



魏橋紡織股份有限公司
Weiqiao Textile Company Limited
(Stock Code : 2698)

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ANNUAL REPORT



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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(Prepared in accordance with the HK GAAP)

COMPARISON OF KEY FINANCIAL DATA

Results

For the year ended 31 December

(RMB'000)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Revenue	12,498,205	14,175,446	16,373,385	16,455,884	15,167,562
Gross profit	2,187,631	2,251,359	1,770,198	1,719,619	960,914
Gross profit margin (%)	17.5	15.9	10.8	10.5	6.3
Profit before taxation	1,327,264	1,514,657	944,855	1,024,364	542,349
Net profit attributable to shareholders of the parent company	979,347	992,706	522,249	643,906	218,338
Net profit margin (%)	7.8	7.0	3.2	3.9	1.4
Basic earnings per share (RMB)	0.82	0.83	0.44	0.54	0.18

Assets and liabilities

As at 31 December

(RMB'000)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total assets	29,081,434	31,832,301	28,512,475	24,952,770	24,426,489
Equity	17,095,184	17,780,738	17,959,111	18,408,850	18,426,734
Total liabilities	11,986,250	14,051,563	10,553,364	6,543,920	5,999,755
Return on equity ⁽¹⁾ (%)	5.7	5.6	2.9	3.5	1.2
Current ratio (times)	3.7	2.7	1.7	2.1	2.3
Accounts receivable turnover (days)	7	9	9	9	10
Inventory turnover (days)	151	113	72	72	76
Accounts payable turnover (days)	38	28	24	27	33

Notes: (1) Calculated based on average equity.

CORPORATE INFORMATION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Ms. Zhang Hongxia (*Chairman*)
Ms. Zhang Yanhong (*Vice Chairman*)
Ms. Zhao Suwen (*Chief Financial Officer, Authorized Representative*)
Mr. Zhang Jinglei (*Company Secretary, Authorized Representative*)

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Zhao Suhua

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. Chan Wing Yau, George
Mr. Chen Shuwen
Mr. Liu Yanzhao

SUPERVISORS

Ms. Wang Xiaoyun
Ms. Fan Xuelian
Ms. Bu Xiaoxia

SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Wei Jiakun (*General Manager*)

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Zhang Jinglei

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Chan Wing Yau, George (*Chairman of the Committee*)
Mr. Chen Shuwen
Mr. Liu Yanzhao

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Liu Yanzhao (*Chairman of the Committee*)
Ms. Zhang Hongxia
Mr. Chen Shuwen

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Zhang Hongxia (*Chairman of the Committee*)
Mr. Chen Shuwen
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SHAREHOLDERS' REFERENCE

LISTING PLACE

Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

LISTING DATE

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NUMBER OF ISSUED SHARES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

H shares: 413,619,000
Domestic shares: 780,770,000

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FINANCIAL YEAR END

31 December

FINANCIAL CALENDAR

Annual Results Announcement Date
13 March 2020

DATE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

29 May 2020

DISTRIBUTION DATE OF FINAL DIVIDEND

26 June 2020



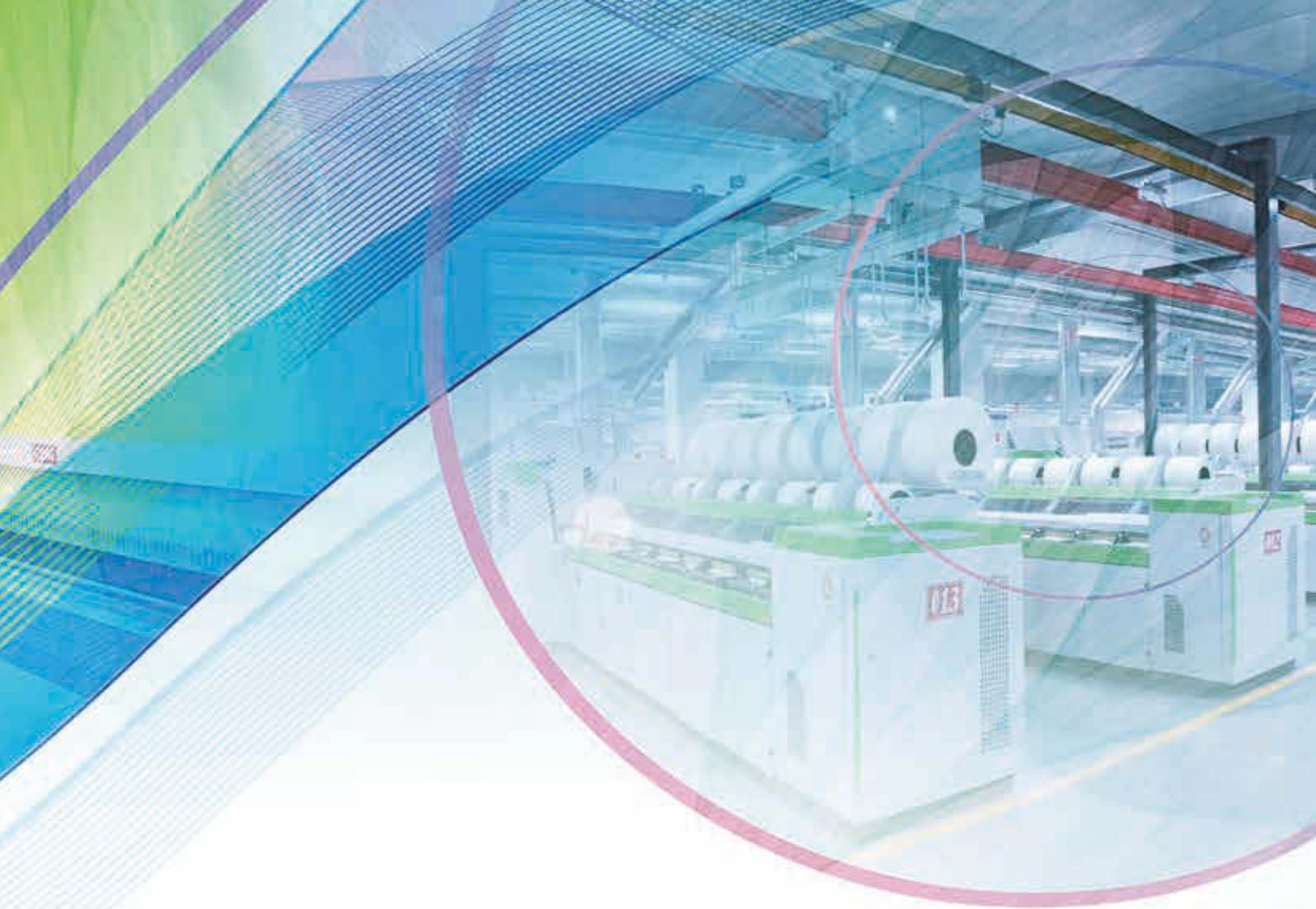


CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

It is my pleasure to present on behalf of the board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of Weiqiao Textile Company Limited ("Weiqiao Textile" or the "Company") the audited consolidated results of the Company together with its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2019 (the "Year" or "Year under Review").

In 2019, as affected by several adverse factors such as the emergence of trade protectionism, the global economy experienced sluggish growth with weakened market consumption. The PRC economy maintained an overall stable operation with slowdown in growth. Faced with pressure arising from sluggish domestic and overseas market demands and increasing trade risks, the overall profitability of the Chinese textile industry was negatively affected as a result of the general decrease in the sales price of cotton textile products.

In the face of adjustments and changes from the macro economy and the industry, the Group made great efforts in maintaining stable production and operation and sticking to its strategy of business expansion and innovation, so as to continuously improve its competitiveness in the industry and technology innovation capability. During the



Year under Review, our electricity business continued to maintain stable operation, while on the textile business front, sales price and gross profit margin of our cotton textile products were under greater pressure, which was due to the persistently sluggish demands for cotton textile products as the downstream customers generally adopted a cautious approach as a result of the impact of various factors including trade frictions. During the Year, the Group recorded revenue of approximately RMB15,168 million, representing a decrease of approximately 7.8% as compared with that of 2018. Net profit attributable to owners of the Company was approximately RMB218 million, representing a decrease of approximately 66.1% as compared with that of 2018. Earnings per share were approximately RMB0.18.

In terms of the textile business, the Group continued to push forward business transformation and upgrading, made great efforts to improve its intelligent operation, and meanwhile optimized its product portfolio in an active manner. During the Year, in order to enhance the production efficiency, the Group built a green and intelligent integrated production line, which was put into production in December 2019, thereby realizing the integration of yarn spinning and weaving as well as the intelligent control over the entire process. The Group continued to focus on the research and development of new products, and has successfully developed and produced a series of new products which received wide recognition from the industry and markets. In particular, the “one-time weaved, duvet-filled 3D graphene seamless comforter (一次織造成型石墨烯立體無縫羽絨被)” was granted “2019 Top Ten Innovative Textile Products (二零一九年度十大類紡織創新產品)” by China National Textile and Apparel Council; two types of fabrics were awarded major single awards in China Eco-friendly Fabric Design Competition and China Fashion Fabrics Design Competition, respectively and selected for the permanent collection by China Silk Museum; ten-odd types of fabrics were granted awards in China International Fabrics Design Competition and other competitions, respectively; and the Company was also granted the honorary title of “2019 China National Textile and Apparel Council Product Development Contribution Award (二零一九年度中國紡織工業聯合會產品開發貢獻獎)”.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

In terms of the electricity and steam business, the Group continuously improved management efficiency and reduced relevant wastage by adopting refined and modular management. In 2019, the coal price decreased, which, to a certain extent, reduced the costs of the Group's electricity business.

Looking forward to 2020, it is expected that growth in the global economy will remain sluggish. Given the severe impact on domestic industrial production, investment and consumption as well as the transformative impact on global supply chain system brought by the epidemic caused by COVID-19 at the beginning of 2020, the textile industry is expected to be faced with greater challenges and opportunities.

The Group will keep a close watch on developments in the domestic and international arena and the industry. The Group will continue to refine its management, and will make timely adjustment to its operation and sales strategies. Leveraging on the implementation of green and intelligent textile projects, the textile business will promote industrial transformation and upgrading, in an effort to realize the automation and informatization over the entire process, so as to reduce production costs and improve profitability. The Group will stick to the path of developing middle-to-high-end products. As to product upgrade, the Group will continue to strengthen long-term cooperation with various scientific research institutes, increase investments in technology research and development and enhance the synergetic development of industry-university-research projects. As to technology improvement, the Group will uphold the craftsmanship spirit, give full play to the collective wisdom of all employees and constantly improve its reward mechanism. At the same time, the Group will continue to optimize the productivity and operation of its power plants, with an aim to improve its overall profitability. The Group will also further improve its standards for environmental protection, laying a solid foundation for the sustainable and healthy development of the Group.

The management of Weiqiao Textile and I would like to express our gratitude to the shareholders for their unwavering support towards the Group. Amidst the great downward economic pressure, we will uphold the corporate motto of "ambition, pragmatism and innovation", and lead the transformation and upgrading of the industry by leveraging on our role as an industry leader. While continuous efforts will be made to increase its intrinsic value and create maximum returns for its shareholders, the Group is committed to contributing to the sustainable development of society.

Ms. Zhang Hongxia

Chairman

Shandong, the PRC

13 March 2020



MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

INDUSTRY REVIEW

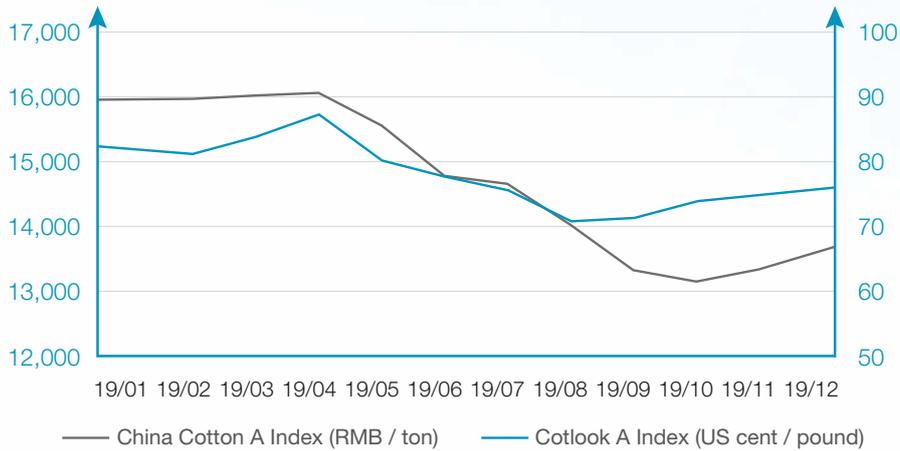
In 2019, we witnessed a slowdown in economic growth due to a complex and changing global political and economic environment and the negative impact from trade frictions. The PRC economy maintained an overall stable operation with increasing downward pressure, and the GDP growth showed a trend of high rate growth followed by a slackening pace of growth. Faced with increasing pressure at both the domestic and overseas markets, the Chinese textile industry continued to push forward the supply-side reform and accelerated business transformation and upgrading, in an effort to achieve steady development.

In 2019, the textile enterprises in China recorded an overall decrease in demand and their gross profit margin was under certain pressure. In terms of overseas demands for textile products, the industry was confronted with sluggish consumption demand. According to the statistics from the General Administration of Customs of the PRC, the aggregated exports of textile products and apparel from the PRC were approximately US\$271.9 billion in 2019, representing a year-on-year decrease of approximately 1.9%. During the same period, the domestic demand potential continued to be released, with slowdown in growth rate. According to the statistics from the National Bureau of Statistics of the PRC, the total retail sales of consumer goods of the country was approximately RMB41,164.9 billion in 2019, representing a year-on-year growth of approximately 8.0%, where the retail sales of apparel, footwear, headwear and knitwear by companies above a designated size in China (with annual revenue of over RMB20 million) amounted to approximately RMB1,351.7 billion, representing a year-on-year growth of approximately 2.9%, which was approximately 5.1 percentage points lower than that of the previous year.

In terms of textile raw materials, as affected by the export constraint due to trade frictions and the sluggish domestic demands, the domestic cotton price showed a trend of overall decrease during this year and bottomed out in October. With the release of newly harvested cotton and the announcement of the national cotton reserve policy in November, the domestic cotton price gradually picked up. In 2019, while the overall cotton output showed an increasing trend all over the world, cotton consumption maintained substantially stable as compared with that of last year, giving rise to certain inventory pressure in the international cotton market. The cotton price in the US recorded an overall decrease throughout the year, but rallied up at the end of the year following the signing of the Phase One Economic and Trade Agreement between China and the US. The movement of China Cotton A Index and Cotlook A Index during 2019 were as follows:

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

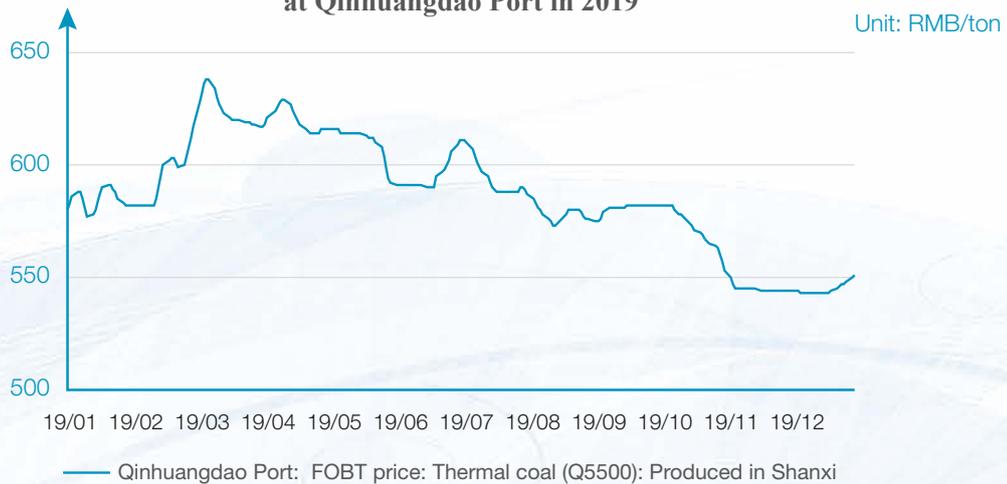
China Cotton A Index and Cotlook A Index in 2019



Data sources: www.cncotton.com and www.cottonchina.org.cn

In terms of raw materials for electricity, the coal price showed an overall trend of decrease throughout the year as a result of weakened demands from the domestic industry, gradual increase in domestic coal supply and substantial increase in coal import. The price movement of the thermal coal at Qinhuangdao Port during 2019 was as follows:

Price movement of the thermal coal at Qinhuangdao Port in 2019

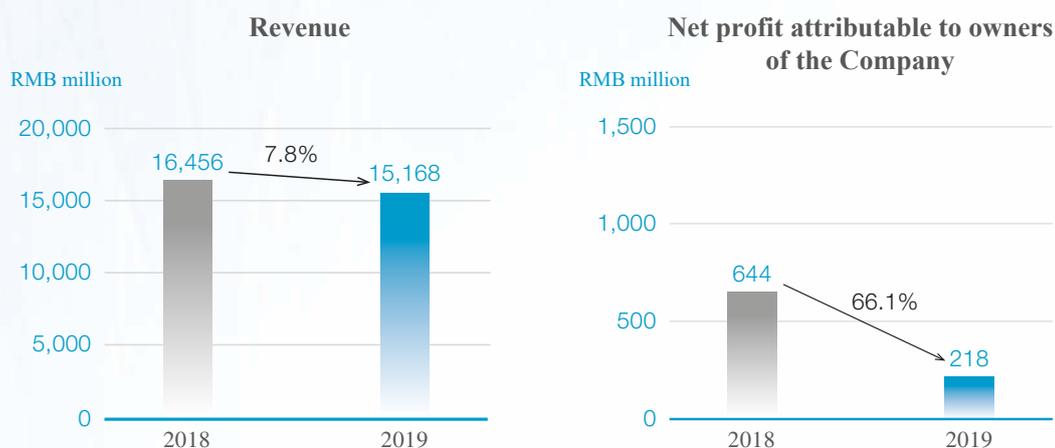


Data source: Beijing Antaike Information Co., Ltd.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW

For the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018, the revenue of the Group and net profit attributable to owners of the Company were as follows:



For the year ended 31 December 2019, the Group recorded revenue of approximately RMB15,168 million, representing a decrease of approximately 7.8% as compared with the corresponding period of last year, where the revenue of cotton textile products was approximately RMB9,902 million, representing a decrease of approximately 5.8% over the corresponding period of last year, which was mainly due to the sluggish demand for cotton textile products as the downstream customers generally adopted a cautious approach as a result of impact of various factors including trade frictions, resulting in a decrease in the export orders and sales volume of our cotton textile products.

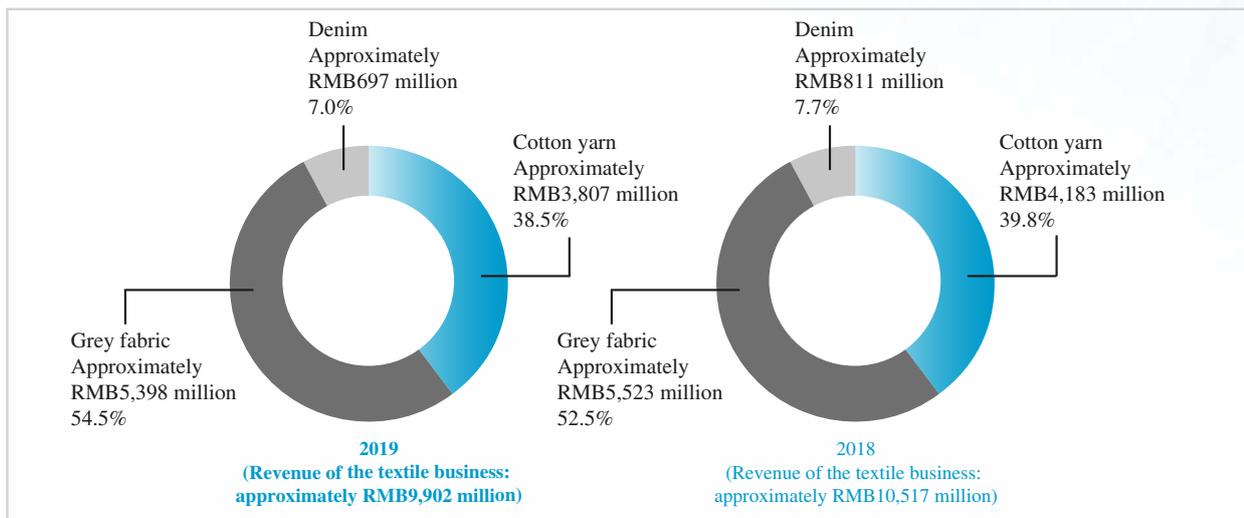
The revenue of the electricity and steam was approximately RMB5,266 million, representing a decrease of approximately 11.3% over the corresponding period of last year, which was mainly due to the reason that the demand for electricity from the downstream customers decreased as a result of the economic downturn, resulting in a decrease in the Group's sales volume of electricity.

Net profit attributable to owners of the Company amounted to approximately RMB218 million, representing a decrease of approximately 66.1% as compared with the corresponding period of last year, which was mainly due to the sluggish market demands for cotton textile products and the intensified domestic market competition, as being affected by various factors including trade frictions, resulting in the decrease in the unit selling price of the Group's cotton textile products higher than the decrease in the price of major raw materials, leading to a significant decrease in the gross profit of cotton textile products.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Textile Business

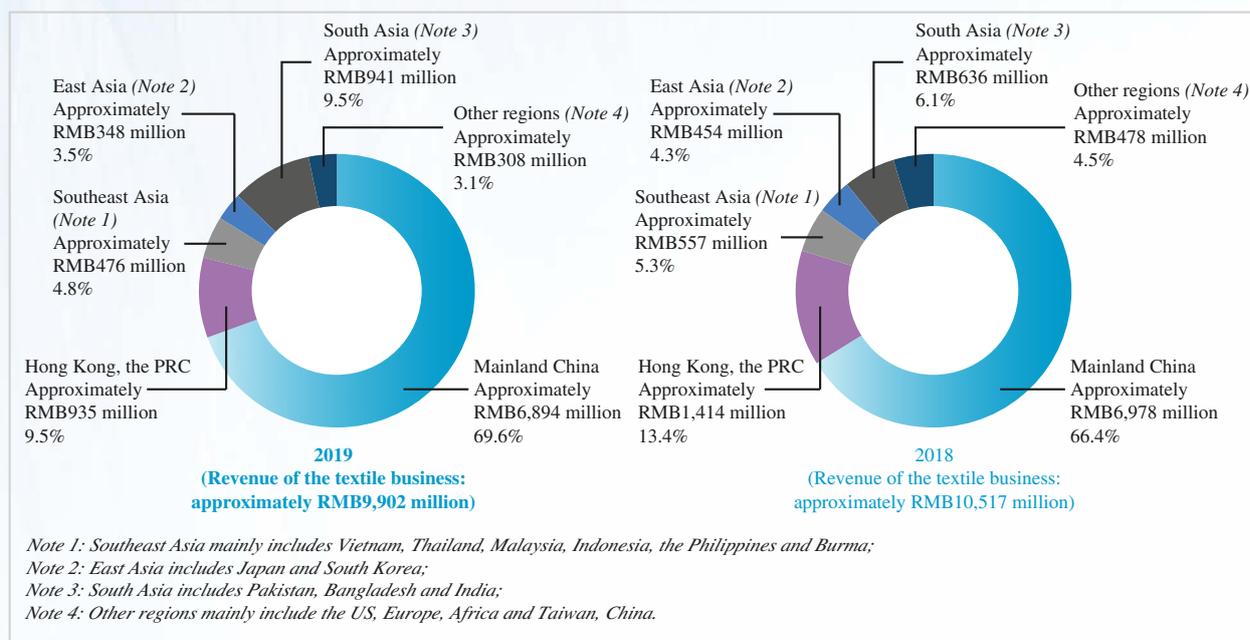
The charts below are the comparison of the breakdown of revenue of the textile business categorized by products for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018, respectively:



For the year ended 31 December 2019, each of the revenue of the Group's cotton yarn, grey fabric and denim recorded a decrease over the corresponding period of last year, which was mainly due to the sluggish demand for textile products from the downstream as the downstream customers generally adopted a cautious approach as a result of the impact of various factors including trade frictions and decreasing cotton price, resulting in a decrease in each of the sales volume and unit selling price.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The charts below are the comparison of the breakdown of revenue of the textile business categorized by geographical location for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018, respectively:



For the year ended 31 December 2019, the Group continued to implement a sales strategy of placing equal emphasis on domestic sales and overseas sales, generating revenue from the overseas sales and domestic sales of approximately 30.4% and approximately 69.6% of the Group's revenue of textile products, respectively. The decrease of 3.2 percentage points in the proportion of overseas sales as compared with the corresponding period of last year was mainly attributable to the decrease in export orders of the Group due to the impact of various factors including trade frictions, resulting in a decrease in the sales volume. During the Year, the Group proactively explored new markets by stepping up its sales efforts in South Asian markets, the sales in which contributed approximately 9.5% to the revenue of textile business, representing a year-on-year increase of approximately 48.0%.

During the Year under Review, the Group's cotton yarn output was approximately 403,000 tons, representing a decrease of approximately 4.3% as compared with the corresponding period of last year; grey fabric output was approximately 832 million meters, representing a decrease of approximately 7.2% as compared with the corresponding period of last year; denim output was approximately 62 million meters, representing a decrease of approximately 11.4% as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

All production bases of the Group are located in Shandong Province, the PRC. The production and operation of the Group remained steady and all facilities were functioning in good conditions during the Year under Review.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Electricity and Steam Business

As at 31 December 2019, the installed capacity of the Group's thermal power assets amounted to 2,760 MW, which was in line with the corresponding period of last year. In 2019, the power generation of the Group was approximately 16,970 million kWh, representing a decrease of approximately 8.5% as compared with the corresponding period of last year; while its electricity sales volume amounted to approximately 14,492 million kWh, representing a decrease of approximately 10.0% over the corresponding period of last year, which was mainly due to the decrease in demand for electricity from downstream customers as being affected by the slowdown in economy growth, resulting in the decrease in the sales volume of electricity accordingly.

For the year ended 31 December 2019, the revenue of the Group's sales of electricity and steam amounted to approximately RMB5,266 million, representing a decrease of approximately 11.3% as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The gross profit thereof was approximately RMB1,303 million, representing a decrease of approximately 9.5% as compared to the corresponding period of last year. The decrease in gross profit from the sales of electricity and steam as compared with the corresponding period of last year was mainly attributable to the decrease in demand for electricity from downstream customers as being affected by the slowdown in economy growth during the Year, resulting in the decrease in the sales volume of electricity accordingly.

The Group fully achieved ultra-low emission by installing flue gas dedusting facilities and desulphurization and denitrification facilities for all of the Group's power generating units.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue, Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin

The table below is an analysis of the Group's revenue, gross profit and gross profit margin attributable to the major products for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018, respectively:

Product categories	For the year ended 31 December					
	2019			2018		
	Revenue <i>RMB'000</i>	Gross profit <i>RMB'000</i>	Gross profit margin %	Revenue <i>RMB'000</i>	Gross profit <i>RMB'000</i>	Gross profit margin %
Cotton yarn	3,807,210	(10,006)	(0.3)	4,183,083	168,050	4.0
Grey fabric	5,397,236	(367,873)	(6.8)	5,523,329	6,136	0.1
Denim	697,255	35,480	5.1	811,050	106,546	13.1
Electricity and steam	5,265,861	1,303,313	24.8	5,938,422	1,438,887	24.2
Total	15,167,562	960,914	6.3	16,455,884	1,719,619	10.5

For the year ended 31 December 2019, the gross profit of the sales of textile products of the Group decreased to approximately RMB-342 million as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and the gross profit margin was approximately -3.5%, down by approximately 6.2 percentage points from that of the same period of last year, which was primarily due to the sluggish demand for cotton textile products from downstream and the intensified domestic market competition, as being affected by various factors including trade frictions, resulting in the decrease in the sales price of cotton textile products higher than the decrease in the price of major raw materials, leading to a significant decrease in the gross profit and gross profit margin of cotton textile products. The gross profit from the sales of electricity and steam decreased by approximately 9.5% from the corresponding period of last year to approximately RMB1,303 million, and the gross profit margin was approximately 24.8%, up by approximately 0.6 percentage point from that of the same period of last year, which was primarily due to the decrease in the coal price during the Year.

