



Power Assets Holdings Ltd.

電能實業有限公司

(Stock Code : 6)

# Interim Report **2018**



## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2018	2017	Change
	<i>HK\$</i>	<i>HK\$</i>	
Profit attributable to shareholders ( <i>million</i> )	<b>4,120</b>	4,024	+2%
Earnings per share	<b>1.93</b>	1.89	+2%
Interim dividend per share	<b>0.77</b>	0.77	–
Special interim dividend per share	–	7.50	-100%

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# CORPORATE INFORMATION

## Board of Directors

### Executive Directors

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TSAI Chao Chung, Charles (*Chief Executive Officer*)  
CHAN Loi Shun  
Andrew John HUNTER  
Neil Douglas MCGEE  
WAN Chi Tin

### Non-executive Director

LI Tzar Kuoi, Victor

### Independent Non-executive Directors

IP Yuk-keung, Albert  
Ralph Raymond SHEA  
WONG Chung Hin  
WU Ting Yuk, Anthony

### Audit Committee

WONG Chung Hin (*Chairman*)  
IP Yuk-keung, Albert  
Ralph Raymond SHEA

### Remuneration Committee

WONG Chung Hin (*Chairman*)  
FOK Kin Ning, Canning  
Ralph Raymond SHEA

### Company Secretary

Alex NG

### Principal Bankers

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## KEY DATES AND SHARE INFORMATION

### Key Dates

<b>Interim Results Announcement</b>	26 July 2018
<b>Interim Report Despatch Date</b>	On or before 15 August 2018
<b>Ex-dividend Date</b>	24 August 2018
<b>Record Date for Interim Dividend</b>	27 August 2018
<b>Payment of Interim Dividend (HK\$0.77 per share)</b>	5 September 2018
<b>Financial Year End</b>	31 December 2018

### Share Information

<b>Board Lot</b>	500 shares
<b>Market Capitalisation as at 30 June 2018</b>	HK\$117,064 million
<b>Ordinary Share to ADR Ratio</b>	1:1

### Stock Codes

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited	6
Bloomberg	6 HK
Thomson Reuters	0006.HK
ADR Ticker Symbol	HGKGY
CUSIP Number	739197200

# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

## Half year results

During the first half of 2018, the Power Assets Group has delivered solid results, demonstrating the breadth and quality of our portfolio.

The Group's unaudited profits for the six months ended 30 June 2018 amounted to HK\$4,120 million (2017: HK\$4,024 million), an increase of 2% over the same period of last year. The increase was mainly due to the first full-period contribution from DUET.

The interim profit contribution of our underlying business, if adjusted for lower deposit interest income and exchange difference on deposits, would have recorded a double digit increase over the same period last year.

The Group is active in Europe, North America, Asia, Australia and New Zealand. This global diversification of investment minimises our exposure to the economic cycles of any one market.

## Interim dividend

The board of directors has declared an interim dividend of HK\$0.77 per share (2017: an interim dividend of HK\$0.77 per share and a one-off special interim dividend of HK\$7.50 per share), payable on 5 September 2018 to shareholders whose names appear in the Company's Register of Members on 27 August 2018.

## Operations

Amid improving global macroeconomic conditions and a stabilising geopolitical situation in our key markets, all our operating companies achieved satisfactory operating results.

The UK remains our largest market of operations, with four operating companies engaged in the generation of electricity, and the distribution of electricity and gas.

UK Power Networks continued to build on its strong financial and operational results of 2017. Network performance in the first half was significantly higher than regulatory targets. Northern Gas Networks remained the most efficient of the eight UK gas distribution networks, achieving all its statutory targets for the regulatory year, including iron pipe replacement and attending gas escape targets. Wales & West Utilities met expectations and progressed with a large-scale smart meter installation project, the only independent gas network to be awarded contract work to deliver smart meter installation. Seabank Power Station continued to operate under high availability, with forced outage, efficiency, and starting performance all on par with budgets.

In Hong Kong, HK Electric delivered satisfactory results, maintaining its world-leading standards in supply reliability and customer service. HK Electric has the mandate to increase gas-fired electricity output in the coming years and a major capital works programme is in progress at its Lamma Power Station to deliver this. During the period under review, progress was made on two new gas-fired generating units and a floating storage and regasification unit. The company's HK\$26.6 billion Development Plan for 2019-2023, recently approved by the government, makes further advancements in creating a roadmap for the transition to cleaner energy in support of Hong Kong's transformation into a smart city.

In Australia, SA Power Networks delivered performance in line with targets. It began preparations for the 2020 regulatory reset including expenditure forecasts and stakeholder engagement. Victoria Power Networks maintained its distribution revenues in line with budget and through its brand Beon Energy Solutions ("Beon") secured a number of major infrastructural projects. Beon was successful in its bid for the Karadoc Solar Farm, a major undertaking including design, planning, procurement and recruitment activities for a 112-MW installation in northern Victoria. Australian Gas Networks maintained its high achievement levels in public safety, reliability and customer services. Australian Energy Operations made progress on connecting the Moorabool Wind Farm to the grid with completion targetted for March 2019.

DUET's subsidiary companies met expectations in their second year as part of the Group. The Dampier Bunbury Pipeline achieved system reliability in line with targets. Energy Developments Pty Ltd expanded the Group's solar generation portfolio with the acquisition of a 1.6 MW solar farm in Queensland. United Energy conducted a trial programme on solar storage and dynamic voltage management. The trial will benefit the Group as a whole, yielding useful insights into how the network can adapt to changing energy market and consumer trends. Multinet Gas secured a government contract to relocate a major gas supply hub supplying approximately 100,000 customers.

In mainland China, the Zhuhai, Jinwan and Siping power plants achieved satisfactory operating performance with the first two increasing electricity sold compared to 2017. The renewable energy generated over the past six months by the two wind farms at Dali and Laoting has offset 129,000 tonnes of carbon emission within the respective provinces.

On continental Europe, our operating companies delivered steady returns. Dutch Enviro Energy Holdings B.V., the Netherlands-based energy-from-waste company, continued to pursue innovative projects for energy-from-waste, including carbon dioxide capture and utilisation while Iberwind in Portugal completed the formalities needed for repowering the Escusa Wind Farm. Repowering will significantly increase yield and output going forward.

## **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT** *(Continued)*

Canadian Power in North America delivered earnings on par with expectations. Our other Canadian operating company, Husky Midstream, advanced its work on the LLB Direct pipeline and Saskatchewan Gathering System expansion projects.

In New Zealand, Wellington Electricity achieved satisfactory results while continuing to deliver high levels of safety, reliability and service to customers.

Ratchaburi Power in Thailand achieved higher levels of plant availability against its production plan.

