate decision will be made upon the merits and contribution that the selected candidates will bring to the Board.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEES**

The Board has established three Board committees, namely, Nomination Committee, Remuneration Committee and Audit Committee, for overseeing particular aspects of the Company's affairs. All Board committees have been established with defined written terms of reference, which are posted on the Company's website at http://www.fongs.com and the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") at http://www.hkexnews.hk and are available to shareholders upon request. All Board committees report to the Board on their decisions or recommendations.

All Board committees are provided with sufficient resources to discharge their duties and, upon reasonable request, are able to seek independent professional advice in appropriate circumstances, at the Company's expenses.

#### NOMINATION COMMITTEE

On 28 March 2012, the Board established a Nomination Committee pursuant to the requirements of the CG Code. It considers matters regarding the nomination and/or appointment or re-appointment of Director(s). The terms of reference of the Nomination Committee, which are closely aligned with the CG Code, are available on the Company's website at http://www.fongs.com and the Stock Exchange's website at http://www.hkexnews.hk.

During the year and up to the date of this Corporate Governance Report, the members of the Nomination Committee, the majority of which are the Independent Non-executive Directors, are as follows:

Mr. Shi Tinghong (Committee Chairman) (appointed on 28 February 2014)

Mr. Ji Xin

Mr. Zhou Yucheng

Mr. Ying Wei

Dr. Yuen Ming Fai

Mr. Li Jianxin (appointed on 1 July 2014)

Ms. He Fengxian (retired on 28 February 2014)

Dr. Keung Wing Ching (retired on 15 May 2014)

The Nomination Committee is responsible for reviewing the structure, size and composition of the Board regularly and making recommendations on any proposed changes to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy. Its duties include recommendations to the Board on the selection of individuals nominated for directorships, the appointment or re-appointment of Directors and succession planning for Directors. In carrying out the responsibility for identifying suitably qualified candidates to become members of the Board, the Nomination Committee will give adequate consideration to the board diversity policy. The Nomination Committee is also responsible for assessing the independence of the Independent Non-executive Directors.

During the year, the Nomination Committee reviewed the structure, size and composition of the Board. It also assessed and confirmed the independence of the Independent Non-executive Directors, and recommended to the Board regarding (i) the nomination of Mr. Shi Tinghong for appointment as Executive Director; (ii) the nomination of Dr. Yuen Ming Fai, who has served the Company for more than nine years, for re-appointment as an independent non-executive director of the Company by the shareholders at the 2014 AGM; and (iii) the nomination of Mr. Li Jianxin for appointment as an independent non-executive director of the Company.

The Nomination Committee held five meetings (including four meetings by way of circulation of written resolutions) during the year, and the attendance record of each Committee member is disclosed below in this Corporate Governance Report.

#### APPOINTMENT AND RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board is empowered under the Company's Bye-laws to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy on or as an additional member of the Board. A newly appointed Director must retire and be re-elected at the first annual general meeting after his/her appointment. According to the Bye-laws of the Company, at each annual general meeting of the Company, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three, the number nearest to one-third) should retire from office by rotation, provided that the Chairman and Managing Director (if any) of the Company should not be subject to retirement by rotation or be taken into account in determining the number of directors to retire each year.

In the spirit of good corporate governance practices, Mr. Shi Tinghong who is the Chairman of the Board, will voluntarily retire from his office by rotation at the relevant annual general meetings of the Company notwithstanding that he is not required by the Bye-laws to do so.

In accordance with the above provisions of the Bye-laws of the Company, Mr. Ji Xin, Mr. Zhou Yucheng, Mr. Ying Wei and Mr. Li Jianxin shall retire from office as Directors by rotation at the forthcoming annual general meeting, and all of them are eligible for re-election.

Save for Mr. Zhou Yucheng who has indicated not to seek for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company due to his other personal commitments, the other retiring Directors, namely Mr. Ji Xin, Mr. Ying Wei and Mr. Li Jianxin, have agreed to offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company.

#### INDUCTION AND CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Each newly appointed Director receives induction on the first occasion of his/her appointment, so as to ensure that he/she has appropriate understanding of the business and operations of the Group and that he/she is fully aware of his/her responsibilities and obligations under the Listing Rules and relevant regulatory requirements. Such induction is normally supplemented with visits to the Group's key business sites and/or meetings with the senior management of the Group.

With effect from 1 April 2012, management provides all Directors with monthly updates which give a balanced and understandable assessment of the Group's business performance, financial position and prospects in sufficient details to enable the Board as a whole and each Director to discharge their duties under the Listing Rules.

Under code provision A.6.5 of the CG Code, Directors should participate in appropriate continuous professional development to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills to ensure that their contribution to the Board remains informed and relevant. Internally facilitated briefings for Directors will be arranged and reading materials on relevant topics will be issued to Directors where appropriate. All Directors are encouraged to attend relevant training courses at the Company's expenses.

The Company Secretary of the Company provides the Directors with regular updates on corporate governance developments, the amendments to the Listing Rules and implementation of new applicable laws. During the year, the Company has organised a training session conducted by the Independent Commission Against Corruption in relation to business ethics as to ensure that the Directors fully understand the importance of integrity and are aware of the relevant laws. Individual Director had also attended seminars and/or conferences or workshops or forums relevant to his/her profession and duties as directors.

The Company has prepared a training record in order to assist the Directors to record the trainings that have undertaken. According to the records maintained by the Company, the trainings undertaken by each of the Directors during the year ended 31 December 2014 are summarised as follows:

|   | Trainings undertaken by Director |   |  |  |
|---|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Name of Director                                | Α                                | В |  |  |
| M 01171   |                                  | _ |  |  |
| Mr. Shi Tinghong (appointed on 28 January 2014) | <b>/</b>                         | / |  |  |
| Mr. Ye Maoxin                                   | ✓                                | ✓ |  |  |
| Mr. Ji Xin                                      | ✓                                | ✓ |  |  |
| Mr. Wan Wai Yung                                | ✓                                | ✓ |  |  |
| Mr. Fong Kwok Leung, Kevin                      | ✓                                | ✓ |  |  |
| Mr. Zhou Yucheng                                | ✓                                | ✓ |  |  |
| Mr. Ying Wei                                    | ✓                                | ✓ |  |  |
| Dr. Yuen Ming Fai                               | ✓                                | ✓ |  |  |
| Mr. Li Jianxin (appointed on 1 July 2014)       | ✓                                | ✓ |  |  |
| Ms. He Fengxian (retired on 28 February 2014)   | ✓                                | ✓ |  |  |
| Dr. Keung Wing Ching (retired on 15 May 2014)   | ✓                                | ✓ |  |  |

A - Attending seminar(s)/forum(s)

#### REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Board established a Remuneration Committee in December 2005 with specific terms of reference which deal clearly with its authority and duties. The terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee were revised by the Board on 28 March 2012. The revised terms of reference, which are closely aligned with the CG Code, are available on the Company's website at http://www.fongs.com and the Stock Exchange's website at http://www.hkexnews.hk.

B - Reading materials relating to corporate governance, directors' duties and responsibilities

During the year and up to the date of this Corporate Governance Report, the members of the Remuneration Committee, the majority of which are the Independent Non-executive Directors, are as follows:

Mr. Zhou Yucheng (Committee Chairman)

Mr. Shi Tinghong (appointed on 28 February 2014)

Mr. Ji Xin

Mr. Ying Wei

Dr. Yuen Ming Fai

Mr. Li Jianxin (appointed on 1 July 2014)

Ms. He Fengxian (retired on 28 February 2014)

Dr. Keung Wing Ching (retired on 15 May 2014)

The Remuneration Committee's role is to make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration policy and structures for Directors and senior management of the Group and to ensure that they are fairly rewarded for their individual contribution to the Group's overall performance, having regard to the interests of the shareholders. The overriding objective of the remuneration policy is to ensure that the Group is able to attract, retain and motivate a high-calibre team which is essential to the success of the Group. The principal duties of the Remuneration Committee include determining the specific remuneration packages of all Executive Directors and senior management as well as reviewing and approving performance-based bonuses by reference to corporate goals and objectives resolved by the Board from time to time. In particular, the Remuneration Committee is delegated with the specific task of ensuring that no Director is involved in deciding his own remuneration.

The Remuneration Committee shall meet as and when required to consider remuneration-related matters. During the year, the Remuneration Committee convened three meetings (including one meeting by way of circulation of written resolutions) and the individual attendance of the members are set out in this Corporate Governance Report.

During the year, the Remuneration Committee approved the salary adjustments and performance related incentive payments to the Executive Directors and senior management, and has reviewed the remuneration policy and structures for Directors and senior management of the Group.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Company established its Audit Committee in December 1998 with reference to "A Guide for the Formation of an Audit Committee" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. In accordance with the requirements of the CG Code, the terms of reference of the Audit Committee were revised by the Board on 28 March 2012 in terms substantially the same as the provisions set out in the CG Code. The revised terms of reference of the Audit Committee are available on the Company's website (http://www.fongs.com) and the Stock Exchange's website (http://www.hkexnews.hk).

The main duties of the Audit Committee are to (i) review the financial statements and reports and consider any significant or unusual items raised by the financial officers of the Group or external auditors before submission to the Board; (ii) review and monitor the external auditors' independence and objectivity and the effectiveness of the audit process; (iii) make recommendation to the Board on the appointment, re-appointment and removal of external auditors; and (iv) review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's financial reporting system, internal control system, risk management system and associated procedures and arrangements to enable employees of the Group to raise, in confidence, concerns about possible improprieties in financial reporting, internal control or other matters of the Group.

As at the date of this Corporate Governance Report, the members of the Audit Committee, all being the Independent Non-executive Directors, are as follows:

Mr. Ying Wei (Committee Chairman)

Mr. Zhou Yucheng

Dr. Yuen Ming Fai

Mr. Li Jianxin (appointed on 1 July 2014)

Dr. Keung Wing Ching (retired on 15 May 2014)

The external auditors were invited to attend meetings of the Audit Committee held during the year to discuss with the members of the Audit Committee on issues arising from the audit and financial reporting matters. The Chairman of the Audit Committee provided the Board with a briefing on the significant issues after each meeting of the Audit Committee. There was no disagreement between the Board and the Audit Committee on the selection and appointment of the external auditors during the year ended 31 December 2014.

The Audit Committee held three meetings in 2014 and the attendance record of individual member is set out in this Corporate Governance Report. In discharging its responsibilities, the Audit Committee has performed the following works during the year of 2014:

- (i) reviewed the interim and annual financial statements and the related results announcements;
- (ii) reviewed the change in accounting standards and assessment on potential impacts on the Group's financial statements;
- (iii) reviewed the continuing connected transaction and commented on the fairness and reasonableness of the transaction;
- (iv) reviewed the Group's internal control system and discussed the relevant issues including financial, operational and compliance controls and risk management functions; and
- (v) made recommendation on the re-appointment of the external auditors, and approved their terms of engagement.

The Audit Committee has recommended to the Board (and the Board agrees) that, subject to shareholders' approval at the forthcoming annual general meeting, Baker Tilly Hong Kong Limited be re-appointed as the auditor of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

#### ATTENDANCE RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL DIRECTOR AT MEETINGS IN 2014

|  | Number of attendance/number of possible attendance |                                 |                                    |                                      |                              |                                 |
|--|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|  | Board<br>Meeting                                   | Audit<br>Committee<br>Meeting   | Nomination<br>Committee<br>Meeting | Remuneration<br>Committee<br>Meeting | Annual<br>General<br>Meeting | Special<br>General<br>Meeting   |
| Executive Directors  |  |                                 |                                    |                                      |                              |                                 |
| Mr. Shi Tinghong (appointed on 28 January 2014)<br>Mr. Ji Xin<br>Mr. Wan Wai Yung<br>Mr. Fong Kwok Leung, Kevin<br>Ms. He Fengxian (retired on 28 February 2014) | 9/9<br>12/12<br>12/12<br>12/12<br>3/3              | 3/3<br>3/3<br>3/3<br>3/3        | 3/3<br>5/5                         | 3/3<br>3/3                           | 1/1<br>1/1<br>1/1<br>1/1     | 1/2<br>2/2<br>2/2<br>2/2        |
| Non-executive Director   |  |                                 |                                    |                                      |                              |                                 |
| Mr. Ye Maoxin  | 8/8  | 3/3                             |                                    |                                      | 1/1                          | 2/2                             |
| Independent Non-executive Directors  |  |                                 |                                    |                                      |                              |                                 |
| Mr. Zhou Yucheng<br>Mr. Ying Wei<br>Dr. Yuen Ming Fai<br>Mr. Li Jianxin (appointed on 1 July 2014)<br>Dr. Keung Wing Ching (retired on 15 May 2014)              | 7/8<br>8/8<br>8/8<br>3/3<br>3/3                    | 3/3<br>3/3<br>3/3<br>2/2<br>1/1 | 5/5<br>5/5<br>5/5<br>2/2<br>2/2    | 3/3<br>3/3<br>3/3<br>1/1<br>1/1      | 0/1<br>1/1<br>1/1<br>1/1     | 0/2<br>1/2<br>2/2<br>0/1<br>1/1 |

In the above meetings, certain Directors were unable to attend the meeting(s) due to business trips or other commitments.

## **AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION**

During the year, Baker Tilly Hong Kong Limited, the current auditor of the Company (which for the purpose includes any entity under common control, ownership or management with the auditor or any entity that a reasonable and informed third party having knowledge of all relevant information would reasonably conclude as part of the audit firm nationally or internationally) provided the following audit and non-audit services to the Group:

- (i) Audit services;
- (ii) Non-audit service agreed-upon procedures for continuing connected transactions and results announcements; and
- (iii) Non-audit service tax advisory services.

Remunerations paid for the above audit services and non-audit services were approximately HK\$4,000,000 and approximately HK\$649,000 respectively.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

### RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARATION AND REPORTING OF ACCOUNTS

The consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2014 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and audited by the external auditor, Baker Tilly Hong Kong Limited. The Directors acknowledged their responsibility for preparing the financial statements of the Group which were prepared in accordance with statutory requirements and applicable accounting standards. A statement by the external auditor about their reporting responsibilities is set out in the Independent Auditor's Report of this Annual Report.

#### INTERNAL CONTROLS

The Board has overall responsibilities for maintaining sound and effective internal control systems of the Group. The Board has delegated to the management the implementation of such systems of internal controls as well as the review of relevant financial, operational and compliance controls and risk management procedures of the Group. The management throughout the Group maintains and monitors the internal control systems on an ongoing basis.

The Company has an independent internal audit team, which plays a major role in monitoring the corporate governance of the Group and providing objective assurance to the Board that a sound internal control system is maintained and operated by the management. The head of the internal audit team directly reports to the Chairman of the Board and the Audit Committee on audit matters.

By adopting a risk-based approach to evaluate risk level on control environment, the internal audit team plans internal audit schedules annually in consultation with, but independent of, the management, and the audit plan is submitted to the Audit Committee for approval. The annual audit work plan covers major activities and processes of the Group's operating business. Moreover, ad hoc reviews will be performed on specific areas of concern identified by the Audit Committee and the management.

The Board has reviewed and considers that the resources, qualifications and experience of staff of the Group's accounting and financial reporting function, and their training programmes and budget are adequate during the year under review. The Board has reviewed the effectiveness of the Group's internal controls and considers that key areas of the Group's system of internal controls are reasonably implemented, which provide prevention of material misstatement or loss, safeguard the Group's assets, maintain appropriate accounting records and financial reporting, efficiency of operations and ensure compliance with the Listing Rules and all other applicable laws and regulations.

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## **COMPANY SECRETARY**

The Company Secretary, Mr. Lee Che Keung, is a full time employee of the Company and reports to the Chairman of the Board. He is responsible to the Board for ensuring that procedures are followed and that all applicable laws, rules and regulations are complied with. The Company Secretary supports the Board by ensuring good information flow within the Board and is also a source of advice to the Chairman and to the Board on corporate governance and the implementation of the CG Code. The biography of Mr. Lee is set out on page 14 of this Annual Report.

Mr. Lee has duly complied with the relevant professional training requirements under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules for the year ended 31 December 2014.

## **COMMUNICATIONS WITH SHAREHOLDERS AND INVESTORS**

The Company considers that effective communication with shareholders is essential for enhancing investor relations and investor understanding of the Group's business performance and strategies. The Company also recognises the importance of transparency and timely disclosure of corporate information, which will enable shareholders and investors to make the best investment decisions.

The Company continues to enhance communication and relationship with its investors. Designated senior management maintains regular dialogue with institutional investors and analysts to keep them informed of the Group's developments.

The Company has set up a corporate website (http://www.fongs.com) at which relevant information including the latest developments of the Group will be announced. The website offers the latest information regarding various aspects of the Group to investors and the public. Shareholders and investors may also write directly to the Company's principal place of business in Hong Kong at 8th Floor, 22-28 Cheung Tat Road, Tsing Yi, Hong Kong.

Enquiries are dealt with in an informative and timely manner. The Board welcomes views of shareholders and encourages them to attend general meetings to raise any concerns they might have with the Board or the management directly. Board members and appropriate senior staff of the Group are available at the meetings to answer any questions raised by shareholders.

The Company's notice to shareholders for the 2014 AGM was sent to shareholders at least 20 clear business days before such meeting and notices of the special general meetings were also sent to shareholders at least 10 clear business days before such meetings. The Chairman of the Board and the external auditor were available at the 2014 AGM held on 15 May 2014 to answer questions from the shareholders. The Chairman of the 2014 AGM had explained the procedures for conducting a poll during the meeting.

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Code provision A.6.7 of the CG Code stipulates that Independent Non-executive Directors and other Non-executive Directors should also attend general meetings and develop a balanced understanding of the views of shareholders. However, Mr. Zhou Yucheng (an Independent Non-executive Director) was unable to attend the 2014 AGM and the special general meeting of the Company, held on 15 May 2014 and Mr. Shi Tinghong (Chairman of the Board), Mr. Zhou Yucheng, Mr. Ying Wei and Mr. Li Jianxin (each an Independent Non-executive Director) were unable to attend the special general meeting of the Company held on 18 November 2014 due to their respective unavoidable business engagement.

#### SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

To safeguard shareholders' interests and rights, separate resolutions are proposed at shareholders' meetings on each substantial issue, including the election of individual directors, for shareholders' consideration and voting. Besides, pursuant to the Bye-laws, shareholder(s) holding not less than one-tenth of the paid-up capital of the Company carrying the rights of voting at general meetings may request the Company to convene a special general meeting by sending a written requisition to the Board or the Company Secretary. The objects of the meeting must be stated in the written requisition.

Shareholders may send written enquiries to the Company for putting forward any enquiries or proposals to the Board of Directors of the Company. Contact details are as follows:

Address: 8th Floor, 22-28 Cheung Tat Road, Tsing Yi, Hong Kong (For the attention of the Board of Directors)

For the avoidance of doubt, shareholder(s) must deposit and send the original duly signed written requisition, notice or statement, or enquiry (as the case may be) at the above address and provide their full name, contact details and identification in order to give effect thereto. Shareholders' information may be disclosed as required by law.

During the year under review, the Company has not made any changes to its Bye-laws. An up to date version of the Bye-laws is available on the Company's website at http://www.fongs.com and the Stock Exchange's website at http://www.hkexnews.hk. Shareholders may refer to the Bye-laws for further details on their rights.

All resolutions put forward at shareholders' meetings will be voted by poll pursuant to the Listing Rules. The Chairman of the meeting will ensure that an explanation is provided regarding the detailed procedures for conducting a poll and answer any questions from shareholders on voting by poll. The poll voting results will be posted on the website of the Stock Exchange at http://www.hkexnews.hk and that of the Company at http://www.fongs.com as soon as practicable after the relevant general meetings.

On behalf of the Board

**Shi Tinghong** 

Chairman

Hong Kong, 27 March 2015

## **ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT**

## **GROUP PHILOSOPHY**

The Group is committed to maintaining corporate social responsibility, adhering to the business philosophy of "integrity-based, technology-driven and customer-oriented" to practice its core values of "integrity and win-win". Innovation is the driving force behind the success of the Group. As a leading dyeing and finishing machine manufacturer in the world, we embrace changes, continuously explore and attempt new and more effective concepts and methods, in order to launch new technologies and new products. The Group has been working diligently towards achieving long-term sustainable growth of its business while safeguarding stakeholders' interests, and addressing social and environmental concerns.

#### **WORKING QUALITY**

The Group appreciates talents and regards them as valuable asset of the Group. The Group is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for the staff, encouraging career development and training as well as cultivating talents experienced in technology and management to carry forward the harmonious and stable employment relationship. The Group had its overall headcount of approximately 4,540 as at 31 December 2014.

#### **Working Environment**

The Group places great emphasis on growth of employees in a harmonious internal atmosphere. To effectively tap on human resources, fully motivate employees' enthusiasm and creativity and encourage them performing fruitfully, the Group adheres to the approach of giving priority to efficiency with due consideration to fairness, focusing on both teamwork and individual performance and linking individual compensation to corporate profits. The Group also promotes a healthy living style with work-life balance, providing a wide range of benefits including comprehensive medical insurance coverage, retirement schemes, paid leave and other leaves for marriage, maternity and bereavement in addition to statutory holidays.

### **Development and Training**

The Group aims to create an environment of continuous improvement in which our staff are encouraged to pursue excellence at work and career development. Training and development programmes, including induction programs, in-house training courses, external courses and seminars are provided on an ongoing basis throughout the Group.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

The Group supports environmental protection and has increased investment on research and development of energy-saving and environmentally-friendly solutions for the textile industry.