Selling and Distribution Expenses

For the year ended 31 December 2019, the Group's selling and distribution expenses were approximately RMB146 million, representing a decrease of approximately 12.0% from approximately RMB166 million for the same period of last year. Among these expenses, transportation costs decreased by approximately 16.8% from approximately RMB101 million for the same period of last year to approximately RMB84 million, which was primarily attributable to the decrease in the domestic transportation fee for textile products due to the decrease in the unit transportation fee of the Group during the Year. Salary of the sales staff decreased by approximately 13.2% from approximately RMB38 million for the same period of last year to approximately RMB33 million, which was primarily due to the decrease in the salesmen's salaries as a result of the Company's adjustments to the salesmen's commission policy according to the changes in the textile product market during the Year. Sales commission was approximately RMB14 million, representing a decrease of approximately 12.5% from approximately RMB16 million for the same period of last year, which was primarily due to the decrease in the revenue from overseas sales, resulting in a decrease in commissions paid accordingly.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Administrative Expenses

For the year ended 31 December 2019, the administrative expenses of the Group were approximately RMB280 million, representing an increase of approximately 1.1% from approximately RMB277 million for the corresponding period of last year, which was primarily attributable to the increased investments in research and development activities.

Finance Costs

For the year ended 31 December 2019, the finance costs of the Group were approximately RMB146 million, representing a decrease of approximately 61.2% from approximately RMB376 million for the corresponding period of last year, which was mainly attributable to the redemption of the corporate bonds in the amount of approximately RMB3,000 million and approximately RMB963 million in October 2018 and November 2019, respectively upon maturity by the Company according to the bond terms. The Group will continue to keep an appropriate liability level and further optimize its debt structure according to the market conditions, so as to ensure stable production and operation.

Liquidity and Financial Resources

The working capital of the Group is mainly financed with the cash inflow from operating activities. For the year ended 31 December 2019, the Group recorded a net cash inflow from operating activities of approximately RMB1,844 million, a net cash outflow for investing activities of approximately RMB431 million, and a net cash outflow for financing activities of approximately RMB1,134 million.

As at 31 December 2019, the cash and cash equivalents of the Group were approximately RMB9,875 million, representing an increase of approximately 2.9% as compared with the cash and cash equivalents of approximately RMB9,597 million as at 31 December 2018, which was mainly attributable to the net cash inflow generated from operating activities of the Group during the Year. The Group will continue to take effective measures to ensure adequate liquidity and financial resources to satisfy business needs, and maintain a stable and healthy financial position.

For the year ended 31 December 2019, the average turnover days of the Group's receivables were 10 days, which was basically in line with that of the corresponding period of last year.

For the year ended 31 December 2019, the inventory turnover days of the Group were 76 days, representing an increase of 4 days as compared to 72 days of the corresponding period of last year, which was mainly due to the decrease in the sales of textile products as a result of the effect of several adverse factors such as the emerging trade protectionism during the Year.

For the year ended 31 December 2019 and the corresponding period of last year, the Group did not use derivative financial instruments.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Net Profit Attributable to Owners of the Company and Earnings per Share

For the year ended 31 December 2019, the net profit attributable to owners of the Company was approximately RMB218 million, representing a decrease of approximately 66.1% from approximately RMB644 million for the corresponding period of last year.

For the year ended 31 December 2019, the earnings per share of the Company were RMB0.18, representing a decrease of approximately 66.7% from approximately RMB0.54 for the corresponding period of last year.

Capital Structure

The major objective of the Group's capital management is to ensure ongoing operations capacity and maintain a satisfactory capital ratio in order to support its own business operation and maximize shareholders' interests. The Group continued to focus on its equity and debt mix to ensure the best capital structure that reduces capital costs.

As at 31 December 2019, the debts of the Group were mainly bank borrowings amounting to approximately RMB2,109 million (31 December 2018: approximately RMB1,925 million). As at 31 December 2019, the Group's gearing ratio (is calculated based on net debt (after deducting the interest-bearing bank and other borrowings of cash and cash equivalent) divided by total equity) was approximately -42.1% (31 December 2018: approximately -36.4%).

The Group manages its interest expenses through a fixed rate and floating rate debt portfolio. As at 31 December 2019, approximately 71.3% of the Group's bank loans were subject to fixed interest rates, while the remaining of approximately 28.7% were subject to floating interest rates.

During the Year, the Group redeemed corporate bonds of approximately RMB963 million upon maturity. In the future, the Group will also further strengthen the fund management and optimize the debt structure, further reducing the level of liabilities while maintaining the Group's sustainable operation capacity and sufficient liquidity.

As at 31 December 2019, the Group's loans were denominated in Renminbi; cash and cash equivalents were denominated in Renminbi, US dollars and Hong Kong dollars, of which cash and cash equivalents denominated in US dollars and Hong Kong dollars represented approximately 3.2% of the total amount.

Pledged Assets

Details of pledged assets of the Group are set out in Note 36 to the consolidated financial statements.

Capital Commitment

The details of the Group's capital commitment are set out in Note 35 to the consolidated financial statements.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Employees and Remuneration Policies

As at 31 December 2019, the Group had a total of approximately 50,000 employees, representing a decrease of approximately 2,000 employees as compared with that of last year. This decrease in the number of employees was mainly due to the normal employee turnover during the Year. Total staff costs of the Group for the Year amounted to approximately RMB3,151 million, representing a decrease of approximately 5.4% from approximately RMB3,332 million as recorded for the corresponding period of last year, which was mainly attributable to the decrease in the number of employees of the Group during the Year.

The remuneration of the Group's employees is determined based on their performance, experience and the prevailing industry practice. The remuneration policies and packages of the Group will be periodically reviewed by the management. In addition, the management also grants bonuses and rewards to the employees based on their performance to encourage and motivate them to engage in technological innovation and technique improvement. The Group also provides relevant training, such as safety training and skills training, to staff based on the technical requirements of different posts.

Exposure to Foreign Exchange Risks

The Group adopts a strict and prudent policy in managing the exchange rate risks. Export revenue and import procurement of the Group are settled in US dollars, and a portion of bank deposits are denominated in US dollars. For the year ended 31 December 2019, approximately 30.4% of the Group's revenue and approximately 27.5% of the purchase costs of cotton were denominated in US dollars. The Group recorded an exchange gain of approximately RMB10 million for the year ended 31 December 2019 due to the depreciation of Renminbi. During the Year, the Group did not experience any significant difficulties or impacts on its operations or liquidity as a result of fluctuations in currency exchange rates. The Directors believe that the Group has sufficient foreign currency to meet its demands.

Contingent Liabilities

As at 31 December 2019 and 2018, the Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities.

Taxation

For the year ended 31 December 2019, the income tax expense of the Group decreased from approximately RMB382 million in 2018 to approximately RMB327 million, representing a decrease of approximately 14.4%, which was mainly attributable to the decrease in the Group's profit before tax for the Year.

Events after the Reporting Period

Subsequent to 31 December 2019 and up to the date of this annual report, no important event affecting the Group has occurred.

Material Acquisitions and Disposals of Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the Company did not have any material acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Significant Investments Held

The Group did not hold any significant investment which had significant impact on the Group's overall operation during the year ended 31 December 2019.

Future Plans for Material Investments or Capital Assets

During the year ended 31 December 2019 and as of the date of this annual report, there was no future plan approved by the Group for any material investments or capital assets.

KEY RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Group's operation is exposed to certain risks and uncertainties, some of which are beyond its control. Such risks and uncertainties include domestic and overseas economic conditions, credit policies and foreign exchange policies of the PRC, changes in the laws, regulations and enforcement policies, cotton price and sales price of textile products as well as market competition.

The potential risks relating to the Group's business increase with the growth of its business. In order to identify, assess and control these risks which may jeopardize the Group's success, the Group has implemented the risk management system covering each major aspect of the business operation, including financial security, production and legal compliance. Given that the Group has established risk management as a system project, each department of the Group is responsible for identifying and assessing the risks involved in its respective operation. The audit committee of the Company is responsible for supervising and evaluating the risk management policies implemented by the Group and monitoring the performance of such risk management system.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES

The Group has implemented the internal control procedures to ensure the compliance with the applicable environmental protection laws and regulations, which involves, among others, enhancement of the employees' awareness of environmental protection, formulation of standards for controlling and monitoring pollution level, development of guidelines for waste treatment and formulation of preventive and rectification measures.

In light of the waste water discharged during production of denim, the Group has installed waste water treatment and recycling equipment, so as to reduce impact of waste water on the environment.

Given the pollutant emission, such as sulphur dioxide, and noises generated by the power plants during power generation process, the Group has installed de-dust, desulfurization and denitrification equipment in the power plants to reduce emission of exhaust gas. In addition, the Group has installed sound-proof devices to reduce impact of the noises generated from the daily operation of its power plants.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Company was incorporated in the PRC and majority of its business operation is located in China, while the Company itself is listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”). The operation of the Group is subject to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “Listing Rules”) and the other relevant laws and regulations in the PRC and Hong Kong. During the year ended 31 December 2019 and up to the date of this annual report, the Group has, in all material respects, complied with all the relevant laws and regulations in the PRC and Hong Kong.

RELATIONSHIP WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS

(i) Employees

The Group embraces human resources as one of its most valuable assets, and highly values the personal development of its employees. The Group strives to motivate its employees with a clear career path and opportunities for advancement and improvement of their professional skills. The Group provides preemployment and on-the-job training as well as promotion opportunities for the employees. The training programs cover fields such as management skills, sales and production, customer services, quality control, conduct ethics and other training related to the industry. The Group will sincerely consider the valuable feedbacks from its employees for enhancing the workplace productivity and working environment harmony. In addition, the Group offers the employees with competitive remuneration packages, and will provide them with additional bonus in accordance with their performance to recognize and reward the contribution of the employees to the growth and development of the Group.

(ii) Suppliers

The Group has developed long-standing cooperation relationship with a number of suppliers, and made great effort to ensure that they share its commitment to quality and ethics. The Group carefully selects its suppliers and requires them to satisfy certain assessment criteria including track record, experience, financial strength, reputation, capability to produce high-quality products and quality control effectiveness. The Group also requires the suppliers to abide by its anti-bribery policy.

(iii) Customers

Efforts are taken to strengthen relationship with the Group’s existing customers and to develop cooperation relationship with potential customers. The Group has established customer network covering over 20 provinces and cities across the country and over 20 overseas countries and regions through its inhouse sales team and agents. The Group also maintains communication with its customers through various channels like textile product trade fairs, the internet and telephone.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

OUTLOOK

Looking forward to 2020, as the complex and uncertain development environment of the Chinese textile industry is expected to continue and the global economic growth may further slow down, the overall export prospect of the textile industry is still challenging. The epidemic caused by COVID-19 at the beginning of 2020 has imposed certain impact on the operation of the textile manufacturing industry and the retail of the downstream apparel and home textile industry in China. However, with the conclusion of the Phase One Economic and Trade Agreement between China and the US, we expect improvement in export demands, and the industry is expected to gradually recover after the end of the epidemic.

In the face of increasingly complicated international and domestic environment, it is essential and urgent for the textile industry to continuously improve its development resilience and tap the potential of the domestic market. Weiqiao Textile will make active response to the government policy, step up efforts to promote industrial upgrading and innovation, so as to achieve high-quality growth. On the production front, the Group will continue to maintain in good condition of existing equipment and actively promote technology improvement and industrial upgrading, so as to implement strict control over the production costs and improve product quality. On the product front, the Group will increase the proportion of mid-to-high-end products based on market demands, and give full play to its advantages in research and development covering the whole industry chain, optimize its product mix based on the target market positioning, and develop new technologies and new products catering to market demands and development trends. On the sales front, while continuing to consolidate its existing market shares in both the domestic and overseas markets, the Group will make greater efforts to explore new markets and adhere to the strategy of placing equal emphasis on domestic sales and overseas sales, with an aim to steadily expand its market share.

DIRECTORS, SUPERVISORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Ms. Zhang Hongxia, aged 48, is the chairman and an executive Director of the Company. She graduated from Shandong Cadre Correspondence University (山東幹部函授大學) and obtained a professional diploma in financial accounting. She is a qualified political administrator (政工員). She obtained a master degree in business administration for senior management from Dalian University of Technology (大連理工大學) on 7 July 2006. She joined the Company in 1999, and is responsible for the overall strategic planning of the Group. She was re-elected as an executive Director at the Company's annual general meeting held on 28 May 2018. She had over 25 years of management experience in the cotton textile industry. She previously worked in Zouping County Weiqiao Cotton Spinning Factory (鄒平縣位橋棉紡織廠) ("Weiqiao Cotton Spinning Factory") as the deputy head and head of the technical division as well as the director of the production technical department. She had also served as the deputy general manager and the general manager of Shandong Weiqiao Chuangye Group Company Limited (山東魏橋創業集團有限公司) (the "Holding Company"), a controlling shareholder of the Company, the director of Binzhou Weiqiao Property Company Limited (濱州魏橋置業有限公司), the chairman of Shandong Weilian Printing and Dyeing Company Limited (山東魏聯印染有限公司) ("Weilian Print"), the director and the general manager of Shandong Huibin Cotton Spinning and Dyeing Company Limited (山東慧濱棉紡漂染有限公司), the director and the general manager of Shandong Weiqiao Mianye Company Limited (山東魏橋棉業有限公司) (from 30 September 2003 to 25 December 2012), the executive director of Weihai Weiqiao Technology Industrial Park Company Limited (威海魏橋科技工業園有限公司) ("Weihai Industrial Park"), the executive director of Weihai Weiqiao Textile Company Limited (威海魏橋紡織有限公司) ("Weihai Weiqiao"), the chairman and the general manager of Shandong Luteng Textile Company Limited (山東魯藤紡織有限公司) (from 12 September 2002 to 1 March 2019), and the chairman and general manager of Shandong Binteng Textile Company Limited (山東濱藤紡織有限公司) (from 13 September 2002 to 1 March 2019). She is currently a director of the Holding Company (from 14 April 1998), a director of Binzhou Weiqiao Technology Industrial Park Company Limited (濱州魏橋科技工業園有限公司) ("Binzhou Industrial Park") (from 26 November 2001), the chairman and an executive director of Weiqiao Textile (Hong Kong) Trading Company Limited (魏橋紡織(香港)貿易有限公司) (from 12 October 2011). She is the vice chairman of the 11th and 12th session of The Hong Kong General Chamber of Textiles, the vice president of the 6th session of the China Chamber of Commerce for Import & Export of Textiles and Apparel, the invited vice chairman of China National Textile and Apparel Council, the vice president of China Cotton Textile Association, the vice president of China Cotton Association, the chairman of Binzhou Textile Association, the vice president of Shandong Association of Women Entrepreneurs, the president of Binzhou Association of Women Entrepreneurs and the vice president of Binzhou Entrepreneurs Association. Ms. Zhang Yanhong is her younger sister.

Ms. Zhang Yanhong, aged 44, is the vice chairman and an executive Director of the Company. She graduated from Shandong University (山東大學) and obtained a professional diploma in computer and its application. She further obtained a professional diploma in computer application from Renmin University of China in 1996, a senior diploma in Innovative Management MIA from senior research class of Tsinghua University in 2006 and a master degree in business administration for senior management from Dalian University of Technology in July 2006. She was re-elected as an executive Director at the Company's annual general meeting held on 28 May 2018. She had over 19 years of management experience in the cotton textile industry. She once acted as an executive director and the general manager of Weihai Industrial Park, an executive director and the general manager of Weihai Weiqiao. She has also been a director of Weihai Weiqiao since 15 June 2017. She has been a director of Weihai Industrial Park from 12 June 2017, a director of the Holding Company since October 2012 and the vice chairman of the Company from 24 January 2019. Ms. Zhang Hongxia is her elder sister.

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Ms. Zhao Suwen, aged 45, is an executive Director and the chief financial officer of the Company. She graduated from Shandong Normal University (山東師範大學) and obtained a professional diploma in business administration. She is a qualified economist. Ms. Zhao obtained the chief financial officer (CFO) advanced study graduation certificate from School of Continuing Education, Tsinghua University (清華大學) on 11 October 2008. She joined the Company in 1999, and is responsible for the supervision of the Group's finance and accounting affairs. She was re-elected as an executive Director at the Company's annual general meeting held on 28 May 2018. She had over 26 years of experience in the cotton textile industry. She previously worked at Weiqiao Cotton Spinning Factory as an accountant for about 5 years and served as the manager of the financial department of the Company. She is currently also a director of the Holding Company (from October 2012). Ms. Zhao Suwen is the younger sister of Ms. Zhao Suhua.

Mr. Zhang Jinglei, aged 43, is an executive Director and the company secretary of the Company. He graduated from Xi'an Engineering College (西安工程學院) and obtained a junior college diploma majoring in proximate analysis in July 1997. He joined the Company (including its predecessor) in October 1997. He worked in the sales department of the Company from September 1998 to September 2000, and has successively worked in the securities office, production technology section and the securities department since October 2000. He has engaged in corporate governance of the Company for years and participated in relevant trainings provided by domestic and overseas securities regulatory authorities. He was re-elected as an executive Director at the Company's annual general meeting held on 28 May 2018. He is currently also a non-executive director of China Hongqiao Group Limited (中國宏橋集團有限公司) ("China Hongqiao") (which is listed on the Stock Exchange, stock code: 1378.HK) and a director of the Holding Company.

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Zhao Suhua, aged 50, graduated from Adult Education College of Qingdao University (青島大學成人教育學院), and obtained a professional diploma in textile engineering management. She joined the Company in 1999. She was re-elected as a non-executive Director at the Company's annual general meeting held on 28 May 2018. She had over 22 years of management experience in the cotton textile industry. She had been the head of the production technical division and head of the production technical department of the Company (from May 2000 to February 2006), and the standing deputy general manager of the sales department (from February 2006 to May 2008). Ms. Zhao Suhua is the elder sister of Ms. Zhao Suwen.

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INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. Chan Wing Yau, George, aged 65, graduated from Waterloo University in Canada and obtained a bachelor degree in mathematics. Mr. Chan served as the executive director of China Golden Development Holdings Limited (中國金展控股有限公司), and served as the assistant vice president of William M. Mercer Ltd. (偉世服務顧問有限公司), the director of Jardine Fleming Investment Services Ltd. (怡富投資服務有限公司), the executive director of HSBC Asset Management Ltd. (滙豐投資管理有限公司), a member of the Central Policy Unit of Hong Kong Government (香港政府中央政策組), a member of the Consumers Litigation Fund Executive Committee (消費者訴訟基金執行委員會), president of the Rotary Club of Tsim Sha Tsui East (國際扶輪社香港尖沙咀東), the director of Peregrine Asset Management Ltd. (百富勤資金管理有限公司), a board member of Hong Kong Ocean Park (香港海洋公園董事局), the chairman of Hong Kong Ocean Park Investment Committee (香港海洋公園投資委員會), the director, general manager and chief investment officer of Dao Heng Fund Management Co., Ltd. (道亨基金管理有限公司), the chairman of China Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Investment Funds Association (香港投資基金公會中國事務委員會), a member of the Financial Committee of Hong Kong Trade Development Council (香港貿易發展局金融委員會), a member of Sir McLehose Trust Fund Investment Committee (麥理浩爵士信託基金投資委員會), a convener of Sir Robert Black Trust Fund Investment Committee (柏立基爵士信託基金投資委員會), a member of Police Children's Education Trust (警察子女教育信託基金) and Police Education and Welfare Trust (警察教育及福利信託基金) and the chairman of Capital Focus Asset Management Limited (匯駿資產管理有限公司). He is currently the chief executive officer of Capital Focus Asset Management Limited (匯駿資產管理有限公司), the managing director of Shun Loong Securities Co., Ltd. (順隆證券行有限公司), and the independent non-executive director of Infinity Development Holdings Company Limited (星謙發展控股有限公司) (which is listed on the Stock Exchange, stock code: 640.HK). He was appointed as an independent non-executive Director at the Company's extraordinary general meeting held on 12 February 2003. He was re-elected as an independent non-executive Director at the Company's annual general meeting held on 28 May 2018.

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Mr. Chen Shuwen, aged 65, graduated from Dongbei University of Finance and Economics (東北財經大學) with a bachelor degree in Economics in 1982 and obtained a master degree and a PhD in Economics from Jilin University (吉林大學) in 1988 and 1996, respectively. Mr. Chen has taught for ten years in Jilin University (from January 1982 to February 1992). Mr. Chen has substantial management and leadership experience serving in the PRC government. Mr. Chen commenced his career as the Deputy County Chief of the Benxi Manchu Autonomous County, Liaoning Province, the PRC, in March 1992 and was the deputy director of the Benxi City Commission for Restructuring the Economic Systems (本溪市經濟體制改革委員會) (from September 1995 to January 1998). He was the director general of the Benxi City Foreign Trade & Economic Cooperation Committee (本溪市對外經濟貿易合作委員會) (from February 1998 to February 2001). Mr. Chen was the professor and the tutor for doctorate students at the Faculty of Management and Economics of Dalian University of Technology (大連理工大學管理學院) (from December 2003 to September 2010) as well as the dean at the Department of Public Administration and Law of Dalian University of Technology (大連理工大學公共管理與法學學院) (from October 2010 to January 2015). Mr. Chen was the independent directors of Dalian Huarui Heavy Industry Group Co., Ltd. (大連華銳重工集團股份有限公司) (which is listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, stock code: 002204) (from December 2012 to February 2015), Yingkou Port Liability Co., Ltd. (營口港務股份有限公司) (which is listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange, stock code: 600317) (from October 2006 to April 2013) and Dalian Dafu Enterprises Holdings Co., Ltd. (大連大福控股股份有限公司) (formerly known as Dalian Daxian Enterprises Holdings Co., Ltd. (大連大顯控股股份有限公司) (which was listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and delisted in December 2019, stock code: 600747)) (from September 2008 to August 2013 and from July 2015 to March 2020, respectively). Mr. Chen was a practising solicitor at Liaoning Tianhe Law Firm (遼寧天合律師事務所) (from March 2003 to March 2019) and an independent director of Zhangzidao Group Co., Ltd. (獐子島集團股份有限公司) (which is listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, stock code: 002069) (from May 2013 to May 2019). Mr. Chen is currently the professor and the tutor for doctorate students at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of Dalian University of Technology (大連理工大學人文與社會科學學部) (since October 2010), as well as an independent non-executive director of Sinofortune Financial Holdings Limited (華億金控集團有限公司) (which is listed on the Stock Exchange, stock code: 8123.HK) (since September 2011) and an independent director of Yingkou Port Liability Co., Ltd. (營口港務股份有限公司) (which is listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange, stock code: 600317) (since February 2020). He was appointed as an independent non-executive Director at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 27 May 2014. He was re-elected as an independent non-executive Director at the Company's annual general meeting held on 4 October 2017.

Mr. Liu Yanzhao, aged 46, graduated from Shandong Economics College (山東經濟學院), currently known as Shandong University of Finance and Economics (山東財經大學), and obtained a bachelor's degree in economics in July 1996. He has almost 24 years of experience in accounting. He served as the director of capital verification department of Shandong Binzhou Audit Firm (山東濱州審計事務所) from July 1996 to October 1999. From October 1999 to January 2005, he served as the director of audit department of Shandong Huanghe Limited Liability Accounting Firm (山東黃河有限責任會計師事務所) and he has been the deputy head and deputy director accountant of Shandong Huanghe Limited Liability Accounting Firm (山東黃河有限責任會計師事務所) since January 2005. Mr. Liu was accredited as a Chinese certified public accountant by Shandong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (山東省註冊會計師協會) in 2000, a Chinese certified public valuer by China Appraisal Society (中國資產評估協會) in 2001, a Chinese certified tax agent by Shandong Certified Tax Agent Management

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Center (山東省註冊稅務師管理中心) in 2003 and a senior accountant by Shandong Senior Evaluation Committee of Qualification in Account (山東省會計專業資格高級評審委員會) in 2012. He was awarded the “Outstanding Inspection Individual in Asset Appraisal Industry (資產評估行業檢查先進個人)” by Ministry of Finance and China Appraisal Society (中國資產評估協會) in 2004 and the “Outstanding Certified Public Accountant in Shandong Province (山東省優秀註冊會計師)” by Shandong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (山東省註冊會計師協會) in 2012. He was appointed as an independent non-executive Director at the Company’s annual general meeting held on 28 May 2018.

SUPERVISORS

Ms. Wang Xiaoyun, aged 55, graduated from Adult Education College of Qingdao University (青島大學成人教育學院), and obtained a professional diploma in textile engineering management. She joined the Company in 1999. She had over 25 years of management experience in the cotton textile industry. She had successively served as a quality control officer, the workshop supervisor, the deputy factory head and the factory head of the Company, the deputy general manager of the production district of Zouwei Garden I (鄒魏一園生產區) (from January 2004 to February 2006) and the non-executive director of the Company (from 30 May 2008 to 29 May 2012). She was appointed as an employee representative supervisor of the Company at the Company’s employee representatives’ meeting held on 28 May 2015. She was re-elected as an employee representative supervisor of the Company at the Company’s employee representatives’ meeting held on 28 May 2018. She is now the head of the production technical department of the Company (since February 2006).

Ms. Fan Xuelian, aged 49, graduated from Binzhou Area Supply and Marketing Staff Secondary School (濱州地區供銷職工中專學校) in December 1994 in Binzhou, Shandong, the PRC, majoring in corporate management. She served as a yarn worker at Binzhou First Cotton Textile Plant (濱州第一棉紡織廠) from September 1988 to June 1989, and at Weiqiao Cotton Spinning Factory successively as a responsible person for doffing, an operating manager and the deputy factory head from June 1989 to April 1998. She also successively served as a deputy head and head in the sub-branch factory of the Company (including its predecessor) from April 1998 to August 2014. She has served at the Holding Company as the chairwoman of the labor union, the head of the party committee office, the head of the publicity department and a committee member of the C.P.C. since August 2014, and as the supervisor of the Holding Company since November 2012. She was appointed as a shareholder representative supervisor of the Company at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 1 March 2018.

Ms. Bu Xiaoxia, aged 47, graduated from Shandong University (山東大學) in July 1994 in Jinan, Shandong, the PRC, majoring in corporate management. She served at the production technology division of Weiqiao Cotton Spinning Factory as an operation inspector from September 1994 to April 1998. She also served successively as an operation inspector, a section head, a deputy division head and a division head of the production technology division of the Company (including its predecessor) from April 1998 to May 2009. She has served as a deputy general manager of Zouping No. 3 Industrial Park (鄒平第三工業園) of the Company since May 2009. She was appointed as a shareholder representative supervisor of the Company at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on 1 March 2018.

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SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Wei Jiakun, aged 52, was appointed as the general manager of the Company on 18 November 2014. Mr. Wei is responsible for supervising the Group's general operation and formulating the Group's business strategies, as well as overseeing the Group's production, operation and marketing of the Group's products. He joined the Company's predecessor, Weiqiao Cotton Spinning Factory (位橋棉紡廠) in 1986 and had over 30 years of experience in cotton textile industry. Mr. Wei had served as the workshop supervisor and the director in the spinning mill of Weiqiao Cotton Spinning Factory (位橋棉紡廠) from September 1990 to October 2001, the general manager of Weihai Weiqiao from November 2001 to September 2002, the deputy general manager of Weiqiao Industrial Park of the Company from October 2002 to January 2005, the general manager of Zouping No.2 Industrial Park of the Company from February 2005 to April 2009 and the general manager of Binzhou Industrial Park from May 2009 to November 2014. Currently, he also serves as a director of the Holding Company.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors present their report and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2019.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Group is principally engaged in the production, sales and distribution of cotton yarn, grey fabric and denim as well as electricity and steam business. There were no significant changes in the nature of the Group's principal activities during the year ended 31 December 2019.

Particulars of the Company's subsidiaries are set out in Note 42 to the consolidated financial statements.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The operating results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2019 and the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2019 are set out in the audited consolidated financial statements on pages 87 to 89 in this annual report.

The Directors recommended the payment of a final dividend of RMB0.064 (inclusive of tax) per share (the "2019 Final Dividend") to shareholders of the Company whose names appear on the register of members of the Company as at close of business on 12 June 2020 (Friday), and the dividend will be paid on 26 June 2020. The 2019 Final Dividend is subject to the approval at the coming annual general meeting of the Company. In accordance with the Company Law of the PRC and the articles of association of the Company, "when the accumulated amount of the statutory surplus reserve reaches over 50% of the company's registered capital, no further appropriation needs to be made". Since the aggregated statutory surplus reserve appropriated by the Company has exceeded the standard required by the law or the articles of association of the Company, as approved by the Board, no statutory surplus reserve was appropriated out of net profit after tax recorded for 2019.

Under the relevant tax rules and regulations of the PRC (collectively the "PRC Tax Law"), the Company is required to withhold enterprise income tax at the rate of 10% when distributing final dividends to non-resident enterprises (such term shall have the meaning as defined under the PRC Tax Law) whose names appear on the register of members of H Shares of the Company.