### **Outlook**

In the context of dramatic change in the energy sector, we will work proactively to embrace all that technology can offer, to continue to deliver reliability and customer satisfaction while minimising emissions for the benefit of generations to come. In Australia, the focus will be on preparing for the next regulatory reset while in Hong Kong we will work to deliver the terms of the new regulatory regime. Our European operating companies will continue to support the green energy aspirations of their respective local communities through their activities.

Our financial position remains healthy after the distribution of three rounds of special dividends. We will continue to seek appropriate high-quality investment opportunities that meet our criteria of low-risk, assured returns, across stable and well-regulated energy markets.

I wish to thank the board of directors and all employees for their diligence and commitment, and our shareholders and other stakeholders for their long-term support of our strategy and aspirations.

**Fok Kin Ning, Canning**

***Chairman***

Hong Kong, 26 July 2018



# FINANCIAL REVIEW

## Financial Performance

The Group's unaudited profit for the six months ended 30 June 2018 amounted to HK\$4,120 million (2017: HK\$4,024 million), an increase of 2% over the same period of last year. The increase was mainly due to the first full-period contribution from DUET.

Investments in the United Kingdom achieved satisfactory results, contributed earnings of HK\$2,205 million (2017 restated: HK\$2,075 million). The increase in earnings was mainly due to lower interest expenses after repayment of the Group's bank loans.

Our Australian investments contributed profits of HK\$830 million (2017 restated: HK\$623 million) was higher than last year mainly due to contribution from DUET which was acquired in May 2017.

Investments in mainland China yield profit of HK\$234 million (2017: HK\$163 million) was higher than last year mainly due to higher sales of electricity.

Investments in Canada, the Netherlands, Portugal, Thailand and New Zealand continued to contribute stable earnings to the Group.

Our investment in HK Electric Investments recorded earnings of HK\$328 million (2017: HK\$335 million).

Secure earnings and a strong financial position allowed us to continue with a stable dividend policy. 2018 interim dividend of HK\$0.77 per share (2017: interim dividend of HK\$0.77 per share and a one-off special interim dividend of HK\$7.50 per share).

## Capital Expenditure, Liquidity and Financial Resources

The Group's capital expenditure and investments were primarily funded by cash from operations, dividends and other repatriation from investments. Total unsecured bank loans outstanding at 30 June 2018 were HK\$3,572 million (31 December 2017: HK\$7,223 million). In addition, the Group had bank deposits and cash of HK\$6,987 million (31 December 2017: HK\$25,407 million) and no undrawn committed bank facility at 30 June 2018 (31 December 2017: HK\$Nil).

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW** *(Continued)*

### **Treasury Policy, Financing Activities and Debt Structure**

The Group manages its financial risks in accordance with guidelines laid down in its treasury policy, which is approved by the Board. The treasury policy is designed to manage the Group's currency, interest rate and counterparty risks. Surplus funds, which arise mainly from dividends and other repatriation from investments, are generally placed on short term deposits denominated primarily in Australian dollars, Hong Kong dollars, pounds sterling and United States dollars. The Group aims to ensure that adequate financial resources are available for refinancing and business growth whilst maintaining a prudent capital structure.

The Group's financial profile remained strong during the period. On 29 January 2018, Standard & Poor's reaffirmed the "A-" long term credit rating of the Company with a "positive" outlook. The rating has remained unchanged since January 2014 while the outlook was revised up from "stable" since July 2017. As at 30 June 2018, the net cash position of the Group amounted to HK\$3,415 million (31 December 2017: HK\$18,184 million).

As at 30 June 2018, the Group's external borrowings were bank loans denominated in Australian dollar, fully hedged into fixed rate and repayable after 1 year but within 5 years.

Interest rate risk is managed by either securing fixed rate borrowings or by using interest rate derivatives. Although the Group's policy is to maintain a portion of its debt at fixed interest rates, the repayment of debts during the period resulted in the Group having no exposure to further interest rate fluctuation for its existing debt.

Currency and interest rate risks are actively managed in accordance with the Group's treasury policy. Derivative financial instruments are used primarily for managing interest rate and foreign currency risks and not for speculative purposes. Treasury transactions are only executed with counterparties with acceptable credit ratings to control counterparty risk exposure.

The Group's principal foreign currency exposures arise from its investments outside Hong Kong. Foreign currency transaction exposure also arises from settlement to vendors which is not material and is managed mainly through purchases in the spot market or utilisation of foreign currency receipts of the Group. Currency exposures arising from investments outside Hong Kong are, where considered appropriate, mitigated by financing those investments in local currency borrowings or by entering into forward foreign exchange contracts or cross currency swaps. The fair value of such borrowings at 30 June 2018 was HK\$3,591 million (31 December 2017: HK\$7,248 million). The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts and cross currency swaps at 30 June 2018 was an asset of HK\$292 million (31 December 2017: liability of HK\$356 million). Foreign currency fluctuations will affect the translated value of the net assets of investments outside Hong Kong and the resultant translation difference is included in the Group's reserve account. Income received from the Group's investments outside Hong Kong which is not denominated in Hong Kong dollars is, unless otherwise determined, converted into United States dollars on receipt.

The contractual notional amounts of derivative financial instruments outstanding at 30 June 2018 amounted to HK\$36,923 million (31 December 2017: HK\$35,953 million).

### **Charges on Assets**

At 30 June 2018, the Group's interest in an associate of HK\$276 million (31 December 2017: HK\$274 million) had been pledged as part of the security to secure financing facilities granted to the associate.

### **Contingent Liabilities**

As at 30 June 2018, the Group had given guarantees and indemnities totalling HK\$663 million (31 December 2017: HK\$883 million).

### **Employees**

The Group continues its policy of pay-for-performance and the pay levels are monitored to ensure competitiveness is maintained. The Group's total remuneration costs for the six months ended 30 June 2018, excluding directors' emoluments, amounted to HK\$11 million (2017: HK\$10 million). As at 30 June 2018, the Group employed 12 (31 December 2017: 12) employees. No share option scheme is in operation.

## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the six months ended 30 June 2018

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		<b>2018</b>	2017
	Note	<b>\$ million</b>	(*) \$ million
<b>Revenue</b>	5	<b>769</b>	631
Direct costs		<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>
		<b>768</b>	630
Other net income		<b>160</b>	534
Other operating costs		<u>(76)</u>	<u>(74)</u>
<b>Operating profit</b>		<b>852</b>	1,090
Finance costs		<b>(100)</b>	(129)
Share of profits less losses of joint ventures		<b>2,662</b>	2,442
Share of profits less losses of associates		<u>755</u>	<u>651</u>
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	6	<b>4,169</b>	4,054
Income tax	7	<u>(49)</u>	<u>(30)</u>
<b>Profit for the period attributable to equity shareholders of the Company</b>		<b><u>4,120</u></b>	<b><u>4,024</u></b>
<b>Earnings per share</b>			
Basic and diluted	8	<b><u>\$1.93</u></b>	<b><u>\$1.89</u></b>

\* The Group has initially applied HKFRS 9 and HKFRS 15 at 1 January 2018. Under the transition methods chosen, comparative information is not restated.