Externally, as the global community has placed greater importance on environmental protection, many customers need to upgrade their prevailing dyeing and finishing machines in order to improve their product quality and production capacity, as well as to be compliant with the new and more demanding emission standards. The Group, as a leading dyeing and finishing machine manufacturer in the world, actively strives to providing our customers with high-efficiency, energy-saving and environmentally-friendly dyeing and finishing equipment. For instance, the Group's patented SYN-8 high temperature airflow dyeing machine figured by its low electricity consumption and liquor ratio was granted the "Machinery and Machine Tools Design Award" in the 2013 Hong Kong Awards for Industries and "First Prize in Science and Technology of Textile Vision 2014" by the China National Textile and Apparel Council.

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Internally, in strict compliance with national environmental regulations, the Group proactively shoulders environmental responsibility by advancing technological innovations, enhancing resource utilisation efficiency and promoting energy conservation and emission reduction in its production processes. In order to enhance productivity and save energy, fully automated or semi-automated equipment and systems are used in our production plant.

The Group is principally engaged in manufacturing machinery and equipment and parts, without large quantity of direct emission of waste gas, wastewater and other hazardous wastes. The emission mainly comprises solid metal scraps from the machining process. The Group also takes initiatives for full recycling of waste materials to lessen the environmental impact. Our casting workshops are equipped with waste gas purifier plus circulating spray process to reduce odors and gas emission so as to ensure the waste gas treatment to meet the local emission standard.

During the year, the Group has entered into a co-operation agreement with a third party for the redevelopment of its industrial land in Buji, Shenzhen by way of urban renewal whereby the Group is scheduled to relocate its entire production facilities to Zhongshan Linhai Industrial Park by 2017. This relocation project, while eliminating obsolete production facilities to substantially upgrade production process and equipment, will allow our Group to relocate from living quarters to an industrial park, which will support urban construction and make a contribution to integrated urban planning and environment protection in Shenzhen.

Responding to the government's call on environment protection and energy saving, the Group continues to implement green office practices, such measures include the using of energy-saving lightings and recycled paper, minimising use of paper, reducing energy consumption by switching off idle lightings, computers and electrical appliances, use of teleconferencing as an alternative to travel.

## **OPERATING PRACTICES**

The Group operates in strict accordance with laws and regulations with an aim to maximise corporate value and shareholders' interest. In the course of development, the Group takes heed of stakeholders' interest in pursuit of harmony and mutual benefit with its shareholders, employees, customers, suppliers and other stakeholders.

#### **Corporate Governance**

With a focus on standards and efficient operations, the Group is in the course of formulating a framewok on the Rules of the Board of Directors with well-defined board composition and roles. Under the corporate governance system, the four powers namely ownership, decision-making, supervision and management are established on a rational, independent, check-and-balance, intervention-free and coordinated basis, providing an impetus for the Group's sustainable growth.

#### **Return to Shareholders**

The Company attached great importance to the return and protection of the interests of its shareholders. The Company has maintained an annual cash dividend payout rate of 30% plus since listing.

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The Company also cares about the regulated management of information disclosure and has conscientiously fulfilled the obligations of information disclosure in accordance with the Listing Rules.

#### **Customers**

Customers comes first is our philosophy in product design and services, therefore, the Group endeavors to provide customers with satisfying products and services. Group staff have an acute judgment on market and customers. Through technology and services, customer requirements are satisfied and steered quickly, and through continuous improvements in customer experience, we can create value for customers and acquire competitive advantages.

#### **Suppliers**

The Group adheres to open, fair and transparent criteria in selecting suppliers and service providers, and has established a supplier evaluation system in terms of price, quality, cost, delivery and aftersales service. The Group will carry out long-term quality monitoring and conduct regular reviews on all suppliers as well as casual examinations on different suppliers to ensure sustainable quality material supplies and services

#### **Intellectual Property**

The Group attaches particular importance to maintenance and protection of intellectual property rights. In 2014, the Group expanded its invention patent pool to over 50 patents. During the year, the Group has also strengthened collaboration with the Intellectual Property Office, public security bureau and the commerce and industry authorities to crack down on counterfeits infringing the Group's products. These intellectual property initiatives assist the Group in consolidating market share and maintaining a fair market competition environment.

#### **Anti-corruption**

The Group values credibility and integrity and follows the principle of fairness in its daily operations. At the same time, the Group has clarified its determined stance on fighting against corruption and deception to all employees, suppliers and business partners. Appropriate binding terms have been introduced accordingly to respective contracts to ensure the relevant parties acted under the Group's requirement.

All staffs are expected to observe ethical, personal and professional conduct. In additional to the Staff Code of Conduct on anti-bribery and anti-corruption, the Group has established whistle-blowing system and procedures, whistle-blowers of verified cases will be rewarded accordingly.

During the year ended 31 December 2014, the Group did not identify any corruption or bribe-taking case.

### Giving back to Society

The Group always bears in mind to give back to society and actively participates in charity events.

Since 2003, the Group has granted annual scholarships and prizes to outstanding engineering students of certain local universities to stimulate their initiatives in their academic studies in the hope that they will make positive contribution to the society in the coming days.

During the year ended 31 December 2014, the Group also made charitable donations amounting to approximately HK\$158,000. The Group will continue to support and participate in other public welfare activities.

The Directors present their Annual Report and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company acts as an investment holding company.

The subsidiaries of the Company are principally engaged in the manufacture and sale of dyeing and finishing machines, trading of stainless steel supplies and the manufacture and sale of stainless steel casting products. The activities of its principal subsidiaries and an associate are set out in Notes 34 and 17 respectively to the consolidated financial statements.

## **RESULTS AND APPROPRIATIONS**

The results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2014 are set out in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on pages 55 to 56.

The Directors recommended the payment of a final dividend of 5 HK cents per share with a par value of HK\$0.10 each, totalling approximately HK\$27,572,000 in respect of the year to shareholders on the register of members on 3 June 2015. The proposed final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2014 was approved at the Company's board meeting on 27 March 2015. Details of the dividends for the year ended 31 December 2014 are set forth in Note 11 to the consolidated financial statements.

#### **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 18 May 2015 to Thursday, 21 May 2015, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares of the Company will be effected. In order to determine the identity of members who are entitled to attend and vote at the annual general meeting to be held on Thursday, 21 May 2015 ("2015 AGM"), all share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong Branch Registrar, Tricor Secretaries Limited, at Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 15 May 2015.

Subject to the approval of the proposal final dividend at the 2015 AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 1 June 2015 to Wednesday, 3 June 2015, both days inclusive, for the purpose of determining the entitlements of the shareholders to the proposed final dividend. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong Branch Registrar, Tricor Secretaries Limited, at Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 29 May 2015. Dividend warrants will be despatched on Friday, 19 June 2015.

## PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Details of movements in property, plant and equipment of the Group during the year are set out in Note 13 to the consolidated financial statements.

## **MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS**

For the year ended 31 December 2014, the aggregate amount of revenue attributable to the Group's five largest customers represented less than 10% of the Group's total revenue.

The aggregate amount of purchases attributable to the Group's five largest suppliers accounted for approximately 28% of the Group's total purchases and the amount of purchases attributable to the Group's largest supplier was approximately 14% of the total purchases.

None of the Directors, their associates, or any shareholder, which to the knowledge of the Directors owns more than 5% of the Company's share capital, has any interest in the Group's five largest suppliers or customers.

## DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES OF THE COMPANY

The Company's reserves available for distribution to shareholders as at 31 December 2014 were as follows:

|                     | HK\$'000 |
|---------------------|----------|
| Contributed surplus | 23,033   |
| Retained profits    | 245,871  |
|                     | 000.004  |
|                     | 268,904  |

Under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended), the contributed surplus account of the Company is available for distribution. However, the Company cannot declare or pay dividend, or make distribution out of contributed surplus if:

- (a) it is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due; or
- (b) the realisable value of its assets would thereby be less than the aggregate of its liabilities and its issued share capital and share premium accounts.

## **DIRECTORS AND SERVICE CONTRACTS**

The Directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of this report were:

#### **Executive Directors:**

Mr. Shi Tinghong (Chairman) (appointed as Director on 28 January 2014 and

as Chairman on 28 February 2014)

Mr. Ji Xin (Chief Executive Officer)

Mr. Wan Wai Yung

Mr. Fong Kwok Leung, Kevin

Ms. He Fengxian (Chairman) (retired on 28 February 2014)

#### Non-executive Director:

Mr. Ye Maoxin (Vice-chairman)

### **Independent Non-executive Directors:**

Mr. Zhou Yucheng

Mr. Ying Wei

Dr. Yuen Ming Fai

Mr. Li Jianxin (appointed on 1 July 2014)
Dr. Keung Wing Ching (retired on 15 May 2014)

The Company entered into a service contract with Mr. Ye Maoxin for a term of 2 years commencing on 18 May 2012 and expiring on 17 May 2014. Upon expiry, his term of office has been extended to 17 May 2016.

Mr. Zhou Yucheng was appointed under a contract for a term of 2 years commencing on 9 June 2013 and expiring on 8 June 2015.

Mr. Ying Wei was appointed under a contract for a term of 2 years commencing on 1 September 2013 and expiring on 31 August 2015.

Dr. Yuen Ming Fai was appointed under a contract for a term of 2 years commencing on 1 September 2012 and expiring on 31 August 2014. Upon expiry, his term of office has been extended to 31 August 2016.

Mr. Li Jianxin was appointed under a contract for a term of 2 years commencing on 1 July 2014 and expiring on 30 June 2016.

The Company has also entered into service contracts with each of the other Executive Directors.

The Company has received the annual confirmations of independence from all Independent Non- executive Directors pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Company considers them to be independent.

In accordance with the Company's Bye-laws, the following Directors, namely Mr. Ji Xin, Mr. Zhou Yucheng, Mr. Ying Wei and Mr. Li Jianxin will retire from office at the forthcoming annual general meeting. All the retiring Directors are eligible for re-election.

Save for Mr. Zhou Yucheng who has indicated not to seek for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting due to his personal commitments, the other retiring Directors, namely Mr. Ji Xin, Mr. Ying Wei and Mr. Li Jianxin being eligible, have agreed to offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

Other than as disclosed above, no Director has a service contract with the Company or any of its subsidiaries which is not determinable by the Group within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN THE SHARES OF THE COMPANY**

As at 31 December 2014, the interests of the Directors and their associates in the shares of the Company and its associated corporations, as recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO"), or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers, were as follows:

#### Long position in shares of HK\$0.10 each of the Company

| Name of director           | Capacity                    | Number of issued ordinary shares held | Percentage<br>of the issued<br>share capital<br>of the Company |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Mr. Fong Kwok Leung, Kevin | Beneficial owner            | 1,550,000                             | 0.28%  |
|                            | Held by spouse              | 100,000                               | 0.02%  |
|                            |                             | 1,650,000                             | 0.30%  |
| Mr. Wan Wai Yung           | Beneficial owner            | 2,018,000                             | 0.36%  |
|                            | Corporate interest (Note 1) | 1,313,500                             | 0.24%  |
|                            |                             | 3,331,500                             | 0.60%  |

Note 1: Mr. Wan Wai Yung is deemed to be interested in 1,313,500 shares held by Campbell and Company Limited as he wholly owns Campbell and Company Limited.

Save as disclosed above and other than certain nominee shares in subsidiaries held by the Directors in trust for the Company or its subsidiaries, none of the Directors, chief executive nor their associates had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations as at 31 December 2014.

#### **SHARE OPTIONS**

Particulars of the Company's share option scheme are set out in Note 29 to the consolidated financial statements.

The share option scheme was adopted by the Company on 26 May 2003 for a period of ten years and expired on 25 May 2013. No share options had been granted or are currently outstanding under the share option scheme.

In order to continue to provide the Company with a flexible means of giving incentive to eligible participants to recognise and acknowledge the contributions that eligible participates made or may make to the Group, the Board proposes the adoption of a new share option scheme at the forthcoming annual general meeting. A circular containing, inter alia, the principal terms of the new share option scheme will be despatched to the shareholders of the Company in due course.

## ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE SHARES OR DEBT SECURITIES

Other than the share option scheme disclosed above, at no time during the year was the Company or its subsidiaries, a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors of the Company (including their spouse and children under 18 years of age) to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debt securities including debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

## **CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS**

During the year ended 31 December 2014, the Group entered into the following transaction which is defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules as "continuing connected transactions" and is exempted from (unless specified otherwise) the independent shareholders' approval requirements, but is subject to the reporting and announcement requirements set out in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

The Group entered into the following tenancy agreement with Sou Lam Company, Limited ("Sou Lam"). Sou Lam is wholly beneficially owned by Mr. Fong Sou Lam who is the Chairman Emeritus and a substantial shareholder of the Company.

On 30 December 2013, Fong's National Engineering Company, Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a tenancy agreement with Sou Lam for the use of a portion of a factory building by the Group as general office as well as for industrial or godown purposes for a term of three years from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2016. Details of the transaction were set out in the announcement of the Company dated 31 December 2013. The total rental paid by the Group to Sou Lam for the year ended 31 December 2014 amounted to HK\$11,064,000.

Pursuant to Rule 14A.56 of the Listing Rules, the Company has engaged the auditor of the Company to perform certain work in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 "Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information" and with reference to Practice Note 740 "Auditor's Letter on Continuing Connected Transactions under the Hong Kong Listing Rules" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The Board has received a letter of confirmation from the auditor stating that the above continuing connected transaction (i) has been approved by the Board; (ii) has been conducted in accordance with the relevant agreements governing the relevant transactions; and (iii) the aggregate amounts incurred in 2014 have not exceeded the annual cap disclosed in the previous announcement. The auditor issued its unqualified letter containing its findings and conclusions in respect of the transaction disclosed above in accordance with Rule 14A.56 of the Listing Rules. The Company provided a copy of the said letter to the Stock Exchange.

In the opinion of the Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company, the above continuing connected transaction (i) is in the usual and ordinary course of businesses of the Group; (ii) was conducted on normal commercial terms; (iii) was conducted on the terms of the relevant agreement governing that transaction, which are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the shareholders of the Company as a whole; and (iv) did not exceed the annual cap amount disclosed in the previous announcement during the year ended 31 December 2014.

### MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended 31 December 2014, the Group entered into certain transactions with "related parties" as defined under the applicable accounting standards. Details of the material related party transactions are disclosed in Note 33 to the consolidated financial statements.

## **CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Other than the continuing connected transaction as disclosed above, no other contracts of significance to which the Company, its ultimate holding company, or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries was a party and in which a Director had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year ended 31 December 2014 or at any time during that year.

## DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO RULE 13.18 OF THE LISTING RULES

In accordance with the requirements under Rule 13.21 of the Listing Rules, the Board reported below details of loan facilities which exist at any time during the year ended 31 December 2014 and up to the date of this Annual Report and include conditions relating to specific performance of the controlling shareholder of the Company.

(i) On 17 March 2012, certain indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Company accepted the renewal of the banking facilities letter offered by a bank in relation to various banking facilities being made available to the Group, such facilities include a new 4-year term fixed loan of US\$40 million. The terms and conditions of the term fixed loan include, inter alia, a condition to the effect that it will be an event of default if China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司), a controlling shareholder of the Company, ceases to maintain not less than 51% of shareholding (whether directly or indirectly) of the Company throughout the life of the term fixed loan.

On 11 September 2014, the Group accepted the renewal of the banking facilities (the "Renewed Facilities") offered by the bank. The Renewed Facilities include a new 3-year term fixed loan of HK\$300 million and will be used for refinancing some of the existing banking facilities of the Group and financing the general corporate fund requirements of the Group.

The terms and conditions of the Renewed Facilities include, inter alia, the same condition that it will be an event of default if China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司), the controlling shareholder of the Company currently holding approximately 55.8% interest of the Company, ceases to maintain not less than 51% of the shareholding (whether directly or indirectly) of the Company throughout the life of two said term loans.

(ii) On 5 November 2012, Fong's National Engineering Company, Limited (as borrower), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, the Company (as guarantor) and a bank (as lender) entered into a 3-year term loan facility agreement of up to a principal amount of HK\$75 million. The term fixed loan will be used for capital expenditures and general corporate funding requirements of the Group. The terms and conditions of the term fixed loan include, inter alia, a condition that China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司) undertakes it will at all times maintain not less than 51% of shareholding (whether directly or indirectly) of the Company throughout the life of the term fixed loan.

- (iii) On 13 November 2013, Fong's National Engineering Company, Limited (as borrower) accepted the banking facilities offered by a bank (as lender) in relation to a new 3-year term loan of a principal amount of US\$30 million. The term fixed loan will be used for the construction cost of buildings and facilities as well as purchase of production equipment in respect of the new Zhongshan factory premises. The terms and conditions of the term fixed loan include, inter alia, a condition that China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司) undertakes it will at all times maintain not less than 51% of shareholding (whether directly or indirectly) of the Company throughout the life of the term fixed loan.
- (iv) On 28 November 2013, Fong's National Engineering Company, Limited (as borrower) accepted the banking facilities offered by a bank (as lender) in relation to a 3-year term loan facility of a principal amount of HK\$150 million. The term fixed loan will be used for construction cost of buildings and facilities as well as purchase of production equipment in respect of the new Zhongshan factory premises. The terms and conditions of the term fixed loan include, inter alia, a condition that China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司) undertakes it will at all times maintain not less than 51% of shareholding (whether directly or indirectly) of the Company throughout the life of the term fixed loan.
- (v) On 24 February 2014, Fong's Steels Supplies Company Limited (as borrower), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, accepted the new banking facilities offered by a bank (as lender) to the extent of HK\$30 million for general working capital purpose. The terms and conditions of the facilities include, inter alia, a condition that China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司) undertakes it will at all times maintain not less than 51% of shareholding (whether directly or indirectly) of the Company throughout the life of the term fixed loan.

Save as disclosed above, the Directors are not aware of any circumstances which would give rise to a disclosure obligation pursuant to the requirements under Rule 13.18 of the Listing Rules as at 31 December 2014 and as at the date of this Annual Report.

# DISCLOSEABLE INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SHAREHOLDERS UNDER THE SFO

As at 31 December 2014, the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO shows that, other than the interests disclosed above in respect of certain Directors, the following shareholders had notified the Company of relevant interests in the issued share capital of the Company as follows:

## Long position in shares of HK\$0.10 each of the Company

| Name of shareholder             | Capacity  | Number of issued ordinary shares held | Percentage<br>of the issued<br>share capital<br>of the Company |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| China Hi-Tech Group Corporation | Corporate interests (Note A)  | 307,704,070                           | 55.80%   |
| Mr. Fong Sou Lam                | Beneficial owner<br>Held by spouse<br>Corporate interests<br>(Note B) | 29,400,000<br>5,000,000<br>63,052,110 | 5.33%<br>0.91%<br>11.43%                                       |
|                                 |   | 97,452,110                            | 17.67%   |

Note A: By virtue of the SFO, China Hi-Tech Group Corporation is deemed to be interested in 307,704,070 shares held by its two wholly-owned subsidiaries as follows:

- (i) Newish Trading Limited 128,808,820 shares
- (ii) China Hi-Tech Holding Co., Ltd. 178,895,250 shares

Mr. Shi Tinghong, an Executive Director, and Mr. Ye Maoxin, a Non-executive Director, are the directors of both Newish Trading Limited and China Hi-Tech Holding Co., Ltd.

Note B: Mr. Fong Sou Lam is deemed to be interested in 63,052,110 shares by virtue of him being beneficially interested in (i) the entire share capital of Loyal Mate Limited which in turn beneficially owns 2,550,000 shares; and (ii) the entire issued share capital of GBOGH Assets Limited which in turn beneficially owns the entire share capital of the following companies which in turn beneficially own an aggregate of 60,502,110 shares as follows:

- (i) Bristol Investments Limited 8,000,000 shares
- (ii) Polar Bear Holdings Limited 39,000,000 shares
- (iii) Sheffield Holdings Company Limited 13,502,110 shares

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2014, the Company had not been notified of any person who had an interest or short position in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO.

## **DONATIONS**

During the year, the Group made charitable and other donations amounting to approximately HK\$158,000.

## **EMOLUMENT POLICY**

The Group's emolument policy, including salaries and bonuses, is in line with the local practices where the Company and its subsidiaries operate. The emolument policy of the Group is reviewed by the Remuneration Committee of the Company regularly, making reference to legal framework, market conditions and performance of the Group and individual employee.

### **PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS**

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's Bye-laws, or the laws of Bermuda, which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro-rata basis to existing shareholders.

# PURCHASE, SALE OF REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the year ended 31 December 2014.

### **PUBLIC FLOAT**

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors, throughout the year ended 31 December 2014 and as at the date of this Annual Report, the Company has maintained a sufficient public float of not less than 25% of the Company's issued shares being held by the public as required under the Listing Rules.

## **AUDITOR**

At the annual general meeting held on 15 May 2014, the shareholders approved the re-appointment of Baker Tilly Hong Kong Limited as the auditor of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

An ordinary resolution will be submitted at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to re-appoint Baker Tilly Hong Kong Limited as the independent auditor of the Company.