In accordance with the PRC Tax Law, the Company is also required to withhold individual income tax when distributing final dividends to individual shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of H Shares of the Company. The Company will determine the country of domicile of the individual H shareholders based on the registered addresses as recorded in the register of members of H Shares of the Company on the record date with details as follows:

For individual H shareholders who are Hong Kong and Macau residents and those whose country of domicile is a country which has entered into a tax treaty with the PRC stipulating a dividend tax rate of 10%, the Company will withhold and pay individual income tax at the rate of 10% on behalf of them.

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For individual H shareholders whose country of domicile is a country which has entered into a tax treaty with the PRC stipulating a dividend tax rate of less than 10%, the Company will withhold and pay individual income tax at the rate of 10% on behalf of them. If such individual H shareholders would like to apply for a refund of the additional amount of tax withheld and paid, the Company may make applications on their behalf to seek entitlement to the relevant agreed preferential treatments pursuant to the tax treaties.

For individual H shareholders whose country of domicile is a country which has entered into a tax treaty with the PRC stipulating a dividend tax rate of higher than 10% but lower than 20%, the Company would withhold and pay the individual income tax at the agreed-upon effective tax rate on behalf of them.

For individual H shareholders who are residents of those countries without any tax treaties with the PRC or having tax treaties with the PRC stipulating a dividend tax rate of 20% or more and other situations, the Company would withhold and pay the individual income tax at a tax rate of 20% on behalf of them.

Should H shareholders have any doubt about the aforesaid arrangements, they are recommended to consult their tax advisors for relevant tax implications in Mainland China, Hong Kong and other countries (regions) on the possession and disposal of the H shares of the Company.

The Company will strictly comply with the laws and the requirements of relevant government departments, and will withhold and pay the enterprise income tax on behalf of its shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of H shares of the Company on the record date. The Company will take no responsibility and will reject any requests from shareholders whose identity cannot be confirmed within the specified time or cannot be confirmed at all or any disputes arising from the arrangement of withholding tax or paying tax. However, the Company may provide assistance to the extent of its ability as appropriate.

For the distribution of dividends, dividends for holders of domestic shares will be distributed and paid in RMB, while dividends for H shares will be declared in RMB but paid in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$") (conversion of RMB into HK\$ shall be calculated on the average price of the medium prices of the conversion of RMB into HK\$ announced by the People's Bank of China within five working days prior to and including 12 June 2020 (Friday)).

During the Year, there was no arrangement under which any shareholder of the Company has waived or agreed to waive any dividend.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Company's register of members will be closed from 29 April 2020 (Wednesday) to 29 May 2020 (Friday) (both dates inclusive), during which no transfer of shares will be registered. Shareholders of the Company whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 29 April 2020 (Wednesday) are entitled to attend and vote at the forthcoming annual general meeting. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the forthcoming annual general meeting, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on 28 April 2020 (Tuesday).

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The Company's register of members will be closed from 8 June 2020 (Monday) to 12 June 2020 (Friday) (both dates inclusive), during which no transfer of shares will be registered. Shareholders of the Company whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 12 June 2020 (Friday) are entitled to the 2019 Final Dividend. In order to qualify for the 2019 Final Dividend, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on 5 June 2020 (Friday).

DIVIDEND POLICY

The Company has adopted a dividend policy, pursuant to which the Company may declare and distribute dividends to the shareholders of the Company to allow the shareholders to share the Company's profits and the Company to retain adequate reserves for future growth.

In accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company (the "Articles of Association"), the Board is responsible for establishment of the profit distribution plan of the Company, including the final dividend distribution plan, and the declaration of final dividends will be subject to the approval at the general meeting. The Board may decide on the plan for distributing interim or special dividends of the Company as authorized by the general meeting. The amount of dividends is subject to the discretion of the Board, and will depend upon the Company's profitability, financial conditions, cash requirements and availability and other relevant factors. The Company's ability to pay dividends is also subject to the requirements of the Listing Rules and relevant applicable laws and regulations in the PRC and Hong Kong and the Articles of Association.

In accordance with Company Law of the PRC, the Company may only distribute dividends out of its distributable annual earnings (i.e., the Company's after tax profits after offsetting (i) the accumulated losses brought down from the previous years, if any, and (ii) the allocations to the statutory common reserve, the statutory public welfare fund and, if any, the discretionary common reserve (in such order of priorities) before payment of any dividend on shares). According to the Articles of Association, for the purposes of determining the distributable profit, the after tax profits of the Company are the lesser of its after tax profits determined in accordance with (i) PRC accounting standard and regulations; and (ii) international accounting standard or the accounting standard of the place where the shares are listed overseas.

The Company's current policy is to distribute approximately 35% of the distributable annual profit of the Company as dividends to the shareholders every year. Such dividend policies may be amended where: (i) the cash available to the Company is in an amount lower than the above-mentioned amount; (ii) there is a negative impact on the cash flow of the Group as the investments made by the Company approved by the Directors are not fully covered by appropriate financing; and (iii) the comprehensive financial position, available financial resources and business prospects of the Company. The past dividend distribution by the Company shall not be used as a reference or basis to determine the amount of dividends to be declared in the future.

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SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A summary of the consolidated results, assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years, as extracted from the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the years ended 31 December 2015, 2016 and 2017, and from the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2018 and the year ended 31 December 2019 on pages 87 to 89 of this annual report is set out below:

Results

	For the year ended 31 December				2019 RMB'000
	2015 RMB'000	2016 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000	
Revenue	12,498,205	14,175,446	16,373,385	16,455,884	15,167,562
Cost of sales	(10,310,574)	(11,924,087)	(14,603,187)	(14,736,265)	14,206,648
Gross profit	2,187,631	2,251,359	1,770,198	1,719,619	960,914
Other income	232,339	340,408	167,036	164,981	172,943
Selling and distribution expenses	(132,683)	(165,379)	(159,160)	(166,246)	(146,061)
Administrative expenses	(327,570)	(319,224)	(257,185)	(277,490)	(279,758)
Other expenses	(27,849)	(12,740)	(55,574)	(40,143)	(21,084)
Finance costs	(609,142)	(581,415)	(523,073)	(376,475)	(145,850)
Share of profit of an associate	4,538	1,648	2,613	118	1,245
Profit before taxation	1,327,264	1,514,657	944,855	1,024,364	542,349
Income tax expenses	(349,654)	(526,445)	(423,797)	(381,504)	(326,674)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	977,610	988,212	521,058	642,860	215,675
Profit and total comprehensive income attributable to:					
Owners of the Company	979,347	992,706	522,249	643,906	218,338
Non-controlling interests	(1,737)	(4,494)	(1,191)	(1,046)	(2,663)
	977,610	988,212	521,058	642,860	215,675

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Assets and liabilities

	As at 31 December				2019 RMB'000
	2015 RMB'000	2016 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000	
Total assets	29,081,434	31,832,301	28,512,475	24,952,770	24,426,489
Total liabilities	11,986,250	14,051,563	10,553,364	6,543,920	5,999,755

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment of the Group during the year ended 31 December 2019 are set out in Note 17 to the consolidated financial statements.

BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS

Details of the bank and other borrowings of the Group as at 31 December 2019 are set out in Note 30 to the consolidated financial statements.

SHARE CAPITAL, DEBENTURES AND EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENTS

Details of the Company's share capital as at 31 December 2019 are set out in Note 33 to the consolidated financial statements.

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the Company did not issue any shares or debentures, or enter into any equity-linked agreements, and no equity-linked agreements subsisted at the end of the year. The Company did not have any share option scheme.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Articles of Association or the Company Law of the PRC which oblige the Company to offer new shares on a pro rata basis to existing shareholders.

DIRECTORS' AND SUPERVISORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

At no time during the year ended 31 December 2019 and up to the publication date of this annual report was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors or supervisors to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate, and none of the Directors or supervisors or any of their spouses or children under the age of 18 were granted any right to subscribe for the shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate or had exercised any such right during the Year.

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PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has redeemed, purchased or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the year ended 31 December 2019.

RESERVES

Details of changes in the reserves of the Company and the Group during the year ended 31 December 2019 are set out in Note 41 to the consolidated financial statements and in the consolidated statement of changes in equity respectively.

DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

Details of the distributable reserves of the Company as at 31 December 2019 are set out in Note 41 to the consolidated financial statements.

MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

During the year ended 31 December 2019, sales to the Group's five largest customers accounted for approximately 36.8% of the Group's total sales for the year ended 31 December 2019, while sales to its largest customer accounted for approximately 16.8% of the Group's total sales for the year ended 31 December 2019.

During the year ended 31 December 2019, purchases from the Group's five largest suppliers accounted for approximately 47.7% of the Group's total purchases for the year ended 31 December 2019, while purchases from the Group's largest supplier accounted for approximately 20.5% of the Group's total purchases for the year ended 31 December 2019.

The Holding Company was one of the five largest customers of the Group during the year ended 31 December 2019. The Group has sold certain products to the Holding Company, its subsidiaries and associates (the "Parent Group"), details of which are set out in the section headed "Connected Transactions" below.

Save as disclosed above, at no time during the year ended 31 December 2019, did any Director, supervisor, their close associate(s) or any shareholder, which to the knowledge of the Board owns more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital, has an interest in any other five largest customers or suppliers of the Group.

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The Company has received from each of the independent non-executive Directors an annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules, and the Board considers each of the independent non-executive Directors to be independent.

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DIRECTORS', SUPERVISORS', CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S AND FIVE HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS

The Directors' and supervisors' fees are subject to shareholders' approval at general meetings. Other emoluments shall be determined by the Board with reference to their duties, responsibilities and performance. During the year ended 31 December 2019, there was no arrangement under which a Director or a supervisor has waived or agreed to waive any emoluments. Details of emoluments of the Directors, supervisors, chief executive and five highest paid employees are set out in Note 13 to the consolidated financial statements.

DIRECTORS, SUPERVISORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

During the year ended 31 December 2019 and up to the date of this annual report, list of the Directors, supervisors and senior management of the Company and their respective term of office are set out below:

Executive Directors:

Ms. Zhang Hongxia	Until the date of annual general meeting for the year of 2020
Ms. Zhang Yanhong	Until the date of annual general meeting for the year of 2020
Ms. Zhao Suwen	Until the date of annual general meeting for the year of 2020
Mr. Zhang Jinglei	Until the date of annual general meeting for the year of 2020

Non-executive Directors:

Ms. Zhao Suhua	Until the date of annual general meeting for the year of 2020
Mr. Zhang Shipping	Passed away and ceased to be the non-executive Director on 23 May 2019

Independent non-executive Directors:

Mr. Chan Wing Yau, George	Until the date of annual general meeting for the year of 2020
Mr. Chen Shuwen	Until the date of annual general meeting for the year of 2019
Mr. Liu Yanzhao	Until the date of annual general meeting for the year of 2020

Supervisors:

Ms. Wang Xiaoyun	Until 28 May 2021
Ms. Fan Xuelian	Until the date of annual general meeting for the year of 2020
Ms. Bu Xiaoxia	Until the date of annual general meeting for the year of 2020

Senior management:

Mr. Wei Jiakun (<i>General manager</i>)	Until 18 November 2020
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DIRECTORS', SUPERVISORS' AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S SERVICE CONTRACTS AND LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT

Each of the executive Directors, supervisors and senior management of the Company has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years. Each of the non-executive Directors and independent non-executive Directors has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three years. Pursuant to the Articles of Association, each Director, supervisor and senior management is eligible for re-election and consecutive appointment upon expiration of his/her term of office.

The Company has not entered into any service contract with any of the Directors and supervisors which is not determinable by the Company within one year without payment of compensation other than statutory compensation.

CHANGES IN INFORMATION OF DIRECTORS, SUPERVISORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Ms. Zhang Hongxia, the chairman and an executive Director, has ceased to be the chairman and the general manager of Shandong Luteng Textile Company Limited (山東魯藤紡織有限公司, a subsidiary of the Company) and the chairman and general manager of Shandong Binteng Textile Company Limited (山東濱藤紡織有限公司, a subsidiary of the Company) since 1 March 2019. She was appointed as the vice chairman of the 12th session of The Hong Kong General Chamber of Textiles in September 2019 and was appointed as the vice president of Binzhou Entrepreneurs Association on 15 January 2020.

Ms. Zhang Yanhong, an executive Director, has been the vice chairman of the Company since 24 January 2019.

On 23 May 2019, Mr. Zhang Shiping, a non-executive Director, passed away and ceased to be a non-executive Director.

Mr. Chen Shuwen, an independent non-executive Director, has ceased to be a practising solicitor at Liaoning Tianhe Law Firm (遼寧天合律師事務所) since March 2019, has ceased to be an independent director of Zhangzidao Group Co., Ltd. (獐子島集團股份有限公司) (which is listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, stock code: 002069) since May 2019, has served as an independent director of Yingkou Port Liability Co., Ltd. (營口港務股份有限公司) (which is listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange, stock code: 600317) since February 2020 and has ceased to be an independent director of Dalian Dafu Enterprises Holdings Co., Ltd. (大連大福控股股份有限公司) (which was listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and delisted in December 2019, stock code: 600747) since March 2020.

Mr. Chan Wing Yau, George, an independent non-executive Director, has ceased to be the chairman of Capital Focus Asset Management Limited (匯駿資產管理有限公司) since July 2019.

Save as disclosed above, during the year ended 31 December 2019 and up to the date of this annual report, there was no other change in the Directors, supervisors and chief executive of the Company, and the Company is not aware of any other change in the information of the Directors, supervisors or chief executive of the Company which is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules.

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THE BIOGRAPHIES OF DIRECTORS, SUPERVISORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

The biographies of each of the Directors, supervisors and senior management are set out on pages 23 to 28 in this report.

DIRECTORS' AND SUPERVISORS' MATERIAL INTERESTS IN SIGNIFICANT TRANSACTIONS, ARRANGEMENTS OR CONTRACTS

Save as disclosed in the section headed "Connected Transactions" in this annual report, none of the Directors, supervisors or entities connected with a Director or supervisor is or was materially interested, either directly or indirectly, in any other transaction, arrangement or contract of the Company or any of its subsidiaries subsisting during the year ended 31 December 2019 or at the end of the year that is of significance to the business of the Group.

DIRECTORS' AND SUPERVISORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESS

During the year ended 31 December 2019 and at any time up to the date of this annual report, so far as was known to the Board, none of the Directors, supervisors and their respective associates had any interest in any business (other than the business of the Group) which competed or was likely to compete, either directly or indirect, with the business of the Group.

CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Save as disclosed in the section headed "Connected Transactions" in this annual report, during the year ended 31 December 2019, there was neither any other contract of significance between the Company or any of its subsidiaries and the controlling shareholder or any of its subsidiaries, nor any other contract of significance for the provision of services to the Company or any of its subsidiaries by the controlling shareholder or any of its subsidiaries.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 31 December 2019, so far as known to any Directors, supervisors and chief executive of the Company, the following persons (other than a Director, supervisor or chief executive of the Company) had interests or short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO") or recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO:

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Interests in the domestic shares:

Name of Shareholder	Number of domestic shares (Note 1)	Approximate percentage of total issued domestic share capital as at 31 December 2019 (%)	Approximate percentage of total issued share capital as at 31 December 2019 (%)
Holding Company	757,869,600 (Long position)	97.07	63.45
Weiqiao Investment	757,869,600 (Long position) (Note 2)	97.07	63.45

Interests in the H shares:

Name of Shareholder	Type of interest	Number of H shares (Note 3)	Approximate percentage of total issued H share capital as at 31 December 2019 (%)	Approximate percentage of total issued share capital as at 31 December 2019 (%)
Brandes Investment Partners, L.P.	Investment manager	49,524,500 (Long position) (Note 4)	11.97	4.15
Mellon Financial Corporation	Interest of a controlled corporation	41,073,100 (Long position) (Note 5)	9.93	3.44

Note 1: Unlisted shares.

Note 2: Weiqiao Investment holds 39% equity interests in the Holding Company.

Note 3: Shares listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange.

Note 4: According to the disclosure of interests published on the website of the Stock Exchange by Brandes Investment Partners, L.P., these 49,524,500 H shares were held by Brandes Investment Partners, L.P. in its capacity as investment manager.

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Note 5: According to the disclosure of interests published on the website of the Stock Exchange by Mellon Financial Corporation, these 41,073,100 H shares in which Mellon Financial Corporation was deemed interested under the SFO were directly held by The Boston Company Asset Management LLC, a corporation wholly controlled by MAM (MA) Trust, which is indirectly and wholly controlled by MAM (DE) Trust. MAM (DE) Trust is wholly controlled by Mellon Financial Corporation.

Save as disclosed above, to the best knowledge of the Directors, supervisors and the chief executive of the Company, as at 31 December 2019, there was no other person (not being a Director, supervisor or chief executive of the Company) who had any interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO or recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO.

DIRECTORS', SUPERVISORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS IN THE COMPANY

As at 31 December 2019, the interests and short positions of the Directors, supervisors and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required to be (a) notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (b) entered in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO; or (c) notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules, were as follows:

Interests in the domestic shares:

		Number of domestic shares (Note 1)	Approximate percentage of total issued domestic share capital as at 31 December 2019 (%)	Approximate percentage of total issued share capital as at 31 December 2019 (%)
Type of interest				
Ms. Zhang Hongxia (Executive Director/Chairman)	Beneficial interest	17,700,400	2.27	1.48

Note 1: Unlisted shares.

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Interests in the shares of the Company's associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO):

	Name of associated corporation	Type of interest	Approximate percentage of total issued share capital as at 31 December 2019 (%)
Ms. Zhang Hongxia <i>(Executive Director/Chairman)</i>	Holding Company	Beneficial interest and spouse interest <i>(Note 1)</i>	9.73 <i>(Note 1)</i>
Ms. Zhang Yanhong <i>(Executive Director/Vice Chairman)</i>	Holding Company	Beneficial interest	5.63
Ms. Zhao Suwen <i>(Executive Director)</i>	Holding Company	Beneficial interest	0.38
Ms. Zhao Suhua <i>(Non-executive Director)</i>	Holding Company	Spouse interest <i>(Note 2)</i>	4.93 <i>(Note 2)</i>

Note 1: Ms. Zhang Hongxia holds an aggregate of 9.73% equity interests of the Holding Company, of which 7.00% are directly held by Ms. Zhang Hongxia. The remaining 2.73% equity interests are held by her husband, Mr. Yang Congsen, while Ms. Zhang Hongxia is deemed to be interested in these equity interests under the SFO.

Note 2: Ms. Zhao Suhua is deemed to be interested in the 4.93% equity interests of the Holding Company held by her husband, Mr. Wei Yingzhao, under the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2019, none of the Directors, supervisors and chief executive of the Company had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required to be (a) notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including the interests or short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (b) entered in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO; or (c) notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

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MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

No contract concerning the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of any business of the Company was entered into by the Company or subsisted during the year ended 31 December 2019.

PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISION

At no time during the year ended 31 December 2019 and up to the date of this annual report, there was or is, any permitted indemnity provision being in force for the benefit of any directors of the Company (whether made by the Company or otherwise) or of its associated company (if made by the Company).

The Company has purchased and maintained Directors', supervisors' and senior management liability insurance for the year ended 31 December 2019, which provides appropriate protection over certain legal actions brought against its Directors, supervisors and senior management.

CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended 31 December 2019, certain transactions were entered into between the Group and the following connected persons:

1. The Holding Company is the controlling shareholder of the Company. It therefore constitutes a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules.
2. Weilian Print is a 73% owned subsidiary of the Holding Company. Shandong Weiqiao Hengfu Knitting Co., Ltd. (山東魏橋恒富針織印染有限公司) ("Hengfu Knitting") is a 60% owned subsidiary of the Holding Company. Shandong Weiqiao Hongyuan Home Textile Co., Ltd. (山東魏橋宏源家紡有限公司) is a 60% owned subsidiary of the Holding Company. Shandong Weiqiao Tekuanfu Co., Ltd. (山東魏橋特寬幅印染有限公司) is a 99% owned subsidiary of the Holding Company. Shandong Weiqiao Garment Co., Ltd. (山東魏橋服裝有限公司) is a 67.18% owned subsidiary of the Holding Company. Shandong Weiqiao Elite Garment Co., Ltd. (山東魏橋創杰服裝有限公司) is a 75% owned subsidiary of the Holding Company. Shandong Weiqiao Jiajia Home Textile Co., Ltd. (山東魏橋嘉嘉家紡有限公司) is a 100% owned subsidiary of the Holding Company. Shandong Xiangshang Fushi Culture Co., Ltd. (山東向尚服飾文化有限公司) is a 100% owned subsidiary of the Holding Company. As the above eight companies are subsidiaries of the Holding Company, each of them constitutes a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules.
3. Both Zouping County Hongli Thermal Power Co., Ltd. (鄒平縣宏利熱電有限公司) ("Hongli Thermal Power") and Binzhou City Hongnuo New Materials Co., Limited (濱州市宏諾新材料有限公司) ("Binzhou City Hongnuo") are indirectly wholly-owned subsidiaries of China Hongqiao. As China Hongqiao is an associate of the executive Directors Ms. Zhang Hongxia and Ms. Zhang Yanhong, therefore each of Hongli Thermal Power and Binzhou City Hongnuo constitutes a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules.

Details of the continuing connected transactions of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2019 are set out below. The Company has complied with the relevant requirements under the Listing Rules.

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Supply of Cotton Yarn, Grey Fabric and Denim by the Group to the Parent Group

On 25 August 2003, the Company and the Holding Company entered into a supply of products, raw materials and processing services agreement (the “Supply Agreement”), pursuant to which the Group will supply cotton yarn, grey fabric and denim to the Parent Group for a term of three years commencing from 25 August 2003 to 25 August 2006 (both dates inclusive). In September 2003, the Stock Exchange granted the Company a waiver from strict compliance with the announcement and independent shareholders’ approval requirements in respect of the supply of cotton yarn and grey fabric by the Group to the Parent Group under the Supply Agreement. The waiver was granted for a term of three financial years ended 31 December 2005. Pursuant to the renewal mechanism of such agreement, the Company and the Holding Company renewed the Supply Agreement on 25 August 2006 for a term of three years commencing from 25 August 2006 to 24 August 2009 (both dates inclusive). Pursuant to the renewal mechanism of such agreement, the Company and the Holding Company entered into a cotton yarn, grey fabric and denim supply agreement on 20 October 2008 with a term of three years starting from 1 January 2009 and ending on 31 December 2011 (both dates inclusive). Pursuant to the renewal mechanism of such agreement, the Company and the Holding Company entered into a cotton yarn, grey fabric and denim supply agreement on 31 October 2011 with a term of three years commencing on 1 January 2012 and ending on 31 December 2014 (both dates inclusive). Pursuant to the renewal mechanism of such agreement, the Company and the Holding Company entered into a cotton yarn, grey fabric and denim supply agreement (the “Old Supply Agreement”) on 21 October 2014 with a term of three years commencing on 1 January 2015 and ending on 31 December 2017 (both dates inclusive). Pursuant to the renewal mechanism of such agreement, the Company and the Holding Company entered into a cotton yarn, grey fabric and denim supply agreement (the “Renewed Supply Agreement”) on 17 October 2017 with a term commencing on 1 January 2018 and ending on 31 December 2020 (both dates inclusive), pursuant to which the Company agreed to continue to supply or procure its subsidiaries to supply cotton yarn, grey fabric and denim to the Parent Group. The terms and conditions of the Renewed Supply Agreement are substantially the same with those of the Old Supply Agreement.

The prices of cotton yarn, grey fabric and denim supplied by the Group to the Parent Group are determined by reference to the prices at which comparable types of relevant products are supplied by the Group to independent third parties under normal commercial terms in the ordinary course of its business in the PRC. The annual caps under the Renewed Supply Agreement for the three financial years ending 31 December 2020 are RMB599,700,000, RMB791,610,000 and RMB1,044,920,000 (exclusive of value-added tax (VAT)).

Further details of this continuing connected transaction are set out in the prospectus of the Company and the Company’s announcements and circulars dated 28 December 2006, 15 January 2007, 20 October 2008, 31 October 2008, 31 October 2011, 11 November 2011, 21 October 2014, 24 November 2014, 17 October 2017 and 10 November 2017, respectively.

Lease of Land Use Rights and Properties by the Holding Company to the Company

The Company and the Holding Company entered into relevant leasing agreements, pursuant to which the Holding Company agreed to lease to the Company the land use rights in respect of lands respectively located at No. 34 Qidong Road and west of Xiwaihuan Road, Weiqiao Town, Zouping City, Shandong Province, the PRC, and the land use rights in respect of land located within the economic development zone which is situated to the east of Zouping City, Shandong Province, the PRC and the properties erected thereon, for the Company’s operations, with a right of renewal exercisable by the Company. The principal terms of the agreements are as follows:

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- (1) A land use right lease agreement dated 30 September 2002 with the commencement date and expiry date on 30 September 2002 and 30 September 2022, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB888,700 for the land relating to the Weiqiao Second Production Area.
- (2) A land use right lease agreement dated 14 May 2003 with the commencement date and expiry date on 14 May 2003 and 14 May 2023, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB1,503,000 for the land relating to the Weiqiao Third Production Area.
- (3) A land use right lease agreement dated 17 October 2003 with the commencement date and expiry date on 17 October 2003 and 17 October 2023, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB2,167,000 for the land relating to the Zouping Industrial Park Area.
- (4) A land use right lease agreement dated 17 October 2003 with the commencement date and expiry date on 17 October 2003 and 17 October 2023, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB994,100 for the land relating to the Zouping Industrial Park Area.
- (5) A land use right lease agreement dated 17 October 2003 with the commencement date and expiry date on 17 October 2003 and 17 October 2023, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB2,000,000 for the land relating to the Zouping Industrial Park Area.
- (6) An office lease agreement dated 31 January 2013 with the commencement date and expiry date on 1 February 2013 and 1 February 2016, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB600,000 for a building located at No. 1, Wei Fang Road, Zouping Economic Development Zone, Zouping City, Shandong Province, the PRC. On 31 January 2016 and 31 January 2019, the agreement was renewed with a term commencing from 1 February 2016 and ending on 1 February 2019, and a term commencing from 1 February 2019 and ending on 1 February 2022, respectively. The terms and conditions of the renewed agreement are substantially the same as those of the old agreement.
- (7) A land use right lease agreement dated 1 May 2006 with the commencement date and expiry date on 1 May 2006 and 1 May 2026, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB7,001,400 for the land relating to the Zouping Industrial Park Area.
- (8) A land use right lease agreement dated 24 April 2007 with the commencement date and expiry date on 24 April 2007 and 24 April 2027, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB4,164,000 for the land relating to the Zouping Industrial Park Area.

On 26 November 2008 and 14 December 2011, respectively, the leases of certain parts of the land where the Zouping Third Industrial Park is located were terminated and the annual rentals have been adjusted thereafter to RMB3,816,000 and RMB2,070,000, respectively, on a pro-rata basis. Except for this, all of the original conditions and terms remain unchanged.

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- (9) A land use right lease agreement dated 18 March 2008 with the commencement date and expiry date on 18 March 2008 and 18 March 2028, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB740,500 for the land relating to the Weihai Industrial Park Area.
- (10) A plant lease agreement dated 1 May 2016 (the “Old Plant Lease Agreement”) with the commencement date and expiry date on 1 May 2016 and 1 May 2019, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB800,000 for a production plant located at the southern side of Huixian One Road, Zouping Economic Development Zone, Zouping City, Shandong Province, the PRC. Pursuant to the renewal term of the Old Plant Lease Agreement, both parties entered into a plant lease agreement (the “Renewed Plant Lease Agreement”) on 1 May 2019 with a term of three years from 1 May 2019 to 1 May 2022. The terms of the Renewed Plant Lease Agreement are substantially the same as those of the Old Plant Lease Agreement.

The rent chargeable by the Holding Company to the Company was determined by reference to the market rent, namely the rent receivable for leasing similar land use rights and properties to independent third parties under normal commercial terms in the ordinary course of its business in Zouping City, Shandong Province, the PRC. For further details of the leases of land use rights and properties to the Company by the Holding Company, please refer to Note 38, headed “Related Party Transactions”, to the consolidated financial statements.