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form part of these unaudited interim financial statements. Details of dividends payable to equity shareholders of the Company attributable to the profit for the period are set out in note 19.

## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2018

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	2018	2017 (*)
	\$ million	\$ million
<b>Profit for the period attributable to equity shareholders of the Company</b>	<b>4,120</b>	4,024
<b>Other comprehensive income for the period</b>		
<b>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</b>		
Share of other comprehensive income of joint ventures and associates	331	197
Income tax relating to items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	(66)	(37)
	<u>265</u>	<u>160</u>
<b>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</b>		
Exchange differences on translating operations outside Hong Kong, including joint ventures and associates	(1,001)	1,445
Net investment hedges	936	(621)
Cash flow hedges:		
Effective portion of changes in fair value of hedging instruments recognised during the period	(3)	(29)
Share of other comprehensive income of joint ventures and associates	492	(180)
Income tax relating to items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	(81)	55
	<u>343</u>	<u>670</u>
	<u>608</u>	<u>830</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to equity shareholders of the Company</b>	<b>4,728</b>	4,854

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## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 June 2018

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		(Unaudited) 30 June 2018	(Audited) 31 December 2017 (* )
	Note	\$ million	\$ million
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment and leasehold land	9	14	14
Interest in joint ventures	10	58,280	56,415
Interest in associates	11	24,558	24,589
Other non-current financial assets		303	67
Derivative financial instruments	16	559	316
Deferred tax assets		32	21
Employee retirement benefit assets		5	5
		<u>83,751</u>	<u>81,427</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Trade and other receivables	12	268	167
Bank deposits and cash	13(a)	6,987	25,407
		<u>7,255</u>	<u>25,574</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	14	(3,396)	(3,197)
Current portion of bank loans and other interest-bearing borrowings	15	–	(3,544)
Current tax payable		(32)	(91)
		<u>(3,428)</u>	<u>(6,832)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>3,827</u>	<u>18,742</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>87,578</u>	<u>100,169</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Bank loans and other interest-bearing borrowings	15	(3,572)	(3,679)
Derivative financial instruments	16	(479)	(789)
Employee retirement benefit liabilities		(122)	(121)
		<u>(4,173)</u>	<u>(4,589)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>83,405</u>	<u>95,580</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Share capital	17	6,610	6,610
Reserves		76,795	88,970
<b>Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company</b>		<u>83,405</u>	<u>95,580</u>

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## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 June 2018

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

\$ million	Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company					
	Share capital	Exchange reserve	Hedging reserve	Revenue reserve	Proposed/ declared dividend	Total
Balance at 1 January 2017	6,610	(6,717)	(1,453)	104,989	14,982	118,411
Changes in equity for the six months ended 30 June 2017:						
Profit for the period	-	-	-	4,024	-	4,024
Other comprehensive income	-	824	(154)	160	-	830
Total comprehensive income	-	824	(154)	4,184	-	4,854
Special interim dividend in respect of the previous year declared and paid	-	-	-	-	(10,671)	(10,671)
Final dividend in respect of the previous year approved and paid	-	-	-	-	(4,311)	(4,311)
Interim dividend (see note 19)	-	-	-	(1,643)	1,643	-
Special interim dividend (see note 19)	-	-	-	(16,007)	16,007	-
Balance at 30 June 2017	<u>6,610</u>	<u>(5,893)</u>	<u>(1,607)</u>	<u>91,523</u>	<u>17,650</u>	<u>108,283</u>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2017 (*)</b>	<b>6,610</b>	<b>(5,033)</b>	<b>(1,707)</b>	<b>78,571</b>	<b>17,139</b>	<b>95,580</b>
Impact on initial application of HKFRS 9 (see note 3(b))	-	-	-	236	-	236
<b>Adjusted balance at 1 January 2018</b>	<b>6,610</b>	<b>(5,033)</b>	<b>(1,707)</b>	<b>78,807</b>	<b>17,139</b>	<b>95,816</b>
Changes in equity for the six months ended 30 June 2018:						
Profit for the period	-	-	-	4,120	-	4,120
Other comprehensive income	-	(65)	408	265	-	608
Total comprehensive income	-	(65)	408	4,385	-	4,728
Special interim dividend in respect of the previous year declared and paid	-	-	-	-	(12,806)	(12,806)
Final dividend in respect of the previous year approved and paid	-	-	-	-	(4,333)	(4,333)
Interim dividend (see note 19)	-	-	-	(1,643)	1,643	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2018</b>	<u><b>6,610</b></u>	<u><b>(5,098)</b></u>	<u><b>(1,299)</b></u>	<u><b>81,549</b></u>	<u><b>1,643</b></u>	<u><b>83,405</b></u>

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## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 June 2018

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		2018	2017 (*)
	Note	\$ million	\$ million
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	13(b)	579	282
Interest paid		(128)	(111)
Interest received		777	838
Tax paid for operations outside Hong Kong		(115)	(35)
Tax refunded for operations outside Hong Kong		–	7
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>		<b>1,113</b>	<b>981</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>			
(Increase)/decrease in bank deposits with more than three months to maturity when placed		(2,230)	17,030
Investments in joint ventures		(369)	(3,997)
New loans to joint ventures		–	(4,682)
Repayment of loan from an associate		148	–
Repayments from joint ventures		–	1,219
Advance from joint ventures		–	23
Advance to associates		–	(25)
Dividends received from joint ventures		930	1,038
Dividends received from associates		600	634
<b>Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities</b>		<b>(921)</b>	<b>11,240</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>			
Repayment of bank loans and other borrowings		(3,703)	–
Dividends paid to equity shareholders of the Company		(17,139)	(14,982)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<b>(20,842)</b>	<b>(14,982)</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(20,650)</b>	<b>(2,761)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January</b>		<b>24,557</b>	<b>15,212</b>
<b>Effect of foreign exchange rate changes</b>		<b>–</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June</b>	13(a)	<b>3,907</b>	<b>12,452</b>

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The notes on pages 15 to 29 form part of these unaudited interim financial statements.



## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

### 1. Review of unaudited interim financial statements

These unaudited consolidated interim financial statements have been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

### 2. Basis of preparation

These unaudited consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard (“HKAS”) 34, *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2017 annual financial statements, except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the 2018 annual financial statements. Details of these changes in accounting policies are set out in note 3.

The preparation of interim financial statements in conformity with HKAS 34 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses on a year to date basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The interim financial statements and selected explanatory notes thereon do not include all of the information required for full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”).