On behalf of the Board

Ji Xin

Director

Hong Kong, 27 March 2015

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF CHTC FONG'S INDUSTRIES COMPANY LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of CHTC Fong's Industries Company Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") set out on pages 55 to 147, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2014, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

# DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## **AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit and to report our opinion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with Section 90 of the Bermuda Companies Act, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing issued by the HKICPA. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## **AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY** (Continued)

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **OPINION**

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of affairs of the Group as at 31 December 2014, and of the Group's profit and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards and have been properly prepared in accordance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

#### **Baker Tilly Hong Kong Limited**

Certified Public Accountants

#### Lo Wing See

Practising certificate number P04607

Hong Kong, 27 March 2015

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2014

|  | NOTE   | 2014<br>HK\$'000  | 2013<br>HK\$'000  |
|--|--------|---|---|
| Revenue<br>Cost of sales   | 5      | 3,415,269<br>(2,311,036)  | 3,757,496<br>(2,631,194)  |
| Gross profit Interest income Other income Other losses Selling and distribution costs General and administrative expenses Other expenses Finance costs Share of results of an associate  | 9<br>9 | 1,104,233<br>2,265<br>24,553<br>(4,583)<br>(292,927)<br>(535,940)<br>(91,949)<br>(51,961) | 1,126,302<br>3,669<br>23,438<br>(26,480)<br>(304,008)<br>(538,020)<br>(100,411)<br>(61,767) |
| Profit before tax Income tax expense   | 7      | (2,416)<br>151,275<br>(33,753)  | 122,740<br>(42,385)   |
| Profit for the year  | 9      | 117,522   | 80,355  |
| Other comprehensive (expense) income, net of tax  Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:  Exchange difference arising on translation Share of changes in translation reserve of an associate  Reclassification adjustment of translation reserve upon deregistration of subsidiaries |        | (32,638)<br>(946)<br>–  | 27,117<br>932<br>10,069   |
| Gain on cash flow hedge  |        | (33,584)  | 39,062  |
| Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss: Remeasurement loss on defined benefit plan   |        | (2,408)   |   |
| Other comprehensive (expense) income for the year  |        | (35,992)  | 39,062  |
| Total comprehensive income for the year  |        | 81,530  | 119,417   |

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2014

|   |      | 2014           | 2013           |
|---|------|----------------|----------------|
|   | NOTE | HK\$'000       | HK\$'000       |
| Profit (loss) for the year attributable to: |      |                |                |
| Owners of the Company                       |      | 117,901        | 80,365         |
| Non-controlling interests                   |      | (379)          | (10)           |
|   |      | 447.500        | 00.055         |
|   |      | 117,522        | 80,355         |
| Total comprehensive income (expense)        |      |                |                |
| for the year attributable to:               |      |                |                |
| Owners of the Company                       |      | 81,919         | 119,427        |
| Non-controlling interests                   |      | (389)          | (10)           |
|   |      | 04 500         | 110 417        |
|   |      | 81,530         | 119,417        |
| Earnings per share                          |      |                |                |
| Basic and diluted                           | 12   | 21.38 HK cents | 14.57 HK cents |

The accompanying notes form part of the consolidated financial statements.

## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

At 31 December 2014

|  |      | 2014      | 2013             |
|--|------|-----------|------------------|
|  | NOTE | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000         |
| Non-current assets                         |      |           |                  |
| Property, plant and equipment              | 13   | 564,553   | 630,701          |
| Prepaid lease payments                     | 14   | 252,292   | 263,955          |
| Goodwill                                   | 15   |           |                  |
|  | 16   | 533,515   | 533,515          |
| Intangible assets Interest in an associate | 17   | 96,531    | 98,972<br>38,113 |
|  | 17   | _         | 30,113           |
| Deposits for acquisition of property,      |      | 1 400     | 4.051            |
| plant and equipment                        |      | 1,499     | 4,351            |
| Deposits for acquisition of leasehold land | 40   | 8,047     | 8,258            |
| Deferred tax assets                        | 18   | 16,468    | 20,251           |
|  |      | 1,472,905 | 1,598,116        |
| Current assets                             |      |           |                  |
| Inventories                                | 19   | 772,741   | 786,294          |
| Trade and other receivables                | 20   | 540,888   | 533,695          |
| Prepaid lease payments                     | 14   | 5,696     | 5,832            |
| Tax recoverable                            | 14   | 927       | 2,656            |
| Cash and cash equivalents                  | 21   | 495,565   | 469,670          |
|  |      |           |                  |
|  |      | 1,815,817 | 1,798,147        |
| Asset classified as held for sale          | 8    | 34,751    |                  |
|  |      | 1,850,568 | 1,798,147        |
| Current liabilities                        |      |           |                  |
| Trade and other payables                   | 22   | 699,710   | 893,548          |
| Warranty provision                         | 23   | 17,560    | 26,090           |
| Tax liabilities                            | 20   | 28,311    | 37,319           |
| Borrowings                                 | 24   | 1,139,408 | 1,040,189        |
|  |      | 1,884,989 | 1,997,146        |
|  |      | .,001,000 | .,,              |
| Net current liabilities                    |      | (34,421)  | (198,999)        |
| Total assets less current liabilities      |      | 1,438,484 | 1,399,117        |

## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

At 31 December 2014

| Non-current liabilities                      |       |           |           |
|--|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Borrowings                                   | 24    | _         | 134,741   |
| Deferred revenue                             | 25    | 5,077     | _         |
| Deferred tax liabilities                     | 18    | 18,785    | 16,893    |
| Other payable                                | 22    | 124,210   | _         |
|  |       | 148,072   | 151,634   |
| Net assets                                   |       | 1,290,412 | 1,247,483 |
| Capital and reserves                         |       |           |           |
| Equity attributable to owners of the Company |       |           |           |
| Share capital                                | 26(b) | 55,145    | 55,145    |
| Share premium and reserves                   |       | 1,234,931 | 1,191,613 |
|  |       | 1,290,076 | 1,246,758 |
| Non-controlling interests                    | 26(d) | 336       | 725       |
| Total equity                                 |       | 1,290,412 | 1,247,483 |

The consolidated financial statements on pages 55 to 147 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 27 March 2015 and are signed on its behalf by:

Shi Tinghong Ji Xin
Director Director

The accompanying notes form part of the consolidated financial statements.

## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

For the year ended 31 December 2014

## Attributable to owners of the Company

|                                   | Share capital | Share premium | Capital redemption reserve | Translation reserve | Retained profits | Contributed<br>surplus<br>HK\$'000 | Hedging<br>reserve<br>HK\$'000 | Subtotal  | Non-<br>controlling<br>interests<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br>HK\$'000 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--|-------------------|
|                                   |               |               |                            |                     |                  | (Note)                             |                                |           |  |                   |
| At 1 January 2013                 | 55,145        | 157,261       | 2,370                      | 122,327             | 776,619          | 25,582                             | (944)                          | 1,138,360 | -  | 1,138,360         |
| Profit (loss) for the year        | -             | -             | -                          | -                   | 80,365           | -                                  | -                              | 80,365    | (10)   | 80,355            |
| Exchange difference arising       |               |               |                            |                     |                  |                                    |                                |           |  |                   |
| on translation                    | -             | -             | -                          | 27,117              | -                | -                                  | -                              | 27,117    | -  | 27,117            |
| Share of changes in translation   |               |               |                            |                     |                  |                                    |                                |           |  |                   |
| reserve of an associate           | -             | -             | -                          | 932                 | -                | -                                  | -                              | 932       | -  | 932               |
| Reclassification adjustment       |               |               |                            |                     |                  |                                    |                                |           |  |                   |
| of translation reserve upon       |               |               |                            |                     |                  |                                    |                                |           |  |                   |
| deregistration of subsidiaries    | -             | -             | -                          | 10,069              | -                | -                                  | -                              | 10,069    | -  | 10,069            |
| Gain on cash flow hedge           | -             | -             | -                          | -                   | -                | -                                  | 944                            | 944       | -  | 944               |
| Other comprehensive income        |               |               |                            |                     |                  |                                    |                                |           |  |                   |
| for the year, net of tax          | -             | -             | -                          | 38,118              | -                | -                                  | 944                            | 39,062    | -  | 39,062            |
| Total comprehensive income        |               |               |                            |                     |                  |                                    |                                |           |  |                   |
| (expense) for the year            | -             | -             | -                          | 38,118              | 80,365           | -                                  | 944                            | 119,427   | (10)   | 119,417           |
| Contribution from non-controlling |               |               |                            |                     |                  |                                    |                                |           |  |                   |
| shareholder of a subsidiary       | _             | -             | -                          | _                   | -                | -                                  | -                              | -         | 735  | 735               |
| Interim dividend for 2013 paid    |               |               |                            |                     |                  |                                    |                                |           |  |                   |
| (Note 11)                         | -             | -             | -                          | -                   | (11,029)         | -                                  | -                              | (11,029)  | -  | (11,029)          |
| At 31 December 2013               | 55,145        | 157,261       | 2,370                      | 160,445             | 845,955          | 25,582                             | _                              | 1,246,758 | 725  | 1,247,483         |

## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

For the year ended 31 December 2014

## Attributable to owners of the Company

| _                               |          |          |                    |             |          |             |                    |           |                     |           |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
|                                 | Share    | Chara    | Capital            | Translation | Deteined | Contributed | Uadaina            |           | Non-<br>controlling |           |
|                                 | capital  | premium  | redemption reserve | reserve     | profits  | surplus     | Hedging<br>reserve | Subtotal  | interests           | Total     |
|                                 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000           | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000           | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000            | HK\$'000  |
|                                 |          |          |                    |             |          | (Note)      |                    |           |                     |           |
| At 1 January 2014               | 55,145   | 157,261  | 2,370              | 160,445     | 845,955  | 25,582      | -                  | 1,246,758 | 725                 | 1,247,483 |
| Profit (loss) for the year      | -        | -        | -                  | -           | 117,901  | -           | -                  | 117,901   | (379)               | 117,522   |
| Exchange difference arising     |          |          |                    |             |          |             |                    |           |                     |           |
| on translation                  | -        | -        | -                  | (32,628)    | -        | -           | -                  | (32,628)  | (10)                | (32,638)  |
| Share of changes in translation |          |          |                    |             |          |             |                    |           |                     |           |
| reserve of an associate         | -        | -        | -                  | (946)       | -        | -           | -                  | (946)     | -                   | (946)     |
| Remeasurement loss on defined   |          |          |                    |             |          |             |                    |           |                     |           |
| benefit plan                    | _        | _        | _                  | _           | (2,408)  | _           | -                  | (2,408)   | _                   | (2,408)   |
| Other comprehensive expense     |          |          |                    |             |          |             |                    |           |                     |           |
| for the year, net of tax        | -        | -        | -                  | (33,574)    | (2,408)  | -           | -                  | (35,982)  | (10)                | (35,992)  |
| Total comprehensive (expense)   |          |          |                    |             |          |             |                    |           |                     |           |
| income for the year             | -        | -        | -                  | (33,574)    | 115,493  | -           | -                  | 81,919    | (389)               | 81,530    |
| Final dividend for 2013 paid    |          |          |                    |             |          |             |                    |           |                     |           |
| (Note 11)                       | _        | -        | -                  | _           | (22,058) | _           | -                  | (22,058)  | _                   | (22,058)  |
| Interim dividend for 2014 paid  |          |          |                    |             |          |             |                    |           |                     |           |
| (Note 11)                       | -        | -        | -                  | -           | (16,543) | -           | -                  | (16,543)  | -                   | (16,543)  |
| At 31 December 2014             | 55,145   | 157,261  | 2,370              | 126,871     | 922,847  | 25,582      | -                  | 1,290,076 | 336                 | 1,290,412 |

Note: The contributed surplus of the Group represents the difference between the nominal value of the share capital issued by the Company and the nominal value of the entire issued share capital of Fong's Manufacturers Company Limited, the then holding company, acquired pursuant to a corporate reorganisation on 13 September 1990.

The accompanying notes form part of the consolidated financial statements.

## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

For the year ended 31 December 2014

|   | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES                                      |                  |                  |
| Profit before tax   | 151,275          | 122,740          |
| Adjustments for:  |                  |                  |
| Interest expense  | 38,908           | 46,156           |
| Interest income   | (2,265)          | (3,669)          |
| Share of results of an associate                          | 2,416            | (17)             |
| Loss on deregistration of subsidiaries                    | _                | 10,074           |
| Depreciation and amortisation                             | 97,991           | 106,486          |
| Allowance for doubtful debts                              | 2,181            | 2,315            |
| Allowance for inventories                                 | 4,973            | 12,089           |
| Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment         | 224              | 2,757            |
| Recognition of government grants                          | (585)            | _                |
| Warranty provision expense                                | 15,588           | 44,330           |
| Operating cash flows before movements in working capital  | 310,706          | 343,261          |
| Increase in inventories                                   | (15,768)         | (37,946)         |
| (Increase) decrease in trade and other receivables        | (22,766)         | 39,131           |
| (Decrease) increase in trade and other payables           | (154,308)        | 212,697          |
| Utilisation of warranty provision                         | (24,118)         | (31,568)         |
| Cash generated from operations                            | 93,746           | 525,575          |
| Hong Kong Profits Tax paid                                | (12,164)         | (10,099)         |
| Overseas income tax and the PRC Corporate Income Tax paid | (23,266)         | (7,723)          |
| Hong Kong Profits Tax refunded                            | 73               | 1,359            |
| NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES              | 58,389           | 509,112          |

## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

For the year ended 31 December 2014

|  | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES   |                  |                  |
| Refund of part of land cost from government                    | _                | 33               |
| Deposits paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment | (1,499)          | (4,351)          |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment        | 1,002            | 973              |
| Interest received  | 2,265            | 3,669            |
| Prepaid lease payments made                                    | _                | (88,203)         |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment                     | (38,198)         | (143,003)        |
| Receipt of government grants                                   | 5,662            | -                |
| Receipt of deposit from urban renewal project                  | 124,210          | -                |
| NET CASH GENERATED FROM (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES         | 93,442           | (230,882)        |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES   |                  |                  |
| Repayment of borrowings  | (1,421,742)      | (1,182,363)      |
| Dividends paid   | (38,601)         | (11,029)         |
| Interest paid on borrowings                                    | (40,743)         | (46,156)         |
| Contributions from non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary | _                | 735              |
| Net borrowings raised  | 1,399,781        | 994,844          |
| NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES                          | (101,305)        | (243,969)        |
| NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS                      | 50,526           | 34,261           |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR             | 469,670          | 412,870          |
| Exchange (loss) gain on cash and cash equivalents              | (24,631)         | 22,539           |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR                   | 495,565          | 469,670          |

The accompanying notes form part of the consolidated financial statements.

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## 1 GENERAL

The Company is incorporated in Bermuda as an exempted company with limited liability and its securities are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

The Directors of the Company (the "Directors") consider that the Company's parent company is China Hi-Tech Holding Company Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong, and its ultimate holding company is China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司), a company established in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司) is a state-owned enterprise under the direct supervision and administration of, and is beneficially owned by, the State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Committee of the State Council of the PRC. The address of the registered office and principal place of business of the Company are disclosed in the "Corporate Information" in this Annual Report.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$"), which is also the functional currency of the Company.

The Company acts as an investment holding company. Its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the manufacture and sale of dyeing and finishing machines, trading of stainless steel supplies and the manufacture and sale of stainless steel casting products.

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# 2 APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs")

In the current year, the Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRSs and a new Interpretation that are issued by Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA").

Amendments to HKFRS 10, Investment Entities

HKFRS 12 and HKAS 27

Amendments to HKAS 32 Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

Amendments to HKAS 36 Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets

Amendments to HKAS 39 Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of

**Hedge Accounting** 

HK(IFRIC) - Interpretation 21 Levies

Except as described below, the adoption of the new and revised HKFRSs had no material effect on the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

#### Amendments to HKAS 36 Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets

The Group has applied the amendments to HKAS 36 Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets for the first time in the current year. The amendments to HKAS 36 remove the requirement to disclose the recoverable amount of a cash-generating unit ("CGU") to which goodwill or other intangible assets with indefinite useful lives had been allocated when there has been no impairment or reversal of impairment of the related CGU. Furthermore, the amendments introduce additional disclosure requirements applicable to when the recoverable amount of an asset or a CGU is measured at fair value less costs of disposal. These new disclosures include the fair value hierarchy, key assumptions and valuation techniques used which are in line with the disclosure required by HKFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement.

The application of these amendments is not expected to have a material impact on the financial position or performance of the Group.

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# 2 APPLICATION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS ("HKFRSs") (Continued)

The Group has not early applied the following new and revised HKFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective:

HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments<sup>1</sup>

HKFRS 14 Regulatory Deferral Accounts<sup>2</sup>

HKFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers<sup>3</sup>

Amendments to HKFRS 11 Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations<sup>5</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 16 and Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and

HKAS 38 Amortisation<sup>5</sup>

Amendments to HKAS 16 and Agriculture: Bearer Plants<sup>5</sup>

HKAS 41

Amendments to HKAS 19 Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions<sup>4</sup>
Amendments to HKAS 27 Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements<sup>5</sup>

Amendments to HKFRS 10 and Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and

HKAS 28 its Associate or Joint Venture<sup>5</sup>

Amendments to HKFRSs Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2010-2012 Cycle<sup>6</sup>
Amendments to HKFRSs Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2011-2013 Cycle<sup>4</sup>
Amendments to HKFRSs Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2012-2014 Cycle<sup>5</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, with earlier application permitted.
- Effective for first annual HKFRS financial statements beginning on or after 1 January 2016, with earlier application
- Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017, with earlier application permitted.
- <sup>4</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2014, with earlier application permitted.
- <sup>5</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, with earlier application permitted.
- <sup>6</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2014, with limited exceptions. Earlier application is permitted.

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these amendments and new standards would be in the period of initial application, but not yet in a position to state whether these amendments and new standards would have a significant impact on the Group's results of operations and financial position.

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## 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA. In addition, the consolidated financial statements include applicable disclosures required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments that are measured at fair values, as explained in the accounting policies set out below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these consolidated financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of HKFRS 2, leasing transactions that are within the scope of HKAS 17, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in HKAS 2 or value in use in HKAS 36.

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The principal accounting policies are set out below.

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## 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (b) Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and entities (including structured entities) controlled by the Company and its subsidiaries. Control is achieved when the Company:

- has power over the investee;
- is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee;
   and
- has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

The Group reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control listed above.

When the Group has less than a majority of the voting rights of an investee, it has power over the investee when the voting rights are sufficient to give it the practical ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee unilaterally. The Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether or not the Group's voting rights in an investee are sufficient to give it power, including:

- the size of the Group's holding of voting rights relative to the size and dispersion of holdings of the other vote holders;
- potential voting rights held by the Group, other vote holders or other parties;
- · rights arising from other contractual arrangements; and
- any additional facts and circumstances that indicate that the Group has, or does not have, the current ability to direct the relevant activities at the time that decisions need to be made, including voting patterns at previous shareholders' meetings.

Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Specifically, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income from the date the Group gains control until the date when the Group ceases to control the subsidiary.

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## 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (b) Basis of consolidation (Continued)

Profit or loss and each item of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests. Total comprehensive income of subsidiaries is attributed to the owners of the Company and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies in line with the Group's accounting policies.

All intragroup assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

### Changes in the Group's ownership interests in existing subsidiaries

Changes in the Group's ownership interests in subsidiaries that do not result in the Group losing control over the subsidiaries are accounted for as equity transactions. The carrying amounts of the Group's interests and non-controlling interests are adjusted to reflect the changes in their relative interests in the subsidiaries. Any difference between the amount by which the non-controlling interests are adjusted and the fair value of the consideration paid or received is recognised directly in equity and attributed to owners of the Company.

When the Group loses control of a subsidiary, gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss and is calculated as the difference between (i) the aggregate of the fair value of the consideration received and the fair value of any retained interest; and (ii) the previous carrying amount of the assets (including goodwill), and liabilities of the subsidiary and any non-controlling interests. All amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in relation to that subsidiary are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities of the subsidiary (i.e. reclassified to profit or loss or transferred to another category of equity as specified/permitted by applicable HKFRSs). The fair value of any investment retained in the former subsidiary at the date when control is lost is regarded as the fair value on initial recognition for subsequent accounting under HKAS 39, when applicable, the cost on initial recognition of an investment in an associate or a joint venture.

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## 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## (c) Goodwill

Goodwill arising on an acquisition of a business is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses, if any, and is presented separately in the consolidated statement of financial position.

For the purposes of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination.

A cash-generating unit to which goodwill has been allocated is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently when there is indication that the unit may be impaired. If the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than its carrying amount, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the unit and then to the other assets of the unit on a pro-rata basis based on the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. Any impairment loss for goodwill is recognised directly in profit or loss. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in subsequent periods.

On disposal of the relevant cash-generating unit, the attributable amount of goodwill is included in the determination of the profit or loss on disposal.

### (d) Investment in an associate

An associate is an entity over which the investor has significant influence. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee but is not control or joint control over those policies.

The results and assets and liabilities of an associate are incorporated in these consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting, except when the investment, or a portion thereof, is classified as held for sale, in which case is accounted for in accordance with HKFRS 5. Under the equity method, investment in an associate is initially recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognise the Group's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the associate. When the Group's share of losses of an associate equals or exceeds the Group's interest in that associate (which includes any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Group's net investment in the associate), the Group discontinues recognising its share of further losses. Additional losses are recognised only to the extent that the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of that associate.