Supply of Excess Electricity by the Company to the Holding Company

On 18 March 2008, the Company and the Holding Company entered into an excess electricity supply agreement, pursuant to which the Company shall supply electricity, which is in excess of the Group’s actual electricity consumption, to the Holding Company for a term commencing on 18 March 2008 and ending on 31 December 2010 (both dates inclusive). Pursuant to the renewal mechanism of such agreement, the Company and the Holding Company entered into an excess electricity supply agreement on 4 November 2010 for a term of three years commencing on 1 January 2011 and ending on 31 December 2013 (both dates inclusive). Pursuant to the renewal mechanism of such agreement, the Company and the Holding Company entered into an excess electricity supply agreement on 1 November 2013 for a term commencing on 1 January 2014 and ending on 31 December 2016 (both dates inclusive). Pursuant to the renewal mechanism of such agreement, the Company and the Holding Company entered into an excess electricity supply agreement (the “Old Excess Electricity Supply Agreement”) on 26 October 2016 for a term commencing on 1 January 2017 and ending on 31 December 2019 (both dates inclusive). Pursuant to the renewal mechanism of such agreement, the Company and the Holding Company entered into an excess electricity supply agreement (the “Renewed Excess Electricity Supply Agreement”) on 21 October 2019 for a term commencing on 1 January 2020 and ending on 31 December 2022 (both dates inclusive), pursuant to which the Company agreed to continue to supply excess electricity to the Parent Group. Terms and conditions under the Renewed Excess Electricity Supply Agreement are basically the same as the terms and conditions under the Old Excess Electricity Supply Agreement.

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The benchmark price of excess electricity supplied to the Parent Group by the Group shall be RMB0.37 per kWh (VAT inclusive). Such benchmark price of excess electricity is determined on a cost-plus basis. The Company will charge the electricity price based on the actual cost for the generation of electricity by the Group plus an expected fixed gross profit of RMB0.10 per kWh (VAT inclusive), which was determined with reference to the gross profit margins of supply of excess electricity for the nine years ended 31 December 2018. The Company and the Holding Company agreed to calculate the actual settlement price of excess electricity at the day before the last day of each month. The actual settlement price of excess electricity in each month will be adjusted by RMB0.01 per kWh (VAT inclusive) on the basis of the benchmark price of excess electricity at every 5% fluctuation of the weighted average price of raw coal in such month over the benchmark price of raw coal. Each of the annual caps under the Old Excess Electricity Supply Agreement for the three financial years ended 31 December 2019 is RMB3,022,223,000 (exclusive of VAT). Each of the annual caps under the Renewed Excess Electricity Supply Agreement for the three financial years ending 31 December 2022 is RMB3,124,232,000 (exclusive of VAT).

Further details of this continuing connected transaction are set out in the prospectus of the Company and the Company's announcements and circulars dated 13 August 2005, 16 August 2005, 14 January 2008, 1 February 2008, 20 October 2008, 31 October 2008, 4 November 2010, 8 November 2010, 1 November 2013, 12 November 2013, 21 October 2014, 24 November 2014, 22 March 2015, 17 April 2015, 26 October 2016, 29 November 2016, 21 October 2019 and 11 November 2019, respectively.

Supply of Steam for Production Use by Hongli Thermal Power to Ming Hong Textile

The Holding Company and the Company entered into a steam supply agreement on 3 July 2015 for a term from 3 July 2015 to 31 December 2017 (both days inclusive), pursuant to which, the Holding Company agreed to supply steam to the Company for production use.

As such steam supply agreement was terminated by the Holding Company by providing written notice pursuant to the termination terms as set out in the agreement on 20 October 2017, Hongli Thermal Power and Shandong Ming Hong Textile Technology Company Limited ("Ming Hong Textile"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a steam supply agreement (the "Old Weiqiao Steam Supply Agreement") on 20 October 2017 for a term from 20 October 2017 to 31 December 2019 (both days inclusive). Pursuant to the renewal terms of such agreement, Hongli Thermal Power and Ming Hong Textile entered into a steam supply agreement (the "Renewed Weiqiao Steam Supply Agreement") on 21 October 2019 for a term commencing on 1 January 2020 and ending on 31 December 2022 (both days inclusive), pursuant to which, Hongli Thermal Power agreed to continue to supply steam to Ming Hong Textile for the production needs in Weiqiao Production Base. Terms and conditions under the Renewed Weiqiao Steam Supply Agreement are basically the same as the terms and conditions under the Old Weiqiao Steam Supply Agreement.

The price of steam supplied by Hongli Thermal Power to Ming Hong Textile shall be RMB150 per ton (VAT inclusive), which is determined by reference to the prices at which the same or comparable types of steam used for production are supplied by Hongli Thermal Power to any independent third parties on normal commercial terms in its ordinary and usual course of business in Weiqiao Town, Zouping City, Shandong Province, the PRC. Each of the annual caps under the Old Weiqiao Steam Supply Agreement for the three financial years ended 31 December 2019 is RMB8,580,000 (exclusive of VAT). Each of the annual caps under the Renewed Weiqiao Steam Supply Agreement for the three financial years ending 31 December 2022 is RMB4,530,000 (exclusive of VAT).

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Further details of this continuing connected transaction are set out in the Company's announcements dated 3 July 2015, 20 October 2017 and 21 October 2019.

Supply of Steam for Production Use by Binzhou City Hongnuo to Binzhou Industrial Park

Binzhou Industrial Park, a subsidiary of the Company, and Binzhou City Hongnuo entered into a steam supply agreement on 3 July 2015, pursuant to which, Binzhou City Hongnuo shall supply steam to Binzhou Industrial Park for its production use for a term from 3 July 2015 to 31 December 2017 (both days inclusive). Pursuant to the renewal mechanism of such agreement, Binzhou Industrial Park and Binzhou City Hongnuo entered into a steam supply agreement (the "Old Binzhou Steam Supply Agreement") on 20 October 2017 for a term from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019 (both dates inclusive). Pursuant to the renewal mechanism of such agreement, Binzhou Industrial Park and Binzhou City Hongnuo entered into a steam supply agreement (the "Renewed Binzhou Steam Supply Agreement") on 21 October 2019 for a term commencing on 1 January 2020 and ending on 31 December 2022 (both dates inclusive), pursuant to which, Binzhou City Hongnuo agreed to continue to supply steam to Binzhou Industrial Park for the production need in Binzhou Production Base. Terms and conditions under the Renewed Binzhou Steam Supply Agreement are basically the same as the terms and conditions under the Old Binzhou Steam Supply Agreement.

The price of steam supplied by Binzhou City Hongnuo to Binzhou Industrial Park shall be RMB170 per ton (VAT inclusive), which is determined by reference to the prices at which the same or comparable types of the steam used for production are supplied by Binzhou City Hongnuo to any independent third parties on normal commercial terms in its ordinary and usual course of business in Binzhou City, Shandong Province, the PRC. Each of the annual caps under the Old Binzhou Steam Supply Agreement for the three financial years ended 31 December 2019 is RMB35,490,000 (exclusive of VAT). Each of the annual caps under the Renewed Binzhou Steam Supply Agreement for the three financial years ending 31 December 2022 is RMB27,020,000 (exclusive of VAT).

Further details of this continuing connected transaction are set out in the Company's announcements dated 3 July 2015, 20 October 2017 and 21 October 2019.

Supply of Production Water by the Holding Company to Huineng Thermal Power

On 23 January 2019, Zouping County Huineng Thermal Power Company Limited ("Huineng Thermal Power"), a subsidiary of the Company, entered into a production water supply agreement with the Holding Company (the "Production Water Supply Agreement") for a term commencing on 23 January 2019 and ending on 31 December 2021, pursuant to which the Holding Company agreed to supply water to Huineng Thermal Power for production use.

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The price of production water supplied by the Holding Company to Huineng Thermal Power shall be approximately RMB1.553 per ton (VAT exclusive) or RMB1.6 per ton (VAT inclusive) for the period from 23 January 2019 to 31 December 2019, which is determined with reference to the market price of production water supplied by other independent third parties in Zouping City. The price of production water supplied by the Holding Company to Huineng Thermal Power for the financial year ending 31 December 2020 and the financial year ending 31 December 2021 shall be re-determined by the two parties within one month prior to the end of the previous year through negotiation with reference to the then market price of production water supplied by other independent third parties in Zouping City. The Holding Company has agreed that, in principle, the price of production water provided by the Holding Company to Huineng Thermal Power shall not be higher than the then market price of production water supplied by other independent third parties in Zouping City. Each of the annual caps under the Production Water Supply Agreement for the three financial years ending 31 December 2021 is RMB61,700,000 (VAT exclusive).

Further details of this continuing connected transaction are set out in the Company's announcement dated 23 January 2019.

Lease of Property Use Rights by Hongru Textile to Hengfu Knitting

On 1 January 2014, the Company and the Holding Company entered into the production plant lease agreement for a term of three years commencing on 1 January 2014 and ending on 31 December 2016 with an annual rental of RMB800,000, pursuant to which the Company agreed to lease to the Holding Company certain production plants (the "Subject Plants") located at the southern side of Huixian One Road, Zouping Economic Development Zone, Zouping City, Shandong Province, the PRC, for the production and operation of the Holding Company.

Due to business restructuring of the Holding Company, the Subject Plants were transferred by the Holding Company for use by Hengfu Knitting, a subsidiary of the Holding Company. On 1 February 2016, the Company, the Holding Company and Hengfu Knitting entered into the tripartite agreement (the "Tripartite Agreement I") to reflect the foresaid change. The principal terms of the Tripartite Agreement I provide that Hengfu Knitting as the new lessee shall lease the Subject Plants from the Company from the effective date of the Tripartite Agreement I and bear the rental incurred from the effective date of the Tripartite Agreement I, while the rental incurred before the effective date of the Tripartite Agreement I shall be borne by the Holding Company.

Due to business restructuring, the Company established Shandong Hongru Textile Technology Company Limited ("Hongru Textile"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and transferred the Subject Plants to Hongru Textile. On 1 May 2016, the Company, Hongru Textile and Hengfu Knitting entered into the tripartite agreement (the "Tripartite Agreement II") to reflect the aforesaid change. The principal terms of the Tripartite Agreement II provide that Hongru Textile as the new lessor shall lease the Subject Plants to Hengfu Knitting from the effective date of the Tripartite Agreement II and receive the relevant rental accrued from the effective date of the Tripartite Agreement II, while the Company shall be entitled to receive the rental accrued before the effective date of the Tripartite Agreement II.

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Pursuant to the renewal mechanism of the plant lease agreement, Hongru Textile and Hengfu Knitting entered into a production plant lease agreement (the “Old Plant Lease Agreement”) on 1 January 2017 for a term of three years commencing on 1 January 2017 and ending on 31 December 2019. Pursuant to the renewal mechanism of the Old Plant Lease Agreement, Hongru Textile and Hengfu Knitting entered into a production plant lease agreement (the “Renewed Old Plant Lease Agreement”) on 1 January 2020 for a term of three years commencing on 1 January 2020 and ending on 31 December 2022. Terms and conditions under the Renewed Plant Lease Agreement are basically the same as the terms and conditions under the Old Plant Lease Agreement.

Figures for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

Below is a table setting out the aggregate value for each of the above-mentioned continuing connected transactions for the year ended 31 December 2019:

Transaction nature	Aggregate value for the year ended 31 December 2019 <i>(RMB'000)</i>
1. Supply of cotton yarn, grey fabric and denim by the Group to the Parent Group	384,466
2. Supply of excess electricity by the Company to the Holding Company	2,343,633
3. Lease of property by Hongru Textile to Hengfu Knitting	734
4. Lease of land use rights and properties by the Holding Company to the Group	17,215
5. Supply of steam for production use by Hongli Thermal Power to Ming Hong Textile	3,797
6. Supply of steam for production use by Binzhou City Hongnuo and its subsidiary to Binzhou Industrial Park	17,518
7. Supply of water for production use by the Holding Company to Huineng Thermal Power	20,293

Save as disclosed above, the other transactions as set out in Note 38 to the consolidated financial statements didn't constitute continuing connected transactions or connected transactions of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules, or were exempted from reporting, announcement, annual review and independent shareholders' approval requirements. The Directors confirmed that, the Company has complied with relevant disclosure requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

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Confirmation by the Independent Non-executive Directors and Auditors

The independent non-executive Directors have reviewed the continuing connected transactions and confirmed that each of the continuing connected transactions has been entered into:

- (i) in the ordinary course of business of the Group;
- (ii) on normal commercial terms or better; and
- (iii) according to the agreement governing it on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the shareholders of the Company as a whole.

The auditors of the Company have provided a letter to the Board confirming that, for the year ended 31 December 2019, nothing has come to their attention that causes them to believe that the above continuing connected transactions:

- (i) have not been approved by the Board;
- (ii) were not, in all material respects, in accordance with the pricing policies of the Group (for those transactions involving the provision of goods or services by the Group);
- (iii) were not entered into, in all material respects, in accordance with the relevant agreements governing such transactions; or
- (iv) have exceeded the respective annual caps.

PENSION SCHEME

Details of the pension scheme of the Group are set out in Note 3, Note 12 and Note 39 to the consolidated financial statements.

DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions on terms no less exacting than the required standards as set out in the Model Code. Having made specific enquiry of all the Directors, the Company confirmed that for the year ended 31 December 2019, the Directors have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code and the Company's code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions.

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CODE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has applied the principles in the Corporate Governance Code (the “CG Code”) as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules and has been in compliance with all code provisions as set out in the CG Code for the year ended 31 December 2019.

PUBLIC FLOATING

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors as at the latest practicable date prior to the issue of this annual report, the Company has sufficient public floating as required under Rule 8.08 of the Listing Rules.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has established an audit committee (the “Audit Committee”) in compliance with the CG Code for the purposes of reviewing and providing supervision over the Group’s financial reporting process and internal controls. The Audit Committee is composed of three independent non-executive Directors. An Audit Committee meeting was held on 13 March 2020 and has reviewed the Group’s annual results and financial statements.

BUSINESS REVIEW

The business review of the Group for the Year is included in the Management Discussion and Analysis in this annual report on pages 12 to 15.

INTERNATIONAL AUDITOR

SHINEWING (HK) CPA Limited was the Company’s international auditor for the year ended 31 December 2019. A resolution for the re-appointment of SHINEWING (HK) CPA Limited as the international auditor of the Company will be proposed at the 2019 annual general meeting of the Company.

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On 14 April 2017, Ernst & Young Hua Ming LLP and Ernst & Young resigned as the domestic auditor and the international auditor of the Company, respectively, with effect from 14 April 2017. On 14 April 2017, according to relevant requirements of the Articles of Association, the Board decided to appoint ShineWing Certified Public Accountants and SHINEWING (HK) CPA Limited as the domestic auditor and the international auditor of the Company, respectively, to fill the vacancies following such resignation. Further details of the change of auditors are set out in the Company's announcement dated 18 April 2017.

On Behalf of the Board

Ms. Zhang Hongxia

Chairman

Shandong, the PRC

13 March 2020

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

TO ALL SHAREHOLDERS,

In 2019, the supervisory committee of the Company (the “Supervisory Committee”) duly performed its duties of supervision in accordance with the principle of being accountable to shareholders and the laws and regulations including the Company Law of the PRC and the Articles of Association. During the Year, the Supervisory Committee actively participated in reviewing the subject matters of material decisions and the significant economic activities of the Company, provided advice and recommendations thereon, effectively supervised the acts of the Directors and the management in performing their duties and reviewed on an irregular basis the Company’s operation and financial positions so as to protect the interests of shareholders. The work of the Supervisory Committee in 2019 is reported as follows:

1. Work of the Supervisory Committee

In 2019, the Supervisory Committee convened two meetings. The specific time, place, attendance records and agenda of the meetings are set out as follows:

1. On 15 March 2019, the second meeting of the 7th session of the Supervisory Committee was convened at the Company’s meeting room on the 4th floor. All the three members of the Supervisory Committee attended the meeting. At the meeting, “The Working Report of the Supervisory Committee for 2018”, “The Audited Financial Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2018”, “The Profit Distribution Proposal for 2018” and “The Financial Report on the Final Account for 2018” were reviewed and approved.
2. On 16 August 2019, the third meeting of the 7th session of the Supervisory Committee was convened at the Company’s meeting room on the 4th floor. All the three members of the Supervisory Committee attended the meeting. At the meeting, the review result report for the six months ended 30 June 2019 issued by SHINEWING (HK) CPA Limited was reviewed and approved.

2. Independent Opinions of the Supervisory Committee on Relevant Issues of the Company for 2019

1. Operation in compliance with laws

During the Year under Review, the members of the Supervisory Committee participated in the discussion on major operational decisions of the Company by sitting in on Board meetings and general meetings of the Company and carried out supervision on the Company’s financial and operational positions. The Supervisory Committee is of the view that in 2019, the Company operated in strict compliance with the Company Law, the Articles of Association and other related laws and regulations and the decisions made were scientific and reasonable; the internal management and internal control system was improved and a sound internal control mechanism was established; the Directors and senior management of the Company performed their duties diligently and in compliance with the laws and regulations and the Articles of Association to protect the Company’s interests, and no violation of laws and regulations and no activities that harmed the Company’s interests were discovered.

2. Financial activities of the Company

The Supervisory Committee had reviewed and inspected the financial position and financial management of the Company, and considered that the Group’s financial report for 2019 truly reflected the financial position and operational results of the Group, and the audit report with standard unqualified opinion issued by SHINEWING (HK) CPA Limited was true and fair.

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3. *Connected transactions of the Company*

The Supervisory Committee is of the view that, the connected transactions of the Company during the Year under Review were conducted at arm's length with reasonable pricing and without prejudice to the interests of shareholders and the Company; there was no use of capitals for non-operational purpose by the controlling shareholder and other related parties.

In 2020, the Supervisory Committee will continue to monitor and facilitate the improvement in the Company's governance structure in accordance with relevant provisions of the Articles of Association, put more emphasis on the coordination of the power structure, decision-making body and implementation body of the Company, concern for the relationships among shareholders and the management of the Company, pay attention to the progress and problems in the acts, performance and results of the management at all levels, and perform its duties diligently to protect the legitimate interests of the Company and shareholders.

By Order of the Supervisory Committee

Ms. Wang Xiaoyun

Chairman of Supervisory Committee

Shandong, the PRC

13 March 2020

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company believes that good corporate governance can create values for the shareholders of the Company. The Board is committed to keeping the standards of corporate governance within the Company and to ensuring that the Company conducts its business in an honest and responsible manner. The Company's corporate governance function is carried out by the Board pursuant to a set of written terms of reference adopted in compliance with code provision D.3.1 of the CG Code, which include (a) to develop and review the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance; (b) to review and monitor the training and continuous professional development of the Directors and senior management of the Group; (c) to review and monitor the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; (d) to develop, review and monitor the code of conduct and compliance manual applicable to employees of the Group and the Directors; and (e) to review the Company's compliance with the CG Code and disclosure in the corporate governance report.

The Company has applied the principals in the CG Code. During the year ended 31 December 2019, the Company has complied with all code provisions as set out in the CG Code.

DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions on terms no less exacting than the required standards as set out in the Model Code. Having made specific enquiry of all the Directors, the Company confirmed that for the year ended 31 December 2019, the Directors have complied with the required standards set out in the Model Code and the Company's code of conduct regarding directors' securities transactions.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As at 31 December 2019, the Board comprised four executive Directors, one non-executive Director and three independent non-executive Directors.

The Board members are as follows:

Executive Directors

Ms. Zhang Hongxia (*Chairman*)
Ms. Zhang Yanhong (*Vice Chairman*)
Ms. Zhao Suwen
Mr. Zhang Jinglei

Non-executive Director

Ms. Zhao Suhua

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Chan Wing Yau, George
Mr. Chen Shuwen
Mr. Liu Yanzhao

Ms. Zhang Hongxia is the elder sister of Ms. Zhang Yanhong. Ms. Zhao Suwen is the younger sister of Ms. Zhao Suhua.

Responsibilities of the Board

The Board is accountable to the general meeting, and is responsible for convening general meetings; implementing resolutions of the general meetings; formulating operating plans and investment plans of the Company; formulating annual financial budgets and final accounts of the Company; formulating profit distribution plans (including the plan for the distribution of final dividends) and the plan to make up losses of the Company; formulating the plans to increase or reduce the registered capital of the Company and to issue the Company's debentures; formulating the plans for the Company's merger, demerger and dissolution; making decisions on the deployment of the internal management bodies of the Company; appointing or removing the Company's general manager and the Company's deputy general manager and financial controller pursuant to the nomination of the general manager, and making decisions on their remunerations; formulating the Company's basic management system; formulating the plans for the amendment to the Articles of Association; subject to compliance with the relevant requirements of the state, making decisions on the level of salaries, welfare and incentives measures of the Company; making decisions on other significant operations and administrative matters not required to be decided by the general meeting under the Articles of Association; formulating major acquisition or disposal plans of the Company and other duties as provided by the Articles of Association.

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The Board is also responsible for fulfilling its corporate governance responsibilities as set out in code provision D.3.1 of the CG Code, which include but not limited to:

- (i) developing and reviewing the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance;
- (ii) reviewing and monitoring the training and continuous professional development of the Directors and senior management;
- (iii) reviewing and monitoring the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
- (iv) developing, reviewing and monitoring the code of conduct and compliance manual applicable to the employees and the Directors; and
- (v) reviewing the Company's compliance with the CG Code and disclosure in the corporate governance report.

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the Board has fulfilled the above corporate governance responsibilities. The Board has reviewed the Company's compliance with the CG Code for the year ended 31 December 2019 and this corporate governance report.

Delegation of management function of the Board

The Board takes responsibility for all major matters of the Company, including the 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 conflicts of interest), financial statements and other significant financial and operational matters.

All Directors have full and timely access to all relevant statements as well as the advice and services of the company secretary of the Company, with a view to ensuring that Board procedures and all applicable rules and regulations are followed. Each Director is normally able to seek independent professional advice in appropriate circumstances at the Company's expense, upon making request to the Board.

The day-to-day management, administration and operation of the Company are delegated to the chief executive officer and the senior management. The delegated functions and work tasks are periodically reviewed by the Board.

Responsibilities of Management

The general manager of the Company is accountable to the Board, and is responsible for taking lead in the management of the Company's production operations, organising the implementation of the resolutions of the Board; organising the implementation of the Company's annual operation plans and investment plans; formulating the deployment plans for the Company's internal management bodies; formulating the Company's basic management system; formulating the Company's basic rules and regulations; proposing for the appointment or removal of the Company's deputy general manager and financial controller; appointing or removing the management personnel other than those required to be appointed or removed by the Board; and other duties as conferred by the Articles of Association and the Board.

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The company secretary of the Company is accountable to the Board, assuring that the Board is in compliance with all applicable regulations and rules. The company secretary of the Company also keeps the minutes of meetings of the Board and its committees.

Appointment and Re-election of Directors

The procedures of appointment, re-election and removal of Directors are laid down in the Articles of Association. The nomination committee of the Board (the "Nomination Committee") is responsible for reviewing the Board composition, selecting or making recommendations to the Board on the selection of individuals nominated for directorships and assessing the independence of the independent non-executive Directors.

Pursuant to the Articles of Association, Directors shall serve a term of three (3) years commencing from the date of being elected. Directors should retire upon expiry of the said term, but may serve successive terms if being re-elected at general meeting. Non-executive Directors should be appointed for a specific term. All Directors appointed to fill casual vacancies should be subject to election by shareholders at the first general meeting after the appointment.

Each of the executive Directors has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years. Each of the non-executive Directors and independent non-executive Directors has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three years. Ms. Zhang Hongxia, Ms. Zhang Yanhong, Ms. Zhao Suwen, Mr. Zhang Jinglei, Mr. Zhang Shiping, Ms. Zhao Suhua, Mr. Chan Wing Yau, George were re-elected as the Directors at the 2017 annual general meeting of the Company held on 28 May 2018. Mr. Liu Yanzhao was appointed as an independent non-executive Director at the 2017 annual general meeting of the Company. Mr. Chen Shuwen was re-elected as an independent non-executive Director at the 2016 annual general meeting of the Company.

Board meetings

Pursuant to the code provision A.1.1 of the CG Code, the Board shall meet regularly and Board meetings shall be held at least four times a year at approximately quarterly intervals and each regular meeting of the Board will involve the active participation, either in person or through electronic means of communication, of a majority of Directors entitled to be present.

Pursuant to the Articles of Association, at least four regular meetings of the Board shall be convened by the Company each year. Such meetings shall be convened by the chairman of Board by giving notice to all the Directors fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the said meeting. An agenda of a regular Board meeting shall be sent at least three (3) days prior to the suggested date of the said meeting. Where there is an emergency, an extraordinary meeting of the Board may be convened upon suggestion by 1/3 or more of the Directors or the Company's general manager.

The general manager of the Company shall be present at the Board meetings to advise on business development, financial and accounting matters, statutory and regulatory compliance, corporate governance and other major aspects of the Company. The secretary to the Board is responsible for keeping minutes of the meetings of the Board and the Board committees.

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The Articles of Association also contain provisions that, in principle, the Directors shall not vote on any resolution of the Board with contracts, arrangements or any other suggestion where they or any of their associates have a material interest, and shall not be counted in the quorum of the relevant Board meeting.

The Directors' Attendance Record at Meetings

During the year ended 31 December 2019, seven Board meetings were held by the Directors either in person or through electronic means of communication and the attendance of individual Directors at the Board meetings and general meetings are set out below:

Board members	Attendance of Board meetings held in 2019	Attendance of general meetings held in 2019
Ms. Zhang Hongxia	6/7	2/2
Ms. Zhang Yanhong	5/7	2/2
Ms. Zhao Suwen	5/7	2/2
Mr. Zhang Jinglei	5/7	2/2
Mr. Zhang Shiping ^(Note)	2/7	0/2
Ms. Zhao Suhua	6/7	2/2
Mr. Chan Wing Yau, George	7/7	2/2
Mr. Chen Shuwen	7/7	2/2
Mr. Liu Yanzhao	7/7	2/2

Note: On 23 May 2019, Mr. Zhang Shiping, a non-executive Director, passed away and ceased to be the non-executive Director.

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the chairman of the Board held a meeting with the independent non-executive Directors without the presence of other Directors.

THE CHAIRMAN AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The chairman and chief executive officer of the Company are Ms. Zhang Hongxia and Mr. Wei Jiakun, respectively.

The responsibility of the chairman is to provide leadership for the Board as well as to ensure that the Board works effectively and performs its responsibilities, and that all key and appropriate issues are discussed by it in a timely manner. The chairman is also responsible for formulating the Group's overall corporate direction and focus. The responsibility of the chief executive officer is to manage the business of the Company. The chairman and chief executive officer shall have clearly defined roles and duties, which are set out in the code of corporate governance of the Company.

TERMS OF OFFICE OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Each of the non-executive Directors, independent non-executive Directors and supervisors of the Company has signed a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three years respectively.

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INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Since the listing date on 24 September 2003, the Board has at all times met the requirements of the Listing Rules relating to the appointment of at least three independent non-executive Directors with at least one independent non-executive Director possessing appropriate professional qualifications, or accounting or related financial management expertise.

The Company has received annual confirmation from each independent non-executive Director of his/her independence pursuant to the requirements of the Listing Rules. The Company considers all the independent non-executive Directors to be independent in accordance with the independence guidelines set out in the Listing Rules.

By reference to the guidelines as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules, the Company confirms the independence of all the independent non-executive Directors.

INDUCTION TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Company provides induction training programme for all new Directors which, taking into account their experience and background, is designed to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the Group's culture and operations as well as their relevant roles and responsibilities. Development and training of the Directors is an ongoing process so that they can perform their duties appropriately. All the Directors are encouraged to attend relevant training courses at the Company's expense. During the period from January 2019 to December 2019, all the Directors have been required to provide their training records to the Company, which were kept by the company secretary of the Company. All the Directors, namely Ms. Zhang Hongxia, Ms. Zhang Yanhong, Ms. Zhao Suwen, Mr. Zhang Jinglei, Ms. Zhao Suhua, Mr. Chan Wing Yau, George, Mr. Chen Shuwen and Mr. Liu Yanzhao have participated in relevant trainings and continuous study in relation to corporate governance and company management, so as to enhance their professional knowledge and skills.

REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS, SUPERVISORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

The Company has established a formal and transparent procedure for formulating policies on remuneration of senior management of the Group. Details of the remuneration of each of the Directors, the supervisors, the chief executive and the five individuals with the highest emoluments for the year ended 31 December 2019 are set out in Note 13 to the consolidated financial statements.

Remuneration paid to the senior management (excluding the Directors) by bands for the year ended 31 December 2019 is set out below:

Remuneration bands	Number of individuals
HK\$500,000 to HK\$1,000,000 (approximately RMB450,000 to RMB890,000)	1

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PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The Board recognises the importance and benefits of conducting regular evaluations of its performance to ensure improvement in its functioning. In 2019, the Board conducted evaluations of its performance.

SUBORDINATE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

- the Audit Committee
- the Remuneration Committee
- the Nomination Committee

Each subordinate committee of the Board may decide upon all matters within its terms of reference and applicable limits of authority.

A. AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee was established on 9 January 2003. The Audit Committee currently comprised three independent non-executive Directors.

The Composition of the Audit Committee

Mr. Chan Wing Yau, George (*Chairman of the Audit Committee*)
Mr. Chen Shuwen
Mr. Liu Yanzhao

The Audit Committee held a total of two meetings during the year ended 31 December 2019.

The Members' Attendance Record at Meetings

The following is the attendance record of members of the Audit Committee at the Audit Committee meetings held during the year ended 31 December 2019:

Members of Audit Committee	Attendance of Audit Committee meetings held in the year ended 31 December 2019
Mr. Chan Wing Yau, George	2/2
Mr. Chen Shuwen	2/2
Mr. Liu Yanzhao	2/2

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The following resolutions were passed on 15 March 2019 after due consideration by members of the Audit Committee present:

1. the report of the Board and report of the international auditors of the Company for 2018;
2. the audited financial report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2018;
3. the profit distribution plan and financial report on the final account of the Company for 2018;
4. the re-appointment of ShineWing Certified Public Accountants LLP as the Company's domestic auditor for the year ended 31 December 2019 and SHINEWING (HK) CPA Limited as the Company's international auditor for the year ended 31 December 2019;
5. the matters in relation to the connected transactions of the Company; and
6. the annual report and results announcement of the Company for 2018.

On 16 August 2019, the following resolutions were passed after due consideration by members of the Audit Committee present:

1. resolution relating to the unaudited financial report of the Company as of 30 June 2019;
2. resolution relating to the interim review report of the Company;
3. resolution relating to the 2019 interim report and the relevant announcement of the Company;
4. resolution relating to the implementation of the New PRC Accounting Standards by the Company; and
5. resolution relating to the implementation of the new Hong Kong Accounting Standards by the Company.

At the above meetings, the Audit Committee also reviewed the Company's risk management and internal control systems, which covered the financial control, operational control and compliance control, and considered the Company's risk management and internal control systems as well as the internal audit functions to be effective.

Roles and Functions

The Audit Committee is mainly responsible for:

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- (1) providing advice and recommendations to the Board on the appointment, reappointment and dismissal of the external auditors, approving the remuneration and recruitment terms of the external auditors as well as dealing with issues relating to the resignation or dismissal of the external auditors (in case the Board disagrees with the Audit Committee on the selection, appointment, resignation or dismissal of the external auditors, the Company should set out in the Corporate Governance Report the statement of the Audit Committee in which their opinions are clearly stated as well as the reasons for the Board's disagreement with such opinions);
- (2) reviewing and overseeing the independence and objectiveness of the external auditors and the effectiveness of audit procedures as per appropriate standards; the Audit Committee should discuss with the external auditors, before commencement of the audit, the nature and scope of the audit and the reporting responsibilities, and ensure the coordination between different firms of auditors if more than one auditing firms are engaged;
- (3) formulating and implementing policies on non-audit services provided by the external auditors;
- (4) overseeing the completeness of the financial statements, annual reports and accounts, and interim reports of the Company as well as reviewing significant opinions relating to financial reporting set out in those statements and reports. In reviewing the annual reports, accounts and interim reports to be presented to the Board, the Audit Committee should pay special attention to the following matters:
 - (i) any changes in accounting policies and practices;
 - (ii) areas where significant judgment is involved;
 - (iii) significant adjustments arising from audit;
 - (iv) any assumptions on the operation of the Company on a going-concern basis and any qualified opinions;
 - (v) whether the accounting standards have been complied with; and
 - (vi) whether the Listing Rules and other laws and regulations relating to financial reporting have been complied with;
- (5) in respect of the four items above:
 - (i) The members of the committee should keep in contact with the Board, senior management and the person appointed as the qualified accountant of the Company. The Audit Committee should meet at least once a year with the auditors of the Company; and

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- (ii) The Audit Committee should consider any significant or extraordinary items reflected or which should be reflected in those reports and accounts, and consider, if thought fit, any issues raised by the qualified accountant, compliance officer or auditors of the Company;
- (6) reviewing the Company's financial control, internal control and risk management systems;
- (7) discussing with the management the internal control systems and ensuring the management has performed its responsibilities to establish effective internal control systems;
- (8) conducting research on its own initiatives, or upon request of the Board, in respect of the findings of major investigations relating to internal control matters and the management's response;
- (9) ensuring co-ordination between the internal auditing department and external auditors, and ensuring that the internal auditing department is adequately resourced and has appropriate standing within the Company, and reviewing and monitoring the effectiveness of the internal audit function;
- (10) reviewing the Group's financial and accounting policies and practices;
- (11) reviewing the audit results and relevant communication reports provided by the external auditors to the management, and any significant doubt raised by the auditors to the management in respect of accounting records, financial accounts or control systems and the management's feedbacks in this respect;
- (12) ensuring the Board's timely response to the matters as set out in the audit results and relevant communication reports provided by the external auditors to the management;
- (13) reporting to the Board in respect of the matters set out in code provisions of the CG Code contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules;
- (14) reviewing the following arrangements made by the Company: employees of the Company may raise concerns in strict confidence on potential misconduct in respect of financial reporting, internal control or other aspects. The Audit Committee should ensure that appropriate arrangements are made to enable the Company to conduct a fair and independent investigation of these matters and take proper measures;
- (15) acting as a primary channel between the Company and the external auditors, and monitoring their working relations; and
- (16) reporting to the Board in respect of the matters mentioned above.

The Audit Committee had meetings with the external auditors during the Year to discuss the interim and annual financial statements and the audit matters.

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In case the Audit Committee is in doubt about the financial statements and the control systems of the Company in the course of the audit, the management of the Company should provide the Audit Committee members with all the relevant details, analysis and supporting documents, so as to ensure that the Audit Committee members are completely satisfied and provide appropriate recommendations to the Board.

B. REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Remuneration Committee was established on 28 February 2005. The Remuneration Committee currently comprised an executive Director and two independent non-executive Directors.

The Composition of the Remuneration Committee

Mr. Liu Yanzhao (*Chairman of the Remuneration Committee*)
Ms. Zhang Hongxia
Mr. Chen Shuwen

One meeting was held by the Remuneration Committee during the year ended 31 December 2019.

The Members' Attendance Record at Meetings

The following is the attendance record of members of the Remuneration Committee at the Remuneration Committee meetings held during the year ended 31 December 2019:

Members of Remuneration Committee	Attendance of Remuneration Committee meeting held in 2019
Mr. Liu Yanzhao	1/1
Ms. Zhang Hongxia	1/1
Mr. Chen Shuwen	1/1

At the Remuneration Committee meeting held on 15 March 2019, the Remuneration Committee assessed the performance of the Directors and supervisors, reviewed the Company's remuneration policies as well as reviewed the emoluments of the Directors and supervisors for the year ended 31 December 2019 and made recommendations to the Board.

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Roles and Functions

The terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee include the following specific duties:

- (1) to consult the chairman and/or chief executive officer about the remuneration proposals for other executive Directors;
- (2) to make recommendations to the Board on the Company's policy and structure for all the Directors' and senior management's remuneration and on the establishment of a formal and transparent procedure for developing remuneration policy;
- (3) to review and approve the management's remuneration proposals with reference to the Board's corporate goals and objectives;
- (4) to make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration packages of individual executive Directors and senior management. This should include benefits in kind, pension rights and compensation payments, including any compensation payable for loss or termination of their office or appointment;
- (5) to make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration of non-executive Director;
- (6) to consider salaries paid by comparable companies, time commitment and responsibilities, and employment conditions elsewhere in the Group;
- (7) to review and approve compensation payable to executive Directors and senior management for any loss or termination of office or appointment to ensure that it is consistent with contractual terms and is otherwise fair and not excessive;
- (8) to review and approve compensation arrangements relating to dismissal or removal of Directors for misconduct to ensure that they are consistent with contractual terms and are otherwise reasonable and appropriate;
- (9) to ensure that no Director or any of his associates is involved in deciding his own remuneration; and
- (10) in respect of any service agreement to be entered into between any members of the Group and its director or proposed director that require prior approval of the Company's shareholders pursuant to the Listing Rules, to review and advise the shareholders of the Company (other than shareholder(s) who is/are director(s) with a material interest in the relevant service agreements and their respective associates) as to whether the terms of the service agreements are fair and reasonable and whether such service agreements are in the interests of the Company and the shareholders as a whole, and to advise shareholders on how to vote.

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C. NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Nomination Committee was established on 23 March 2012. The Nomination Committee currently comprised an executive Director and two independent non-executive Directors.

The Composition of the Nomination Committee

Ms. Zhang Hongxia (*Chairman of the Nomination Committee*)

Mr. Chen Shuwen

Mr. Liu Yanzhao

One meeting was held by the Nomination Committee during the year ended 31 December 2019.

The Members' Attendance Record at Meetings

The following is the attendance record of members of the Nomination Committee at the Nomination Committee meetings held during the year ended 31 December 2019:

Members of Nomination Committee	Attendance of Nomination Committee meeting held in 2019
Ms. Zhang Hongxia	1/1
Mr. Chen Shuwen	1/1
Mr. Liu Yanzhao	1/1

At the Nomination Committee meeting held on 15 March 2019, the Nomination Committee reviewed the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) of the Board.

Roles and Functions

The terms of reference of the Nomination Committee include the following specific duties:

- (1) to review the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) of the Board at least annually and make recommendations on any proposed changes to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy;
- (2) to identify individuals suitably qualified to serve as the Directors and select or make recommendations to the Board on the selection of individuals nominated for directorships;
- (3) to assess the independence of the independent non-executive Directors; and
- (4) to make recommendations to the Board on the appointment or re-appointment of the Directors and succession planning for the Directors, in particular the chairman and the chief executive officer.

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Policy for Nomination of Directors

The procedures of appointment, re-election and removal of the Directors are set out in the Articles of Association. The Nomination Committee carefully considers every aspect including the qualifications and biography of director candidates and then recommends them to the Board. After the Board passes the nomination resolution in relation to the candidate, the resolution will be proposed to the general meeting of the Company for consideration and approval. The Nomination Committee and the Board will consider a number of factors in making nominations, including but not limited to skill, expertise, industrial experience, integrity, independence (regarding the independent non-executive Directors) and the diversity of the Board.

Board Diversity Policy

The Company has adopted the board diversity policy according to Provision A.5.6 of the CG Code. The Company's board diversity policy can be summarised as follows: the Company recognises the importance of diversity to corporate governance and the Board's effectiveness. The board diversity policy established by the Company is to set out the basic principles to be followed to ensure that the members of the Board have the appropriate balance of skills, experience and diversity of perspectives necessary to enhance the effectiveness of the Board and to maintain high standards of corporate governance. The nomination and appointments of members of the Board will continue to be made on a merit basis based on the Company's business needs from time to time while taking into account diversity. Selection of the director candidates shall be based on a range of diversity perspectives, including but not limited to gender, age, race, language, cultural background, educational background, industrial experience and professional experience.

As of the date of this annual report, the Board consists of eight Directors, among whom there are four female Directors as well as professionals in law and accounting. With regard to the gender, professional background, skills and other aspects, the Board has achieved diversity in its membership.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for preparing the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019.

The Board is responsible for presenting a clear and understandable assessment of the Company's performance in annual and interim reports and other financial disclosures required by the Listing Rules.

The senior management has provided sufficient explanation and information to the Board as necessary to enable the Board to make an informed assessment of the financial and other information of the Company put before it for approval.

The Directors, having made appropriate enquiries, are not aware of any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

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PROPOSED GRANT OF A GENERAL MANDATE AT THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A general mandate is proposed to be granted to the Board by the shareholders of the Company at the 2019 annual general meeting of the Company to issue, allot and deal with not more than 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of domestic shares or H shares of the Company, subject to specific conditions. For details, please refer to the notice of the 2019 annual general meeting of the Company.

PROPOSED GRANT OF A GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE H SHARES AT THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, DOMESTIC SHAREHOLDERS CLASS MEETING AND H SHAREHOLDERS CLASS MEETING

A general mandate is proposed to be granted to the Board by the shareholders of the Company at the 2019 annual general meeting, domestic shareholders class meeting and H shareholders class meeting of the Company to be held on 29 May 2020 to repurchase H shares with not more than 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of H shares of the Company, subject to specific conditions. For details, please refer to the notice of the 2019 annual general meeting, the notice of domestic shareholders class meeting and the notice of H shareholders class meeting of the Company.

EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The external auditors are responsible for presenting independent opinions on the financial statements according to the results of their auditing work, and reporting to the Company on the same. Apart from providing annual auditing service, the external auditors of the Company also review the interim results of the Company.

As of 31 December 2019, the external auditors SHINEWING (HK) CPA Limited and ShineWing Certified Public Accountants LLP have provided the Group with the following services:

	2019
	<i>RMB'000</i>
Interim review service (inclusive of value-added tax)	1,800
Annual audit service (inclusive of value-added tax)	4,200

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INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The Board is responsible for the Company's risk management and internal control systems, and reviewing the effectiveness of these systems annually. Such systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. Relevant procedures have been designed for safeguarding assets against unauthorized use or disposal, controlling excessive capital expenditure, maintaining proper accounting records, and ensuring the reliability of financial information used for operations or publication. The Company has an internal audit function. The Audit Committee is responsible for internal control to ensure qualified management throughout the Company maintains and monitors the internal control systems on an ongoing basis.

The Group has in place a relatively comprehensive risk management and internal control system and clearly defines the responsibility and authority of each business unit, department and management member. It implements the reporting and approval procedures and accountability system of each business segment to realise compliance operation and monitor and control each segment effectively. Each business unit shall identify risks that may hinder the realisation of business objectives and coordinate with the management members to analyse and evaluate the importance of such risks. The finance department is responsible for monitoring and controlling financial risks and making recommendation on potential risks identified during the approval procedures. Other management departments shall identify and make judgment on various circumstances as well as monitor and assess potential risk factors within the scope of their responsibility and authority. If necessary, they can consult professionals at any time and report to the Board according to the internal management procedure. Before making any material decisions, the Board has to make proper assessment on the possible risks involved and the level of risks.

The Board and the Audit Committee obtain comments from the management with regard to risk management and internal control on an annual basis; they also work together to review the effectiveness of the relevant systems and identify monitoring and control errors and material procedural defects. If any material defects in internal control are found, the management and the Board have to make active response and resolve the existing problems in the most appropriate way and, at the same time, review the prevailing systems and procedures to seek improvement and take remedial measures.

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The Company understands its responsibilities under Part XIVA of the SFO and the Listing Rules and has established procedures and internal control measures for handling and dissemination of inside information. The Company shall make public disclosure on inside information as soon as reasonably practicable. The Company shall also strictly comply with the Guidelines on Disclosure of Inside Information issued by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong when handling matters involving inside information and prohibit the unauthorized use of confidential or inside information.

The Directors have the responsibility to continuously pay attention to the production and operation conditions and financial position of the Company as well as existing and potential material issues and their impacts; they shall also actively investigate and obtain information required for decision making. After finding out and learning about matters required to be disclosed, the relevant personnel shall make timely report to the management and the responsible Directors, judge and verify the relevant information and materials, make internal assessment on the matters involved and preliminary remedial measures and seek professional advice if necessary. After carrying out the relevant internal procedures, the Company shall confirm the information disclosure arrangement and ensure the truthfulness, accuracy, completeness, timeliness and fairness of the disclosed information and ensure that such information is free of false records, material misstatement or omission.

The Board has reviewed the risk management and internal control systems of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2019, which cover financial, operational, compliance controls and risk management functions, and considers such systems to be effective and adequate. Upon review, the Board also concluded that the Company has adequate resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programmes and budget for handling the account, internal audit and financial reporting functions.

COMPANY SECRETARY

All the Directors have access to the advice and services of the company secretary of the Company, Mr. Zhang Jinglei. The company secretary of the Company reports to the chairman on Board governance matters, and is responsible for ensuring that Board procedures are followed and for facilitating communications among Directors as well as with shareholders and management. As of 31 December 2019, the company secretary of the Company undertook over 15 hours of professional training to update his skills and knowledge.

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CHANGES IN THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the Company made certain amendments to the Articles of Association, which were approved at the annual general meeting held by the Company on 30 May 2019. The specific amendments are as follows:

Before Amendment	After Amendment
<p>Article 3.4 Shares that the Company issues to domestic investors for subscription in Renminbi shall be known as domestic shares. Shares that the Company issues to foreign investors for subscription in foreign currencies shall be known as foreign shares. Foreign shares offered and listed overseas shall be known as overseas listed foreign shares.</p>	<p>Article 3.4 Shares that the Company issues to domestic investors for subscription in Renminbi shall be known as domestic shares. Shares that the Company issues to foreign investors for subscription in foreign currencies shall be known as foreign shares. Foreign shares offered and listed overseas shall be known as overseas listed foreign shares.</p> <p>The domestic shares that are allowed to be listed and traded on foreign stock exchanges with the approval of the securities regulatory authorities under the State Council and the overseas listed foreign shares are collectively referred to as overseas listed shares. Among which, those listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange are referred to as “H Shares”.</p> <p>Unless otherwise required under the laws and regulations, conversion of all or part of the shares held by the holders of domestic shares into the H Shares is not subject to voting at the general meeting or shareholders class meeting, provided that it shall be subject to the approval of the securities regulatory authorities under the State Council and comply with the regulatory procedures, provisions and requirements of the overseas securities market.</p>

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<p>Article 6.5 The Company may keep overseas the register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares and entrust it to the care of an overseas agency in accordance with the understanding and agreement reached between the securities regulatory authority under the State Council and the overseas securities regulatory authority. The original of the register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares listed in Hong Kong shall be kept in Hong Kong.</p> <p>The Company shall keep at its domicile a copy of the register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares; the entrusted overseas agency shall always ensure that the original and copies of the register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares are consistent. Where the original and copies of the register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares are discrepant, the original shall prevail.</p>	<p>Article 6.5 The Company may keep overseas the register of holders of overseas listed shares and entrust it to the care of an overseas agency in accordance with the understanding and agreement reached between the securities regulatory authority under the State Council and the overseas securities regulatory authority. The original of the register of holders of overseas listed shares listed in Hong Kong shall be kept in Hong Kong.</p> <p>The Company shall keep at its domicile a copy of the register of holders of overseas listed shares; the entrusted overseas agency shall always ensure that the original and copies of the register of holders of overseas listed shares are consistent. Where the original and copies of the register of holders of overseas listed shares are discrepant, the original shall prevail.</p>
<p>Article 6.6 The Company shall keep a complete shareholders' register.</p> <p>The shareholders' register shall include the following parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (I) Shareholders' register kept at the domicile of the Company, save as specified in (II) and (III) herein; (II) Register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares kept at the overseas stock exchange; (III) Shareholders' register that the board of directors decides to keep at other place for the purpose of listing. 	<p>Article 6.6 The Company shall keep a complete shareholders' register.</p> <p>The shareholders' register shall include the following parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (I) Shareholders' register kept at the domicile of the Company, save as specified in (II) and (III) herein; (II) Register of holders of overseas listed shares kept at the overseas stock exchange; (III) Shareholders' register that the board of directors decides to keep at other place for the purpose of listing.

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<p>Article 6.8 All overseas listed foreign shares listed in Hong Kong for which full payment has been made may be transferred freely in accordance with these Articles of Association; save under the following conditions, the board of directors may refuse to recognise any transfer instrument without providing any reason:</p> <p>(I) HK\$2.5 or a higher amount approved by SEHK has been paid to the Company to register the share transfer instrument and any other document relating to or affecting ownership of the shares;</p> <p>(II) The transfer instrument only involves overseas listed foreign shares listed in Hong Kong;</p> <p>(III) Stamp tax has been paid for the transfer instrument;</p> <p>(IV) It is required to provide relevant shares and evidence reasonably required by the board of directors to prove that the transferor has the right to transfer the said shares;</p> <p>(V) If the shares are transferred to joint holders, the number of joint holders shall not exceed four;</p> <p>(VI) The relevant shares are not subject to lien of any company.</p> <p>Any holder of foreign shares may transfer all or part of his shares of the Company via the common written transfer instrument of the place where the foreign shares are listed or via a transfer instrument signed by hand or in printed form. The standard transfer form specified by SEHK may be used for the aforesaid share transfer. The transfer instrument shall be signed by the transferor and transferee either by hand or in printed form.</p>	<p>Article 6.8 All overseas listed shares listed in Hong Kong for which full payment has been made may be transferred freely in accordance with these Articles of Association; save under the following conditions, the board of directors may refuse to recognise any transfer instrument without providing any reason:</p> <p>(I) HK\$2.5 or a higher amount approved by SEHK has been paid to the Company to register the share transfer instrument and any other document relating to or affecting ownership of the shares;</p> <p>(II) The transfer instrument only involves overseas listed shares listed in Hong Kong;</p> <p>(III) Stamp tax has been paid for the transfer instrument;</p> <p>(IV) It is required to provide relevant shares and evidence reasonably required by the board of directors to prove that the transferor has the right to transfer the said shares;</p> <p>(V) If the shares are transferred to joint holders, the number of joint holders shall not exceed four;</p> <p>(VI) The relevant shares are not subject to lien of any company.</p> <p>Any holder of foreign shares may transfer all or part of his shares of the Company via the common written transfer instrument of the place where the foreign shares are listed or via a transfer instrument signed by hand or in printed form. The standard transfer form specified by SEHK may be used for the aforesaid share transfer. The transfer instrument shall be signed by the transferor and transferee either by hand or in printed form.</p>

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Before Amendment	After Amendment
<p>Article 6.12 If any shareholder in the shareholders' register or any person requesting to have his name recorded in the shareholders' register has lost his shares (i.e. "the Original Shares"), the said shareholder or person may apply to the Company to reissue new shares for the said shares (i.e. "the Relevant Shares"). Application for reissue of shares lost by domestic shareholders shall be processed pursuant to Article 150 of <i>Company Law</i>.</p> <p>Application for reissue of shares lost by holders of overseas listed foreign shares shall be processed pursuant to the law, rules of the stock exchange and other relevant regulations of the place where the original of the register of holders of overseas listed foreign shares is kept. Reissue of the said shares shall meet the following requirements:</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Article 6.12 If any shareholder in the shareholders' register or any person requesting to have his name recorded in the shareholders' register has lost his shares (i.e. "the Original Shares"), the said shareholder or person may apply to the Company to reissue new shares for the said shares (i.e. "the Relevant Shares"). Application for reissue of shares lost by domestic shareholders shall be processed pursuant to Article 143 of <i>Company Law</i>.</p> <p>Application for reissue of shares lost by holders of overseas listed shares shall be processed pursuant to the law, rules of the stock exchange and other relevant regulations of the place where the original of the register of holders of overseas listed shares is kept. Reissue of the said shares shall meet the following requirements:</p> <p>.....</p>
<p>Article 8.25 General meetings shall be convened and presided over by the board of directors. If the chairman cannot attend the meeting for any reason, the vice chairman shall convene and preside over the meeting. If neither the chairman nor the vice chairman can attend the meeting, the board of directors may designate a director of the Company to convene and preside over the meeting in proxy; if no person is designated to preside over the meeting, the attending shareholders may elect a person to preside over the meeting; if for any reason the shareholders cannot elect a person to preside over the meeting, the shareholder (including proxies thereof) holding the most voting shares among the attending shareholders shall preside over the meeting.</p>	<p>Article 8.25 General meetings shall be convened by the board of directors and presided over by the chairman of the board who shall act as the chairman of the meetings. If the chairman cannot attend the meeting for any reason, the vice chairman shall preside over and act as the chairman of the meeting. If neither the chairman nor the vice chairman can attend the meeting, the board of directors may designate a director of the Company to preside over and act as the chairman of the meeting in proxy; if no person is designated to preside over the meeting, the attending shareholders may elect a person to preside over the meeting; if for any reason the shareholders cannot elect a person to preside over the meeting, the shareholder (including proxies thereof) holding the most voting shares among the attending shareholders shall preside over the meeting.</p>

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<p>Article 9.8 Apart from holders of other classes of shares, holders of domestic shares and overseas listed foreign shares are deemed as shareholders of different classes.</p> <p>The special procedures for approval by class shareholders shall not apply in the following circumstances:</p> <p>(I) With the approval by special resolutions at a general meeting, the Company issues and plans to issue, at one or more occasions, a total number of shares not exceeding 20% of each of its existing issued and outstanding domestic shares and overseas listed foreign shares in every 12 months;</p> <p>(II) The Company's plan to issue domestic shares and overseas listed foreign shares at the time of its establishment is completed within 15 months from the date of approval by China Securities Regulatory Committee.</p>	<p>Article 9.8 Apart from holders of other classes of shares, holders of domestic shares and overseas listed shares are deemed as shareholders of different classes.</p> <p>The special procedures for approval by class shareholders shall not apply in the following circumstances:</p> <p>(I) With the approval by special resolutions at a general meeting, the Company issues and plans to issue, at one or more occasions, a total number of shares not exceeding 20% of each of its existing issued and outstanding domestic shares and overseas listed foreign shares in every 12 months;</p> <p>(II) The Company's plan to issue domestic shares and overseas listed foreign shares at the time of its establishment is completed within 15 months from the date of approval by China Securities Regulatory Committee.</p>
<p>Article 10.1 The Company shall have a board of directors, which shall be accountable to and report to general meetings. The board of directors shall consist of at least 7 and at most 11 directors (the exact number of directors shall be passed at a general meeting), including 4 executive directors responsible for the daily affairs assigned by the Company, 3-7 non-executive directors who will not handle daily affairs of the Company, and 1 chairman. The Company shall ensure that the number of independent non-executive directors is at least one third of the total number of members of the board of directors.</p>	<p>Article 10.1 The Company shall have a board of directors, which shall be accountable to and report to general meetings. The board of directors shall consist of at least 7 and at most 11 directors (the exact number of directors shall be passed at a general meeting), including 4 executive directors responsible for the daily affairs assigned by the Company, 3-7 non-executive directors who will not handle daily affairs of the Company, 1 chairman and 1 vice chairman. The Company shall ensure that the number of independent non-executive directors is at least one third of the total number of members of the board of directors.</p>

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Before Amendment	After Amendment
<p>Article 10.2 Directors shall be elected at general meetings. Directors shall serve a term of three (3) years starting from the date of being elected. Directors shall retire upon expiry of the said term but may serve successive terms if being re-elected at general meetings. Non-executive directors shall be appointed for a specific term. All directors appointed to fill casual vacancies shall be subject to election by shareholders at the first general meeting after the appointment.</p> <p>In respect of any shareholder’s submission to the Company of (i) a notice of his intention to recommend a director candidate and (ii) a notice by that the director candidate indicates his acceptance of nomination, the deadline for giving the said notice shall not be earlier than the date of issue of the notice of such election meeting nor expires 7 days prior to the date of the meeting; however, such notice shall be given within at least 7 days.</p> <p>A general meeting may dismiss a director within his term of office by an ordinary resolution provided that the relevant laws and administrative regulations are observed (however, the claim for compensation under any contract shall not be affected).</p> <p>The chairman shall be elected or removed by more than half of all the directors, shall serve a term of 3 years, and is eligible for re-election starting from the date of being elected.</p> <p>The directors shall not be required to hold any shares of the Company.</p>	<p>Article 10.2 Directors shall be elected at general meetings. Directors shall serve a term of three (3) years starting from the date of being elected. Directors shall retire upon expiry of the said term but may serve successive terms if being re-elected at general meetings. Non-executive directors shall be appointed for a specific term. All directors appointed to fill casual vacancies shall be subject to election by shareholders at the first general meeting after the appointment.</p> <p>In respect of any shareholder’s submission to the Company of (i) a notice of his intention to recommend a director candidate and (ii) a notice by that the director candidate indicates his acceptance of nomination, the deadline for giving the said notice shall not be earlier than the date of issue of the notice of such election meeting nor expires 7 days prior to the date of the meeting; however, such notice shall be given within at least 7 days.</p> <p>A general meeting may dismiss a director within his term of office by an ordinary resolution provided that the relevant laws and administrative regulations are observed (however, the claim for compensation under any contract shall not be affected).</p> <p>The chairman and vice chairman shall be elected or removed by more than half of all the directors, shall serve a term of 3 years, and are eligible for re-election starting from the date of being elected.</p> <p>The directors shall not be required to hold any shares of the Company.</p>