The financial information relating to the financial year ended 31 December 2017 that is included in the interim financial statements as comparative information does not constitute the Company’s statutory annual consolidated financial statements for that financial year but is derived from those financial statements. Further information relating to these statutory financial statements disclosed in accordance with section 436 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance is as follows:

The Company had delivered the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 to the Registrar of Companies as required by section 662(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 6 to, the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The Company’s auditor has reported on the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2017. The auditor’s report was unqualified; did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying its report; and did not contain a statement under sections 406(2), 407(2) or (3) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

### 3. Changes in accounting policies

#### (a) Overview

The HKICPA has issued a number of new HKFRSs and amendments to HKFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group. Of these, the following developments are relevant to the Group's financial statements:

- HKFRS 9, *Financial instruments*
- HKFRS 15, *Revenue from contracts with customers*
- HK(IFRIC) 22, *Foreign currency transactions and advance consideration*

The adoption of the above has no material impact on the Group's result and financial position for the current or prior periods except for HKFRS 9. Details of the changes in accounting policies are discussed in note 3(b).

The Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not effective for the current accounting period.

#### (b) HKFRS 9, *Financial instruments*

HKFRS 9 replaces HKAS 39, *Financial instruments: recognition and measurement*. It sets out the requirements for recognising and measuring financial assets, financial liabilities and some contracts to buy or sell non-financial items. The Group has been impacted by HKFRS 9 in relation to classification of financial assets.

The Group has applied HKFRS 9 retrospectively to items that existed at 1 January 2018 in accordance with the transition requirements. Under the transition methods chosen, the Group recognised cumulative effect of the initial application of HKFRS 9 as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity at 1 January 2018. Comparative information is not restated.

The following table gives a summary of the opening balance adjustments recognised for each line item in the consolidated statement of financial position that has been impacted by HKFRS 9.

	At 31 December 2017 \$ million	Impact on initial application of HKFRS 9 \$ million	At 1 January 2018 \$ million
Other non-current financial assets	67	236	303
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>81,427</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>81,663</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>100,169</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>100,405</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>95,580</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>95,816</b>
Reserves	88,970	236	89,206
<b>Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company</b>	<b>95,580</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>95,816</b>

The following table summarises the impact of transition to HKFRS 9 on reserves at 1 January 2018.

**\$ million**

**Revenue reserve**

Remeasurement of equity securities measured  
at FVPL at 1 January 2018

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Further details of the nature and effect of the changes to previous accounting policies and the transition approach are set out below:

(i) Classification of financial assets and financial liabilities

HKFRS 9 categorises financial assets into three principal classification categories: measured at amortised cost, at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) and at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL). These supersede HKAS 39's categories of held-to-maturity investments, loans and receivables, available-for-sale financial assets and financial assets measured at FVPL. The classification of financial assets under HKFRS 9 is based on the business model under which the financial assets is managed and its contractual cash flow characteristics.

An investment in equity securities is classified as FVPL unless the equity investment is not held for trading purposes and on initial recognition of the investment the Group makes an election to designate the investment at FVOCI (without subsequent reclassification to profit or loss) such that subsequent changes in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income. Such elections are made on an instrument-by-instrument basis, but may only be made if the investment meets the definition of equity from the issuer's perspective. Where such an election is made, the amount accumulated in other comprehensive income remains in the investment revaluation reserve (without subsequent reclassification to profit or loss) until the investment is disposed of. At the time of disposal, the amount accumulated in the investment revaluation reserve (without subsequent reclassification to profit or loss) is transferred to revenue reserve. Dividends from an investment in equity securities, irrespective of whether classified as at FVPL or FVOCI (without subsequent reclassification to profit or loss), are recognised in profit or loss as other income.

Non-equity investment is classified into one of the measurement categories namely amortised cost, FVOCI (with subsequent reclassification to profit or loss) or FVPL under HKFRS 9. There is no impact to the classification and measurement of non-equity investments held by the Group.

Under HKFRS 9, derivatives embedded in contracts where the host is a financial asset in the scope of the standard are not separated from the host. Instead, the hybrid instrument as a whole is assessed for classification.

### 3. Changes in accounting policies *(Continued)*

#### (b) HKFRS 9, *Financial instruments* *(Continued)*

##### (i) Classification of financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

The following table reconciles the carrying amounts of each class of the Group's assets determined in accordance with HKAS 39 to those determined in accordance with HKFRS 9.

	HKAS 39 carrying amount at 31 December 2017 \$ million	Reclassification \$ million	Remeasurement \$ million	HKFRS 9 carrying amount at 1 January 2018 \$ million
<b>Financial assets measured at FVPL</b>				
Equity securities (Note)	-	67	236	303
<b>Financial assets classified as available-for-sale under HKAS 39</b>	67	(67)	-	-

Note: Under HKAS 39, equity securities not held for trading were classified as available-for-sale financial assets. The Group considered that it is appropriate to classify these equity securities as financial assets at FVPL under HKFRS 9 at 1 January 2018 based on latest assessment.

The measurement categories for all financial liabilities remain the same.

##### (ii) Hedge accounting

HKFRS 9 does not fundamentally change the requirements relating to measuring and recognising ineffectiveness under HKAS 39. However, greater flexibility has been introduced to the types of transactions eligible for hedge accounting. The Group's existing hedging relationships were eligible to be treated as continuing hedging relationships. Therefore, the adoption of the hedge accounting requirements of HKFRS 9 does not have significant impact on the Group's financial statements.

##### (iii) Transition

Changes in accounting policies resulting from the adoption of HKFRS 9 have been applied retrospectively, except as described below:

- Information relating to comparative periods has not been restated. Differences in the carrying amounts of financial assets resulting from the adoption of HKFRS 9 are recognised in reserves as at 1 January 2018. Accordingly, the information presented for 2017 continues to be reported under HKAS 39 and thus may not be comparable with the current period.
- The following assessments have been made on the basis of the facts and circumstances that existed at 1 January 2018 (the date of initial application of HKFRS 9 by the Group):
  - the determination of the business model within which a financial asset is held; and
  - certain investments in equity securities to be classified as at FVPL.
- All hedging relationships designated under HKAS 39 at 31 December 2017 met the criteria for hedge accounting under HKFRS 9 at 1 January 2018 and are therefore regarded as continuing hedging relationships. Changes to hedge accounting policies have been applied prospectively.