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## 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (d) Investment in an associate (Continued)

An investment in an associate is accounted for using equity method from the date on which the investee becomes an associate. On acquisition of the investment in an associate, any excess of the cost of the investment over the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the investee is recognised as goodwill, which is included within the carrying amount of the investment. Any excess of the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities over the cost of the investment, after reassessment, is recognised immediately in profit or loss in the period in which the investment is acquired.

The requirements of HKAS 39 are applied to determine whether it is necessary to recognise any impairment loss with respect to the Group's investment in an associate. When necessary, the entire carrying amount of the investment (including goodwill) is tested for impairment in accordance with HKAS 36 Impairment of Assets as a single asset by comparing its recoverable amount (higher of value in use and fair value less costs of disposal) with its carrying amount. Any impairment loss recognised forms part of the carrying amount of the investment. Any reversal of that impairment loss is recognised in accordance with HKAS 36 to the extent that the recoverable amount of the investment subsequently increases.

The Group discontinues the use of the equity method from the date when the investment ceases to be an associate, or when the investment is classified as held for sale. When the Group retains an interest in the former associate and the retained interest is a financial asset, the Group measures the retained interest at fair value at that date and the fair value is regarded as its fair value on initial recognition in accordance with HKAS 39. The difference between the carrying amount of the associate at the date the equity method was discontinued, and the fair value of any retained interest and any proceeds from disposing of a part interest in the associate is included in the determination of the gain or loss on disposal of the associate. In addition, the Group accounts for all amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in relation to that associate on the same basis as would be required if that associate had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. Therefore, if a gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income by that associate would be reclassified to profit or loss on the disposal of the related assets or liabilities, the Group reclassifies the gain or loss from equity to profit or loss (as a reclassification adjustment) when the equity method is discontinued.

The Group continues to use the equity method when an investment in an associate becomes an investment in a joint venture. There is no remeasurement to fair value upon such changes in ownership interests.

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## 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (d) Investment in an associate (Continued)

When the Group reduces its ownership interest in an associate but the Group continues to use the equity method, the Group reclassifies to profit or loss the proportion of the gain or loss that had previously been recognised in other comprehensive income relating to that reduction in ownership interest if that gain or loss would be reclassified to profit or loss on the disposal of the related assets or liabilities.

When a group entity transacts with its associate, profits and losses resulting from the transactions with the associate are recognised in the Group's consolidated financial statements only to the extent of interests in the associate that are not related to the Group.

#### (e) Non-current assets held for sale

Non-current assets and disposal groups are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. This condition is regarded as met only when the asset is available for immediate sale in its present condition subject only to terms that are usual and customary for sales of such asset and its sale is highly probable. Management must be committed to the sale, which should be expected to qualify for recognition as a completed sale within one year from the date of classification.

When the Group is committed to a sale plan involving disposal of an investment, or a portion of an investment, in an associate, the investment or the portion of the investment that will be disposed of is classified as held for sale when the criteria described above are met, and the Group discontinues the use of the equity method in relation to the portion that is classified as held for sale. Any retained portion of an investment in an associate that has not been classified as held for sale continues to be accounted for using the equity method. The Group discontinues the use of the equity method at the time of disposal when the disposal results in the Group losing significant influence over the associate.

After the disposal takes place, the Group accounts for any retained interest in the associate in accordance with HKAS 39 unless the retained interest continues to be an associate, in which case the Group uses the equity method (see Note 3(d)).

Non-current assets (and disposal groups) classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs of disposal.

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## 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (f) Intangible assets

### Intellectual property rights

Intellectual property rights acquired separately and with finite useful lives are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation for intellectual property rights with finite useful lives is provided on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful live and amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effective of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis.

#### Trademarks and licenses

Separately acquired trademarks and licenses are shown at historical cost. Trademarks and licenses acquired in a business combination are recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. Trademarks and licenses have an indefinite useful live and is thus not subject to amortisation.

Trademarks and licenses are tested at least annually for impairment and are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

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

#### Research and development expenditure

Expenditure on research activities is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred.

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# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (f) Intangible assets (Continued)

### Research and development expenditure (Continued)

An internally-generated intangible asset arising from development activities (or from the development phase of an internal project) is recognised if, and only if, all of the following have been demonstrated:

- the technical feasibility of completing the intangible asset so that it will be available for use or sale:
- the intention to complete the intangible asset and use or sell it;
- the ability to use or sell the intangible asset;
- how the intangible asset will generate probable future economic benefits;
- the availability of adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the intangible asset; and
- the ability to measure reliably the expenditure attributable to the intangible asset during its development.

The amount initially recognised for internally-generated intangible asset is the sum of the expenditure incurred from the date when the intangible asset first meets the recognition criteria listed above. Where no internally-generated intangible asset can be recognised, development expenditure is charged to profit or loss in the period in which it is incurred.

Subsequent to initial recognition, internally-generated intangible asset is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation of internally-generated intangible assets with finite useful lives is provided on straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives.

### (g) Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods sold and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts and sales related taxes.

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### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (g) Revenue recognition (Continued)

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the goods are delivered and title has passed, at which time all the following conditions are satisfied:

- the Group has transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods;
- the Group retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Group; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

Commission income and management fee income are recognised when services are provided.

Interest income from a financial asset is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the amount of income can be measured reliably. Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the shareholders' rights to receive payment have been established (provided that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the amount of revenue can be measured reliably).

### (h) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment including land and buildings held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, or for administrative purposes (other than construction in progress and freehold land as described below) are stated in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost less subsequent accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

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## 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (h) Property, plant and equipment (Continued)

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of items of property, plant and equipment, other than properties under construction and freehold land, less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

Freehold land and properties in the course of construction for production, supply or administrative purposes are carried at cost, less any recognised impairment loss. Costs include professional fees and, for qualifying assets, borrowing costs capitalised in accordance with the Group's accounting policy. Such properties are classified to the appropriate categories of property, plant and equipment when completed and ready for intended use. Depreciation of these assets other than freehold land, on the same basis as other property assets, commences when the assets are ready for their intended use.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in profit or loss.

#### (i) Prepaid lease payments

Payments for obtaining land use rights are accounted for as prepaid operating lease payments and are charged to profit or loss over the lease terms.

#### (j) Impairment losses on tangible and intangible assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss, if any.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. 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 for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

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### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (j) Impairment losses on tangible and intangible assets (Continued)

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised as income immediately.

### (k) Leasing

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

#### The Group as lessee

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

In the event that lease incentives are received to enter into operating leases, such incentives are recognised as a liability. The aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis, except where another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased asset are consumed.

### Leasehold land and building

When a lease includes both land and building elements, the Group assesses the classification of each element as a finance or an operating lease separately based on the assessment as to whether substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of each element have been transferred to the Group, unless it is clear that both elements are operating leases in which case the entire lease is classified as an operating lease. Specifically, the minimum lease payments (including any lump-sum upfront payments) are allocated between the land and the building elements in proportion to the relative fair values of the leasehold interests in the land element and building element of the lease at the inception of the lease.

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## 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (k) Leasing (Continued)

#### Leasehold land and building (Continued)

To the extent the allocation of the lease payments can be made reliably, interest in leasehold land that is accounted for as an operating lease is presented as "prepaid lease payments" in the consolidated statement of financial position and is amortised over the lease term on a straight-line basis. When the lease payments cannot be allocated reliably between the land and building elements, the entire lease is generally classified as a finance lease and accounted for as property, plant and equipment.

### (I) Foreign currencies

In preparing the financial statements of each individual group entity, transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of that entity (foreign currencies) are recorded in the respective functional currency (i.e. the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates) at the rates of exchanges prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At the end of the reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at that date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items, and on the retranslation of monetary items, are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise, except for exchange differences arising on a monetary item that forms part of the Group's net investment in a foreign operation, in which case, such exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity and will be reclassified from equity to profit or loss on disposal of the foreign operation.

For the purposes of presenting the consolidated financial statements, the assets and liabilities of the Group's foreign operations are translated into the presentation currency of the Group (i.e. Hong Kong dollars) using exchange rate prevailing at the end of each reporting period. Income and expenses are translated at the average exchange rates for the period, unless exchange rates fluctuate significantly during the period, in which case, the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of transactions are used. Exchange differences arising, if any, are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity under the heading of the translation reserve.

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### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (I) Foreign currencies (Continued)

On the disposal of a foreign operation (i.e. a disposal of the Group's entire interest in a foreign operation, or a disposal involving loss of control over a subsidiary that includes a foreign operation, or a disposal involving loss of significant influence over an associate that includes a foreign operation), all of the exchange differences accumulated in equity in respect of that operation attributable to the owners of the Company are reclassified to profit or loss. In addition, in relation to a partial disposal of a subsidiary that does not result in the Group losing control over the subsidiary, the proportionate share of accumulated exchange differences are re-attributed to non-controlling interests and are not recognised in profit or loss. For all other partial disposals (i.e. partial disposals of associates that do not result in the Group losing significant influence or joint control), the proportionate share of the accumulated exchange differences is reclassified to profit or loss.

### (m) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

#### (n) Government grants

Government grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the Group will comply with the conditions attaching to them and that the grants will be received.

Government grants are recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Group recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate. Specifically, government grants whose primary condition is that the Group should purchase, construct or otherwise acquire non-current assets are recognised as deferred revenue in the consolidated statement of financial position and transferred to profit or loss on a systematic and rational basis over the useful lives of the related assets.

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# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (n) Government grants (Continued)

As explained in Note 25, certain government grants obtained are treated as deferred revenue in the statement of financial position and credited to profit or loss in accordance with conditions set by the government body.

#### (o) Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit as reported in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax base used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary difference to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries and an associate, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences associated with such investments and interests are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that there will be sufficient taxable profits against which to utilise the benefits of the temporary differences and they are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

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### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (o) Taxation (Continued)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset is realised, based on tax rate (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities. Current and deferred tax is recognised in profit or loss, except when it relates to items that are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax are also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively. Where current tax or deferred tax arises from the initial accounting for a business combination, the tax effect is included in the accounting for business combination.

### (p) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is calculated using the weighted average method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for inventories less all estimated costs of completion and costs necessary to make the sale.

#### (q) Retirement benefits costs

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefits plans, state-managed retirement benefit schemes and the Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme are recognised as an expense when employees have rendered service entitling them to the contributions.

For defined benefits plans, retirement benefit costs are assessed using the projected unit credit method. Under this method, the cost of providing retirement benefits is charged to profit or loss so as to spread the regular cost over the service lives of employees.

The asset or liability recognised on the statement of financial position is the present value of the cost of providing these benefits (the defined benefit obligation) less the fair value of the plan assets at the end of the reporting period. The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries and is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of high quality corporate bonds. The plan assets are valued on a bid price basis.

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# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (q) Retirement benefits costs (Continued)

Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions on obligation are charged or credited to equity in other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise. Past-service costs are recognised immediately in profit or loss. Any difference between the implicit and actual return on plan assets are charged as remeasurements to other comprehensive income.

For defined contribution schemes, the Group's contributions are charged to profit or loss in the period to which the contributions relate.

#### (r) Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities (other than financial liabilities, at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")) are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition. Transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition of financial assets or financial liabilities at FVTPL are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

#### **Financial assets**

The Group's financial assets are classified into loans and receivables. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of initial recognition. All regular way purchases or sales of financial assets are recognised and derecognised on a trade date basis. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

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### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(r) Financial instruments (Continued)
Financial assets (Continued)

Effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial asset, or, where appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Interest income is recognised on an effective interest basis for debt instruments.

#### Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Subsequent to initial recognition, loans and receivables (including trade and other receivables and bank balances and cash) are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any identified impairment losses (see accounting policy on impairment loss on financial assets below).

#### Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at the end of each reporting period. Financial assets are considered to be impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the financial assets have been affected.

Objective evidence of impairment could include:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or counterparty; or
- breach of contract, such as default or delinquency in interest and principal payments; or
- it becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or financial re-organisation.

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### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(r) Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets (Continued)

For certain categories of financial assets, such as trade receivables, assets that are assessed not to be impaired individually are, in addition, assessed for impairment on a collective basis. Objective evidence of impairment for a portfolio of receivables could include the Group's past experience of collecting payments, an increase in the number of delayed payments in the portfolio past the average credit period of 60 days, observable changes in national or local economic conditions that correlate with default on receivables.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of the impairment loss recognised is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate.

The carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced by the impairment loss directly for all financial assets with the exception of trade receivables, where the carrying amount is reduced through the use of an allowance account. Changes in the carrying amount of the allowance account are recognised in profit or loss. When a trade receivable is considered uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited to profit or loss.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, if, in a subsequent period, the amount of impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment losses was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss to the extent that the carrying amount of the asset at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised.

#### Financial liabilities and equity instruments

Financial liabilities and equity instruments issued by a group entity are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements entered and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument. The Group's financial liabilities are generally classified into financial liabilities at FVTPL and other financial liabilities.

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# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(r) Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial liabilities and equity instruments (Continued)

Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Group after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Repurchase of the Company's own equity instruments is recognised and deducted directly in equity. No gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Company's own equity instruments.

#### Financial liabilities at FVTPL

Financial liabilities are classified as at FVTPL when the financial liabilities are either held for trading or it is those designated as at FVTPL on initial recognition.

A financial liability is classified as held for trading if:

- it has been incurred principally for the purpose of repurchasing in the near future;
   or
- on initial recognition it is a part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that the Group manages together and has a recent actual pattern of short-term profittaking; or
- it is a derivative that is not designated and effective as a hedging instrument.

Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value arising on remeasurement recognised directly in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss includes any interest paid on the financial liabilities.

#### Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities including trade and other payables and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

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### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (r) Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial liabilities and equity instruments (Continued)

#### Effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction cost and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Interest expense is recognised on an effective interest basis other than those financial liability classified as at FVTPL, of which the interest expense is included in net gains or losses.

#### Derivative financial instruments and hedging

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at the end of each reporting period. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in profit or loss depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

#### Embedded derivatives

Derivatives embedded in non-derivative host contracts are treated as separate derivatives when their risks and characteristics are not closely related to those of the host contracts and the host contracts are not measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

#### Hedge accounting

The Group designates certain derivatives as hedges of variable-rate bank borrowings (cash flow hedges).

At the inception of the hedging relationship the entity documents the relationship between the hedging instrument and hedged item, along with its risk management objectives and its strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. Furthermore, at the inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis, the Group documents whether the hedging instrument that is used in a hedging relationship is highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of the hedged item.

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### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(r) Financial instruments (Continued)

**Derivative financial instruments and hedging** (Continued)

Cash flow hedges

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in hedging reserve. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity (hedging reserve) are reclassified to profit or loss in the periods when the hedged item is recognised in profit or loss, in the same line of the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as the recognised hedged item.

Hedge accounting is discontinued when the Group revokes the hedging relationship, the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated, or exercised, or when it no longer qualifies for hedge accounting. Any gain or loss recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity at that time remains in equity and is recognised when the forecast transaction is ultimately recognised in profit or loss. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the gain or loss accumulated in equity is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

#### Derecognition

The Group derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. If the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Group continues to recognise the asset to the extent of its continuing involvement and recognises an associated liability. If the Group retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Group continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

On derecognition of a financial asset in its entirety, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable and the cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity is recognised in profit or loss.

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## 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(r) Financial instruments (Continued)

**Derecognition** (Continued)

The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

### (s) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that the Group will be required to settle that obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows (where the effect of the time value of money is material).

#### (t) Related parties

- (a) A person, or a close member of that person's family, is related to the Group if that person:
  - (i) has control or joint control of the Group;
  - (ii) has significant influence over the Group; or
  - (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the Group or the Group's parent.
- (b) An entity is related to the Group if any of the following conditions applies:
  - (i) The entity and the Group 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);

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### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- (t) Related parties (Continued)
  - (b) An entity is related to the Group if any of the following conditions applies: (Continued)
    - (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 Group or an entity related to the Group;
    - (vi) The entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a); and
    - (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).

Close members of the family of a person are those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that person in their dealings with the entity.

### 4 KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The following are the key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

#### Income taxes

As at 31 December 2014, a deferred tax asset of approximately HK\$9,888,000 (2013: approximately HK\$16,561,000) in relation to unused tax losses of approximately HK\$30,463,000 (2013: approximately HK\$100,373,000) has been recognised in the Group's consolidated statement of financial position. No deferred tax asset has been recognised on the tax losses of approximately HK\$257,882,000 (2013: approximately HK\$559,742,000) due to the unpredictability of future profit streams. The realisability of the deferred tax asset mainly depends on whether sufficient future profits or taxable temporary differences will be available in the future. In cases where the actual future profits generated are more or less than expected, a material recognition or reversal of deferred tax asset may arise, which would be recognised in profit or loss for the period in which such a recognition or reversal takes places.

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### 4 KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (Continued)

### Useful lives and impairment of property, plant and equipment

The Group's management determines the estimated useful lives of its property, plant and equipment based on the historical experience of the actual useful lives of property, plant and equipment of similar nature and functions. Management will increase the depreciation charge where useful lives are less than previously estimated. The impairment loss for property, plant and equipment is recognised for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The carrying amount of property, plant and equipment at 31 December 2014 is approximately HK\$564,553,000 (2013: approximately HK\$630,701,000). More details are given in Note 13.

### Impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets

Determining whether goodwill and other intangible assets are impaired requires an estimation of future cash flows expected to arise from the products developed and a suitable discount rate in order to calculate present value. Where the actual future cash flows are less than expected, a material impairment loss may arise. The carrying amounts of goodwill and other intangible assets at 31 December 2014 are approximately HK\$533,515,000 (2013: HK\$533,515,000) and approximately HK\$96,531,000 (2013: approximately HK\$98,972,000) respectively with no impairment loss recognised.

#### Allowances for inventories

The management reviews the condition of the inventories of the Group and makes allowance for obsolete and slow-moving inventory items identified that are no longer suitable for sale and use in production. The management estimates the net realisable value for such inventories based primarily on the latest invoice prices and current market conditions. The Group carries out an inventory review on a product-by-product basis at the end of each reporting period and makes allowance for obsolete items. If the market conditions were deteriorating and more obsolete and slow-moving inventory items being identified, additional allowances may be required. As at 31 December 2014, the carrying amount of inventories is approximately HK\$772,741,000 (2013: approximately HK\$786,294,000).

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### 4 KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (Continued)

### Estimated impairment of trade receivables

When there is objective evidence of impairment loss, the Group takes into consideration the estimation of future cash flows. The amount of the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate (i.e. the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition). Where the actual future cash flows are less than expected, a material impairment loss may arise. As at 31 December 2014, the carrying amount of trade receivables is approximately HK\$296,463,000 (2013: approximately HK\$321,304,000) (net of allowance for doubtful debts of approximately HK\$7,423,000 (2013: approximately HK\$5,242,000)). More details are given in Note 20.

#### **Provision for warranties**

The policy for provision of warranties of the Group is based on the management's best estimate of the Group's liabilities under a 12-month warranty period granted on the sale of dyeing and finishing machines based on past experience. The actual settlement may differ from the estimation made by the management. If the amounts are settled for an amount greater than management's estimation, a future charge to profit or loss will result. Likewise, if the amounts are settled for an amount that is less than estimation, a future credit to profit or loss will result. As at 31 December 2014, the carrying amount of warranty provision is approximately HK\$17,560,000 (2013: approximately HK\$26,090,000). The movement of the warranty provision for the year is set out in Note 23.

### 5 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Information reported to the Executive Directors of the Company, being the chief operating decision maker ("CODM"), for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on the performance of each group company. Specifically, the Group's reportable segments under HKFRS 8 are aggregation of operating segments based on types of goods or services delivered or provided, as follows:

- 1. Manufacture and sale of dyeing and finishing machines
- Trading of stainless steel supplies
- 3. Manufacture and sale of stainless steel casting products

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# 5 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

## Segment revenues and results

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by reportable segment:

### For the year ended 31 December 2014

|                                  | Manufacture<br>and sale of<br>dyeing and<br>finishing<br>machines<br>HK\$'000 | Trading of<br>stainless<br>steel<br>supplies<br>HK\$'000 | Manufacture<br>and sale<br>of stainless<br>steel casting<br>products<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br>HK\$'000 |
|----------------------------------|---|--|--|-------------------|
| REVENUE                          |   |  |  |                   |
| External sales                   | 2,514,611   | 430,370  | 470,288  | 3,415,269         |
| Inter-segment sales              | 16,544  | 282,297  | 34,790   | 333,631           |
| Segment revenue                  | 2,531,155   | 712,667  | 505,078  | 3,748,900         |
| Elimination                      |   |  |  | (333,631)         |
| Group revenue                    |   |  |  | 3,415,269         |
| Segment profit                   | 136,647   | 21,909   | 44,831   | 203,387           |
| Interest income                  |   |  |  | 2,265             |
| Finance costs                    |   |  |  | (51,961)          |
| Share of results of an associate |   |  |  | (2,416)           |
| Profit before tax                |   |  |  | 151,275           |

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### 5 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment revenues and results (Continued)

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by reportable segment: (Continued)

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|                                  | Manufacture |            | Manufacture   |           |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-----------|
|                                  | and sale of | Trading of | and sale      |           |
|                                  | dyeing and  | stainless  | of stainless  |           |
|                                  | finishing   | steel      | steel casting |           |
|                                  | machines    | supplies   | products      | Total     |
|                                  | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000      | HK\$'000  |
| REVENUE                          |             |            |               |           |
| External sales                   | 2,840,422   | 407,920    | 509,154       | 3,757,496 |
| Inter-segment sales              | 15,769      | 338,829    | 45,372        | 399,970   |
| Segment revenue                  | 2,856,191   | 746,749    | 554,526       | 4,157,466 |
| Elimination                      |             |            |               | (399,970) |
| Group revenue                    |             |            |               | 3,757,496 |
| Segment profit                   | 135,324     | 1,837      | 43,660        | 180,821   |
| Interest income                  |             |            |               | 3,669     |
| Finance costs                    |             |            |               | (61,767)  |
| Share of results of an associate |             |            |               | 17        |
| Profit before tax                |             |            |               | 122,740   |

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies described in Note 3. Segment results represent the results of each segment excluding interest income, finance costs and share of results of an associate. This is the measure reported to the CODM for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment.