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Before Amendment	After Amendment
<p>Article 10.5 The chairman of the board of directors shall exercise the following functions and powers:</p> <p>(I) To preside over general meetings, convene and preside over meetings of the board of directors, and make sure to properly brief all directors on the affairs considered at meetings of the board of directors;</p> <p>(II) To examine the implementation of the resolutions of the board of directors;</p> <p>(III) To sign the securities certificates issued by the Company;</p> <p>(IV) To exercise other functions and powers conferred by the board of directors; and</p> <p>(V) To ensure that each director has full access to data.</p> <p>If the chairman is unable to perform his duties, such duties shall be performed in proxy by the vice chairman designated by the chairman.</p>	<p>Article 10.5 The chairman of the board of directors shall exercise the following functions and powers:</p> <p>(I) To preside over general meetings, convene and preside over meetings of the board of directors, and make sure to properly brief all directors on the affairs considered at meetings of the board of directors;</p> <p>(II) To examine the implementation of the resolutions of the board of directors;</p> <p>(III) To sign the securities certificates issued by the Company;</p> <p>(IV) To exercise other functions and powers conferred by the board of directors; and</p> <p>(V) To ensure that each director has full access to data.</p> <p>If the chairman is unable to perform his duties, such duties shall be performed in proxy by the vice chairman designated by the chairman. If the vice chairman is unable to or fails to perform such duties, such duties shall be performed in proxy by a director elected by more than half of the directors.</p>
<p>Article 15.4 The financial reports of the Company shall be kept in the Company and accessible to the shareholders at least 20 days before convening of the annual general meeting. Every shareholder shall have the right of access to the aforesaid financial reports.</p>	<p>Article 15.4 The financial reports of the Company shall be kept in the Company and accessible to the shareholders at least 20 days before convening of the annual general meeting. Every shareholder shall have the right of access to the aforesaid financial reports.</p>

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

Before Amendment	After Amendment
<p>The Company shall send by prepaid mail to all holders of overseas listed foreign shares copies of the financial reports, balance sheets (including appendixes required by PRC laws and administrative regulations), and income statements (or the aforesaid reports). The financial reports shall be served to all shareholders at least 21 days before the annual general meeting, as per the addresses in the shareholders' register.</p>	<p>The Company shall send by prepaid mail to all holders of overseas listed shares copies of the financial reports, balance sheets (including appendixes required by PRC laws and administrative regulations), and income statements (or the aforesaid reports). The financial reports shall be served to all shareholders at least 21 days before the annual general meeting, as per the addresses in the shareholders' register.</p>
<p>Article 15.22 The Company shall appoint collection agents for holders of overseas listed foreign shares. The collection agents shall, on behalf of the related shareholders, collect dividends and other payables distributed by the Company for the overseas listed foreign shares.</p> <p>The agents appointed by the Company shall meet the requirements of the laws of the listing place or the stock exchange.</p> <p>The agents appointed by the Company for holders of H shares listed on SEHK shall be trust companies registered pursuant to Trustee Ordinance of Hong Kong.</p>	<p>Article 15.22 The Company shall appoint collection agents for holders of overseas listed shares. The collection agents shall, on behalf of the related shareholders, collect dividends and other payables distributed by the Company for the overseas listed shares.</p> <p>The agents appointed by the Company shall meet the requirements of the laws of the listing place or the stock exchange.</p> <p>The agents appointed by the Company for holders of H shares listed on SEHK shall be trust companies registered pursuant to Trustee Ordinance of Hong Kong.</p>
<p>Article 16.11 The Company shall send a copy of the written notice mentioned in (II) of Article 16.10 of these Articles of Association to the competent authority within 14 days after receipt of the said notice. If the notice contains the statement mentioned in (II) of Article 16.10 of these Articles of Association, the Company shall keep a copy of the said statement in the domicile of the Company for reference by the shareholders. The Company shall also send the aforesaid copy by prepaid mail to every holder of overseas listed foreign shares at the address as shown in the shareholders' register.</p>	<p>Article 16.11 The Company shall send a copy of the written notice mentioned in (II) of Article 16.10 of these Articles of Association to the competent authority within 14 days after receipt of the said notice. If the notice contains the statement mentioned in (II) of Article 16.10 of these Articles of Association, the Company shall keep a copy of the said statement in the domicile of the Company for reference by the shareholders. The Company shall also send the aforesaid copy by prepaid mail to every holder of overseas listed shares at the address as shown in the shareholders' register.</p>

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

Before Amendment	After Amendment
<p>Article 23.1 The Company shall settle disputes following the rules below:</p> <p>(l) In the event of any dispute or claim between a holder of overseas listed foreign shares and the Company, between a holder of overseas listed foreign shares and a director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive, and between a holder of overseas listed foreign shares and a holder of domestic shares arising from rights and obligations specified in these Articles of Association, Company Law and other relevant laws and administrative regulations and relating to the affairs of the Company, the parties concerned shall submit the said dispute or claim for arbitration.</p> <p>Disputes relating to definition of shareholders and shareholders' register may be settled other than through arbitration.</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>Article 23.1 The Company shall settle disputes following the rules below:</p> <p>(l) In the event of any dispute or claim between a holder of overseas listed shares and the Company, between a holder of overseas listed shares and a director, supervisor, manager or other senior executive, and between a holder of overseas listed shares and a holder of domestic shares arising from rights and obligations specified in these Articles of Association, Company Law and other relevant laws and administrative regulations and relating to the affairs of the Company, the parties concerned shall submit the said dispute or claim for arbitration.</p> <p>Disputes relating to definition of shareholders and shareholders' register may be settled other than through arbitration.</p> <p>.....</p>

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SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

The Company is liable to ensure the shareholders' interests. The Company maintains contact with its shareholders through annual general meetings or other general meetings, and encourages the shareholders to attend those meetings.

Notice of general meeting is sent by mail to the registered shareholders of the Company. Agenda, resolutions and voting form are set out in the notice of general meeting.

A form of proxy for use at a general meeting is enclosed with the notice. Shareholders who are unable to present at the meeting should fill out the form and return the same to the share registrar and transfer office of the Company, so as to appoint a representative, another shareholder or the chairman of the meeting as their proxy.

In accordance with requirements set forth by the Articles of Association of the Company, the Board shall convene an extraordinary general meeting within two months if shareholder(s) holding more than 10% (inclusive) of the Company's issued and outstanding shares carrying voting rights request(s) in writing the convening of an extraordinary general meeting. When the Company convenes an annual general meeting, shareholders holding more than 5% (inclusive) of the total voting shares of the Company shall have the right to submit new proposals in writing to the Company, and the Company shall place the proposals on the agenda for the said annual general meeting if the said proposals fall within the functions and powers of general meetings.

Shareholders or investors can make enquiry of the Company and give suggestion through the following:

Tel: 852-2815 1090

Postal Address: Suite 5109, The Center, 99th Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong

INVESTORS RELATIONS

The Company maintains a two-way communication channel to report the performance of the Company to its shareholders and investors. Annual reports, accounts and interim reports containing full details of the Company's activities will be dispatched to shareholders and investors. Announcements of the Company can be accessed on the website of the Stock Exchange. The Company also communicates and discloses its latest business development plans through road shows and seminars with institutional investors and analysts, and telephone conferences.

To ensure effective disclosures are made to shareholders and investors, and to ensure the same information is made available to them at the same time, price-sensitive information will be released in the form of official announcements in accordance with the Listing Rules.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



SHINEWING (HK) CPA Limited
43/F., Lee Garden One
33 Hysan Avenue
Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

To the Shareholders of Weiqiao Textile Company Limited

(Incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

OPINION

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Weiqiao Textile Company Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") set out on pages 87 to 178, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2019, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSA") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the "Code") and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

KEY AUDIT MATTERS

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Valuation of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and investment properties

Refer to notes 17, 18 and 19 to the consolidated financial statements and the accounting policies on pages 102 to 104 and 107 to 108.

The key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
<p>We have identified the valuation of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and investment properties as a key audit matter because of its significance to the consolidated financial statements and because applying the Group's accounting policies in this area involves a significant degree of judgement by the management in assessing whether there are any indicators of impairment for property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and investment properties at the end of the reporting period which may affect their respective carrying amounts. The Group engaged an independent professional valuer to perform valuation on the idle property, plant and equipment as at 31 December 2019 based on market approach. As at 31 December 2019, the carrying values of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and investment properties are approximately RMB10,418,785,000, RMB405,332,000 and RMB20,784,000 respectively.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures were designed to evaluate the management's assessment of the indicators of impairment and, where such indicators were identified, assessed the management's impairment testing and identify any valuation risk of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and investment properties.</p> <p>We have discussed with the management on the key assumptions used in the management's assessment of the indicators of impairment. We have also performed check on sample basis by physically inspecting whether the property, plant and equipment and investment properties are kept in a good condition.</p> <p>We have considered the objectivity, independence and expertise of the valuers, and assessed the appropriateness of their valuation methodology. We challenged the data used as inputs for the valuation, which included reference to the market unit selling price of comparable properties nearby used in the valuation and performed market value benchmarking against comparable properties.</p>

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Valuation of inventories

Refer to note 23 to the consolidated financial statements and the accounting policies on page 109.

The key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
<p>We identified the valuation of inventories as a key audit matter due to the use of judgements in identifying obsolete and slow moving inventories and determining the net realisable value ("NRV") which are based on conditions and the marketability of the inventories.</p> <p>NRV represents the estimated selling price for inventories less all estimated costs necessary to make the sale. The Group carried out the inventory review at the end of the reporting period and made the necessary allowance on obsolete and slow moving items so as to write off or write down inventories to their NRVs. As at 31 December 2019, the carrying amount of inventories is approximately RMB2,765,713,000, net of impairment provisions of approximately RMB143,175,000.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures were designed to evaluate the management's assessment of the conditions and the marketability of the obsolete and slow moving inventories and identify any valuation risk of inventories.</p> <p>We have assessed the reasonableness of the basis of determining the NRV and evaluate the condition and marketability of the inventories adopted by the management. We have tested the subsequent sales on a sample basis, to source documents. We have also assessed the sufficiency of allowance on obsolete and slow moving inventories made by management where the estimated NRV is lower than the cost with reference to the latest selling price, on a sampling basis.</p>

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

INFORMATION OTHER THAN THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR'S REPORT THEREON

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

Audit Committee are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion, solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors of the Company.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Company's directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

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

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Mr. Kwan Chi Fung.

SHINEWING (HK) CPA Limited

Certified Public Accountants

Kwan Chi Fung

Practising Certificate Number: P06614

Hong Kong

13 March 2020

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Revenue	7	15,167,562	16,455,884
Cost of sales		(14,206,648)	(14,736,265)
Gross profit		960,914	1,719,619
Other income	9	172,943	164,981
Selling and distribution expenses		(146,061)	(166,246)
Administrative expenses		(279,758)	(277,490)
Other expenses		(21,084)	(40,143)
Finance costs	10	(145,850)	(376,475)
Share of profit of an associate		1,245	118
Profit before taxation		542,349	1,024,364
Income tax expenses	11	(326,674)	(381,504)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	12	215,675	642,860
Attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		218,338	643,906
Non-controlling interests		(2,663)	(1,046)
		215,675	642,860
Earnings per share attributable to owners of the Company			
Basic and diluted (RMB)	16	0.18	0.54

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	17	10,418,785	10,895,451
Right-of-use assets	18	405,332	–
Investment properties	19	20,784	21,522
Prepaid lease payments	20	–	330,652
Other intangible assets	21	76	91
Interest in an associate	22	75,976	74,731
Deposits paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment		16,458	5,457
Prepayments	25	–	1,892
Deferred tax assets	32	96,952	85,711
Total non-current assets		11,034,363	11,415,507
Current assets			
Inventories	23	2,765,713	3,161,164
Trade receivables	24	402,190	431,654
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables	25	239,828	202,415
Pledged deposits	26	107,782	140,388
Bank balances and cash	26	9,875,342	9,596,558
		13,390,855	13,532,179
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	17	1,271	5,084
Total current assets		13,392,126	13,537,263
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	27	1,371,593	1,228,881
Other payables and accruals	28	1,069,470	1,118,338
Lease liabilities	18	13,336	–
Contract liabilities	29	171,565	132,216
Income tax payable		1,039,214	993,071
Bank and other borrowings	30	2,109,350	2,888,105
Deferred income	31	15,609	17,961
Total current liabilities		5,790,137	6,378,572
Net current assets		7,601,989	7,158,691
Total assets less current liabilities		18,636,352	18,574,198

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Equity			
Share capital	33	1,194,389	1,194,389
Reserves		17,220,557	17,200,010
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		18,414,946	18,394,399
Non-controlling interests		11,788	14,451
Total equity		18,426,734	18,408,850
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	18	61,259	–
Deferred income	31	143,129	159,495
Deferred tax liabilities	32	5,230	5,853
Total non-current liabilities		209,618	165,348
Total equity and non-current liabilities		18,636,352	18,574,198

The consolidated financial statements on pages 87 to 178 were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 13 March 2020 and are signed on its behalf by:

Zhang Hongxia
Director

Zhao Suwen
Director

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Attributable to owners of the Company				Total	Non-controlling	
	Share capital	Capital reserve	Statutory surplus reserve	Retained profits		interests	Total equity
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000 (note)	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January 2018	1,194,389	6,692,079	1,766,140	8,276,728	17,929,336	28,862	17,958,198
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	643,906	643,906	(1,046)	642,860
Final 2017 dividend declared (note 15)	-	-	-	(179,158)	(179,158)	-	(179,158)
Acquisition of addition interests in subsidiaries (note 37)	-	315	-	-	315	(13,365)	(13,050)
Transfer from retained profits	-	-	79,082	(79,082)	-	-	-
At 31 December 2018 and 1 January 2019	1,194,389	6,692,394	1,845,222	8,662,394	18,394,399	14,451	18,408,850
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	218,338	218,338	(2,663)	215,675
Final 2018 dividend declared (note 15)	-	-	-	(197,791)	(197,791)	-	(197,791)
At 31 December 2019	1,194,389	6,692,394	1,845,222	8,682,941	18,414,946	11,788	18,426,734

Note: As required by applicable law and regulations, entities established and operated in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") shall set aside/appropriate a portion of its after tax profits of each year to fund statutory surplus reserve. The statutory surplus reserve can be utilised to offset prior years' losses or to increase capital. However, the balance of the statutory surplus reserve must be maintained at a minimum of 25% of the registered capital after such usage.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit before taxation	542,349	1,024,364
Adjustments for:		
Allowance on inventories	135,367	113,607
Amortisation of other intangible assets	15	15
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	–	8,839
Depreciation of investment properties	738	736
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	986,337	1,100,979
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	23,642	–
Finance costs	145,850	376,475
Gain on disposal of non-current assets held for sale	(8,438)	(12,869)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(11,809)	(10,177)
Government grants	(8,320)	(2,294)
Interest income for bank deposits	(33,126)	(38,972)
Loss on written-off of property, plant and equipment	–	19,548
Release of deferred income	(18,718)	(19,259)
Reversal of allowance for inventories	(528)	(832)
(Reversal of) loss allowance on trade receivables	(588)	36
Reversal of loss allowance on other receivables	(75)	(139)
Share of profit of an associate	(1,245)	(118)
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	1,751,451	2,559,939
Decrease (increase) in inventories	260,612	(649,000)
Decrease (increase) in trade receivables	30,052	(31,484)
(Increase) decrease in deposits, prepayments and other receivables	(46,019)	93,790
Increase in trade payables	142,712	260,661
(Decrease) increase in other payables and accruals	(41,924)	103,148
Increase in contract liabilities	39,349	10,682
Cash generated from operations	2,136,233	2,347,736
Income tax paid	(292,395)	(351,287)
NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1,843,838	1,996,449

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(518,800)	(162,018)
Deposit paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(16,458)	(5,457)
Decrease (increase) in pledged deposits	32,606	(107,388)
Bank interest income received	32,583	38,925
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	25,124	17,877
Proceeds from disposal of non-current assets held for sale	13,522	36,852
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(431,423)	(181,209)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayment of bank borrowings	(2,299,350)	(3,262,350)
Repayment of corporate bond	(962,755)	(3,000,000)
Dividend paid	(197,791)	(179,158)
Interest paid	(152,794)	(417,150)
Payment of lease liabilities	(12,611)	–
New bank borrowings raised	2,483,350	1,925,350
Government grants received	8,320	4,359
Acquisition of additional interests in subsidiaries	–	(13,050)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(1,133,631)	(4,941,999)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	278,784	(3,126,759)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	9,596,558	12,723,317
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR, REPRESENTED BY BANK BALANCES AND CASH	9,875,342	9,596,558

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2019

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Weiqiao Textile Company Limited (the “Company”) is a limited company incorporated in the PRC. The registered office of the Company is located at No. 34, Qidong Road, Weiqiao Town, Zouping County, Shandong Province, the PRC. The immediate holding company and the ultimate holding company of the Group are 山東魏橋創業集團有限公司 Shandong Weiqiao Chuangye Group Company Limited* (the “Holding Company”) and 山東魏橋投資控股有限公司 Shandong Weiqiao Investment Holdings Company Limited* (“Weiqiao Investment”) respectively, both of which are limited liability companies established in the PRC.

The Group was principally engaged in the manufacture and sale of cotton yarn, grey fabric and denim and generation and sale of electricity and steam.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi (“RMB”), which is the same as the functional currency of the Company. RMB is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the principal subsidiaries of the Company operate (the functional currency of the principal subsidiaries).

2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (“HKFRSs”)

In the current year, the Group has applied, for its first time, the following new and amendments to HKFRSs issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the “HKICPA”).

HKFRS 16	Leases
HK(IFRIC) – Int 23	Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments
Amendments to HKFRS 9	Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation
Amendments to HKAS 19	Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement
Amendments to HKAS 28	Long-term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures
Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2015 – 2017 Cycle

The adoption of HKFRS 16 resulted in the changes in the Group’s accounting policies and adjustments to the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements as summarised below. The application of other new and amendments to HKFRSs in the current year has had no material impact on the Group’s financial performance and position for the current and prior years and/or on the disclosures set out in these consolidated financial statements.

* For identification purpose only

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2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (“HKFRSs”) (Continued)

2.1 Impacts on adoption of HKFRS 16 Leases

HKFRS 16 introduces new or amended requirements with respect to lease accounting. It introduces significant changes to the lessee accounting by removing the distinction between operating lease and finance lease and requiring the recognition of right-of-use asset and a lease liability for all leases, except for short-term leases (defined as leases with a lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets. In contrast to lessee accounting, the requirements for lessor accounting have remained largely unchanged. The Group has applied HKFRS 16 *Leases* retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initial application as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity, where appropriate, at 1 January 2019. Comparative information has not been restated and continued to be reported under HKAS 17 *Leases*.

On transition to HKFRS 16, the Group elected to apply the practical expedient to grandfather the assessment of which arrangements are, or contain, leases. It applied HKFRS 16 only to contracts that were previously identified as leases. Contracts that were not identified as leases under HKAS 17 and HK(IFRIC)-Int 4 were not reassessed. Therefore, the definition of a lease under HKFRS 16 has been applied only to contracts entered into or changed on or after 1 January 2019.

The Group as lessee

On adoption of HKFRS 16, the Group recognised lease liabilities in relation to leases which had previously been classified as ‘operating leases’ under the principles of HKAS 17 *Leases* (except for lease of low value assets and short-term leases). These liabilities were measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the lessee’s incremental borrowing rate as of 1 January 2019. The weighted average lessee’s incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities on 1 January 2019 was 5.6%

The Group recognises right-of-use assets and measures them at an amount equal to the lease liability, adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments.

The Group as lessor

The Group leases some of the properties. The accounting policies applicable to the Group as lessor remain substantially unchanged from those under HKAS 17.

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2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (“HKFRSs”) (Continued)

2.1 Impacts on adoption of HKFRS 16 Leases (Continued)

The following table summarises the impact of transition to HKFRS 16 at 1 January 2019. Line items that were not affected by the adjustments have not been included.

	Notes	Carrying amount previously reported at 31 December 2018 RMB'000	Impact on adoption of HKFRS 16 RMB'000	Carrying amount as restated at 1 January 2019 RMB'000
Right-of-use assets	(a), (b)	–	425,485	425,485
Prepaid lease payments	(b)	330,652	(330,652)	–
Deposit, prepayment and other receivables	(b)	202,415	(11,116)	191,299
Lease liabilities	(a)	–	83,717	83,717

Notes:

- (a) As at 1 January 2019, right-of-use assets were measured at an amount equal to the lease liabilities of approximately RMB83,717,000.
- (b) Prepaid lease payments of approximately RMB339,491,000 (including RMB8,839,000 was classified as deposit, prepayment and other receivables as at 31 December 2018) which represent the upfront payments for leasehold lands in the PRC and the rental prepayment of approximately RMB2,277,000 as at 31 December 2018 were reclassified to right-of-use assets.

Differences between operating lease commitment as at 31 December 2018, the date immediately preceding the date of initial application, discounted using the incremental borrowing rate, and the lease liabilities recognised as at 1 January 2019 are as follow:

	RMB'000
Operating lease commitment disclosed as at 31 December 2018	101,431
Less: Short-term leases and other leases with remaining lease term ending on or before 31 December 2019	(552)
Discounted using the incremental borrowing rate	100,879
	(17,162)
Lease liabilities recognised as at 1 January 2019	83,717
Current portion	11,760
Non-current portion	71,957
	83,717

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2. APPLICATION OF NEW AND AMENDMENTS TO HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (“HKFRSs”) (Continued)

2.2 Practical expedients applied

On the date of initial application of HKFRS 16, the Group has used the following practical expedients permitted by the standard:

- not to reassess whether a contract is, or contains a lease at the date of initial application. Instead, for contracts entered into before the transition date the Group relied on its assessment made applying HKAS 17 and HK(IFRIC)-Int 4 Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease.
- reliance on previous assessments on whether leases are onerous by applying HKAS 37 as an alternative to performing an impairment review.
- the accounting for operating leases with a remaining lease term of less than 12 months as at 1 January 2019 as short-term leases.
- the exclusion of initial direct costs for the measurement of the right-of-use asset at the date of initial application.

New and amendments to HKFRSs issued but not yet effective

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

HKFRS 17	Insurance Contracts ²
Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture ³
Amendments to HKFRS 3	Definition of a Business ⁴
Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8	Definition of Material ¹
Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7	Interest Rate Benchmark Reform ¹
Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting 2018	Revised Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting ¹

¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020

² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021

³ Effective date not yet been determined

⁴ Effective for business combinations and asset acquisitions for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2020

The directors of the Company anticipate that, the application of the new and amendments to HKFRSs will have no material impact on the results and the financial position of the Group.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 and by the Hong Kong Company Ordinance.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on historical cost basis. Non-current assets classified as held for sale are stated at the lower of their carrying amounts and fair values less costs to sell.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

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. Details of fair value measurement are explained in the accounting policies set out below.

The principal accounting policies are set out below.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and entities controlled by the Company and its subsidiaries.

Control is achieved where the Group has:

- power over the investee;
- exposure, or rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and
- the ability to use its power over the investee to affect the amount of the Group's returns.

The Group reassesses whether it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control stated above.

Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control of the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary.

Income and expenses of subsidiaries 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)

Basis of consolidation (Continued)

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

All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between entities 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 existing 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 the 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, it (i) derecognises the assets (including any goodwill) and liabilities of the subsidiary at their carrying amounts at the date when control is lost, (ii) derecognises the carrying amount of any non-controlling interests in the former subsidiary at the date when control is lost (including any components of other comprehensive income attributable to them), and (iii) recognises the aggregate of the fair value of the consideration received and the fair value of any retained interest, with any resulting difference being recognised as a gain or loss in profit or loss attributable to the Group. When assets and liabilities of the subsidiary are carried at revalued amounts or fair values and the related cumulative gain or loss has been recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity, the amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets and liabilities (i.e. reclassified to profit or loss or transferred directly to retained earnings as specified 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 HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments or, when applicable, the cost on initial recognition of interest in an associate.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Interest in an associate

An associate is an entity over which the Group 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 Group's interest in an associate is accounted for in the consolidated financial statements using the equity method. Under the equity method, interest in an associate is initially recognised at cost. The Group's share of the profit or loss of the associate is recognised in profit or loss and other comprehensive income after the date of acquisition. If the Group's share of loss of an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, which determined using the equity method together with any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Group's net interest in the associate, the Group discontinues recognising its share of further losses. Additional losses are provided for, and a liability is recognised, only to the extent that the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

If an associate uses accounting policies other than those of the Group for like transactions and events in similar circumstances, adjustments are made to make the associate's accounting policies conform to those of the Group when the associate's financial statement are used by the Group in applying the equity method.

After application of the equity method, including recognising the associate's losses, the Group determines whether there is an objective evidence that the net interest in the associate is impaired. The entire carrying amount of the investment is tested for impairment 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 is not allocated to any asset that forms part of the carrying amount of the net interest in the associate. Any reversal of that impairment loss is recognised to the extent that the recoverable amount of the investment subsequently increases.

Gains and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and its associate are recognised in consolidated financial statements only to the extent of unrelated investors' interest in the associate. The Group's share in the associate's gains or losses resulting from these transactions is eliminated.

Non-current assets held for sale

Non-current assets are classified as held for sale if their carrying amounts will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. Such classification requires the asset must be available for immediate sale in its present condition subject only to terms that are usual and customary for sales of such asset or disposal group 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.

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

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to depict the transfer of promised goods and services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services to a customer. Specifically, the Group uses a five-step approach to recognise revenue:

- Step 1: Identify the contract(s) with a customer
- Step 2: Identify the performance obligations in the contract
- Step 3: Determine the transaction price
- Step 4: Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract
- Step 5: Recognise revenue when (or as) the Group satisfies a performance obligation.

The Group recognised revenue when (or as) a performance obligation is satisfied, i.e. when “control” of the goods or services underlying the particular performance obligation is transferred to customers.

A performance obligation represents a good or service (or a bundle of goods or services) that is distinct or a series of distinct goods or services that are substantially the same.

Control is transferred over time and revenue is recognised over time by reference to the progress towards complete satisfaction of the relevant performance obligation if one of the following criteria is met:

- the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Group’s performance as the Group performs;
- the Group’s performance creates or enhances an asset that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced; or
- the Group’s performance does not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group and the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date.

Otherwise, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the customer obtains control of the distinct good or service.

Revenue is measured based on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer, excludes amounts collected on behalf of third parties, discounts and sales related taxes.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Revenue recognition (Continued)

Contract assets and contract liabilities

A contract asset represents the Group's right to consideration in exchange for goods or services that the Group has transferred to a customer that is not yet unconditional. It is assessed for impairment in accordance with HKFRS 9. In contrast, a receivable represents the Group's unconditional right to consideration, i.e. only the passage of time is required before payment of that consideration is due.

A contract liability represents the Group's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Group has received consideration from the customer. A contract liability would also be recognised if the Group has an unconditional right to receive consideration before the Group recognises the related revenue. In such cases, a corresponding receivable would also be recognised.

For a single contract with the customer, either a net contract asset or a net contract liability is presented. For multiple contracts, contract assets and contract liabilities of unrelated contracts are not presented on a net basis.

The Group recognised revenue from the following major sources:

- Sales of fabric products; and
- Sales of electricity and steam

Revenue from sales of fabric products is recognised at a point in time when the control of the goods is transferred to the customers. Control of the goods is considered transferred to customers at the time of delivery.

Revenue from sales of electricity and steam is recognised at a point in time when the resources are consumed.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Leasing

Accounting policy applicable on or after 1 January 2019

Definition of a lease

Under HKFRS 16, a contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys a right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

The Group as lessee

The Group assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease, at inception of the contract. The Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease arrangements in which it is the lessee, except for short-term leases and leases of low value assets. For these leases, the Group recognises the lease payments as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased assets are consumed.

Lease liabilities

At the commencement date, the Group measures lease liability at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at that date. The lease payments are discounted by using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise fixed lease payments (including in-substance fixed payments).

The lease liability is presented as a separate line in the consolidated statement of financial position.

The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability (using the effective interest method) and by reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made.

Lease liability is remeasured (and with a corresponding adjustment to the related right-of-use asset) whenever:

- The lease term has changed or there is a significant event or change in circumstances resulting in a change in the assessment of exercise of a purchase option, in which case the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using revised discount rate.
- the lease payments change due to changes in an index or rate or a change in expected payment under a guaranteed residual value, in which cases the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using the initial discount rate (unless the lease payments change is due to a change in a floating interest rate, in which case a revised discount rate is used).
- a lease contract is modified and the lease modification is not accounted for as a separate lease, in which case the lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the effective date of the modification.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Leasing (Continued)

Accounting policy applicable on or after 1 January 2019 (Continued)

Right-of-use assets

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability, lease payments made at or before the commencement date and any initial direct costs.

Right-of-use assets are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. They are depreciated over the shorter period of lease term and useful life of the underlying asset. If a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Group expects to exercise a purchase option, the related right-of-use asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset. The depreciation starts at the commencement date of the lease.