## 4. Segment reporting

The analyses of the principal activities of the operations of the Group during the period are as follows:

\$ million	2018							Total
	Investment in HKEI	Investments				Sub-total	All other activities	
		United Kingdom	Australia	Mainland China	Others			
<b>For the six months ended</b>								
<b>30 June</b>								
<b>Revenue</b>								
Revenue	-	307	339	-	122	768	1	769
Other net income	-	-	-	-	3	3	10	13
<b>Reportable segment revenue</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>782</b>
<b>Result</b>								
Segment earnings	-	307	339	(13)	125	758	(53)	705
Depreciation and amortisation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank deposit interest income	-	-	-	-	-	-	147	147
Operating profit	-	307	339	(13)	125	758	94	852
Finance costs	-	16	(107)	-	(9)	(100)	-	(100)
Share of profits less losses of joint ventures and associates	328	1,890	623	247	297	3,057	32	3,417
Profit before taxation	328	2,213	855	234	413	3,715	126	4,169
Income tax	-	(8)	(25)	-	(16)	(49)	-	(49)
<b>Reportable segment profit</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>3,666</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>4,120</b>

## 4. Segment reporting (Continued)

\$ million	2017							Total
	Investment in HKEI	Investments					All other activities	
		United Kingdom (Restated)	Australia (Restated)	Mainland China	Others (Restated)	Sub-total		
<b>For the six months ended</b>								
<b>30 June</b>								
<b>Revenue</b>								
Revenue	-	257	261	-	112	630	1	631
Other net income	-	-	-	-	3	3	213	216
<b>Reportable segment revenue</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>847</b>
<b>Result</b>								
Segment earnings	-	257	261	(12)	115	621	152	773
Depreciation and amortisation	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)
Bank deposit interest income	-	-	-	-	-	-	318	318
Operating profit	-	257	261	(12)	115	621	469	1,090
Finance costs	-	(42)	(78)	-	(9)	(129)	-	(129)
Share of profits less losses of joint ventures and associates	335	1,853	461	175	267	2,756	2	3,093
Profit before taxation	335	2,068	644	163	373	3,248	471	4,054
Income tax	-	7	(21)	-	(16)	(30)	-	(30)
<b>Reportable segment profit</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>2,075</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>3,218</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>4,024</b>

## 5. Revenue

Group revenue represents interest income from loans granted to joint ventures and associates, dividends from other financial assets and engineering and consulting services fees.

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018 \$ million	2017 \$ million
Interest income	768	630
Others	1	1
	<b>769</b>	<b>631</b>
Share of revenue of joint ventures	<b>10,137</b>	<b>8,580</b>

## 6. Profit before taxation

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	\$ million	\$ million
Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging:		
Finance costs — interest on borrowings and other finance costs	100	129
Depreciation	—	1
	<u>100</u>	<u>1</u>

## 7. Income tax

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2018	2017
	\$ million	\$ million
Current tax	57	38
Deferred tax	(8)	(8)
	<u>49</u>	<u>30</u>

Taxation is provided for at the applicable tax rate on the estimated assessable profits less available tax losses. Deferred taxation is provided on temporary differences under the liability method using tax rates applicable to the Group's operations in different countries.

## 8. Earnings per share

The calculation of earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company of \$4,120 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 (2017: \$4,024 million) and 2,134,261,654 ordinary shares (2017: 2,134,261,654 ordinary shares) in issue throughout the period.

There were no dilutive potential ordinary shares in existence during the six months ended 30 June 2018 and 2017.

## 9. Property, plant and equipment and leasehold land

\$ million	Buildings	Plant, machinery and equipment	Sub-total	Interests in leasehold land held for own use under finance leases	Total
Net book value at 1 January 2018	1	1	2	12	14
Depreciation and amortisation	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net book value at 30 June 2018</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>
Cost	1	4	5	13	18
Accumulated depreciation and amortisation	-	(3)	(3)	(1)	(4)
<b>Net book value at 30 June 2018</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>

## 10. Interest in joint ventures

	30 June 2018 \$ million	31 December 2017 \$ million
Share of net assets of unlisted joint ventures	43,584	42,664
Loans to unlisted joint ventures	14,448	13,613
Amounts due from unlisted joint ventures	248	138
	<b>58,280</b>	<b>56,415</b>
Share of total assets of unlisted joint ventures	<b>131,951</b>	<b>130,921</b>

## 11. Interest in associates

	30 June 2018 \$ million	31 December 2017 \$ million
Share of net assets		
— Listed associate	16,655	16,820
— Unlisted associates	4,069	3,671
	<b>20,724</b>	<b>20,491</b>
Loans to unlisted associates	3,731	3,994
Amounts due from associates	103	104
	<b>24,558</b>	<b>24,589</b>



## 12. Trade and other receivables

The ageing analysis of trade debtors based on invoice date, which are neither individually nor collectively considered to be impaired, is as follows:

	<b>30 June 2018 \$ million</b>	31 December 2017 \$ million
1 to 3 months	<u>1</u>	<u>–</u>
Trade debtors	<b>1</b>	–
Interest and other receivables	<b>80</b>	60
Derivative financial instruments	<b>186</b>	106
Deposits and prepayments	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<b><u>268</u></b>	<b><u>167</u></b>

Trade with customers is carried out on credit and invoices are normally due within 1 month after issued.

## 13. Bank deposits and cash

### (a) Bank deposits and cash comprise:

	<b>30 June 2018 \$ million</b>	31 December 2017 \$ million
Deposits with banks and other financial institutions with 3 months or less to maturity when placed	<b>3,726</b>	24,122
Cash at bank and on hand	<u>181</u>	<u>435</u>
Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated cash flow statement	<b>3,907</b>	24,557
Deposits with banks and other financial institutions with more than 3 months to maturity when placed	<u>3,080</u>	<u>850</u>
Bank deposits and cash in the consolidated statement of financial position	<b><u>6,987</u></b>	<b><u>25,407</u></b>

### 13. Bank deposits and cash *(Continued)*

#### (b) Reconciliation of profit before taxation to cash generated from operations:

	<b>Six months ended 30 June</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	2017
	<b>\$ million</b>	\$ million
Profit before taxation	<b>4,169</b>	4,054
Adjustments for:		
Share of profits less losses of joint ventures	<b>(2,662)</b>	(2,442)
Share of profits less losses of associates	<b>(755)</b>	(651)
Interest income	<b>(915)</b>	(948)
Finance costs	<b>100</b>	129
Depreciation	<b>–</b>	1
Exchange losses/(gains)	<b>167</b>	(27)
Changes in working capital:		
Increase in trade and other receivables	<b>(77)</b>	(19)
Increase in trade and other payables	<b>546</b>	173
Decrease in amounts due from joint ventures	<b>5</b>	11
Increase in net employee retirement benefit liabilities	<b>1</b>	1
	<u><b>579</b></u>	<u>282</u>
Cash generated from operations	<u><b>579</b></u>	<u>282</u>