Inter-segment sales are charged at terms agreed between relevant parties.

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# 5 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

## Segment assets and liabilities

The following is an analysis of the Group's assets and liabilities by reportable segment:

### As at 31 December 2014

|                                   | Manufacture<br>and sale of<br>dyeing and<br>finishing<br>machines<br>HK\$'000 | Trading of<br>stainless<br>steel<br>supplies<br>HK\$'000 | Manufacture<br>and sale<br>of stainless<br>steel casting<br>products<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br>HK\$'000 |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|-------------------|
| ASSETS                            |   |  |  |                   |
| Segment assets                    | 2,192,383   | 208,231  | 375,148  | 2,775,762         |
| Asset classified as held for sale |   |  |  | 34,751            |
| Unallocated corporate assets      |   |  |  | 512,960           |
| Consolidated total assets         |   |  |  | 3,323,473         |
| LIABILITIES                       |   |  |  |                   |
| Segment liabilities               | 761,328   | 16,971   | 68,258   | 846,557           |
| Unallocated corporate liabilities |   |  |  | 1,186,504         |
| Consolidated total liabilities    |   |  |  | 2,033,061         |

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### 5 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment assets and liabilities (Continued)

The following is an analysis of the Group's assets and liabilities by reportable segment: (Continued)

As at 31 December 2013

|   | Manufacture<br>and sale of<br>dyeing and<br>finishing<br>machines<br>HK\$'000 | Trading of<br>stainless<br>steel<br>supplies<br>HK\$'000 | Manufacture<br>and sale<br>of stainless<br>steel casting<br>products<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br>HK\$'000              |
|---|---|--|--|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS Segment assets Interest in an associate Unallocated corporate assets | 2,286,526   | 167,529  | 411,518  | 2,865,573<br>38,113<br>492,577 |
| Consolidated total assets   |   |  |  | 3,396,263                      |
| LIABILITIES Segment liabilities Unallocated corporate liabilities           | 848,776   | 12,561   | 58,301   | 919,638<br>1,229,142           |
| Consolidated total liabilities  |   |  |  | 2,148,780                      |

For the purposes of monitoring segment performances and allocating resources between segments:

- all assets are allocated to operating segments other than interest in an associate, asset classified as held for sale, deferred tax assets, tax recoverable as well as cash and cash equivalents; and
- all liabilities are allocated to operating segments other than tax liabilities, deferred tax liabilities and borrowings.

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# 5 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Other segment information For the year ended 31 December 2014

Amounts included in the measure of segment results or segment assets:

|  | Manufacture<br>and sale of<br>dyeing and<br>finishing<br>machines<br>HK\$'000 | Trading of<br>stainless<br>steel<br>supplies<br>HK\$'000 | Manufacture<br>and sale<br>of stainless<br>steel casting<br>products<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|---|--|--|-------------------|
| Additions to non-current assets excluding      |   |  |  |                   |
| deferred tax assets                            | 28,087  | 1,148  | 13,203   | 42,438            |
| Depreciation and amortisation                  | 77,746  | 1,499  | 18,746   | 97,991            |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant and |   |  |  |                   |
| equipment                                      | 29  | (1)  | 196  | 224               |
| Allowance for inventories                      | 516   | _  | 4,457  | 4,973             |
| Allowance for doubtful debts                   | 244   | 1,937  | -  | 2,181             |

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Amounts included in the measure of segment results or segment assets:

|  | Manufacture |            | Manufacture   |          |
|--|-------------|------------|---------------|----------|
|  | and sale of | Trading of | and sale      |          |
|  | dyeing and  | stainless  | of stainless  |          |
|  | finishing   | steel      | steel casting |          |
|  | machines    | supplies   | products      | Total    |
|  | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000      | HK\$'000 |
| Additions to non-current assets excluding            |             |            |               |          |
| deferred tax assets                                  | 211,672     | 2,194      | 60,662        | 274,528  |
| Depreciation and amortisation                        | 88,709      | 1,371      | 16,406        | 106,486  |
| Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment    | 2,253       | 5          | 499           | 2,757    |
| Loss on deregistration of subsidiaries               | 10,074      | _          | -             | 10,074   |
| Allowance for inventories                            | 4,289       | _          | 7,800         | 12,089   |
| (Reversal of allowance) allowance for doubtful debts | (36)        | 901        | 1,450         | 2,315    |

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# 5 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

## Other segment information (Continued)

Reconciliation for earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation to profit before tax is as follows:

|  | <b>2014</b> 2013                           |
|--|--|
|  | <b>HK\$'000</b> HK\$'000                   |
|  |  |
| Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and                |  |
| amortisation of business segments                              | <b>301,378</b> 287,307                     |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment                  | <b>(90,083)</b> (97,340                    |
| Amortisation of prepaid lease payments                         | <b>(5,467)</b> (5,501                      |
| Amortisation of intangible assets                              | <b>(2,441)</b> (3,645                      |
|  |  |
| Operating profit   | <b>203,387</b> 180,821                     |
| Interest income  | <b>2,265</b> 3,669                         |
| Finance costs  | <b>(51,961)</b> (61,767)                   |
| Share of results of an associate                               | <b>(2,416)</b> 17                          |
| Profit before tax  | <b>151,275</b> 122,740                     |
| Interest income Finance costs Share of results of an associate | 2,265 3,66<br>(51,961) (61,76<br>(2,416) 1 |

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## 5 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

### Other segment information (Continued)

Assets are attributed to the segments based on the operations of each segment and the location of the assets.

Segment assets are summarised as below:

|  | 2014      | 2013      |
|--|-----------|-----------|
|  | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000  |
| Segment assets as allocated by business segments Unallocated assets: | 2,775,762 | 2,865,573 |
| Asset classified as held for sale                                    | 34,751    | _         |
| Interest in an associate   | _         | 38,113    |
| Deferred tax assets  | 16,468    | 20,251    |
| Tax recoverable  | 927       | 2,656     |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 495,565   | 469,670   |
| Total assets as per consolidated statement of                        |           |           |
| financial position   | 3,323,473 | 3,396,263 |

Liabilities are attributed to the segments based on the operations of each segment. The Group's borrowings are not recognised as segment liabilities, as they are managed by finance department responsible for the Group's finance.

Segment liabilities are summarised as below:

|  | 2014      | 2013      |
|--|-----------|-----------|
|  | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000  |
| Segment liabilities as allocated by business segments Unallocated liabilities: | 846,557   | 919,638   |
| Tax liabilities  | 28,311    | 37,319    |
| Deferred tax liabilities   | 18,785    | 16,893    |
| Borrowings   | 1,139,408 | 1,174,930 |
| Total liabilities as per consolidated statement of                             |           |           |
| financial position   | 2,033,061 | 2,148,780 |

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### 5 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

### Geographical information

The Group's operations are located mainly in Hong Kong, the PRC and Germany.

Information about the Group's revenue from external customers is presented based on location of customers and information about its non-current assets is presented based on the geographical location of the assets, they are detailed below:

|   | Reveni             | ue from   |           |            |
|---|--------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|   | external customers |           | Non-curre | ent assets |
|   | 2014               | 2013      | 2014      | 2013       |
|   | HK\$'000           | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000   |
|   |                    |           |           |            |
| The PRC   | 1,402,742          | 1,823,498 | 1,278,241 | 1,392,950  |
| Hong Kong                                       | 388,815            | 441,386   | 12,849    | 14,771     |
| Asia Pacific (other than the PRC and Hong Kong) | 700,997            | 600,389   | 91        | 89         |
| Europe  | 568,411            | 462,234   | 165,242   | 170,017    |
| North and South America                         | 270,963            | 280,700   | 14        | 38         |
| Others  | 83,341             | 149,289   | -         | -          |
|   |                    | 0.757.400 |           | 4          |
|   | 3,415,269          | 3,757,496 | 1,456,437 | 1,577,865  |

Non-current assets excluded deferred tax assets. The management considered that the cost to develop the revenue by individual countries for "Asia Pacific", "Europe", "North and South America" and "Others" are excessive and revenue included in these areas attributed to each individual country is not material.

No revenue generated from any single customer amounted to 10% or more of the Group's revenue for the years ended 31 December 2014 and 2013.

### **6 FINANCE COSTS**

|  | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Interest on borrowings wholly repayable within five years Bank charges | 38,908<br>13,053 | 46,156<br>15,611 |
|  | 51,961           | 61,767           |

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## 7 INCOME TAX EXPENSE

|                                       | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Hong Kong Profits Tax:                |                  |                  |
| Current year                          | 8,608            | 14,467           |
| Under (over) provision in prior years | 48               | (363)            |
| PRC Corporate Income Tax:             |                  | (000)            |
| Current year                          | 18,535           | 20,597           |
| Underprovision in prior years         | 1,109            | 234              |
| Overseas income tax:                  |                  |                  |
| Current year                          | 2,847            | 3,895            |
| Overprovision in prior years          | (3,494)          | (35)             |
|                                       | 27,653           | 38,795           |
| Deferred tax (Note 18):               |                  |                  |
| Current year                          | 6,100            | 3,590            |
|                                       | 33,753           | 42,385           |

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% of the estimated assessable profit for both years.

PRC Corporate Income Tax is charged at the statutory tax rate of 25% (2013: 25%) of the assessable income as determined in accordance with the relevant PRC tax rules and regulations, except that a subsidiary is subject to a preferential tax rate of 15% in 2014.

Taxation arising in other jurisdictions is calculated at rates prevailing in the respective jurisdictions.

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## 7 INCOME TAX EXPENSE (Continued)

The income tax expense for the year can be reconciled to the profit per the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as follows:

|   | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Profit before tax   | 151,275          | 122,740          |
| Tax at the Hong Kong Profits Tax rate of 16.5% Tax effect of:           | 24,960           | 20,252           |
| - expenses that are not deductible for tax purpose                      | 9,184            | 17,339           |
| - income that are not taxable for tax purpose                           | (9,344)          | (7,022)          |
| - tax losses not recognised   | 6,121            | 11,078           |
| - share of results of an associate                                      | 399              | (3)              |
| - different tax rates of subsidiaries operating in other                |                  |                  |
| jurisdictions   | 3,852            | 7,948            |
| <ul> <li>utilisation of tax losses previously not recognised</li> </ul> | (1,401)          | (11,604)         |
| Overprovision in prior years, net                                       | (2,337)          | (164)            |
| Withholding tax on distributable profits of subsidiaries                | 1,895            | 4,561            |
| Others  | 424              |                  |
| Income tax expense for the year   | 33,753           | 42,385           |

### 8 ASSET CLASSIFIED AS HELD FOR SALE

On 31 August 2014, the Company, through a subsidiary, entered into a sale and purchase agreement (the "Agreement") with Hengtian Real Estate Company Limited (恒天地產有限公司), a connected party of the Company's parent company, pursuant to which the Company has conditionally agreed to dispose of 30% of the equity interests in the associate, Foshan East Asia Co., Ltd. (佛山東亞股份有限公司), at a consideration of RMB150,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$189,000,000) (see Note 17).

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### 8 ASSET CLASSIFIED AS HELD FOR SALE (Continued)

The Agreement had been approved by the shareholders at the special general meeting of the Company held on 18 November 2014. The transfer of share has not completed at the end of the reporting period and the Group's management expects the disposal could be completed within one year from the date of classification.

No impairment loss was recognised on reclassification of the interest in an associate as held for sale nor as at 31 December 2014 as the Group's management expects that the fair value (estimated by an independent professional valuer) less costs of disposal is higher than the carrying amount.

Details on the disposal have been disclosed in the Company's circular dated 31 October 2014.

The summarised financial information in respect of the Group's associate at the end of the reporting period is set out below:

|  | 2014     |
|--|----------|
|  | HK\$'000 |
|  |          |
| Current assets                               | 146,018  |
| Non-current assets                           | 76,053   |
| Current liabilities                          | (82,356) |
| Non-current liabilities                      | (23,877) |
| Net assets                                   | 115,838  |
| Group's share of net assets of the associate | 34,751   |

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# 9 PROFIT FOR THE YEAR

|   | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Profit for the year has been arrived at after (crediting) charging: |                  |                  |
| Other income:   |                  |                  |
| Claims and compensation received                                    | (4,671)          | (2,853)          |
| Income from scraps sale   | (6,139)          | (4,623)          |
| Government grants   | (1,101)          | (475)            |
| Write off of other payables   | (4,995)          | (4,167)          |
| Others  | (7,647)          | (11,320)         |
| Total other income  | (24,553)         | (23,438)         |
| Other losses:   |                  |                  |
| Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment                   | 224              | 2,757            |
| Loss on deregistration of subsidiaries                              | _                | 10,074           |
| Foreign exchange loss, net  | 4,359            | 13,649           |
| Total other losses  | 4,583            | 26,480           |
| Amortisation of intangible assets                                   | 2,441            | 3,645            |
| Amortisation of prepaid lease payments                              | 5,467            | 5,501            |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment                       | 90,083           | 97,340           |
| Total depreciation and amortisation                                 | 97,991           | 106,486          |
| Allowance for inventories (included in cost of sales)               | 4,973            | 12,089           |
| Allowance for doubtful debts, net                                   | 2,181            | 2,315            |
| Auditor's remuneration  | 4,000            | 3,995            |
| Cost of inventories recognised as an expense                        | 1,666,256        | 1,894,406        |
| Research and development costs                                      | 8,310            | 5,835            |
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| Staff costs, including directors' emoluments                        | 250 007          | 045 440          |
| Salaries, wages and other benefits                                  | 358,387          | 345,113          |
| Retirement benefits scheme contributions                            | 52,863           | 50,022           |
| Total staff costs   | 411,250          | 395,135          |

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# 10 DIRECTORS' AND EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS

## (a) Directors' emoluments

The emoluments paid or payable to each Director were as follows:

| 2014                                    | Note  | Fees<br>HK\$'000 | Salaries<br>and other<br>benefits<br>HK\$'000 | Performance<br>related<br>incentive<br>payments<br>HK\$'000 | Retirement<br>benefits<br>scheme<br>contributions<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br>emoluments<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|-------|------------------|---|---|---|---------------------------------|
| Executive directors                     |       |                  |   |   |   |                                 |
| Shi Tinghong                            | (i)   | -                | 4,071   | -   | 14  | 4,085                           |
| Ji Xin                                  |       | -                | 4,940   | -   | 17  | 4,957                           |
| Wan Wai Yung                            |       | -                | 3,800   | 5,289   | 288   | 9,377                           |
| Fong Kwok Leung, Kevin                  |       | -                | 2,220   | -   | 164   | 2,384                           |
| He Fengxian                             | (ii)  | -                | -   | -   | -   | -                               |
| Non-executive director                  |       |                  |   |   |   |                                 |
| Ye Maoxin                               |       | -                | -   | _   | -   | -                               |
| Independent non-<br>executive directors |       |                  |   |   |   |                                 |
| Li Jianxin                              | (iii) | 90               | -   | _   | _   | 90                              |
| Zhou Yucheng                            |       | 200              | -   | -   | -   | 200                             |
| Ying Wei                                |       | 200              | -   | -   | -   | 200                             |
| Yuen Ming Fai                           |       | 180              | -   | -   | -   | 180                             |
| Keung Wing Ching                        | (iv)  | 68               | -   | -   |   | 68                              |
| Total                                   |       | 738              | 15,031  | 5,289   | 483   | 21,541                          |

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# 10 DIRECTORS' AND EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS (Continued)

### (a) Directors' emoluments (Continued)

The emoluments paid or payable to each Director were as follows: (Continued)

|   |      | Fees     | Salaries<br>and other<br>benefits | Performance<br>related<br>incentive<br>payments | Retirement<br>benefits<br>scheme<br>contributions | Total emoluments |
|---|------|----------|-----------------------------------|---|---|------------------|
| 2013                                    | Note | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000                          | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000         |
| Executive directors                     |      |          |                                   |   |   |                  |
| Shi Tinghong                            | (i)  | _        | _                                 | _   | _   | -                |
| Ji Xin                                  |      | _        | 4,940                             | _   | 15  | 4,955            |
| Wan Wai Yung                            |      | _        | 3,488                             | 10,623  | 281   | 14,392           |
| Fong Kwok Leung, Kevin                  |      | _        | 2,145                             | _   | 158   | 2,303            |
| He Fengxian                             | (ii) | -        | 4,940                             | -   | 15  | 4,955            |
| Non-executive director                  |      |          |                                   |   |   |                  |
| Ye Maoxin                               |      | -        | -                                 | -   | -   | -                |
| Independent non-<br>executive directors |      |          |                                   |   |   |                  |
| Zhou Yucheng                            |      | 100      | -                                 | _   | _   | 100              |
| Ying Wei                                |      | 100      | -                                 | -   | -   | 100              |
| Yuen Ming Fai                           |      | 100      | -                                 | -   | -   | 100              |
| Keung Wing Ching                        |      | 100      | _                                 | _   | -   | 100              |
| Total                                   |      | 400      | 15,513                            | 10,623  | 469   | 27,005           |

#### Note:

For the years ended 31 December 2014 and 2013, no Director waived any emoluments and no incentive was paid to any Directors as an induction to join the Company.

<sup>(</sup>i) Appointed on 28 January 2014

<sup>(</sup>ii) Retired on 28 February 2014

<sup>(</sup>iii) Appointed on 1 July 2014

<sup>(</sup>iv) Retired on 15 May 2014

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# 10 DIRECTORS' AND EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS (Continued)

### (b) Employees' emoluments

The five individuals whose emoluments were the highest in the Group for the year include three (2013: three) Directors whose emoluments are reflected in the analysis presented above. The emoluments payable to the remaining two (2013: two) individuals during the year are as follows:

|   | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Salaries and other benefits Retirement benefits scheme contribution | 5,323<br>149     | 4,975<br>140     |
|   | 5,472            | 5,115            |

The emoluments of the remaining highest paid individual fell within the following bands:

| Emolument bands       | Number of individu |      |  |  |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------|--|--|
|                       | 2014               | 2013 |  |  |
| HK\$                  |                    |      |  |  |
| 2,000,001 - 2,500,000 | 1                  | -    |  |  |
| 2,500,001 - 3,000,000 | _                  | 2    |  |  |
| 3,000,001 - 3,500,000 | 1                  | -    |  |  |

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### 11 DIVIDENDS

|  | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Interim dividend paid: 3 HK cents (2013: 2 HK cents) per share |                  |                  |
| with a par value of HK\$0.10 each                              | 16,543           | 11,029           |
| Proposed final dividend: 5 HK cents (2013: 4 HK cents) per     |                  |                  |
| share with a par value of HK\$0.10 each                        | 27,572           | 22,058           |
|  |                  |                  |
|  | 44,115           | 33,087           |

An interim dividend of 3 HK cents (2013: 2 HK cents) per share with a par value of HK\$0.10 each, amounting to approximately HK\$16,543,000 (2013: HK\$11,029,000), was declared on 15 August 2014 and paid on 23 October 2014.

The final dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2014 of 5 HK cents (2013: 4 HK cents) per share with a par value of HK\$0.10 each has been proposed by the Directors and is subject to the approval at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company.

### 12 EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company is based on the following data:

|   | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Profit for the year attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of basic earnings per share | 117,901          | 80,365           |
|   | '000             | '000             |
| Number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings per share                                 | 551,446          | 551,446          |

The Group has no outstanding potential ordinary shares as at 31 December 2014 and 2013 and during the years ended 31 December 2014 and 2013.