The Group presents right-of-use assets as a separate line item in the consolidated statement of financial position.

The Group applies HKAS 36 to determine whether a right-of-use asset is impaired and accounts for any identified impairment loss.

Lease modification

The Group accounts for a lease modification as a separate lease if:

- the modification increases the scope of the lease by adding the right to use one or more underlying assets; and
- the consideration for the lease increases by an amount commensurate with the stand-alone price for the increase in scope and any appropriate adjustments to that stand-alone price to reflect the circumstances of the particular contract.

The Group as lessor

The Group enters into lease agreements as a lessor with respect to some of its investment properties. Leases for which the Group is a lessor are classified as finance or operating leases. Whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee, the contract is classified as a finance lease. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Leasing (Continued)

Accounting policy applicable prior to 1 January 2019

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 lessor

Rental income from operating leases is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

The Group as lessee

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets of the Group at their fair value at the inception of the lease or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the consolidated statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation.

Lease payments are apportioned between finance expenses and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance expenses are recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless they are directly attributable to qualifying assets, in which case they are capitalised in accordance with the Group's general policy on borrowing costs (see the accounting policy below).

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

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.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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. Exchange differences arising on the retranslation of non-monetary items carried at fair value are included in profit or loss for the period.

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.

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

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 income 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.

Government grants that are receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the Group with no future related costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they become receivable.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Retirement benefits cost

Payments to the state-managed retirement benefit schemes are recognised as an expense when employees have rendered service entitling them to the contributions.

Short-term and other long-term employee benefits

A liability is recognised for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave in the period the related service is rendered at the undiscounted amount of the benefits expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

Liabilities recognised in respect of short-term employee benefits are measured at the undiscounted amount of the benefits expected to be paid in exchange for the related service.

Liabilities recognised in respect of other long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows expected to be made by the Group in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

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 before taxation” as reported in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income because of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and 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 each 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 the initial recognition 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, 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.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Taxation (Continued)

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.

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 each 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 each reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

For the purposes of measuring deferred tax for leasing transactions in which the Group recognises the right-of-use assets and the related lease liabilities, the Group first determines whether the tax deductions are attributable to the right-of-use assets or the lease liabilities.

For leasing transactions in which the tax deductions are attributable to the lease liabilities, the Group applies HKAS 12 Income Taxes requirements to right-of-use assets and lease liabilities separately. Temporary differences relating to right-of-use assets and lease liabilities are not recognised at initial recognition and over the lease terms due to application of the initial recognition exemption.

Current and deferred tax are recognised in profit or loss.

Property, plant and equipment

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

Ownership interests in leasehold land and buildings

For payments of ownership interest of properties which includes both leasehold land and building elements, the entire property is presented as property, plant and equipment of the Group when the payments cannot be allocated reliably between the leasehold land building elements, except for those that are classified and accounted for as investment properties.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets over their estimated useful lives, using the straight line method for the property, plant and equipment. The estimated useful lives 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.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Ownership interests in leasehold land and buildings (Continued)

Properties in the course of construction for production of goods or for administration purposes are carried at cost, less any recognised impairment loss. Such properties are classified to the appropriate categories of property, plant and equipment when completed and ready for intended use. Depreciation of these assets, 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.

Investment properties

Investment properties are properties held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation. Investment properties include land held for undetermined future use, which is regarded as held for capital appreciation purpose.

Upon application of HKFRS 16 on 1 January 2019, investment properties include leased properties recognised by the Group as right-of-use assets and leased out under operating lease.

Owned investment properties are initially measured at cost, including any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are stated at cost less subsequent accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of investment properties over their estimated useful lives and after taking into account of their estimated residual value, using the straight-line method.

Construction costs incurred for investment properties under construction are capitalised as part of the carrying amount of the investment properties under construction.

An investment property held by the Group as a right-of-use asset is measured initially at cost in accordance with HKFRS 16.

An investment property is derecognised upon disposal or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefits are expected from its disposals. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the property (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in the profit or loss in the period in which the property is derecognised.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired separately

Intangible assets with finite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at costs less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses (see the accounting policy in respect of impairment losses on tangible and intangible assets below). Amortisation for intangible assets with finite useful lives is recognised on a straight-line basis over their estimates useful lives. The estimated reserves and amortisation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs of inventories are 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.

Cash and cash equivalents

Bank balances and cash in the consolidated statement of financial position comprise cash at banks and on hand and short-term deposits with a maturity of three months or less. For the purpose of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of bank balances and cash, as defined above.

Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are stated on the statement of financial position of the Company at cost less accumulated impairment loss.

Impairment on tangible assets including right-of-use assets

At the end of the reporting period, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible 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. When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit ("CGU") to which the asset belongs. When a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be identified, corporate assets are also allocated to individual CGU, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of CGUs for which a reasonable and consistent allocation can be identified.

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)

Impairment on tangible assets including right-of-use assets (Continued)

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or a CGU) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or the CGU) 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 (or the CGU) 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 (or the CGU) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised as income immediately in profit or loss.

Financial instruments

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

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value, except for trade receivables arising from contracts with customers which are initially measured in accordance with HKFRS 15. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities are added to or deducted from the cost 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 fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets

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.

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at either amortised cost or fair value, depending on the classification of the financial assets. Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as subsequently measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI") and FVTPL.

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Group's business model for managing them.

Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments)

The Group measures financial assets subsequently at amortised cost if both of the following conditions are met:

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

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest method and are subject to impairment.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments) (Continued)

(i) Amortised cost and effective interest method

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period.

For financial assets other than purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets (i.e. assets that are credit-impaired on initial recognition), the effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) excluding expected credit losses (“ECL”), through the expected life of the debt instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the gross carrying amount of the debt instrument on initial recognition. For purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, a credit-adjusted effective interest rate is calculated by discounting the estimated future cash flows, including ECL, to the amortised cost of the debt instrument on initial recognition.

The amortised cost of a financial asset is the amount at which the financial asset is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any loss allowance. The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is the amortised cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any loss allowance.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method for debt instruments measured subsequently at amortised cost and at FVTOCI. For financial assets other than purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset, except for financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired (see below). For financial assets that have subsequently become credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset. If, in subsequent reporting periods, the credit risk on the credit-impaired financial instrument improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired, interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset.

For purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets, the Group recognises interest income by applying the credit-adjusted effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset from initial recognition. The calculation does not revert to the gross basis even if the credit risk of the financial asset subsequently improves so that the financial asset is no longer credit-impaired.

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss and is included in the “Other income” line item (note 9).

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Impairment of financial assets

The Group recognises a loss allowance for ECL on investments in debt instruments that are measured at amortised cost. The amount of ECL is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial instrument.

The Group always recognises lifetime ECL for trade receivables. The ECL on these financial assets are estimated using a provision matrix based on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current as well as the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date, including time value of money where appropriate.

For all other financial instruments, the Group measures the loss allowance equal to 12-month ECL, unless when there has a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the Group recognises lifetime ECL. The assessment of whether lifetime ECL should be recognised is based on significant increase in the likelihood or risk of a default occurring since initial recognition.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Significant increase in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the date of initial recognition. In making this assessment, the Group considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort. Forward-looking information considered includes the future prospects of the industries in which the Group's debtors operate, obtained from economic expert reports, financial analysts, governmental bodies, relevant think-tanks and other similar organisations, as well as consideration of various external sources of actual and forecast economic information that relate to the Group's operations.

In particular, the following information is taken into account when assessing whether credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition:

- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the financial instrument's external (if available) or internal credit rating;
- significant deterioration in external market indicators of credit risk for a particular debtor, e.g. a significant increase in the credit spread, the credit default swap prices for the debtor, or the length of time or the extent to which the fair value of a financial asset has been less than its amortised cost;
- existing or forecast adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations;
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor;
- significant increases in credit risk on other financial instruments of the same debtor;
- an actual or expected significant adverse change in the regulatory, economic, or technological environment of the debtor that results in a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations.

Irrespective of the outcome of the above assessment, the Group presumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due, unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information that demonstrates otherwise.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Significant increase in credit risk (Continued)

Despite the foregoing, the Group assumes that the credit risk on a financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date. A financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk if i) the financial instrument has a low risk of default, ii) the borrower has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term, and iii) adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations. The Group considers a financial asset to have low credit risk when the asset has external credit rating of 'investment grade' in accordance with the globally understood definition or if an external rating is not available, the asset has an internal rating of 'performing'. Performing means that the counterparty has a strong financial position and there is no past due amounts.

The Group regularly monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk and revises them as appropriate to ensure that the criteria are capable of identifying significant increase in credit risk before the amount becomes past due.

Definition of default

The Group considers the following as constituting an event of default for internal credit risk management purposes as historical experience indicates that receivables that meet either of the following criteria are generally not recoverable:

- when there is a breach of financial covenants by the debtor;
- information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including the Group, in full (without taking into account any collaterals held by the Group).

The Group considers that default has occurred when a financial asset is more than 90 days past due unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information to demonstrate that a more lagging default criterion is more appropriate.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Credit-impaired financial assets

A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes observable data about the following events:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower;
- a breach of contract, such as a default or past due event;
- the lender(s) of the borrower, for economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, having granted to the borrower a concession(s) that the lender(s) would not otherwise consider;
- it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
- the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties.

Write-off policy

The Group writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, e.g. when the counterparty has been placed under liquidation or has entered into bankruptcy proceedings, or in the case of trade receivables, when the amounts are over three years past due, whichever occurs sooner. Financial assets written-off may still be subject to enforcement activities under the Group's recovery procedures, taking into account legal advice where appropriate. Any recoveries made are recognised in profit or loss.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Measurement and recognition of ECL

The measurement of ECL is a function of the probability of default, loss given default (i.e. the magnitude of the loss if there is a default) and the exposure at default. The assessment of the probability of default and loss given default is based on historical data adjusted by forward-looking information as described above. As for the exposure at default, for financial assets, this is represented by the assets' gross carrying amount at the reporting date; for financial guarantee contracts, the exposure includes the amount drawn down as at the reporting date, together with any additional amounts expected to be drawn down in the future by default date determined based on historical trend, the Group's understanding of the specific future financing needs of the debtors, and other relevant forward-looking information.

For financial assets, the ECL is estimated as the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Group in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at the original effective interest rate. For a lease receivable, the cash flows used for determining the ECL is consistent with the cash flows used in measuring the lease receivable in accordance with HKFRS 16 *Leases* or HKAS 17 *Leases*.

For a financial guarantee contract, as the Group is required to make payments only in the event of a default by the debtor in accordance with the terms of the instrument that is guaranteed, the expected loss allowance is the expected payments to reimburse the holder for a credit loss that it incurs less any amounts that the Group expects to receive from the holder, the debtor or any other party.

If the Group has measured the loss allowance for a financial instrument at an amount equal to lifetime ECL in the previous reporting period, but determines at the current reporting date that the conditions for lifetime ECL are no longer met, the Group measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month ECL at the current reporting date, except for assets for which simplified approach was used.

The Group recognises an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss for all financial instruments with a corresponding adjustment to their carrying amount through a loss allowance account, except for investments in debt instruments that are measured at FVTOCI, for which the loss allowance is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the investment revaluation reserve, and does not reduce the carrying amount of the financial asset in the consolidated statement of financial position.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Derecognition of financial assets

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 party. If the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Group recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. 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 measured at amortised cost, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable is recognised in profit or loss. In addition, on derecognition of an investment in a debt instrument classified as at FVTOCI, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve is reclassified to profit or loss. In contrast, on derecognition of an investment in equity instrument which the Group has elected on initial recognition to measure at FVTOCI, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve is not reclassified to profit or loss, but is transferred to retained earnings.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments

Classification as debt or equity

Debt 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 and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by a group entity are recognised 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.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Financial liabilities

All financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method or at FVTPL.

Financial liabilities that arise when a transfer of a financial asset does not qualify for derecognition or when the continuing involvement approach applies, and financial guarantee contracts issued by the Group, are measured in accordance with the specific accounting policies set out below.

Financial liabilities subsequently measured at amortised cost

Financial liabilities that are not 1) contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination, 2) held-for-trading, or 3) designated as at FVTPL, are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the 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 costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial liability, or (where appropriate) a shorter period, to the amortised cost of a financial liability.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fair value measurement

When measuring fair value except net realisable value of inventories and value in use of property, plant and equipment for the purpose of impairment assessment, 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.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs. Specifically, the Group categorised the fair value measurements into three levels, based on the characteristics of inputs, as follow:

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| Level 1 | Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. |
| Level 2 | Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable. |
| Level 3 | Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable. |

At the end of the reporting period, the Group determines whether transfer occur between levels of the fair value hierarchy for assets and liabilities which are measured at fair value on recurring basis by reviewing their respective fair value measurement.

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4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENT AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, which are described in note 3, the directors of the Company are required to make judgement, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses reported and disclosures made in the consolidated financial statements. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgement in applying accounting policies

The following is the critical judgement, apart from those involving estimations, that the directors of the Company have made in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised and disclosures made in the consolidated financial statements.

Ownership of the buildings

Despite the Group has paid the full purchase consideration as detailed in note 17, formal titles of certain of the Group's rights to the use of the buildings were not granted from the relevant government authorities. In the opinion of the directors of the Company, the absence of formal title to these buildings does not impair the value of the relevant assets to the Group.

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4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (Continued)

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The followings 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.

Impairment of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and investment properties

The Group assesses whether there are any indicators of impairment for property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and investment properties at the end of each reporting period. Property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and investment properties are tested for impairment when there are indicators that the carrying amounts may not be recoverable. Impairment exists when the carrying value of an asset or a CGU exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. The calculation of the fair value less costs of disposal is based on available data from binding sales transactions in an arm's length transaction of similar assets or observable market prices less incremental costs for disposing of the asset. When value in use calculations are undertaken, management must estimate the expected future cash flows from the asset or CGU and choose a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows.

As at 31 December 2019, the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and investment properties are approximately RMB10,418,785,000, RMB405,332,000 and RMB20,784,000 respectively (2018: RMB10,895,451,000, nil and RMB21,522,000 respectively). Based on the estimated recoverable amounts, no impairment loss in respect of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and investment properties has been recognised in profit or loss (2018: nil).

Estimated useful life of property, plant and equipment and investment properties

At the end of each reporting period, the directors of the Company review the estimated useful life of property, plant and equipment and investment properties with finite useful life. The estimated useful life reflects the directors' estimates of the periods that the Group intends to derive future economic benefits from the use of the Group's property, plant and equipment and investment properties. The residual values reflect the directors' estimated amount that the Group would currently obtain from disposal of the assets, after deducting the estimated costs of disposal, if the assets were already of the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life. The carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment and investment properties with finite useful life as at 31 December 2019 are RMB10,418,785,000 and RMB20,784,000 respectively (2018: RMB10,895,451,000 and RMB21,522,000 respectively).

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4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (Continued)

Key sources of estimation uncertainty (Continued)

Allowance recognised in respect of trade and other receivables

The impairment provisions for trade and other receivables are based on assumptions about ECL. The Group uses judgement in making these assumptions and selecting the inputs to the impairment calculation, based on the number of days that an individual receivable is outstanding as well as the Group's historical experience and forward-looking information at the end of the reporting period. Changes in these assumptions and estimates could materially affect the result of the assessment and it may be necessary to make additional impairment charge to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. As at 31 December 2019, impairment losses of trade and other receivables are approximately RMB4,611,000 and RMB291,000 respectively (2018: RMB5,199,000 and RMB366,000 respectively).

Impairment loss recognised in respect of inventories

Management reviews the condition of the inventories of the Group and makes provision for obsolete and slow-moving inventory items identified that are no longer suitable for sale. Management estimates the net realisable value for such inventories based primarily on the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale. The group carries out an inventory review at the end of each reporting period and makes provision for obsolete and slow-moving items. As at 31 December 2019, the carrying amounts of inventories were approximately RMB2,765,713,000 (2018: RMB3,161,164,000) (net of impairment provision of approximately RMB143,175,000 (2018: RMB120,489,000)).

Income tax

As at 31 December 2019, no deferred tax asset has been recognised on the tax losses of approximately RMB1,714,095,000 (2018: RMB1,709,947,000) and deductible temporary difference of approximately RMB139,864,000 (2018: RMB141,244,000) respectively 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 less than expected, a material reversal of deferred tax assets may arise, which would be recognised in profit or loss for the period in which such a reversal takes place.

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5. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group manages its capital to ensure that 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 year.

The capital structure of the Group consists of bank and other borrowings disclosed in note 30 and cash and cash equivalent disclosed in note 26, and equity attributable to owners of the Company, comprising issued capital and reserves.

The directors of the Company review the capital structure periodically. As part of the review, the directors of the Company consider the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital, and take appropriate actions to adjust the Group's capital structure. Based on the recommendations of the directors of the Company, the Group will balance its overall capital structure through use of debts, payment of dividends and issuance of new shares.

6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Categories of financial instruments

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Financial assets		
At amortised cost (including cash and cash equivalents)	10,392,445	10,178,987
Financial liabilities		
At amortised cost	4,402,231	5,110,137

Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's major financial instruments include trade receivables, deposits and other receivables, pledged bank deposits, cash and cash equivalents, trade payables, other payables and accruals and bank and other borrowings. Details of these financial instruments are disclosed in respective notes. The risks associated with these financial instruments included 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.

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6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Market risk

(i) Currency risk

The Group has foreign currency sales, purchases and bank loans of the Group in United States dollar ("US\$"), which expose the Group to foreign currency risk.

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:

	Assets		Liabilities	
	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
US\$	565,131	538,376	421,255	469,663

Sensitivity analysis

The Group is mainly exposed to US\$.

The following table details the Group's sensitivity to a 5% (2018: 5%) increase or decrease in RMB against the relevant foreign currencies. 5% (2018: 5%) is the sensitivity rate used when reporting foreign currency risk internally to key management personnel and 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 end of the reporting period for a 5% (2018: 5%) change in foreign currency rates. The sensitivity analysis includes bank loans where the denomination of the loan is in a currency other than the functional currency of the borrower.

A positive (2018: positive) number below indicates an increase (2018: increase) in post-tax profit for the year where RMB weakening 5% (2018: 5%) against US\$. For a 5% (2018: 5%) strengthening of RMB against US\$, there would be an equal and opposite impact on the post-tax profit and the balances below would be negative (2018: negative).

Effect on post-tax profit:

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
US\$	5,395	2,577

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6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Market risk (Continued)

(ii) Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to cash flow interest rate risk in relation to variable-rate bank borrowings (see note 30). It is the Group's policy to keep its borrowings at floating rate of interests so as to minimise the fair value interest rate risk.

The Group's exposures to interest rates on financial assets and 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 RMB Benchmark Interest Rate quoted by the People's Bank of China arising from the Group's RMB denominated bank balances and bank borrowings and the fluctuation of LIBOR arising from the Group's US\$ denominated bank balances and bank borrowings.

Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for both derivatives and non-derivative instruments at the end of the reporting period. The analysis is prepared assuming the financial instruments outstanding at the end of the reporting period were outstanding for the whole year. A 100 basis point increase or decrease is used when reporting interest rate risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates.

If interest rates had been 100 basis points (2018: 100 basis points) higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, the Group's post-tax profit for the year ended 31 December 2019 would increase/decrease by approximately RMB70,220,000 (2018: RMB69,382,000). This is mainly attributable to the Group's exposure to interest rates on bank balances and variable-rate bank borrowings.

Credit risk

As at 31 December 2019, the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk which will cause a financial loss to the Group due to failure to discharge all obligation by the counterparties is arising from the carrying amounts of the respective recognised financial assets as stated in the consolidated statement of financial position.

The credit risk of the Group mainly arises from cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables. The carrying amounts of these balances represent the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to financial assets.

In order to minimise the credit risk, the management of the Group has delegated a team responsible for determination of monitoring procedures to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover overdue debts.

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6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk (Continued)

For trade receivables, the Group has applied the simplified approach in HKFRS 9 to measure the loss allowance at lifetime ECL. The Group determines the ECL on a collectively basis by using a provision matrix, estimated based on historical credit loss experience, as well as the general economic conditions of the industry in which the debtors operate. In this regard, the directors of the Company consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

For other non-trade related receivables, the Group has assessed whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. If there has been a significant increase in credit risk, the Group will measure the loss allowance based on lifetime rather than 12-month ECL.

The credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The Group has concentration of credit risk as 7% (2018: 13%) and 27% (2018: 28%) of the total trade receivables was due from the Group's largest external customer and the top five largest external customers respectively as at 31 December 2019 which excluded the immediate holding company and fellow subsidiaries.

Other than concentration of credit risk on liquid funds which are deposited with several banks with high credit ratings, the Group does not have any other significant concentration of credit risk. Trade receivables consist of a large number of customers, spread across diverse industries and geographical areas.

The Group considers the probability of default upon initial recognition of asset and whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk on an ongoing basis throughout the reporting period. To assess whether there is a significant increase the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the asset as at the reporting date with the date of initial recognition. It considers available reasonable and supportive forwarding-looking information. Especially the following indicators are incorporated:

- internal credit rating
- actual or expected significant adverse changes in business, financial or economic conditions that are expected to cause a significant change to the borrower's ability to meet its obligations
- significant changes in the expected performance and behaviour of the borrower, including changes in the payment status of borrowers in the Group and changes in the operating results of the borrower.

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6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk (Continued)

The Group's exposure to credit risk

In order to minimise credit risk, the Group has tasked its operation management committee to develop and maintain the Group's credit risk grading to categorise exposures according to their degree of risk of default. The credit rating information is supplied by independent rating agencies where available and, if not available, the operation management committee uses other publicly available financial information and the Group's own trading records to rate its major customers and other debtors. The Group's exposure and the credit ratings of its counterparties are continuously monitored and the aggregate value of transactions concluded is spread amongst approved counterparties.

The Group's current credit risk grading framework comprises the following categories

Category	Description	Basis for recognising ECL
Performing	For financial assets where there has low risk of default or has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition and that are not credit impaired (refer to as Stage 1)	12-month ECL
Doubtful	For financial assets where there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition but that are not credit impaired (refer to as Stage 2)	Lifetime ECL – not credit impaired
Default	Financial assets are assessed as credit impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that asset have occurred (refer to as Stage 3)	Lifetime ECL – credit impaired
Write-off	There is evidence indicating that the debtor is in severe financial difficulty and the Group has no realistic prospect of recovery	Amount is written-off

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6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk (Continued)

The Group's exposure to credit risk (Continued)

The tables below detail the credit quality of the Group's financial assets, as well as the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk by credit risk rating grades:

	Notes	Internal credit rating	12-month or lifetime ECL	2019			2018		
				Gross carrying amount RMB'000	Loss allowance RMB'000	Net carrying amount RMB'000	Gross carrying amount RMB'000	Loss allowance RMB'000	Net carrying amount RMB'000
Trade receivables	24	(Note)	Lifetime ECL (simplified approach)	406,801	(4,611)	402,190	436,853	(5,199)	431,654
Other receivables	25	Performing	12-month ECL	5,868	(57)	5,811	9,852	(148)	9,704
Other receivables	25	Doubtful	Lifetime ECL – not credit impaired	728	(234)	494	618	(218)	400
					(4,902)			(5,565)	

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6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk (Continued)

The Group's exposure to credit risk (Continued)

Note: For trade receivables, the Group has applied the simplified approach in HKFRS 9 to measure the loss allowance at lifetime ECL. The Group determines the ECL on these items by using a provision matrix, estimated based on historical credit loss experience based on the past due status of the debtors, adjusted as appropriate to reflect current conditions and estimates of future economic conditions. Accordingly, the credit risk profile of these assets is presented based on their past due status in terms of the provision matrix. Note 24 includes further details on the loss allowance for these assets respectively.

Liquidity risk

In the management of the liquidity risk, the Group monitors and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate by the management to finance the Group's operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows. In addition, the Group relies on bank borrowings and obligations under finance leases as a significant source of liquidity and the management monitors the utilisation of bank borrowings and obligations under finance leases and ensures compliance with loan covenants.

The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its non-derivative financial liabilities and lease 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, borrowings 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 within one year after the reporting date. The maturity analysis for other non-derivative financial liabilities is prepared based on the scheduled repayment dates.

The table includes both interest and principal cash flow. To the extent that interest flows are floating rate, the undiscounted amount is derived from interest rate curve at the end of each reporting period.

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6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Liquidity risk (Continued)

	At 31 December 2019					
	Within one year or on demand RMB'000	1-2 years RMB'000	2-5 years RMB'000	More than 5 years RMB'000	Total contractual undiscounted cash flows RMB'000	Carrying amount RMB'000
Trade payables	1,371,593	-	-	-	1,371,593	1,371,593
Other payables and accruals	921,288	-	-	-	921,288	921,288
Bank and other borrowings	2,177,817	-	-	-	2,177,817	2,109,350
	4,470,698	-	-	-	4,470,698	4,402,231
Lease liabilities	17,337	16,725	38,009	15,739	87,810	74,595

	At 31 December 2018	
	Total contractual undiscounted cash flows due on demand or within one year RMB'000	Carrying amount RMB'000
Trade payables	1,228,881	1,228,881
Other payables and accruals	993,151	993,151
Bank and other borrowings	2,978,618	2,888,105
	5,200,650	5,110,137

Fair value measurement objective and policies

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities are determined in accordance with generally accepted pricing models based on discounted cash flow analysis using prices or rates from observable current market transactions as input.

The directors of the Company consider that the carrying amounts of current financial assets, current and non-current financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost in the financial statements approximate to their fair values.

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7. REVENUE

Revenue represents revenue arising from sales of cotton yarn, grey fabric, denim and electricity and steam. An analysis of the Group's revenue for the year is as follows:

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Revenue from contracts with customers within the scope of HKFRS 15		
Disaggregated by major products		
– Sales of textile products		
• Cotton yarn	3,807,210	4,183,083
• Grey Fabric	5,397,236	5,523,329
• Denim	697,255	811,050
– Sales of electricity and steam	5,265,861	5,938,422
	15,167,562	16,455,884

Disaggregation of the Group's revenue

For the year ended 31 December 2019	Textile products RMB'000	Electricity and steam RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Geographical market			
Mainland China	6,893,587	5,265,861	12,159,448
Hong Kong, China	934,901	–	934,901
East Asia region	348,207	–	348,207
Southeast Asia region	476,346	–	476,346
South Asia region	941,287	–	941,287
Other regions	307,373	–	307,373
	9,901,701	5,265,861	15,167,562

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7. REVENUE (Continued)

Disaggregation of the Group's revenue (Continued)

	Textile products RMB'000	Electricity and steam RMB'000	Total RMB'000
For the year ended 31 December 2018			
Geographical market			
Mainland China	6,978,518	5,938,422	12,916,940
Hong Kong, China	1,413,689	–	1,413,689
East Asia region	453,912	–	453,912
Southeast Asia region	557,087	–	557,087
South Asia region	636,374	–	636,374
Other regions	477,882	–	477,882
	<u>10,517,462</u>	<u>5,938,422</u>	<u>16,455,884</u>

The timing of revenue recognition of all revenue from contracts with customers is at a point in time.

8. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Information reported to the directors of the Company, being the chief operating decision maker ("CODM"), for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on types of services provided.

Specifically, the Group's reportable segments are as follows:

- The textile products segment produces and sells cotton yarn, grey fabric and denim; and
- The electricity and steam segment generates electricity and steam for internal use in the production of textile products and sale to external customers.

No operating segments identified by the CODM have been aggregated in arriving at the reportable segments of the Group.

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8. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment revenues and results

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

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	Textile products RMB'000	Electricity and steam RMB'000	Total RMB'000
External revenue	9,901,701	5,265,861	15,167,562
Intersegment revenue	–	740,714	740,714
Segment revenue	9,901,701	6,006,575	15,908,276
Eliminations			(740,714)
Group revenue			15,167,562
Segment (loss) profit	(522,671)	1,263,023	740,352
Unallocated income			172,943
Unallocated corporate expenses			(230,980)
Unallocated finance costs			(141,211)
Share of profit of an associate			1,245
Profit before taxation			542,349

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8. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment revenues and results (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2018

	Textile products RMB'000	Electricity and steam RMB'000	Total RMB'000
External revenue	10,517,462	5,938,422	16,455,884
Intersegment revenue	–	787,532	787,532
Segment revenue	10,517,462	6,725,954	17,243,416
Eliminations			(787,532)
Group revenue			16,455,884
Segment profit	131,117	1,354,148	1,485,265
Unallocated income			164,981
Unallocated corporate expenses			(249,525)
Unallocated finance costs			(376,475)
Share of profit of an associate			118
Profit before taxation			1,024,364

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies described in note 3. Segment (loss) profit represents the (loss) profit earned of each segment without allocation of central administration costs, directors' emoluments, other income, interest on bank loans and corporate bonds and share of profit of an associate. This is the measure reported to the directors of the Company with respect to the resource allocation and performance assessment.