### 14. Trade and other payables

	<b>30 June</b>	31 December
	<b>2018</b>	2017
	<b>\$ million</b>	\$ million
Due within 1 month or on demand	<b>318</b>	72
Due after 3 months but within 12 months	<b>3,075</b>	3,111
	<u><b>3,393</b></u>	<u>3,183</u>
Creditors measured at amortised cost	<b>3,393</b>	3,183
Derivative financial instruments	<b>3</b>	14
	<u><b>3,396</b></u>	<u>3,197</u>

## 15. Non-current bank loans and other interest-bearing borrowings

	<b>30 June 2018 \$ million</b>	31 December 2017 \$ million
Bank loans	<b>3,572</b>	7,223
Current portion	—	(3,544)
	<u><b>3,572</b></u>	<u>3,679</u>

## 16. Derivative financial instruments

	30 June 2018		31 December 2017	
	Assets \$ million	Liabilities \$ million	Assets \$ million	Liabilities \$ million
<b>Derivative financial instruments used for hedging:</b>				
Cash flow hedges				
Interest rate swaps	—	(29)	—	(25)
Net investment hedges				
Cross currency swaps	226	(290)	—	(533)
Forward foreign exchange contracts	519	(163)	422	(245)
	<u>745</u>	<u>(482)</u>	<u>422</u>	<u>(803)</u>
Analysed as:				
Current	186	(3)	106	(14)
Non-current	559	(479)	316	(789)
	<u>745</u>	<u>(482)</u>	<u>422</u>	<u>(803)</u>

## 17. Share capital

	Number of shares	<b>30 June 2018 \$ million</b>	31 December 2017 \$ million
<i>Issued and fully paid:</i>			
Voting ordinary shares	2,134,261,654	<u>6,610</u>	<u>6,610</u>

There were no movements in the share capital of the Company during the period.

## 18. Fair value measurement

### (a) Recurring fair value measurements

	Fair value measurement at 30 June 2018 categorised into		Total \$ million
	Level 2 \$ million	Level 3 \$ million	
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Unlisted equity securities	–	303	303
Derivative financial instruments:			
— Cross currency swaps	226	–	226
— Forward foreign exchange contracts	519	–	519
	<u>745</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>1,048</u>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>			
Derivative financial instruments:			
— Interest rate swaps	(29)	–	(29)
— Cross currency swaps	(290)	–	(290)
— Forward foreign exchange contracts	(163)	–	(163)
	<u>(482)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(482)</u>
	Fair value measurement at 31 December 2017 categorised into		Total \$ million
	Level 2 \$ million	Level 3 \$ million	
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Derivative financial instruments:			
— Forward foreign exchange contracts	422	–	422
	<u>422</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>422</u>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>			
Derivative financial instruments:			
— Interest rate swaps	(25)	–	(25)
— Cross currency swaps	(533)	–	(533)
— Forward foreign exchange contracts	(245)	–	(245)
	<u>(803)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(803)</u>

From 1 January 2018, any gains or losses arising from the remeasurement of the Group's unlisted equity securities are recognised in profit or loss. Prior to 1 January 2018, the Group's unlisted equity securities were recognised in the statement of financial position at cost less impairment losses.

## **(b) Valuation techniques and inputs in fair value measurements**

Level 2: The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts is measured using forward exchange market rates at the end of the reporting period. The fair value of interest rate swaps and cross currency swaps is measured by discounting the future cash flows of the contracts at the current market interest rate.

Level 3: The investments in unlisted equity securities are not traded in an active market, their fair values have been determined using dividend discounted model. Information about fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs are listed below:

<b>Unobservable inputs</b>	<b>Range of unobservable inputs</b>	<b>Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value</b>	<b>Possible reasonable change</b>	<b>Positive/(negative) impact on valuation</b>
Cost of equity	13.7%	The higher the cost of equity, the lower the fair value.	+/- 0.5%	(\$13 million)/ \$14 million
Growth rate	2.5%	The higher the growth rate, the higher the fair value.	+/- 0.5%	\$14 million/ (\$13 million)

## **(c) Fair values of financial assets and liabilities carried at other than fair value**

Amounts due from joint ventures and associates, trade and other receivables, trade and other payables and external borrowings are carried at cost or amortised cost which are not materially different from their fair values as at 30 June 2018 and 31 December 2017.

## 19. Interim dividend

The interim dividends declared by the Board of Directors are as follows:

	<b>Six months ended 30 June 2018 \$ million</b>	2017 \$ million
Interim dividend of \$0.77 per ordinary share (2017: \$0.77 per ordinary share)	<b>1,643</b>	1,643
Special interim dividend of \$Nil per ordinary share (2017: \$7.50 per ordinary share)	—	16,007
	<b><u>1,643</u></b>	<b><u>17,650</u></b>

## 20. Capital commitments

The Group's outstanding capital commitments not provided for in the financial statements were as follows:

	<b>30 June 2018 \$ million</b>	31 December 2017 \$ million
Contracted for:		
Investment in a joint venture	<b><u>1,027</u></b>	<b><u>1,395</u></b>
Authorised but not contracted for:		
Capital expenditure for property, plant and equipment	—	1
Investment in a joint venture	<b><u>726</u></b>	<b><u>920</u></b>
	<b><u>726</u></b>	<b><u>921</u></b>

## 21. Contingent liabilities

	<b>30 June 2018 \$ million</b>	31 December 2017 \$ million
Financial guarantees issued in respect of banking facilities available to a joint venture	<b>100</b>	123
Other guarantees given in respect of a joint venture	<b><u>563</u></b>	<b><u>760</u></b>
	<b><u>663</u></b>	<b><u>883</u></b>

## 22. Material related party transactions

The Group had the following material transactions with related parties during the period:

### (a) Shareholder

Outram Limited (“Outram”), a subsidiary of the Company, reimbursed a wholly owned subsidiary of CK Infrastructure Holdings Limited, a substantial shareholder of the Company, \$16 million (2017: \$15 million) being the actual costs incurred for providing the operation and management services to Outram and its subsidiaries for the period. The transaction constitutes a continuing connected transaction under the Listing Rules for the Company.

### (b) Joint ventures

- (i) Interest income received/receivable from joint ventures in respect of the loans to joint ventures amounted to \$544 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 (2017: \$401 million). The outstanding balances with joint ventures are disclosed in note 10.
- (ii) Tax credit claimed under the consortium relief received/receivable from joint ventures in the United Kingdom amounted to \$Nil for the six months ended 30 June 2018 (2017: \$7 million).

### (c) Associates

- (i) Interest income received/receivable from associates in respect of the loans to associates amounted to \$224 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 (2017: \$229 million). The outstanding balances with associates are disclosed in note 11.
- (ii) Other operating costs included support service charge recovered by an associate amounted to \$21 million (2017: \$19 million) for the total costs incurred in the provision or procurement of the general office administration and other support services and office facilities. The outstanding balance at 30 June 2018 with the associate was \$3 million (31 December 2017: \$4 million).