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# 13 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

| Freehold<br>land<br>HK\$'000 | Buildings<br>HK\$'000 | Leasehold<br>improvements<br>HK\$'000 | Plant and<br>machinery<br>HK\$'000  | and<br>equipment<br>HK\$'000   | Motor<br>vehicles | and tools | Construction in progress   | Total   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|-----------|--|---|
|                              | •                     | •                                     | •   |  |                   |           | in progress  |   |
|                              |                       |                                       |   | ΠΝΦ 000  | HK\$'000          | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000  |
|                              |                       |                                       |   |  |                   |           |  |   |
| 9,613                        | 461,623               | 16,817                                | 402,541   | 127,649  | 33,337            | 58,412    | 5,730  | 1,115,722   |
| 366                          | 11,442                | 801                                   | 13,100  | 3,676  | 546               | 1,442     | 231  | 31,604  |
| -                            |                       | _                                     |   |  | _                 |           | ,  | -   |
| -                            | ,                     |                                       | ,   |  | ,                 | ,         | ,  | 164,656   |
|                              |                       | _                                     | (13,289)  | (3,333)  | (2,540)           | (242)     | _  | (19,404)  |
|                              |                       |                                       |   |  |                   |           |  |   |
| 9,979                        | 500,259               | 18,262                                | 446,551   | 153,894  | 36,510            | 75,159    | 51,964   | 1,292,578   |
| (1,001)                      | (14,084)              | (851)                                 | (13,960)  | (7,594)  | (713)             | (1,903)   | (2,055)  | (42,161)  |
| _                            | 1,049                 | _                                     | 224   | 7,682  | -                 | -         | (8,955)  | _   |
| _                            | 1,378                 | 214                                   | 16,321  | 11,278   | 2,311             | 5,720     | 5,216  | 42,438  |
| -                            | -                     | (41)                                  | (2,796)   | (10,052)   | (2,857)           | (1,323)   | (14)   | (17,083)  |
| 8,978                        | 488,602               | 17,584                                | 446,340   | 155,208  | 35,251            | 77,653    | 46,156   | 1,275,772   |
|                              |                       |                                       |   |  |                   |           |  |   |
| -                            | 204,203               | 9,803                                 | 213,905   | 88,799   | 20,991            | 23,246    | _  | 560,947   |
| -                            | ,                     |                                       | ,   | ,  |                   |           | -  | 19,264  |
| -                            | 22,138                | 3,324                                 |   |  |                   | ,         | _  | 97,340  |
| -                            | _                     | _                                     | (9,929)   | (3,209)  | (2,410)           | (126)     | _  | (15,674)  |
|                              |                       |                                       |   |  |                   |           |  |   |
| -                            | 231,518               | 13,810                                | 255,464   | 104,519  | 23,403            | 33,163    | _  | 661,877   |
| -                            | (6,339)               | (788)                                 | (10,330)  | (6,043)  | (527)             | (857)     | -  | (24,884)  |
| -                            | 22,354                | 1,249                                 | 36,496  | 15,249   | 4,631             | 10,104    | -  | 90,083  |
| -                            | -                     | (37)                                  | (2,362)   | (9,924)  | (2,792)           | (742)     | _  | (15,857)  |
| -                            | 247,533               | 14,234                                | 279,268   | 103,801  | 24,715            | 41,668    | -  | 711,219   |
|                              |                       |                                       |   |  |                   |           |  |   |
| 8,978                        | 241,069               | 3,350                                 | 167,072   | 51,407   | 10,536            | 35,985    | 46,156   | 564,553   |
| 9,979                        | 268,741               | 4,452                                 | 191,087   | 49,375   | 13,107            | 41,996    | 51,964   | 630,701   |
|                              | 9,979 (1,001) 8,978   | 366 11,442 - 14,800 - 12,394          | 366 11,442 801 - 14,800 12,394 644  9,979 500,259 18,262 (1,001) (14,084) (851) - 1,049 1,378 214 (41)  8,978 488,602 17,584  - 204,203 9,803 - 5,177 683 - 22,138 3,324  - 231,518 13,810 - (6,339) (788) - 22,354 1,249 (37) - 247,533 14,234 | 366 11,442 801 13,100 - 14,800 - 8,837 - 12,394 644 35,362 (13,289)  9,979 500,259 18,262 446,551 (1,001) (14,084) (851) (13,960) - 1,049 - 224 - 1,378 214 16,321 (41) (2,796)  8,978 488,602 17,584 446,340  - 204,203 9,803 213,905 - 5,177 683 9,747 - 22,138 3,324 41,741 (9,929)  - 231,518 13,810 255,464 - (6,339) (788) (10,330) - 22,354 1,249 36,496 - (37) (2,362)  - 247,533 14,234 279,268 | 366               | 366       | 366 11,442 801 13,100 3,676 546 1,442 - 14,800 - 8,837 3,967 - 8,664 - 12,394 644 35,362 21,935 5,167 6,883 (13,289) (3,333) (2,540) (242)  9,979 500,259 18,262 446,551 153,894 36,510 75,159 (1,001) (14,084) (851) (13,960) (7,594) (713) (1,903) - 1,049 - 224 7,682 1,378 214 16,321 11,278 2,311 5,720 (41) (2,796) (10,052) (2,857) (1,323)  8,978 488,602 17,584 446,340 155,208 35,251 77,653  - 22,138 3,324 41,741 16,190 4,493 9,454 (9,929) (3,209) (2,410) (126)  - 231,518 13,810 255,464 104,519 23,403 33,163 - (6,339) (788) (10,330) (6,043) (527) (857) - 22,354 1,249 36,496 15,249 4,631 10,104 (37) (2,362) (9,924) (2,792) (742)  - 247,533 14,234 279,268 103,801 24,715 41,668 | 366 11,442 801 13,100 3,676 546 1,442 231 - 14,800 - 8,837 3,967 - 8,664 (36,268) - 12,394 644 35,362 21,935 5,167 6,883 82,271 (13,289) (3,333) (2,540) (242) -  9,979 500,259 18,262 446,551 153,894 36,510 75,159 51,964 (1,001) (14,084) (851) (13,960) (7,594) (713) (1,903) (2,055) - 1,049 - 224 7,682 (8,955) - 1,378 214 16,321 11,278 2,311 5,720 5,216 (41) (2,796) (10,052) (2,857) (1,323) (14)  8,978 488,602 17,584 446,340 155,208 35,251 77,653 46,156  - 204,203 9,803 213,905 88,799 20,991 23,246 - 5,177 683 9,747 2,739 329 589 - 22,138 3,324 41,741 16,190 4,493 9,454 - (9,929) (3,209) (2,410) (126) -  - 231,518 13,810 255,464 104,519 23,403 33,163 - (6,339) (788) (10,330) (6,043) (527) (857) - 22,354 1,249 36,496 15,249 4,631 10,104 - (37) (2,362) (9,924) (2,792) (742) -   - 247,533 14,234 279,268 103,801 24,715 41,668 - |

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#### 13 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

The above items of property, plant and equipment, other than the freehold land and construction in progress, are depreciated on a straight-line basis at the following rates per annum:

Buildings Over the terms of the leases or 5%, whichever is shorter

Leasehold improvements 10%

Plant and machinery 10% - 20%Furniture and equipment 20% - 33%Motor vehicles 20% - 25%

Moulds and tools 20%

An analysis of the Group's freehold land and buildings is as follows:

|   | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Buildings on land under long leases located in the PRC Buildings on land under medium-term leases | 801              | 607              |
| located in the PRC  | 231,956          | 258,496          |
| Freehold land and buildings in Europe   | 17,290           | 19,617           |
|   | 250,047          | 278,720          |

None of property, plant and equipment is pledged as at 31 December 2014 and 2013.

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### 14 PREPAID LEASE PAYMENTS

|  | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| The Group's prepaid lease payments comprise: |                  |                  |
| Leasehold land in the PRC:                   |                  |                  |
| Long leases                                  | 1,620            | 1,691            |
| Medium-term leases                           | 256,368          | 268,096          |
|  | 257,988          | 269,787          |
| Analysed for reporting purposes as:          |                  |                  |
| Current asset                                | 5,696            | 5,832            |
| Non-current asset                            | 252,292          | 263,955          |
|  | 257,988          | 269,787          |
| Movement in prepaid lease payments           |                  |                  |
| movement in prepara lease payments           | 2014             | 2013             |
|  | HK\$'000         | HK\$'000         |
| At beginning of the year                     | 269,787          | 161,939          |
| Currency realignment                         | (6,332)          | 3,510            |
| Additions                                    | _                | 109,872          |
| Refund of part of land cost from government  | _                | (33)             |
| Amortisation of prepaid lease payments       | (5,467)          | (5,501)          |
| At end of the year                           | 257,988          | 269,787          |

None of the prepaid lease payments is pledged as at 31 December 2014 and 2013.

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#### 15 GOODWILL

|                                     | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| At beginning and at end of the year | 533,515          | 533,515          |

Goodwill acquired through business combination has been allocated to dyeing and finishing machines cash-generating units ("CGUs") for impairment testing.

The Group tests goodwill annually for impairment or more frequently, if there are indications that goodwill might be impaired. The recoverable amounts of the CGUs are determined from value-in-use calculations. The key assumption for the value-in-use calculations of the above CGUs are those regarding the discount rate and growth rate. The Group prepares cash flow forecasts derived from the most recent financial budgets of 5 years and extrapolates cash flows for the following five years with growth rate of 5% assuming the existing level of sales and production remaining the same and a discount rate of 10.73% per annum. Cash flows beyond the 5-year period are extrapolated using estimated growth rates which are consistent with prior year and the forecasts in same industry. The growth rate does not exceed the long-term average growth rate for the business in which the CGU operates.

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#### 16 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

|   | Intellectual |              |          |  |
|---|--------------|--------------|----------|--|
|   | property     | Trademarks   |          |  |
|   | rights       | and licenses | Total    |  |
|   | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |  |
| COST                                    |              |              |          |  |
| At 1 January 2013, 31 December 2013 and |              |              |          |  |
| 31 December 2014                        | 36,435       | 90,727       | 127,162  |  |
| ACCUMULATED AMORTISATION                |              |              |          |  |
| At 1 January 2013                       | 24,545       | -            | 24,545   |  |
| Provided for the year                   | 3,645        | _            | 3,645    |  |
| At 31 December 2013 and 1 January 2014  | 28,190       | _            | 28,190   |  |
| Provided for the year                   | 2,441        | -            | 2,441    |  |
| At 31 December 2014                     | 30,631       | -            | 30,631   |  |
| CARRYING VALUE                          |              |              |          |  |
| At 31 December 2014                     | 5,804        | 90,727       | 96,531   |  |
| At 31 December 2013                     | 8,245        | 90,727       | 98,972   |  |

Amortisation of approximately HK\$2,441,000 (2013: approximately HK\$3,645,000) is included in "other expenses" in the profit or loss.

Intellectual property rights above have finite useful lives, over which the assets are amortised. The amortisation rates of intellectual property rights range from 6% to 16.67% per annum.

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#### 16 INTANGIBLE ASSETS (Continued)

#### Impairment test for intangible assets with indefinite useful lives

The useful lives of the trademarks and licenses are assessed to be indefinite. The factors considered in the assessment of the useful lives of the trademarks and licenses include analysis of the market and competitive trends, product life cycles and management's long-term strategic development. Overall, these factors provided evidence that the trademarks and licenses are expected to generate long-term net cash inflows to the Group indefinitely.

The recoverable amounts of the trademarks and licenses are estimated based on value-inuse calculations by discounting future cash flows of the cash-generating unit for which the trademarks and licenses are allocated. This method considers cash flows of the subsidiaries (cash-generating unit) for the 5 years ending 31 December 2019 with subsequent transition to perpetuity. For the years following the detailed planning period, the assumed continual growth of 5% to perpetuity is used which complies with general expectations for the business. The present value of cash flows is calculated by discounting the cash flow using a pre-tax interest rate of approximately 10.73% per annum.

#### 17 INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE

|   | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Cost of unlisted investment in an associate                     | 46,469           | 46,469           |
| Share of post-acquisition losses and other comprehensive income | (11,718)         | (8,356)          |
|   | 34,751           | 38,113           |
| Less: Asset classified as held for sale (Note 8)                | (34,751)         | _                |
|   | -                | 38,113           |

As at 31 December 2014 and 2013, the associate of the Group represented a 30% interest in Foshan East Asia Company Limited, a sino-foreign equity enterprise registered and operated in the PRC. It acts as a holding company and its subsidiaries are engaged in the manufacture of colour woven fabrics. Major assets of the associate and its subsidiaries are certain lands located in the district of Chancheng, Foshan, the PRC with manufacturing plants erected on the lands, which are both measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment, if any.

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#### 17 INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE (Continued)

In determining the value in use of the interest in an associate for impairment purpose, the management estimates the present value of the estimated future cash flows expected to arise from dividends to be received from the investment and from its ultimate disposal. During the year ended 31 December 2013, the management of the Group considers that the value in use of an associate based on a discounted future cash flow approach was higher than the carrying amount of interest in an associate. Hence, no impairment is required for the carrying amount of interest in an associate as at 31 December 2013.

On 31 August 2014, the Company, through a subsidiary, has entered into a sale and purchase agreement to dispose of 30% of the equity interest in the associate, which had been approved by the shareholders at the special general meeting of the Company held on 18 November 2014. The Group's management expects the disposal could be completed within one year and classified it as asset held for sale at the end of the reporting period (see Note 8).

The summarised financial information in respect of the Group's associate which is accounted for using the equity method is set out below:

|                                      | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Current assets                       | _                | 172,556          |
| Non-current assets                   | _                | 85,846           |
| Current liabilities                  | _                | (106,853)        |
| Non-current liabilities              | _                | (24,504)         |
|                                      | -                | 127,045          |
| Revenue                              | 66,935           | 344,197          |
| (Loss) profit for the year           | (8,052)          | 56               |
| Other comprehensive (expense) income | (3,155)          | 3,109            |
| Total comprehensive (expense) income | (11,207)         | 3,165            |

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### 17 INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE (Continued)

Reconciliation of the above summarised financial information to the carrying amount of the interest in the associate recognised in the consolidated financial statements:

|  | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Net assets of the associate Proportion of the Group's ownership interest in an associate | -<br>-           | 127,045<br>30%   |
| Carrying amount of the Group's interest in an associate                                  | _                | 38,113           |

#### **18 DEFERRED TAXATION**

The following is the analysis of the deferred tax balances for financial reporting purposes:

|  | 2014<br>HK\$'000   | 2013<br>HK\$'000   |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Deferred tax assets Deferred tax liabilities | 16,468<br>(18,785) | 20,251<br>(16,893) |
|  | (2,317)            | 3,358              |

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#### **18 DEFERRED TAXATION** (Continued)

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities (assets) recognised and movements thereon during the current and prior years:

|                                   | Accelerated tax          | Allowance for doubtful | Tax                | Unrealised profit for   | Distributable profit of PRC | Defined<br>benefit     |                    |                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|                                   | depreciation<br>HK\$'000 | debts<br>HK\$'000      | losses<br>HK\$'000 | inventories<br>HK\$'000 | subsidiaries<br>HK\$'000    | obligation<br>HK\$'000 | Others<br>HK\$'000 | Total<br>HK\$'000 |
| At 1 January 2013                 | 5,224                    | (1,776)                | (18,446)           | 2,434                   | 5,616                       | _                      | -                  | (6,948)           |
| (Credit) charge to profit or loss | (526)                    | (1,914)                | 1,885              | (416)                   | 4,561                       | -                      | -                  | 3,590             |
| At 31 December 2013 and           |                          |                        |                    |                         |                             |                        |                    |                   |
| 1 January 2014                    | 4,698                    | (3,690)                | (16,561)           | 2,018                   | 10,177                      | -                      | -                  | (3,358)           |
| Charge (credit) to profit or loss | 1,824                    | (1,352)                | 6,673              | (1,827)                 | 1,895                       | -                      | (1,113)            | 6,100             |
| Credit to other comprehensive     |                          |                        |                    |                         |                             |                        |                    |                   |
| income                            | -                        | -                      | -                  | -                       | -                           | (425)                  | -                  | (425)             |
| At 31 December 2014               | 6,522                    | (5,042)                | (9,888)            | 191                     | 12,072                      | (425)                  | (1,113)            | 2,317             |

At the end of the reporting period, the Group had unused tax losses of approximately HK\$288,345,000 (2013: approximately HK\$660,115,000) available for offset against future profits. A deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of approximately HK\$30,463,000 (2013: approximately HK\$100,373,000) of such losses. No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of the remaining approximately HK\$257,882,000 (2013: approximately HK\$559,742,000) due to unpredictability of future profit streams.

The Group has tax losses arising in Switzerland of approximately HK\$52,111,000 (2013: approximately HK\$93,687,000) that will expire in one to seven years for offsetting against future taxable profits. The Group also has tax losses arising in the PRC of approximately HK\$35,870,000 (2013: approximately HK\$84,916,000) that will expire in one to five years for offsetting against future taxable profits. Other losses may be carried forward indefinitely.

Under the Corporate Income Tax Law of the PRC, withholding tax is imposed on dividends declared in respect of profits earned by the PRC subsidiaries from 1 January 2008 onwards. A deferred tax liability of approximately HK\$12,072,000 (2013: approximately HK\$10,177,000) has been provided for in the consolidated financial statements in respect of such temporary differences.

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#### 19 INVENTORIES

|                  | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Raw materials    | 541,701          | 446,457          |
| Work in progress | 135,837          | 208,765          |
| Finished goods   | 95,203           | 131,072          |
|                  | 772,741          | 786,294          |

The cost of inventories recognised as expenses and included in 'cost of sales' amounted to approximately HK\$1,666,256,000 (2013: approximately HK\$1,894,406,000) (see Note 9). Allowance for inventories recognised during the year, as included in 'cost of sales', amounted to approximately HK\$4,973,000 (2013: approximately HK\$12,089,000) (see Note 9).

#### 20 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

|                                    | 2014     | 2013     |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                                    | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Tundo veccivello                   | 202 202  | 000 540  |
| Trade receivables                  | 303,886  | 326,546  |
| Less: Allowance for doubtful debts | (7,423)  | (5,242)  |
|                                    |          |          |
|                                    | 296,463  | 321,304  |
| Bills receivables                  | 150,789  | 88,526   |
|                                    |          |          |
|                                    | 447,252  | 409,830  |
| Other receivables                  | 93,636   | 123,865  |
|                                    |          |          |
| Total trade and other receivables  | 540,888  | 533,695  |

The Group allows an average credit period of 60 days (2013: 60 days) to its trade customers.

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#### 20 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

At the end of the reporting period, the carrying amount of outstanding bills receivables of HK\$10,116,000 (2013: HK\$1,700,000) has been discounted to banks. If the bills receivables are not paid at maturity, the banks have the rights to request the Group to pay the unsettled balance. As the Group has not transferred the significant risks and rewards relating to these bills receivables, it continues to recognise the full amount of the bills receivables and has recognised the cash received on the transfer as unsecured borrowings (see Note 24). The Group continues to present the discounted bills receivables until maturity.

The following is an ageing analysis of trade receivables net of allowance for doubtful debts and bills receivables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

|              | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|
|              |                  |                  |
| 0 - 60 days  | 356,910          | 284,170          |
| 61 – 90 days | 71,007           | 96,065           |
| Over 90 days | 19,335           | 29,595           |
|              | 447,252          | 409,830          |

Before accepting any new customer, the Group has assessed the credit quality of each potential customer and defined credit rating and limit for each customer. In addition, the Group has reviewed the repayment history of receivables by each customer with reference to the payment terms stated in contracts to determine the recoverability of a trade receivable. For trade receivables that are neither past due nor impaired as at the end of the reporting period, the Directors consider that trade receivables which are neither past nor yet impaired are of good credit quality and there are continuous subsequent settlements from these customers.

Included in the Group's trade receivable balances are debtors with aggregate carrying amount of approximately HK\$90,342,000 (2013: approximately HK\$125,660,000) which are past due at the end of the reporting period for which the Group has not provided for impairment loss. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances. For those past due but not impaired receivables, although no collateral is held, the Group has assessed the creditworthiness, past payment history and substantial settlement after the end of the reporting period, and considered that the credit quality is satisfactory. Accordingly, no impairment has been provided.

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#### 20 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

#### Ageing of trade receivables which are past due but not impaired

|              | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Overdue by:  |                  |                  |
| 1 – 30 days  | 71,007           | 96,065           |
| 31 – 60 days | 8,395            | 10,000           |
| Over 60 days | 10,940           | 19,595           |
|              |                  |                  |
|              | 90,342           | 125,660          |

The Group has provided fully for all receivables past due over 180 days because historical experience is such that receivables that are past due beyond 180 days are generally difficult to recover.

#### Movement in the allowance for doubtful debts

|   | 2014     | 2013     |
|---|----------|----------|
|   | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| At beginning of the year                    | 5,242    | 2,933    |
| Impairment losses recognised on receivables | 2,414    | 2,478    |
| Amounts written off as uncollectible        | _        | (6)      |
| Amounts recovered during the year           | (233)    | (163)    |
| At end of the year                          | 7,423    | 5,242    |

Included in the allowance for doubtful debts are individually impaired trade receivables with an aggregate balance of approximately HK\$7,423,000 (2013: approximately HK\$5,242,000) which have either been placed under liquidation or in severe financial difficulties. The Group does not hold any collateral over these balances.

Other receivables of the Group are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

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#### 20 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

Carrying amounts of trade and bills receivables are denominated in the following currencies:

|        | 2014     | 2013     |
|--------|----------|----------|
|        | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
|        |          |          |
| HKD    | 67,953   | 65,194   |
| USD    | 240,529  | 167,456  |
| EUR    | 104,872  | 110,984  |
| RMB    | 33,773   | 65,792   |
| Others | 125      | 404      |
|        |          |          |
|        | 447,252  | 409,830  |

#### 21 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Bank balances, with original maturity less than 3 months, carry interest at market rates which range from 0.01% to 4.85% (2013: 0.01% to 5.15%) per annum.

Carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents are denominated in the following currencies:

|        | 2014     | 2013     |
|--------|----------|----------|
|        | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
|        |          |          |
| HKD    | 85,259   | 85,918   |
| USD    | 51,993   | 106,113  |
| EUR    | 50,945   | 48,928   |
| RMB    | 303,069  | 224,626  |
| INR    | 2,679    | 2,324    |
| Others | 1,620    | 1,761    |
|        |          |          |
|        | 495,565  | 469,670  |

The RMB is not freely convertible into other currencies, however, under the PRC's Foreign Exchange Control Regulations and Administration of Settlement, Sale and Payment of Foreign Exchange Regulations, the Group is permitted to exchange RMB for other currencies through authorised banks to conduct foreign exchange business.

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#### 22 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

|  | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Trada payablas                         | 120 267          | 165.065          |
| Trade payables                         | 130,367          | 165,365          |
| Receipts in advance                    | 217,166          | 346,117          |
| Other payables and accrued charges     | 476,387          | 382,066          |
|  | 823,920          | 893,548          |
| Amount due after one year included     |                  |                  |
| under non-current liabilities (Note i) | (124,210)        | -                |
|  | 699,710          | 893,548          |

#### Note:

(i) On 28 March 2014, Fong's National Engineering (Shenzhen) Company, Limited (立信染整機械(深圳)有限公司) ("FNES"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a Co-operation Agreement (the "Agreement") with a third party (the "Project Company"), for the redevelopment of FNES's existing land (the "Land") in Shenzhen by way of urban renewal (the "Urban Renewal Project").

Pursuant to the Agreement, the parties have designated the Project Company as the sole principal of the Urban Renewal Project with the sole right to redevelop and reconstruct the Land based on the terms of the Agreement. The Project Company is responsible for obtaining approval from the PRC government for the redevelopment and reconstruction works contemplated under the Urban Renewal Project, including the demolition of the existing properties, the design, construction, completion and operation of the proposed facilities to be constructed on the redeveloped Land, and paying all costs in connection therewith (including reconstruction expenses, renovation expenses and land premium). FNES is responsible for the provision of the Land.

As part of the Agreement, FNES will receive (through resettlement and demolition compensation) (i) RMB1 billion in cash; and (ii) substitution of part of the existing properties on the Land (with gross floor area of approximately 29,391 m²) with facilities to be constructed on the redeveloped Land with a gross floor area of approximately 30,000 m² (and, in addition, at least 100 car-parks).

The Agreement shall become effective upon the fulfilment of certain conditions precedent, including the approval of the Agreement by the shareholders at the special general meeting of the Company and by the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council of the PRC ("SASAC"). The Agreement had been approved by the shareholders at the special general meeting of the Company held on 15 May 2014 and by SASAC on 23 December 2014.

Upon the effective of the Agreement, FNES has received the first installment money of RMB100,000,000 during the year, the management of the Group considered it will only be realised more than one year with the completion of the Urban Renewal Project, and therefore classified it as non-current liabilities at the end of the reporting period.

Details on the co-operation of the Urban Renewal Project have been disclosed in the Company's circular dated 25 April 2014.

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#### 22 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (Continued)

The following is an ageing analysis of trade payables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

|               | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|
|               |                  |                  |
| 0 – 90 days   | 101,602          | 131,438          |
| 91 – 120 days | 16,859           | 20,213           |
| Over 120 days | 11,906           | 13,714           |
|               |                  |                  |
|               | 130,367          | 165,365          |

The average credit period on purchase of goods is 90 days (2013: 90 days). The Group has financial risk management policies in place to ensure that all payables are within the credit time frame.

Carrying amounts of trade payables are denominated in the following currencies:

|        | 2014     | 2013     |
|--------|----------|----------|
|        | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
|        |          |          |
| HKD    | 17,921   | 20,872   |
| USD    | 36,496   | 40,341   |
| EUR    | 6,847    | 13,375   |
| RMB    | 67,471   | 87,609   |
| CHF    | 836      | 1,671    |
| Others | 796      | 1,497    |
|        |          |          |
|        | 130,367  | 165,365  |

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#### 23 WARRANTY PROVISION

|  | 2014<br>HK\$'000             | 2013<br>HK\$'000             |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| At beginning of the year Additional provision in the year Utilisation of provision | 26,090<br>15,588<br>(24,118) | 13,328<br>44,330<br>(31,568) |
| At end of the year   | 17,560                       | 26,090                       |

The warranty provision represents management's best estimate of the Group's liability under a 12-month warranty period granted on sale of dyeing and finishing machines based on past experience.

#### 24 BORROWINGS

|  | 2014      | 2013      |
|--|-----------|-----------|
|  | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000  |
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| Unsecured bank borrowings comprise the following:      |           |           |
| <ul> <li>Bank borrowings</li> </ul>                    | 901,035   | 868,065   |
| - Trust receipts loans                                 | 110,700   | 140,451   |
| <ul> <li>Discounted bills with recourse</li> </ul>     | 10,116    | 1,700     |
|  |           |           |
|  | 1,021,851 | 1,010,216 |
| Other borrowings (Note i)                              | 117,557   | 164,714   |
|  | 1,139,408 | 1,174,930 |
|  |           |           |
| Analysed for reporting purpose:                        |           |           |
| <ul><li>Non-current</li></ul>                          | _         | 134,741   |
| - Current  | 1,139,408 | 1,040,189 |
|  | 1,139,408 | 1,174,930 |

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#### 24 BORROWINGS (Continued)

Note:

(i) Pursuant to the terms of the conditional acquisition agreement for the acquisition of a number of companies entered with L. Possehl & Co. mbH ("Possehl") dated 3 June 2012, part of the consideration EUR10,250,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$104,806,000) are taken the form of an interest-free and unsecured loan from Possehl. Interest will, however, be payable if there is default in timely repayment of the loan in accordance with the terms thereof. The Group shall repay Possehl in three equal installments of approximately EUR3,417,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$34,935,000) in cash by the first, second and third anniversary of the completion date of the acquisition. In the case of a default of any repayment of this loan, the default amount shall bear interest at a rate of 8% per annum above the base rate according to the German Civil Code. A prolonged default of more than 20 business days shall allow Possehl to demand full repayment within 5 business days thereof.

The fair value of the loan from Possehl is estimated to be approximately HK\$31,615,000 (2013: approximately HK\$69,189,000). The fair value has been arrived using effective interest method by discounting future repayment at a discount rate of 3.2%.

And, a conditional share subscription agreement dated 3 June 2012 entered with Possehl, a shareholder's loan is advanced by Possehl in the principal amount of approximately EUR9,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$85,942,000 (2013: approximately HK\$95,525,000)) which shall accrue interest at a simple rate of 2% per annum and is repayable upon the exercise of the option described in the subscription agreement. The shareholder's loan from Possehl is treated as financial liability in accordance with HKAS 32 "Financial Instruments: Presentation".

Details on the other borrowings have been disclosed in the Company's circular dated 30 June 2012.

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### 24 BORROWINGS (Continued)

The contractual maturity dates of the borrowings are as follows:

|   | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Carrying amount repayable*:                                       |                  |                  |
| Within one year   | 243,539          | 185,790          |
| More than one year, but not exceeding two years                   | _                | 39,217           |
| More than two years, but not exceeding five years                 | -                | 95,524           |
|   | 243,539          | 320,531          |
| Carrying amount of bank borrowings contain                        |                  |                  |
| a repayment on demand clause that are repayable                   |                  |                  |
| (shown under current liabilities)*:                               |                  |                  |
| Within one year   | 592,809          | 456,059          |
| More than one year, but not exceeding two years                   | 190,560          | 98,340           |
| More than two years, but not exceeding five years                 | 112,500          | 300,000          |
|   | 895,869          | 854,399          |
|   | 1,139,408        | 1,174,930        |
| Less: Amounts due within one year shown under current liabilities | (1,139,408)      | (1,040,189)      |
| Amounts shown under non-current liabilities                       | -                | 134,741          |

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts due are based on scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreements.

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### 24 BORROWINGS (Continued)

The effective interest rates at the end of reporting date were as follows:

|   | 2014 | 2013 |
|---|------|------|
|   | %    | %    |
|   |      |      |
| Unsecured bank borrowings and trust receipts loan | 3.20 | 3.06 |
| Discounted bills with recourse                    | 2.05 | 2.10 |
| Other borrowings                                  | 2.32 | 2.50 |

The carrying amounts of the borrowings are denominated in the following currencies:

|     | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|-----|------------------|------------------|
| HKD | 603,394          | 591,110          |
| USD | 418,065          | 417,660          |
| EUR | 117,949          | 164,714          |
| SGD | _                | 1,446            |
|     | 1,139,408        | 1,174,930        |

#### **25 DEFERRED REVENUE**

The movement of deferred revenue in relation to government grants is as follows:

|  | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
|  |                  |                  |
| At beginning of the year                   | _                | _                |
| Received during the year                   | 5,662            | _                |
| Recognised as other income during the year | (585)            | _                |
| At end of the year                         | 5,077            | -                |

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#### **26 SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES**

#### a. Movements in components of equity

The reconciliation between the opening and closing balances of each component of the Group's consolidated equity is set out in the consolidated statement of changes in equity. Details of the changes in the Company's individual components of equity between the beginning and the end of the year are set out below:

|                                | Capital  |          |            |                     |             |          |  |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|---------------------|-------------|----------|--|
|                                | Share    | Share    | redemption | redemption Retained | Contributed |          |  |
|                                | capital  | premium  | reserve    | profits             | surplus     | Total    |  |
|                                | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000            | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000 |  |
| At 1 January 2013              | 55,145   | 157,261  | 2,370      | 264,562             | 23,033      | 502,371  |  |
| Loss and total comprehensive   |          |          |            |                     |             |          |  |
| expense for the year           | _        | _        | _          | (11,530)            | _           | (11,530) |  |
| Interim dividend for 2013      |          |          |            |                     |             |          |  |
| paid (Note 11)                 | -        | -        | -          | (11,029)            | -           | (11,029) |  |
| At 31 December 2013 and        |          |          |            |                     |             |          |  |
| 1 January 2014                 | 55,145   | 157,261  | 2,370      | 242,003             | 23,033      | 479,812  |  |
| Profit and total comprehensive |          |          |            |                     |             |          |  |
| income for the year            | -        | _        | _          | 42,469              | _           | 42,469   |  |
| Final dividend for 2013        |          |          |            |                     |             |          |  |
| paid (Note 11)                 | -        | _        | _          | (22,058)            | _           | (22,058) |  |
| Interim dividend for 2014      |          |          |            |                     |             |          |  |
| paid (Note 11)                 | -        | -        | _          | (16,543)            | -           | (16,543) |  |
| At 31 December 2014            | 55,145   | 157,261  | 2,370      | 245,871             | 23,033      | 483,680  |  |

#### b. Share capital of the Company

|  | 2014     | 2013     |
|--|----------|----------|
|  | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| Authorization                                  |          |          |
| Authorised:                                    |          |          |
| 1,000,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each | 100,000  | 100,000  |
|  |          |          |
| Issued and fully paid:                         |          |          |
| 551,446,285 ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each   | 55,145   | 55,145   |

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#### 26 SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES (Continued)

#### c. Profit (loss) for the year

Profit for the year dealt with in the financial statements of the Company was approximately HK\$42,469,000 (2013: loss of approximately HK\$11,530,000).

#### d. Non-controlling interests

|   | of subsidiaries      |                  |  |
|---|----------------------|------------------|--|
|   | 2014<br>HK\$'000     | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |  |
| At beginning of the year Share of loss for the year Share of changes in translation reserve | 725<br>(379)<br>(10) | _<br>(10)        |  |
| Contribution to a subsidiary  | -                    | 735              |  |
| At end of the year  | 336                  | 725              |  |

#### 27 CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to shareholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance. The Group's overall strategy remains unchanged from prior years.

The capital structure of the Group consists of net debt, which includes borrowings disclosed in Note 24, cash and cash equivalents and equity attributable to owners of the Company, comprising issued share capital, reserves and retained earnings.

Certain bank borrowings of the Group include covenants that require the maintenance of certain financial ratios. As at 31 December 2014, no financial ratio covenant was breached.

The Directors of the Company review the capital structure on a regular basis. As part of this review, the Directors consider the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. Based on recommendations of the Directors, the Group will balance its overall capital structure through the payment of dividends, new share issues and share buy-backs as well as the issue of new debts or the redemption of existing debts.

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#### 28 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### a. Categories of financial instruments

|   | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Financial assets: Loans and receivables (including cash and cash equivalents) | 968,729          | 900,363          |
| Financial liabilities: Amortised cost   | 1,820,192        | 1,631,903        |

#### b. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's major financial instruments include trade and other receivables, bank balances, trade and other payables, derivative financial instruments and borrowings. Details of the financial instruments are disclosed in respective notes. The risks associated with these financial instruments include market risk (currency risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below. The management manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

#### Market risk (currency risk)

Several subsidiaries of the Company have foreign currency sales and purchases in denominated USD, EUR and RMB, which expose the Group to foreign currency risk. The Group also has bank balances, trade and other receivables/payables and borrowings denominated in foreign currency. The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, the management monitors foreign exchange exposure and will further consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arises.

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#### 28 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)
 Market risk (currency risk) (Continued)

The carrying amounts of the Group's foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

|     | Liabi    | lities   | Assets   |          |
|-----|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|     | 2014     | 2013     | 2014     | 2013     |
|     | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
| USD | 604,263  | 439,627  | 295,634  | 264,297  |
| EUR | 127,661  | 186,682  | 29,218   | 49,534   |
| RMB | 283      | –        | 5,440    | 4,843    |

In the opinion of the Directors of the Company, since Hong Kong dollars is pegged to USD under the Linked Exchange Rate System, the exposure to USD exchange rate risk is minimal relative to Hong Kong dollars. No sensitivity analysis in relation to Hong Kong dollars against USD is presented.

The following table details the Group's sensitivity to a 5% increase and decrease in the relevant functional currencies against the foreign currencies. 5% is the sensitivity rate which represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items and adjusts their translation at the year end for a 5% change in foreign currency rates. A (negative) positive number below indicates a (decrease) increase in post-tax profit (2013: a (decrease) increase in post-tax profit) where respective functional currencies weakening 5% against the relevant foreign currencies. For a 5% strengthen of respective functional currencies against the relevant foreign currencies, there would be an equal and opposite impact on the post-tax profit (2013: profit).

|   | USD              |                  | EUR              |                  | RMB              |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
| (Decrease) increase in profit for the year* | (1,125)          | 3,842            | (4,110)          | (5,726)          | 215              | 202              |

<sup>\*</sup> This is mainly attributable to the exposure outstanding on USD (against foreign currencies other than Hong Kong dollars), EUR and RMB receivables, payables, bank balances and borrowings at year end.

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#### 28 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)
 Market risk (interest rate risk)

The Group's cash flow interest rate risk relates to the bank balances and borrowings with floating interest rates. The Group is exposed to interest rate risk through the impact of rate changes on interest-bearing bank balances and borrowings.

The Group's exposures to interest rates on financial liabilities are detailed in the liquidity risk management section of this note. The Group's cash flow interest rate risk is mainly concentrated on the fluctuation of HIBOR and LIBOR arising from the Group's Hong Kong dollars and USD borrowings and the market interest rate on the bank balances.

#### Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analysis below has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates at the end of each reporting period. For variable-rate bank balances (other than deposits placed in Hong Kong) and borrowings, the analysis is prepared assuming the amount of asset and liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period was outstanding for the whole year.

If interest rates had been 50 basis points higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, the Group's post-tax profit for the year ended 31 December 2014 would decrease/increase by approximately HK\$1,921,000 (2013: approximately HK\$2,444,000). This is mainly attributable to the Group's exposure to interest rates on its variable-rate bank balances and borrowings.

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#### 28 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

# Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued) Credit risk

At 31 December 2014, the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk which will cause a financial loss to the Group due to a failure to discharge an obligation by the counterparties is arising from the carrying amount of the respective recognised assets as stated in the consolidated statement of financial position. In order to minimise the credit risk, the management of the Group has delegated a team responsible for determination of credit limits, credit approvals and other monitoring procedures to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover overdue debts. In addition, the Group reviews the recoverable amount of each individual trade debt at the end of the reporting period to ensure that adequate impairment losses are made for irrecoverable amounts. In this regard, the Directors of the Company consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

Although the bank balances are concentrated on certain counterparties, the credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

#### Liquidity risk

To manage the liquidity risk, the Group monitors and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents considered adequate by the management of the Group to finance the Group's operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows. The management monitors the utilisation of bank borrowings and ensures compliance with loan covenants.

The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its non-derivative financial liabilities. The table has been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Group can be required to pay. Specifically, bank loans with a repayment on demand clause are included in the earliest time band regardless of the probability of the banks choosing to exercise their rights. The maturity dates for other non-derivative financial liabilities are based on the agreed repayment dates.

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### 28 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

b. Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Liquidity risk (Continued)

Liquidity tables

|                                      | Weighted      | On demand |          |          | Total        |           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|----------|--------------|-----------|
|                                      | average       | or within | 1 – 2    | 2 – 5    | undiscounted | Carrying  |
|                                      | interest rate | 1 year    | years    | years    | cash flows   | amount    |
|                                      | %             | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000  |
| 2014                                 |               |           |          |          |              |           |
| Non-derivative                       |               |           |          |          |              |           |
| financial liabilities                |               |           |          |          |              |           |
| Trade and other payables             | _             | 680,784   | _        | _        | 680,784      | 680,784   |
| Borrowings                           |               |           |          |          |              |           |
| - fixed rate                         | 2.74          | 260,562   | _        | _        | 260,562      | 255,305   |
| <ul><li>variable rate</li></ul>      | 3.21          | 884,402   | -        | -        | 884,402      | 884,103   |
|                                      |               | 1,825,748 | -        | -        | 1,825,748    | 1,820,192 |
| 2013                                 |               |           |          |          |              |           |
| Non-derivative financial liabilities |               |           |          |          |              |           |
| Trade and other payables             | _             | 456,973   | _        | _        | 456,973      | 456,973   |
| Borrowings                           |               |           |          |          |              |           |
| <ul><li>fixed rate</li></ul>         | 3.20          | 128,830   | 41,111   | 97,435   | 267,376      | 254,479   |
| – variable rate                      | 2.92          | 556,144   | 66,007   | 300,000  | 922,151      | 920,451   |
|                                      |               | 1,141,947 | 107,118  | 397,435  | 1,646,500    | 1,631,903 |

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#### 28 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

b. Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Liquidity risk (Continued)

Liquidity tables (Continued)

Bank loans with a repayment on demand clause are included in the "on demand or within 1 year" time band in the above maturity analysis. As at 31 December 2014 and 2013, the aggregate undiscounted principal amounts of these bank loans amounted to approximately HK\$895,869,000 and approximately HK\$854,399,000 respectively. Taking into account the Group's financial position, the Directors do not believe that it is probable that the banks will exercise their discretionary rights to demand immediate repayment. The Directors believe that such bank loans will be repaid within 3 years after the reporting date in accordance with the scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreements as set out in this table below:

|                                 | Weighted      | On demand |             |            | Total        |          |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|------------|--------------|----------|
|                                 | average       | or within | 1 – 2       | 2 – 5      | undiscounted | Carrying |
|                                 | interest rate | 1 year    | years years | cash flows | amount       |          |
|                                 | %             | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000   | HK\$'000     | HK\$'000 |
| 2014                            |               |           |             |            |              |          |
| Bank borrowings                 |               |           |             |            |              |          |
| <ul><li>fixed rate</li></ul>    | 3.66          | 140,275   | _           | -          | 140,275      | 137,748  |
| <ul><li>variable rate</li></ul> | 3.45          | 529,652   | 187,678     | 83,163     | 800,493      | 758,121  |
|                                 |               | 669,927   | 187,678     | 83,163     | 940,768      | 895,869  |
| 2013                            |               |           |             |            |              |          |
| Bank borrowings                 |               |           |             |            |              |          |
| <ul><li>fixed rate</li></ul>    | 4.53          | 90,724    | _           | _          | 90,724       | 88,066   |
| - variable rate                 | 3.02          | 414,072   | 65,440      | 311,936    | 791,448      | 766,333  |
|                                 |               | 504,796   | 65,440      | 311,936    | 882,172      | 854,399  |

At that time, the aggregate principal and interest cash outflows will amount to approximately HK\$940,768,000 (2013: approximately HK\$882,172,000).

The amounts included above for variable interest rate instruments for non-derivative financial liabilities are subject to change if changes in variable interest rates are different to those estimates of interest rates determined at the end of the reporting period.

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#### 28 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

#### c. Fair value

The fair value of other financial assets and financial liabilities are determined in accordance with generally accepted pricing models based on discounted cash flow analysis.

The Directors of the Company consider that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost in the consolidated financial statements approximate their fair values.

#### 29 SHARE OPTION SCHEME

A share option scheme (the "Scheme") of the Company was approved and adopted on 26 May 2003 for the purpose of providing a flexible means of giving incentive to, rewarding, remunerating, compensating and providing benefits to eligible participants, including the Executive Directors of the Company as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company.

The Board of Directors of the Company may, at their discretion, grant options to the eligible participants including any employees, directors or consultants of the Group. The maximum number of shares of the Company which may be issued upon exercise of all options granted under the Scheme or any other share option scheme adopted by the Company must not exceed 30% of its issued share capital from time to time. The maximum number of shares issuable under the options to each eligible participant in any 12-month period is limited to 1% of the shares in issue unless it is approved by shareholders in a general meeting of the Company. Any share options granted to a substantial shareholder or an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company or to any of their associates, in excess of 0.1% of the shares in issue and with an aggregate value (based on the closing price of the shares at the date of the grant) in excess of HK\$5 million, in any 12-month period, are subject to shareholders' approval in a general meeting of the Company.

Share options granted must be taken up within 28 days of the date of grant. Each of the grantees is required to pay HK\$1 as cash consideration for the grant of the share options in accordance with the Scheme. The total number of shares in respect of which share options may be granted shall not exceed 10% of the issued ordinary share capital. The exercise price is determined by the Directors of the Company, and shall not be less than the higher of the closing price of the Company's shares on the date of grant, the average closing price of the shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant and the nominal value of the share.