## 23. Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures in segment reporting have been reclassified to conform to current period’s presentation.

The Group has initially applied HKFRS 9 and HKFRS 15 at 1 January 2018. Under the transition methods chosen, comparative information is not restated. Further details of the changes in accounting policies are disclosed in note 3.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

## Corporate Governance Practices

The Company is committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance. The Company recognises that sound and effective corporate governance practices are fundamental to the smooth, effective and transparent operation of a company and its ability to attract investment, protect the rights of shareholders and stakeholders, and enhance shareholder value. The Group's corporate governance policy is designed to achieve these objectives and is maintained through a framework of processes, policies and guidelines.

The Company has complied with the applicable code provisions in the Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Listing Rules") throughout the six months ended 30 June 2018, except as noted hereunder.

The Company does not have a nomination committee as provided for in code provision A.5. At present, the Company does not consider it necessary to have a nomination committee as the full Board is responsible for reviewing the structure, size and composition of the Board and the appointment of new Directors from time to time having regard to the Group's Board Diversity Policy. The Board as a whole is also responsible for reviewing the succession plan for the Directors, in particular the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.

The Group is committed to achieving and maintaining standards of openness, probity and accountability. In line with this commitment and in compliance with the Corporate Governance Code, the Audit Committee has reviewed the procedures for reporting possible improprieties in financial reporting, internal control or other matters. In addition, the Company has established the policy on handling of inside information and securities dealing for compliance by the Company's employees.

## Board of Directors

The Board, led by the Chairman, is responsible for the approval and monitoring of Group-wide strategies and policies, approval of annual budgets and business plans, evaluation of the performance of the Group, and oversight of management. Management is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Group under the leadership of the Chief Executive Officer.



As at 30 June 2018, the Board consists of a total of eleven Directors, comprising six Executive Directors, one Non-executive Director and four Independent Non-executive Directors. More than one-third of the Board are Independent Non-executive Directors, among which more than one of them have appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise as required by the Listing Rules. All Directors are required to retire from office by rotation and are subject to re-election by shareholders at the annual general meeting once every three years pursuant to the articles of association of the Company.

The positions of the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer are held by separate individuals. The Chairman is responsible for providing leadership to, and overseeing the functioning and effective running of, the Board to ensure that the Board acts in the best interests of the Group. In addition to board meetings, the Chairman holds meeting(s) annually with Non-executive Directors without the presence of Executive Directors. The Chief Executive Officer, working with the executive management team, is responsible for managing the businesses of the Group, attending to the formulation and successful implementation of Group policies and assuming full accountability to the Board for all Group operations.

The Board meets at least four times a year. Additional board meetings will be held when warranted. Directors also participate in the consideration and approval of matters by way of written resolutions, which are circulated to Directors together with supporting explanatory write-up and coupled with briefings from the Chief Executive Officer or the Company Secretary as required.

The Company Secretary of the Company supports the Board by ensuring good information flow within the Board and that board policy and procedures are followed. The Company Secretary is responsible for ensuring that the Board is briefed on all legislative, regulatory and corporate governance developments and that the Board has regard to them when making decisions. The Company Secretary is also directly responsible for the Group's compliance with all obligations of the Listing Rules, Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs, Companies Ordinance, Securities and Futures Ordinance and other related laws, rules and regulations.

### **Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors**

The Board of Directors of the Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors ("Model Code") set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as the Group's code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions. All Directors have confirmed following specific enquiry that they have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 June 2018.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE *(Continued)*

Senior managers, and other nominated managers and staff who, because of their respective positions in the Company, are likely to possess unpublished inside information regarding the Company and its securities are also required to comply with the Model Code.

### Changes of Information of Directors

The changes in the information of Directors since the publication of the annual report 2017 and up to 7 August 2018 (the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this interim report) are set out below pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules:

#### Name of Director

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Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor  
Appointed as Chairman and  
Member of the Remuneration Committee of  
CK Hutchison Holdings Limited

Appointed as Chairman and  
Member of the Remuneration Committee of  
CK Asset Holdings Limited

Ip Yuk-keung, Albert  
Resigned as an Independent Non-executive Director of  
Hopewell Highway Infrastructure Limited

Appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of  
New World Development Company Limited

Wu Ting Yuk, Anthony  
Appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director  
and Chairman of China Resources Phoenix  
Healthcare Holdings Company Limited

Save for the information disclosed above, there is no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules.

### Risk Management and Internal Control

The Board has overall responsibility for evaluating and determining the nature and extent of the risks they are willing to take in achieving the Group's strategic objectives, overseeing the risk management and internal control systems including reviewing their effectiveness through the Audit Committee to ensure appropriate and effective risk management and internal control systems are in place.

The Group's internal audit function, which is shared with that of HK Electric Investments Limited, an associate of the Company, reports to an Executive Director and the Audit Committee, and provides independent assurance as to the existence and effectiveness of the risk management activities and controls in the operations of the Group's business units. Staff members are from a wide range of disciplines including accounting, engineering and information technology. Using risk assessment methodology and taking into account the scope and nature of the Group's activities and changes in operating environment, Internal Audit prepares its yearly audit plan which is reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee. Internal Audit's reports on the Group's operations are also reviewed and considered by the Audit Committee. The scope of work on the Group's business units performed by Internal Audit includes financial and operations review, recurring and unscheduled audits, fraud investigation, productivity efficiency review and laws and regulations compliance review. Internal Audit follows up audit recommendations on implementation by the business units and the progress is reported to the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2018, and considered the systems are effective and adequate.

### **Remuneration Committee**

The Remuneration Committee comprises three members, two of whom are Independent Non-executive Directors. It is chaired by Mr. Wong Chung Hin and the other members are Mr. Fok Kin Ning, Canning and Mr. Ralph Raymond Shea.

The Remuneration Committee reports directly to the Board of Directors and its principal responsibilities include the review and consideration of the Company's policy for remuneration of Directors and senior management, and the determination of their individual remuneration packages. The terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee are published on the Company's website and the website of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited ("HKEX").

### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee comprises three Independent Non-executive Directors. It is chaired by Mr. Wong Chung Hin and the other members are Mr. Ip Yuk-keung, Albert and Mr. Ralph Raymond Shea.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE** *(Continued)*

The Audit Committee reports directly to the Board of Directors and its principal responsibilities include the review of the Group's financial reporting, risk management and internal control systems, the interim and annual financial statements, and corporate and compliance issues. The Audit Committee also meets regularly with the Company's external auditor to discuss the audit process and accounting issues. The terms of reference of the Audit Committee are published on the Company's website and HKEX's website.