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### 29 SHARE OPTION SCHEME (Continued)

An option is deemed to have been granted and accepted by the grantee upon his or her signing of a duplicate letter comprising acceptance of the option and paying HK\$1 by way of consideration for the grant thereof on or before the relevant acceptance date being a date within 28 days after the date on which the option is offered.

An option may be exercised in accordance with the terms of the Scheme at any time during the option period after the option has been granted by the Board of Directors. An option period is a period to be determined by the Board of Directors in its absolute discretion and notified by the Board of Directors to each grantee as being the period during which an option may be exercised, such period shall commence from the date of acceptance of the offer for the grant of the option and shall end not later than 10 years from the date on which the offer for grant of the option is made.

No share option has been granted by the Company under the Scheme since its adoption.

The Scheme is valid for a period of 10 years commencing on 26 May 2003 and expired on 25 May 2013.

#### 30 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

|  | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided in |                  |                  |
| the consolidated financial statements in respect of    |                  |                  |
| the acquisition of:                                    |                  |                  |
| Property, plant and equipment                          | 35,682           | 47,906           |
| Leasehold land   | 118,290          | 121,395          |
|  |                  |                  |
|  | 153,972          | 169,301          |

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#### 31 OPERATING LEASES

Minimum lease payments paid under operating leases for rented premises during the year amounted to approximately HK\$20,589,000 (2013: approximately HK\$15,437,000).

At the end of the reporting period, the Group had commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases which fall due as follows:

|   | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Within one year In the second to fifth year inclusive | 17,742<br>18,096 | 16,666<br>32,512 |
|   | 35,838           | 49,178           |

Operating lease payments represent rentals payable by the Group for certain of its office premises, factories, godowns and residential units for its employees. The leases have varying terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights.

#### 32 RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEME

The major retirement benefits schemes of the Group are summarised as follows:

#### **Schemes in Hong Kong**

The Group has a defined contribution provident fund scheme for its Hong Kong employees. The scheme assets are being held under a pooling fund under the AIA Retirement Fund Scheme (the "Scheme") with AIA Pension and Trustee Co., Ltd. as the trustee of the Scheme.

The Group is required to make contributions to the scheme calculated at 5% of the employees' basic salaries on a monthly basis. The Group's contribution will start with 5% and further increase proportionally to a maximum of 8% of each employee's basic salary after completion of three years of service to the Group. The employees are entitled to 100% of the employers' contribution and the accrued interest after 10 years' of completed service, or at a reduced scale of between 30% to 100% after completion of 3 to 10 years of service. The forfeited contributions and related accrued interest are to be used to reduce the employers' contribution.

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#### 32 RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEME (Continued)

#### Schemes in Hong Kong (Continued)

With effect from 1 December 2000, the Group also participated in Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme ("MPF Scheme"). The MPF scheme assets are held under two mandatory provident funds managed by AXA China Region Trustees Limited and Sun Life Trustee Co. Ltd. respectively. Under the MPF Scheme, the Group is required to make contributions to the scheme calculated at 5% of the employees' relevant income subject to a monthly maximum amount of HK\$1,250 (HK\$1,500 effective from 1 June 2014) per employee and vest fully with employees when contributed into the MPF scheme (as defined in the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme Ordinance).

The employees entitled to participate in the Group's provident fund scheme before 1 December 2000 were given an option to join the MPF Scheme or to continue making contributions to the provident fund scheme. All other existing or newly employed employees are required to join the MPF Scheme. The Group is required to make contributions to either of the two schemes in accordance with the option selected by the employees.

The aggregate employers' contributions which have been dealt with in profit or loss of the Group amounted to approximately HK\$4,612,000 (2013: approximately HK\$4,298,000).

At the end of the reporting period, there are no significant forfeited contributions available to offset future employer's contributions to the Scheme.

#### Scheme in the PRC

The employees of the Company's subsidiaries which operate in the PRC are required to participate in a central pension scheme operated by the local municipal government. These PRC subsidiaries are required to contribute 13% to 14% of its payroll costs to the central pension scheme. The contributions are charged to profit or loss as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the central pension scheme.

The total cost charged to profit or loss for the scheme in the PRC amounted to approximately HK\$34,992,000 (2013: approximately HK\$33,635,000).

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#### 32 RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEME (Continued)

#### Scheme in Germany

In Germany, the Group is obliged to contribute to a social pension programme for employees on a monthly basis at around 9.95% of the employees' gross income. The only obligation of the Group with respect to this retirement benefit scheme is to make the specified contribution.

The total cost charged to profit or loss for the scheme in Germany amounted to approximately HK\$10,329,000 (2013: approximately HK\$8,848,000).

In Germany, the Group operates a defined benefit plan for its employees, the Group is required to pay the benefits granted to the present and past employees.

For the year ended 31 December 2014, the defined benefit plan is valued using the projected unit credit method in accordance with HKAS 19, which was prepared by a qualified actuary, the fair value of the defined benefit obligation is approximately HK\$20,407,000. During the year, the service costs and interest expenses of approximately HK\$48,000 and approximately HK\$585,000 respectively were recognised in profit or loss, the remeasurement loss of approximately HK\$2,833,000 was recognised in other comprehensive income.

#### Scheme in Switzerland

In Switzerland, the Group is obliged to contribute to a basic pension plan on a monthly basis at 5.05% of the employee's gross income plus administrative charges.

Besides, the Group also has a mandatory occupational benefit plan ("the Plan") for all the employees as regulated under federal law. The Group is obliged to make contributions to the Plan, calculated up to 10% of the employees' basic annual salary, plus an individual risk surcharge of about 2%.

The total cost charged to profit or loss for the schemes in Switzerland amounted to approximately HK\$143,000 (2013: approximately HK\$504,000).

#### Scheme in Austria

In Austria, the Group is obliged to contribute to a social pension programme for employees on a monthly basis at around 12.55% of the employees' gross income. The only obligation of the Group with respect to this retirement benefit scheme is to make the specified contribution.

The total cost charged to profit or loss for the scheme in Austria amounted to approximately HK\$2,694,000 (2013: HK\$2,639,000).

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#### 33 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Company is a subsidiary of China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司), a State-owned enterprise under the direct supervision and administration of, and is beneficially owned by, the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council of the PRC. Accordingly, the Company and the Group are ultimately controlled by the PRC government.

The Group has entered into the following transactions with related parties during the year:

|  | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Related parties in which a Director of   |                  |                  |
| the Company has control  |                  |                  |
| Other income   | 1                | 1                |
| Other expenses paid  | _                | 74               |
| Related parties in which a close member of a Director of the Company has control |                  |                  |
| Other income   | 3                | 39               |
| Rental paid  | 11,594           | 8,879            |
| Fellow subsidiaries  |                  |                  |
| Purchase of materials  | 132              | 369              |
| Ultimate holding company   |                  |                  |
| Other income received  | 75               | _                |
| Interest expense paid  | 347              | 2,218            |

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#### 33 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES (Continued)

At the end of the reporting period, China Hi-Tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司) undertakes that it will be at all times maintain an aggregate beneficial ownership (directly or indirectly) of not less than 51 percent in the issued share capital of the Company throughout the life of certain banking facilities granted to the Group.

At the end of the reporting period, China Hi-tech Group Corporation (中國恒天集團有限公司) provides guarantee of HK\$Nil (2013: approximately HK\$310,000,000) to the bank to secure the banking facilities granted to the Group.

All the above transactions also constituted connected transactions or continuing connected transactions as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

The Group entered into operating lease agreements with a related party which a substantial shareholder of the Company has control. At the end of each reporting period, the Group had commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases which fall due as follows:

|   | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Within one year In the second to fifth year inclusive | 11,064<br>11,064 | 11,064<br>22,128 |
|   | 22,128           | 33,192           |

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#### 33 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES (Continued)

#### Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of Directors and other members of key management during the year was as follows:

|  | 2014<br>HK\$'000 | 2013<br>HK\$'000 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Short-term benefits Post-employment benefits | 50,535<br>1,479  | 59,482<br>1,631  |
|  | 52,014           | 61,113           |

The remuneration of Directors and key executives is determined by the Remuneration Committee of the Company having regard to the performance of individuals and market trends.

#### Government - related entities operated in the PRC

In 2013, the Group acquired land use rights amounted to approximately RMB86,206,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$109,872,000) from Zhongshan Bureau of Land Resources (中山市國土資源局), an entity controlled by the PRC government. The consideration was determined by reference to the market price.

The Group has entered into various banking transactions, including deposits placements, borrowings and other general banking facilities, with certain banks and financial institutions which are state-controlled entities in its ordinary course of business. About 27% (2013: 22%) of its bank deposits and borrowings are with government-related entities. In view of the nature of those banking transactions, the Directors of the Company are of the opinion that separate disclosure would not be meaningful.

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### 34 PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES

|  | Place of incorporation or registration/ | Nominal value<br>of issued<br>capital/<br>registered        | Equi         | ity interes     | st attribut<br>ompany | able                 |  |
|--|---|---|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Name of Company  | operations                              | capital   | Dir.<br>2014 | <b>ect</b> 2013 | Indi<br>2014          | r <b>ect</b><br>2013 | Principal activities   |
| Fong's Property Holding<br>Limited   | British Virgin<br>Islands               | US\$1   | 100%         | 100%            | -                     | -                    | Investment holding   |
| Fong's Manufacturers<br>Company Limited  | British Virgin<br>Islands               | US\$10,000  | 100%         | 100%            | -                     | -                    | Investment holding   |
| Falmer Investments Ltd.  | British Virgin<br>Islands/<br>Hong Kong | US\$1   | -            | -               | 100%                  | 100%                 | Research and development   |
| Fong's Engineering<br>Services Company<br>Limited                              | Hong Kong                               | HK\$10,000  | -            | -               | 100%                  | 100%                 | Trading of stainless<br>steel products<br>and provision<br>of management<br>services to group<br>companies |
| Fong's National<br>Engineering Company,<br>Limited                             | Hong Kong                               | Ordinary – HK\$100<br>Deferred –<br>HK\$8,000,000<br>(Note) | -            | -               | 100%                  | 100%                 | Trading of dyeing and finishing machines   |
| Fong's National<br>Engineering (Shenzhen)<br>Co., Ltd.*<br>立信染整機械 (深圳)<br>有限公司 | The PRC                                 | US\$22,500,000  | -            | _               | 100%                  | 100%                 | Manufacture and trading of dyeing and finishing machines   |
| Fong's Steels Supplies<br>Company Limited                                      | Hong Kong                               | HK\$10,000  | -            | -               | 100%                  | 100%                 | Trading of stainless steel supplies  |
| Leefull Metal (Shenzhen)<br>Co., Ltd.*<br>立豐行金屬材料(深圳)<br>有限公司                  | The PRC                                 | RMB2,500,000  | -            | -               | 100%                  | 100%                 | Trading of stainless steel supplies  |
| Goller (HK) Limited  | Hong Kong                               | HK\$1   | -            | -               | 100%                  | 100%                 | Trading of textile machinery   |
| Goller Textile Machinery<br>(Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.*<br>高樂紡織機械(深圳)<br>有限公司        | The PRC                                 | US\$10,000,000  | -            | -               | 100%                  | 100%                 | Manufacture and trading of textile machinery   |

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### 34 PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

|  | Place of incorporation or registration/ | Nominal value<br>of issued<br>capital/<br>registered | Equity interest attributable to the Company |   |      |                  |   |  |
|--|---|--|---|---|------|------------------|---|--|
| Name of Company  | operations                              | capital  | Dire<br>2014                                |   |      | <b>rect</b> 2013 | Principal activities  |  |
| Sunshine Glory Limited   | British Virgin<br>Islands/The<br>PRC    | US\$10   | -   | - | 100% | 100%             | Investment holding  |  |
| Tycon Alloy Industries<br>(Hong Kong) Co., Ltd.  | Hong Kong                               | HK\$10,000   | -   | - | 100% | 100%             | Trading of Stainless steels casting products  |  |
| Tycon Alloy Industries<br>(Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.*<br>泰鋼合金 (深圳)有限公司                                     | The PRC                                 | US\$16,550,000                                       | -   | - | 100% | 100%             | Manufacture and<br>trading of stainless<br>steels casting<br>products                         |  |
| Fong's Europe GmbH   | Germany                                 | EUR1,900,000   | -   | - | 100% | 100%             | Manufacture and<br>trading of textile<br>machinery and<br>technical parts                     |  |
| Xorella Hong Kong Limited  | Hong Kong                               | US\$3,500,000  | -   | - | 100% | 100%             | Inactive  |  |
| Xorella AG   | Switzerland                             | CHF350,000   | -   | - | 100% | 100%             | Manufacture and<br>trading of textile<br>machinery and<br>technical parts                     |  |
| Fong's Water Technology<br>Company Limited   | Hong Kong                               | HK\$1,000,000  | -   | - | 100% | 100%             | Providing services on recycling of polluted water   |  |
| Fong's Water Technology &<br>Conservation Equipment<br>(Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.*<br>立信水務環保設備(深圳)<br>有限公司 | The PRC                                 | US\$2,000,000  | -   | - | 100% | 100%             | Sale of water recycling<br>system and providing<br>services on recycling<br>of polluted water |  |

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### 34 PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

|   | Place of incorporation    | Nominal value<br>of issued<br>capital/ | Equi         | ty interes |        |              |  |
|---|---------------------------|--|--------------|------------|--------|--------------|--|
| Name of Oamman.   | or registration/          | registered                             | D:           |            | ompany |              | Dulmainal authorities                        |
| Name of Company   | operations                | capital                                | Dire<br>2014 | 2013       | 2014   | rect<br>2013 | Principal activities                         |
|   |                           |  | 2014         | 2013       | 2014   | 2013         |  |
| Fong's National Dyeing<br>and Finishing Machinery<br>(Macao Commercial<br>Offshore) Co., Ltd. | Macau                     | MOP100,000                             | -            | -          | 100%   | 100%         | Trading of textile machinery                 |
| Fong's National<br>Engineering<br>(Guangdong) Co., Ltd.*<br>立信染整機械(廣東)<br>有限公司                | The PRC                   | US\$21,000,000                         | -            | -          | 100%   | 100%         | Not yet commenced business                   |
| Fong's Steels (Zhongshan)<br>Co., Ltd.*<br>立信鋼材(中山)有限公司                                       | The PRC                   | US\$100,000                            | -            | -          | 100%   | 100%         | Not yet commenced business                   |
| Tycon Alloy Industries<br>(Zhongshan) Co., Ltd.*<br>泰鋼合金(中山)有限公司                              | The PRC                   | US\$16,750,000                         | -            | -          | 100%   | 100%         | Not yet commenced business                   |
| Monforts Fong's Textile<br>Machinery Co. Limited  | Hong Kong                 | HK\$18,400,000                         | -            | -          | 90.1%  | 90.1%        | Manufacture and trading of textile machinery |
| Fong's Projects Holding<br>Limited  | British Virgin<br>Islands | US\$1,000                              | -            | -          | 90.1%  | 90.1%        | Investment holding                           |
| Monforts Fong's Textile<br>Machinery (Macao<br>Commercial Offshore)<br>Co. Ltd.               | Macau                     | MOP100,000                             | -            | -          | 90.1%  | 90.1%        | Manufacture and trading of textile machinery |
| Monforts Fong's Textile<br>Machinery (Shenzhen)<br>Co., Ltd.*<br>立信門富士紡織機械(深圳)<br>有限公司        | The PRC                   | HK\$43,500,000                         | -            | -          | 90.1%  | 90.1%        | Inactive                                     |

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#### 34 PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

| Name of Company   | Place of incorporation or registration/ operations | Nominal value<br>of issued<br>capital/<br>registered<br>capital | Equi | to the C | st attribut<br>ompany<br>Ind | table | Principal activities   |
|---|--|---|------|----------|------------------------------|-------|--|
|   |  |   | 2014 | 2013     | 2014                         | 2013  |  |
| Monforts Fong's Textile<br>Machinery (Zhongshan)<br>Co., Ltd.*<br>立信門富士紡織機械(中山)<br>有限公司 | The PRC  | US\$26,500,000  | -    | -        | 90.1%                        | 90.1% | Manufacture and trading of textile machinery   |
| A. Monforts Textilmaschinen GmbH & Co KG.**   | Germany  | N/A   | -    | -        | N/A                          | N/A   | Manufacture and trading of textile machinery   |
| Montex Maschinenfabrik<br>Ges.m.b.H   | Republic of<br>Austria                             | EUR1,020,000  | -    | -        | 90.1%                        | 90.1% | Production of<br>machinery for<br>textile industry<br>and provision of<br>metal forming and<br>assembly services |

<sup>\*</sup> A wholly foreign-owned enterprise in the PRC.

Note: The deferred shares entitle the holders to dividends from one half of the remaining net profit after the first HK\$10,000,000,000 has been distributed to holders of ordinary shares of HK\$1 each of the company. The deferred shares also entitle the holders to participate in distribution of one half of the surplus assets on winding up after the first HK\$20,000,000,000 has been distributed to holders of ordinary shares of HK\$1 each of the company.

The above table lists the subsidiaries of the Company which, in the opinion of the Directors, principally affect the results or assets of the Group. To give details of other subsidiaries would, in the opinion of the Directors, result in particulars of excessive length.

<sup>\*\*</sup> A. Monforts Textilmaschinen GmbH & Co KG is a partnership of which two subsidiaries of the Company are respectively acting as the limited partner and general partner.

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#### 34 PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

At the end of the reporting period, the Company has other subsidiaries that are not material to the Group. The details of these subsidiaries are summarised as follows:

| Principal activities                                     | Principal place of business | Number of<br>subsidiaries |      |  |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------|--|
|  |                             | 2014                      | 2013 |  |
| Manufacture and sale of dyeing                           | British Virgin Islands      | 6                         | 6    |  |
| and finishing machines                                   | Chile                       | 1                         | 1    |  |
| <u> </u>   | Germany                     | 2                         | 2    |  |
|  | Hong Kong                   | 22                        | 22   |  |
|  | India                       | 1                         | 1    |  |
|  | Luxembourg                  | 1                         | 1    |  |
|  | The PRC                     | 1                         | 1    |  |
|  |                             | 34                        | 34   |  |
| Trading of stainless steel supplies                      | Hong Kong                   | 1                         | 1    |  |
|  |                             | 1                         | 1    |  |
| Manufacture and sale of stainless steel casting products | Hong Kong                   | 2                         | 2    |  |
|  |                             | 2                         | 2    |  |

At the end of the reporting period, in the opinion of the Directors, the Company does not have non-controlling interests that are material to the Group.

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# 35 INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY

Information about the statement of financial position of the Company at the end of the reporting period includes:

|                                      | 2014     | 2013     |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                                      | HK\$'000 | HK\$'000 |
|                                      |          |          |
| Unlisted investments in subsidiaries | 36,585   | 36,585   |
| Cash and cash equivalents            | 1,410    | 1,148    |
| Amounts due from subsidiaries        | 446,132  | 444,257  |
| Other receivables                    | 1,239    | 348      |
|                                      |          |          |
| Total assets                         | 485,366  | 482,338  |
| Current liabilities                  | (1,686)  | (2,526)  |
| Total and accepts                    | 400.000  | 470.010  |
| Total net assets                     | 483,680  | 479,812  |
| OL                                   |          | 55 445   |
| Share capital (Note 26(b))           | 55,145   | 55,145   |
| Reserves                             | 428,535  | 424,667  |
| Total equity                         | 483,680  | 479,812  |
| iotal equity                         | 400,000  | 473,012  |

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### RESULTS

| V    | ended | 04 | D     |     |
|------|-------|----|-------|-----|
| year | ended | -5 | Decem | ner |
|      |       |    |       |     |

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|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                | 2010      | 2011      | 2012           | 2013      | 2014      |
|                                | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000       | HK\$'000  | HK\$'000  |
| Revenue                        | 2,587,182 | 2,198,608 | 2,126,467      | 3,757,496 | 3,415,269 |
| Profit before tax              | 371,146   | 73,159    | 156,076        | 122,740   | 151,275   |
| Income tax expense             | (68,181)  | (14,102)  | (4,049)        | (42,385)  | (33,753)  |
| Profit for the year            | 302,965   | 59,057    | 152,027        | 80,355    | 117,522   |
| Profit (loss) attributable to: |           |           |                |           |           |
| Owners of the Company          | 302,965   | 59,057    | 152,027        | 80,365    | 117,901   |
| Non-controlling interest       | _         | _         | _              | (10)      | (379)     |
|                                | 302,965   | 59,057    | 152,027        | 80,355    | 117,522   |

### **ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

#### As at 31 December

|   | 2010        | 2011        | 2012        | 2013        | 2014        |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000    | HK\$'000    |
| Total assets Total liabilities  | 2,148,610   | 2,113,366   | 3,200,222   | 3,396,263   | 3,323,473   |
|   | (1,127,326) | (1,120,671) | (2,061,862) | (2,148,780) | (2,033,061) |
|   | 1,021,284   | 992,695     | 1,138,360   | 1,247,483   | 1,290,412   |
| Equity attributable to owners of the Company Non-controlling interest | 1,021,284   | 992,695     | 1,138,360   | 1,246,758   | 1,290,076   |
|   | –           | –           | –           | 725         | 336         |
|   | 1,021,284   | 992,695     | 1,138,360   | 1,247,483   | 1,290,412   |