### **Communication with Shareholders**

The Company has established a range of communication channels between itself and its shareholders and investors. These include the annual general meeting, the annual and interim reports, notices, letters, announcements and circulars, news releases, the Company's website at [www.powerassets.com](http://www.powerassets.com) and meetings with investors and analysts. All shareholders have the opportunity to put questions to the Board at general meetings, and at other times by e-mailing or writing to the Company.

Shareholders may at any time notify the Company by mail or email of any change in their choice of language (English or Chinese or both) or means of receiving (printed copies or through the Company's website) corporate communications from the Company.

The Company handles share registration and related matters for shareholders through Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, the Company's share registrar.

The Board has adopted a communication policy which provided a framework to promote effective communication with shareholders.

### **Directors' Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures**

As at 30 June 2018, the interests or short positions of the Directors and chief executives of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO")) which were notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange") pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which the Directors and the chief executives of the Company were deemed or taken to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code were as follows:

## Long Positions in Shares of the Company

Name of Director	Capacity	Nature of Interests	Number of Shares Held	Approximate % of Shareholding
Tsai Chao Chung, Charles	Beneficial owner	Personal	4,022	≈0%

## Long Positions in Shares of Associated Corporation HK Electric Investments and HK Electric Investments Limited

Name of Director	Capacity	Nature of Interests	Number of Share Stapled Units Held	Approximate % of Issued Share Stapled Units
Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor	Interest of controlled corporations	Corporate	7,870,000 (Note 1)	0.08%
Fok Kin Ning, Canning	Interest of controlled corporation	Corporate	2,000,000 (Note 2)	0.02%
Tsai Chao Chung, Charles	Beneficial owner	Personal	880	≈0%

### Notes:

- (1) Such share stapled units of HK Electric Investments and HK Electric Investments Limited ("HKEI") comprise:
- (a) 2,700,000 share stapled units of HKEI held by Lankford Profits Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Li Ka Shing (Overseas) Foundation ("LKSOF"). By virtue of the terms of the constituent documents of LKSOF, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor may be regarded as having the ability to exercise or control the exercise of one-third or more of the voting power at general meetings of LKSOF; and
- (b) 5,170,000 share stapled units of HKEI held by Li Ka Shing Foundation Limited ("LKSF"). By virtue of the terms of the constituent documents of LKSF, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor may be regarded as having the ability to exercise or control the exercise of one-third or more of the voting power at general meetings of LKSF.
- (2) Such share stapled units of HKEI are held by a company which is equally owned by Mr. Fok Kin Ning, Canning and his wife.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2018, none of the Directors or chief executives of the Company had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE *(Continued)*

### Interests and Short Positions of Shareholders

As at 30 June 2018, shareholders (other than Directors or chief executives of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange were as follows:

### Substantial Shareholders

#### Long Positions in Shares of the Company

Name	Capacity	Number of Shares Held	Approximate % of Shareholding
Interman Development Inc.	Beneficial owner	186,736,842 <i>(Note 1)</i>	8.75%
Venniton Development Inc.	Beneficial owner	197,597,511 <i>(Note 1)</i>	9.26%
Univest Equity S.A.	Beneficial owner	279,011,102 <i>(Note 1)</i>	13.07%
Monitor Equities S.A.	Beneficial owner & interest of controlled corporation	287,211,674 <i>(Note 1)</i>	13.46%
Hyford Limited	Interest of controlled corporations	829,599,612 <i>(Notes 2 and 4)</i>	38.87% <i>(Note 4)</i>
CK Infrastructure Holdings Limited	Interest of controlled corporations	829,599,612 <i>(Notes 2 and 4)</i>	38.87% <i>(Note 4)</i>
Hutchison Infrastructure Holdings Limited	Interest of controlled corporations	829,599,612 <i>(Notes 3 and 4)</i>	38.87% <i>(Note 4)</i>
CK Hutchison Global Investments Limited	Interest of controlled corporations	829,599,612 <i>(Notes 3 and 4)</i>	38.87% <i>(Note 4)</i>
CK Hutchison Holdings Limited	Interest of controlled corporations	829,599,612 <i>(Notes 3 and 4)</i>	38.87% <i>(Note 4)</i>

Notes:

- (1) *These are direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of Hyford Limited ("Hyford") and their interests are duplicated in the same 829,599,612 shares of the Company held by Hyford described in Note (2) below.*
- (2) *CK Infrastructure Holdings Limited ("CKI") is deemed to be interested in the 829,599,612 shares of the Company as referred to in Note (1) above as it holds more than one-third of the issued share capital of Hyford indirectly. Its interests are duplicated in the interest of CK Hutchison Holdings Limited ("CK Hutchison") in the Company described in Note (3) below.*
- (3) *CK Hutchison is deemed to be interested in the 829,599,612 shares of the Company as referred to in Note (2) above as it holds more than one-third of the issued shares of CK Hutchison Global Investments Limited ("CKHGI"). Certain subsidiaries of CKHGI hold more than one-third of the issued voting shares of Hutchison Infrastructure Holdings Limited ("HIH") which in turn holds more than one-third of the issued share capital of CKI.*
- (4) *Such disclosure of interest was made in the form of notice pursuant to Part XV of the SFO submitted by CK Hutchison to the Company on 8 June 2015. Subsequently, Hyford notified the Company that as of 30 June 2018, it is deemed to be interested in 811,299,612 shares of the Company which represented approximately 38.01% of the issued shares of the Company as at 30 June 2018, and accordingly CKI, HIH, CKHGI and CK Hutchison are deemed to be interested in the same 811,299,612 shares of the Company as at 30 June 2018 as described in Notes (2) and (3) above.*

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2018, there was no other person (other than Directors or chief executives of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Interim Dividend

The Board of Directors has declared an interim dividend for 2018 of HK\$0.77 per share. The dividend will be payable on Wednesday, 5 September 2018 to shareholders whose names appear in the register of members of the Company at the close of business on Monday, 27 August 2018, being the record date for determination of entitlement to the interim dividend. To qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates should be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 27 August 2018.

### Purchase, Sale or Redemption of Shares

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's issued shares during the six months ended 30 June 2018.

### Disclosure under Rule 13.22 of Chapter 13 of the Listing Rules

In relation to the provision of financial assistance by the Group to certain affiliated companies, a combined statement of financial position of the affiliated companies as at 30 June 2018 required to be disclosed under Rule 13.22 of Chapter 13 of the Listing Rules is set out below:

Combined statement of financial position of the affiliated companies <i>as at 30 June 2018</i>	HK\$ million
Non-current assets	406,574
Current assets	20,811
Current liabilities	(36,626)
Non-current liabilities	<u>(286,656)</u>
Net assets	<u><u>104,103</u></u>
Share capital	42,235
Reserves	<u>61,868</u>
Capital and reserves	<u><u>104,103</u></u>

As at 30 June 2018, the consolidated attributable interest of the Group in these affiliated companies amounted to HK\$54,056 million.