Inter-segment sales are conducted with terms mutually agreed by both contract parties.

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8. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment assets and liabilities

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

Segment assets

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Textile products	7,552,953	7,600,901
Electricity and steam	6,506,696	7,302,228
Total segment assets	14,059,649	14,903,129
Interest in an associate	75,976	74,731
Corporate and other assets	10,290,864	9,974,910
Total assets	24,426,489	24,952,770

Segment liabilities

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Textile products	1,641,916	1,535,918
Electricity and steam	893,460	807,722
Total segment liabilities	2,535,376	2,343,640
Corporate and other liabilities	3,464,379	4,200,280
Total liabilities	5,999,755	6,543,920

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

- All assets are allocated to operating segment, other than other intangible assets, interest in an associate, deferred tax assets, unallocated deposits, prepayments and other receivables, pledged deposits, bank balances and cash and other corporate assets. Assets used jointly by reportable segments are allocated on the basis of the revenues earned by individual reportable segments; and
- All liabilities are allocated to operating segments, other than unallocated other payables and accruals, income tax payable, bank and other borrowings, deferred income, deferred tax liabilities and other corporate liabilities. Liabilities for which reportable segments are jointly liable are allocated in proportion to segment assets.

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8. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Other segment information

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Textile products RMB'000	Electricity and steam RMB'000	Unallocated RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Amounts include in the measure of segment profit or segment assets:				
Addition to non-current assets (Note)	269,488	258,258	–	527,746
Depreciation and amortisation	613,360	363,054	38,415	1,014,829
Reversal of allowances for inventories	(528)	–	–	(528)
Allowances for inventories	135,367	–	–	135,367
Reversal of loss allowance on trade receivables	(588)	–	–	(588)
Reversal of loss allowance on other receivables	(75)	–	–	(75)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(11,809)	–	–	(11,809)
Gain on disposal of non-current assets held for sale	(8,438)	–	–	(8,438)
Amounts regularly provided to the chief operating decision maker but not included in the measure of segment profit or loss or segment assets:				
Interest income	–	–	(33,126)	(33,126)
Finance costs	4,572	67	141,211	145,850
Interest in an associate	–	–	75,976	75,976
Share of profit of an associate	–	–	(1,245)	(1,245)
Income tax expenses	–	–	326,674	326,674

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8. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Other segment information (Continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2018

	Textile products RMB'000	Electricity and steam RMB'000	Unallocated RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Amounts include in the measure of segment profit or segment assets:				
Addition to non-current assets (Note)	72,665	94,731	–	167,396
Depreciation and amortisation	617,637	461,374	31,558	1,110,569
Reversal of allowances for inventories	(832)	–	–	(832)
Allowances for inventories	113,607	–	–	113,607
Loss allowance on trade receivables	36	–	–	36
Reversal of loss allowance on other receivables	(139)	–	–	(139)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(10,177)	–	–	(10,177)
Gain on disposal of non-current assets held for sale	(12,869)	–	–	(12,869)
Loss on written-off on property, plant and equipment	19,548	–	–	19,548
Amounts regularly provided to the chief operating decision maker but not included in the measure of segment profit or loss or segment assets:				
Interest income	–	–	(38,972)	(38,972)
Finance costs	–	–	376,475	376,475
Interest in an associate	–	–	74,731	74,731
Share of profit of an associate	–	–	(118)	(118)
Income tax expenses	–	–	381,504	381,504

Note: Non-current assets included property, plant and equipment, investment properties, right-of-use assets and other intangible assets for the year ended 31 December 2019 (2018: property, plant and equipment, investment properties, prepaid lease payments and other intangible assets).

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8. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Geographical information

During the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018, the Group's operations are mainly located in the PRC.

Information about the Group's revenue from external customers is presented based on the location of the operations.

Revenue from external customers

	2019 RMB'000	2018 <i>RMB'000</i>
Mainland China	12,159,448	12,916,940
Hong Kong, China	934,901	1,413,689
East Asia region	348,207	453,912
Southeast Asia region	476,346	557,087
South Asia region	941,287	636,374
Other regions	307,373	477,882
	15,167,562	16,455,884

All non-current assets of the Group are located in the PRC.

Information about major customers

Revenue from customers of the corresponding years contributing over 10% of the total revenue of the Group is as follows:

	2019 RMB'000	2018 <i>RMB'000</i>
Customer A ¹	2,585,363	3,265,711
Holding Company ¹	2,343,633	2,431,327

¹ Revenue from sales of electricity and steam.

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9. OTHER INCOME

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Interest income from bank deposits	33,126	38,972
Release of deferred income	18,718	19,259
Government grants (<i>note</i>)	8,320	2,294
Compensation from suppliers on the supply of sub-standard goods	26,404	24,169
Exchange gain, net	10,206	6,610
Gain on sale of waste and spare parts	54,144	48,316
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	11,809	10,177
Gain on disposal of non-current assets held for sale	8,438	12,869
Gross rental income	734	770
Reversal of loss allowance for trade and other receivables	663	139
Others	381	1,406
	172,943	164,981

Note: The income is the government grants received from local government authorities for the outward business development scheme, service industry development scheme and export credit insurance subsidies which were immediately recognised as other income for the year as the Group fulfilled the relevant granting criteria.

10. FINANCE COSTS

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Interest on:		
– bank loans	88,259	152,606
– lease liabilities	4,639	–
– corporate bonds	52,952	223,869
	145,850	376,475

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11. INCOME TAX EXPENSES

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Current tax:		
PRC Enterprises Income Tax ("EIT")	338,554	362,843
Over-provision in prior years:		
PRC EIT	(16)	–
Deferred taxation (note 32)	(11,864)	18,661
	326,674	381,504

Notes:

- a) No Hong Kong Profits Tax has been provided for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018 as the Company did not have any assessable profits subject to Hong Kong Profits Tax.
- b) Under the Law of the PRC on Enterprise Income Tax (the "EIT Law") and Implementation Regulation of the EIT Law, the tax rate of the PRC subsidiaries is 25% for both years.

The income tax expenses can be reconciled to the profit before taxation per the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as follows:

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Profit before taxation	542,349	1,024,364
Tax at the tax rate of 25%	135,587	256,091
Tax effect of share of profit of an associate	(311)	(30)
Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purposes	10,365	9,864
Tax effect of income not taxable for tax purposes	(4,304)	(2,483)
Tax effect of deductible temporary difference not recognised	–	4,836
Tax effect of utilisation of deductible temporary differences previously not recognised	(345)	–
Tax effect of tax losses not recognised	185,766	113,343
Utilisation of tax losses previously not recognised	(45)	(77)
Effect of different tax rates of subsidiaries operating in other jurisdictions	(23)	(40)
Over-provision in prior years	(16)	–
Income tax expense for the year	326,674	381,504

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12. PROFIT FOR THE YEAR

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Profit for the year has been arrived at after charging (crediting):		
Directors', chief executive's and supervisors' emoluments (note 13)	5,190	5,249
Salaries, wages, allowances and other benefits	2,893,673	3,046,637
Contributions to retirement benefits scheme (excluding directors', chief executive's and supervisors' emoluments)	251,819	280,099
Total staff costs	3,150,682	3,331,985
Auditor's remuneration	5,917	5,832
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	986,337	1,100,979
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	23,642	–
Depreciation of investment properties	738	736
Amortisation of prepaid lease payments	–	8,839
Amortisation of other intangible assets	15	15
(Reversal of) loss allowance on trade receivables	(588)	36
Reversal of loss allowance on other receivables	(75)	(139)
Loss on written-off of property, plant and equipment	–	19,548
Allowance for inventories (Note i)	135,367	113,607
Reversal of allowance for inventories (Note ii)	(528)	(832)
Amount of inventories recognised as an expense	14,066,644	14,623,490
Research and development cost (Note iii)	112,909	71,004

Notes:

- (i) Included in cost of sales
- (ii) Included in cost of sales
- (iii) Staff costs of approximately RMB37,534,000 (2018: RMB36,791,000) are included in the research and development cost for the year ended 31 December 2019.

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13. DIRECTORS', CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S AND SUPERVISORS' EMOLUMENTS

Details of directors', chief executive's and supervisors' emoluments are as follows:

Emoluments paid or receivable in respect of a persons services as a director, whether of the Company or its subsidiary undertaking:	Fees RMB'000	Salaries, allowances and other benefits RMB'000	Employer's contributions to retirement benefits scheme RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Year ended 31 December 2019				
<i>Executive directors</i>				
Ms. Zhang Hongxia	1,200	111	19	1,330
Ms. Zhang Yanhong	600	99	27	726
Ms. Zhao Suwen	600	88	17	705
Mr. Zhang Jinglei	300	81	18	399
<i>Non-executive directors</i>				
Mr. Zhang Shiping (note i)	50	-	-	50
Ms. Zhao Suhua	100	73	17	190
<i>Independent non-executive directors</i>				
Mr. Chen Shuwen	150	-	-	150
Mr. Chan Wing Yau, George	537	-	-	537
Mr. Liu Yanzhao	150	-	-	150
	3,687	452	98	4,237
<i>Chief executive:</i>				
Mr. Wei Jiakun	600	87	17	704
<i>Supervisors:</i>				
Ms. Wang Xiaoyun	30	49	17	96
Ms. Fan Xuelian	30	-	-	30
Ms. Bu Xiaoxia	30	75	18	123
	90	124	35	249
Total	4,377	663	150	5,190

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13. DIRECTORS', CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S AND SUPERVISORS' EMOLUMENTS

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Emoluments paid or receivable in respect of a persons services as a director, whether of the Company or its subsidiary undertaking:	Fees RMB'000	Salaries, allowances and other benefits RMB'000	Employer's contributions to retirement benefits scheme RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Year ended 31 December 2018				
<i>Executive directors</i>				
Ms. Zhang Hongxia	1,200	114	20	1,334
Ms. Zhang Yanhong	600	53	26	679
Ms. Zhao Suwen	600	95	18	713
Mr. Zhang Jinglei	300	86	18	404
<i>Non-executive directors</i>				
Mr. Zhang Shiping	100	–	–	100
Ms. Zhao Suhua	100	78	18	196
<i>Independent non-executive directors</i>				
Mr. Chen Shuwen	150	–	–	150
Mr. Chan Wing Yau, George	526	–	–	526
Mr. Liu Yanzhao (note ii)	150	–	–	150
	3,726	426	100	4,252
<i>Chief executive:</i>				
Mr. Wei Jiakun	600	93	18	711
<i>Supervisors:</i>				
Ms. Wang Xiaoyun	30	79	18	127
Ms. Fan Xuelian (note iii)	30	–	–	30
Ms. Bu Xiaoxia (note iii)	30	81	18	129
	90	160	36	286
Total	4,416	679	154	5,249

Notes:

- i) Passed away on 23 May 2019.
- ii) Appointed on 28 May 2018.
- iii) Appointed on 1 March 2018.

No directors, chief executive and supervisors of the Company waived or agreed to waive the emolument paid by the Group during the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018.

No emoluments were paid by the Group to the directors as an inducement for joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office during the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018.

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14. EMPLOYEES' EMOLUMENTS

The five individuals with the highest emoluments include four directors and the chief executive (2018: four directors and the chief executive) of the Company whose emoluments are set out in note 13.

15. DIVIDENDS

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
2019 Proposed Final – RMB0.064 (2018 Final – RMB0.1656) per share	76,441	197,791

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, a final dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2019 of RMB0.064 per share, amounting to a total of RMB76,441,000 (2018: RMB0.1656 per share, amounting to a total of RMB197,791,000) has been proposed by the directors of the Company and is subject to approval by the shareholders in the forthcoming annual general meeting. The final dividends proposed after the end of reporting period has not been recognised as a liability at the end of reporting period. In accordance with the articles of association of the Company, the net profit of the Company for the purpose of profit distribution will be deemed to be the lesser of (i) the net profit determined in accordance with China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises; and (ii) the net profit determined in accordance with HKFRSs.

16. EARNINGS PER SHARE

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

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Earnings		
Earnings for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share	218,338	643,906

	2019	2018
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic and diluted earnings per share ('000 shares)	1,194,389	1,194,389

The dilutive earnings per share is equal to the basic earnings per share as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares outstanding during the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018.

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17. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Buildings <i>RMB'000</i>	Machinery and equipment <i>RMB'000</i>	Others <i>RMB'000</i>	Construction in progress <i>RMB'000</i>	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
COST					
At 1 January 2018	7,052,406	16,258,693	253,088	152,365	23,716,552
Additions	–	46,523	27,102	93,771	167,396
Disposals	(2,021)	(76,242)	(1,460)	–	(79,723)
Written-off	(44,619)	–	–	–	(44,619)
Reclassified as held for sale	–	(14,120)	–	–	(14,120)
Transfers	153,015	60,637	11,952	(225,604)	–
At 31 December 2018 and 1 January 2019	7,158,781	16,275,491	290,682	20,532	23,745,486
Additions	2,761	28,698	627	492,171	524,257
Disposals	(11,446)	(115,105)	(2,080)	–	(128,631)
Reclassified as held for sale	–	(30,092)	(1,457)	–	(31,549)
Transfers	135,409	301,595	1,189	(438,193)	–
At 31 December 2019	7,285,505	16,460,587	288,961	74,510	24,109,563
DEPRECIATION AND IMPAIRMENT					
At 1 January 2018	1,497,794	10,207,482	154,148	–	11,859,424
Charge for the year	209,874	867,177	23,928	–	1,100,979
Eliminated on disposals	–	(70,717)	(1,306)	–	(72,023)
Eliminated on written-off	(25,071)	–	–	–	(25,071)
Reclassified as held for sale	–	(13,274)	–	–	(13,274)
At 31 December 2018 and 1 January 2019	1,682,597	10,990,668	176,770	–	12,850,035
Charge for the year	216,788	750,010	19,539	–	986,337
Eliminated on disposals	(3,658)	(109,665)	(1,993)	–	(115,316)
Reclassified as held for sale	–	(28,881)	(1,397)	–	(30,278)
At 31 December 2019	1,895,727	11,602,132	192,919	–	13,690,778
CARRYING VALUES					
At 31 December 2019	5,389,778	4,858,455	96,042	74,510	10,418,785
At 31 December 2018	5,476,184	5,284,823	113,912	20,532	10,895,451

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17. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings	10 to 40 years
Machinery and equipment	5 to 14 years
Others	5 to 14 years

The buildings are situated in the PRC and held under medium lease term.

At 31 December 2019, the Group's buildings, machinery and equipment with carrying values of approximately RMB182,348,000 (2018: RMB185,341,000) have been pledged to secure banking facilities granted to the Group.

The Group's idle buildings, machinery and equipment with aggregate carrying amount of approximately RMB450,057,000 as at 31 December 2019 (2018: RMB373,810,000) were valued individually by Wan Long (Shanghai) Assets Evaluation Co., Ltd. ("Shanghai Wan Long"), an independent professionally qualified valuer. Based on the valuation report, no impairment loss was charged to profit or loss for the year ended 31 December 2019 (2018: nil). The recoverable amounts of these idle buildings, machinery and equipment were the fair value less costs of disposal. The fair values were measured by using Level 2 valuation techniques within the fair value hierarchy, which were estimated with reference to the market prices of similar assets after considering the conditions of these assets.

As at 31 December 2019, the Group was in the process of obtaining the certificates of ownership for buildings which carrying values of approximately RMB947,394,000 (2018: RMB974,908,000) from the relevant PRC government authorities. In the opinion of the directors of the Company, the absence of formal title to these properties does not impair their values to the Group as the Group has paid in full purchase consideration of these buildings and the probability of being evicted on the ground of an absence of formal title is remote.

Non-current assets classified as held for sale

At 31 December 2019 and 2018, the non-current assets held for sale were certain items of machinery under sales agreements entered into during 2019 and 2018 and expected to be fulfilled in 2020 and 2019 respectively.

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18. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS AND LEASE LIABILITIES

(i) Right-of-use assets

	At 31 December 2019 RMB'000	At 1 January 2019 RMB'000
Land	399,533	421,617
Buildings	5,799	3,868
	405,332	425,485

Right-of-use assets of RMB399,533,000 represents land use rights located in the PRC. As at 31 December 2019, the Group is still in a process of obtaining the land certificate with the carrying amount of RMB172,915,000. In the opinion of the directors, based on the advice from the Group's external legal adviser, the absence of the land certificate does not impair its carrying value to the Group.

The Group has lease arrangements for buildings and premises. The lease terms are generally ranged from 1 to 20 years.

Additions to the right-of-use assets for the year ended 31 December 2019 amounted to RMB3,489,000, due to new leases of buildings.

(ii) Lease liabilities

	At 31 December 2019 RMB'000	At 1 January 2019 RMB'000
Non-current	61,259	71,957
Current	13,336	11,760
	74,595	83,717

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18. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS AND LEASE LIABILITIES (Continued)

(ii) Lease liabilities (Continued)

	31 December 2019 RMB'000
Amounts payable under lease liabilities	
Within one year	13,336
After one year but within two years	13,430
After two years but within five years	33,257
After five years	14,572
	<u>74,595</u>
Less: Amount due for settlement within 12 months (shown under current liabilities)	<u>(13,336)</u>
Amount due for settlement after 12 months	<u>61,259</u>

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the Group entered into 2 lease agreements in respect of renting properties and recognised lease liabilities of RMB3,489,000.

(iii) Amount recognised in profit or loss

	31 December 2019 RMB'000
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	23,642
Interest expense on lease liabilities	4,639
Expense relating to short-term leases	459

(iv) Others

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the total cash outflow for lease amount to RMB12,611,000.

At 31 December 2019, the Group is committed to RMB229,000 for lease agreements not yet commenced.

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19. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	Buildings RMB'000
COST	
At 1 January 2018, 31 December 2018, 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019	32,327
DEPRECIATION AND IMPAIRMENT	
At 1 January 2018	10,069
Charge for the year	736
At 31 December 2018 and 1 January 2019	10,805
Charge for the year	738
At 31 December 2019	11,543
CARRYING VALUES	
At 31 December 2019	20,784
At 31 December 2018	21,522

Investment properties are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings	25 years
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The investment properties of the Group are under operating leases and were valued by Shanghai Wan Long, an independent professionally qualified valuer, at 31 December 2019 and 2018.

Under the discounted cash flow method, a fair value of approximately RMB32,864,000 (2018: RMB31,051,000) is estimated using assumptions regarding the benefits and liabilities of ownership over the assets' life including an exit or terminal value. This method involves the projection of a series of cash flows on a property interest. A market-derived discount rate is applied to the projected cash flow in order to establish the present value of the income stream associated with the assets. The exit yield is normally separately determined and differs from the discount rate.

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20. PREPAID LEASE PAYMENTS

The carrying amount of prepaid lease payments of the Group analysed for reporting purposes as:

	2018 RMB'000
Current assets included in deposits, prepayments and other receivables (<i>note 25</i>)	8,839
Non-current assets	330,652
	339,491

As at 31 December 2018, prepaid lease payments represent the Group's interests in land which are held under medium-term leases and located in the PRC. The Group is in the process of obtaining the land use right certificates.

At 31 December 2018, the Group's prepaid lease payments with carrying values of approximately RMB57,768,000 have been pledged to secure banking facilities granted to the Group.

Upon adoption of HKFRS 16 on 1 January 2019, the carrying amount of prepaid lease payments of HK\$339,491,000 was reclassified to right-of-use assets.

21. OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Technology right RMB'000	Software RMB'000	Total RMB'000
COST			
At 1 January 2018, 31 December 2018, 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019	12,002	1,740	13,742
AMORTISATION			
At 1 January 2018	12,002	1,634	13,636
Charge for the year	–	15	15
At 31 December 2018 and 1 January 2019	12,002	1,649	13,651
Charge for the year	–	15	15
At 31 December 2019	12,002	1,664	13,666
CARRYING VALUES			
At 31 December 2019	–	76	76
At 31 December 2018	–	91	91

Technology right and software are amortised on a straight-line basis over 10 years.

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22. INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Cost of investment in an associate – unlisted	67,500	67,500
Share of post acquisition profit and other comprehensive income, net of dividends received	8,476	7,231
	75,976	74,731

At 31 December 2019 and 2018, the Group had interest in the following associate:

Name of entity	Form of business	Principal place of operation and establishment	Proportion of ownership interest or participating shares held by the Group		Proportion of voting power held by the Group		Principal activities
			2019	2018	2019	2018	
威海市環翠區宏源小額貸款有限公司 Weihai Huancui District Hongyuan Microfinance Company Limited *	Incorporated	The PRC	45%	45%	45%	45%	Provision of finance and financial advisory services to small enterprises

The Group's interest in an associate is not individually material. The aggregate financial information and carrying amount of the Group's interest in that associate that is accounted for using the equity method are set out below.

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Share of profit and total comprehensive income for the year	1,245	118

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23. INVENTORIES

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Raw materials and consumables	1,117,880	1,227,493
Work-in-progress	318,104	349,495
Semi-finished goods	615,095	629,520
Finished goods	714,634	954,656
	2,765,713	3,161,164

As 31 December 2019, the carrying amounts of the Group's inventories were net of impairment provisions of approximately RMB143,175,000 (2018: RMB120,489,000).

During the year ended 31 December 2019, an allowance for inventories of approximately RMB135,367,000 (2018: RMB113,607,000) has been recognised and included in cost of sales.

During the year ended 31 December 2019, there was a change in allowance of approximately RMB112,153,000 (2018: RMB102,926,000) for inventories due to elimination of allowances upon the subsequent sales of inventories during the year.

During the year ended 31 December 2019, there was an increase in the net realised value of finished goods due to market condition. As a result, a reversal of write-down of finished goods of approximately RMB528,000 (2018: RMB832,000) has been recognised and included in cost of sales during the year.

24. TRADE RECEIVABLES

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Receivables at amortised cost comprise:		
Trade receivables	406,801	436,853
Less: loss allowance for trade receivables	(4,611)	(5,199)
	402,190	431,654

As at 31 December 2019, the gross amount of trade receivables arising from contracts with customers amounted to approximately RMB406,801,000 (2018: RMB436,853,000).

The Group normally allows a credit period of not more than 45 days to its customers, although an extension of the credit period is not uncommon for customers who have a long term relationship with the Group. The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management. In view of this and the fact that the Group's trade receivables relate to a large number of diversified customers, there is no significant concentration of credit risk.

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24. TRADE RECEIVABLES (Continued)

The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables, net of loss allowance for trade receivables, presented based on the invoice date, which approximates revenue recognition date at the end of each reporting period.

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Within 90 days	401,604	421,145
91 to 180 days	250	6,388
181 to 365 days	333	3,703
Over 365 days	3	418
	402,190	431,654

The Group measures the loss allowance for trade receivables at an amount equal to lifetime ECL. The expected credit losses on trade receivables are estimated using a provision matrix by reference to past default experience of the debtor and an analysis of the debtor's current financial position, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions of the industry in which the debtors operate and an assessment of both the current as well as the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date.

As the Group's historical credit loss experience does not indicate significantly different loss patterns for different customer segments, the allowance based on past due status is not further distinguished between the Group's different customer bases.

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24. TRADE RECEIVABLES (Continued)

The Group recognises lifetime ECL for trade receivables based on the ageing of customers collectively that are not individually significant as follows:

	Weighted average expected loss rate %	Gross carrying amount RMB'000	Loss allowance RMB'000
As at 31 December 2019			
Within 3 months	0.12%	402,087	483
3 months to 1 year	1.74%	593	10
1 to 2 years	11.51%	4	1
2 to 3 years	N/A	-	-
Over 3 years	100.00%	4,117	4,117
		406,801	4,611

	Weighted average expected loss rate %	Gross carrying amount RMB'000	Loss allowance RMB'000
As at 31 December 2018			
Within 3 months	0.13%	421,694	549
3 months to 1 year	1.98%	10,294	203
1 to 2 years	3.19%	432	14
2 to 3 years	90.42%	2	2
Over 3 years	100.00%	4,431	4,431
		436,853	5,199

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24. TRADE RECEIVABLES (Continued)

The movement in the loss allowance for trade receivables is set out below:

	2019 RMB'000	2018 <i>RMB'000</i>
At the beginning of the year	5,199	4,451
Effect on adoption of HKFRS 9	-	712
(Reversal of) loss allowance recognised in profit or loss during the year	(588)	36
At the end of the year	4,611	5,199

25. DEPOSITS, PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2019 RMB'000	2018 <i>RMB'000</i>
Prepayments to suppliers	45,574	43,306
Other taxes recoverable	187,123	139,498
Interest receivables	794	251
Deposits	32	32
Other receivables (<i>note i</i>)	6,596	10,470
Rental prepayments	-	2,277
Prepaid lease payments (<i>note 20</i>)	-	8,839
	240,119	204,673
Less: loss allowance for other receivables	(291)	(366)
	239,828	204,307
	2019 RMB'000	2018 <i>RMB'000</i>
Analysed for reporting purposes as		
– current asset	239,828	202,415
– non-current asset	-	1,892
	239,828	204,307

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25. DEPOSITS, PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (Continued)

Note:

- i) The Group measures the loss allowance for other receivables at an amount equal to 12-month ECL. The Group recognised 12-month ECL for other receivables based on the internal credit rating of receivables as follows:

	Expected loss rate %	Gross carrying amount RMB'000	Loss allowance RMB'000
As at 31 December 2019			
Performing	0.99%	5,946	59
Doubtful	35.65%	650	232
		6,596	291

	Expected loss rate %	Gross carrying amount RMB'000	Loss allowance RMB'000
As at 31 December 2018			
Performing	1.50%	9,852	148
Doubtful	35.28%	618	218
		10,470	366

The movement in the loss allowance for other receivables is set out below:

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
At 1 January	366	–
Effect on adoption of HKFRS 9	–	505
Decrease in loss allowance recognised in profit or loss during the year	(75)	(139)
At 31 December	291	366

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26. PLEDGED DEPOSITS AND BANK BALANCES AND CASH

Pledged bank deposit

Pledged bank deposit represented deposits pledged to the bank to secure banking facilities granted to the Group.

Bank balances and cash

Bank balances earned interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates which range from 0.2% to 1.2% per annum (2018: 0.2% to 1.2% per annum).

27. TRADE PAYABLES

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

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Within 90 days	1,263,939	903,072
91 to 180 days	32,317	290,732
181 to 365 days	23,989	8,940
Over 365 days	51,348	26,137
	1,371,593	1,228,881

The average credit period granted is 30 days. The Group has financial risk management in place to ensure that all payables are settled within the credit timeframe.

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28. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

	2019 RMB'000	2018 <i>RMB'000</i>
Payroll payable	380,109	394,699
Accrued staff benefits	414,432	428,323
Other taxes payable	148,182	125,187
Interest payable	3,664	10,608
Other payables	123,083	159,521
	1,069,470	1,118,338

29. CONTRACT LIABILITIES

	2019 RMB'000	2018 <i>RMB'000</i>
Sales of fabric products	119,653	115,264
Sales of electricity and steam	51,912	16,952
	171,565	132,216

Contract liabilities include advances received to deliver fabric products, electricity and steam.

Revenue recognised during the year ended 31 December 2019 that was included in the contract liabilities as at 31 December 2018 is approximately RMB132,216,000 (2018: RMB121,534,000).

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30. BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS

	2019		
	Effective interest rate (%)	Maturity	RMB'000
Current			
Bank loans			
– Unsecured	4.8-6.1	2020	1,704,000
– Secured	4.8-4.9	2020	405,350
			2,109,350

	2018		
	Effective interest rate (%)	Maturity	RMB'000
Current			
Bank loans			
– Unsecured	4.8-5.2	2019	1,520,000
– Secured	4.8-5.2	2019	405,350
Corporate bonds			
– Unsecured	5.9	2019	962,755
			2,888,105

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Bank loans repayable:		
Within one year	2,109,350	1,925,350
Corporate bonds repayable:		
Within one year	–	962,755

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30. BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS (Continued)

- a) As at 31 December 2019 and 2018, all Group's bank loans are denominated in RMB.
- b) As at 31 December 2019, certain of the Group's bank loans amounting to RMB206,480,000 (2018: RMB405,350,000) were secured by certain of the Group's buildings, machinery and equipment and right-of-use assets (2018: prepaid lease payments) of an aggregate carrying value of approximately RMB182,348,000 and RMB56,955,000 respectively (2018: RMB185,341,000 and RMB57,768,000 respectively).
- c) In October 2013 and November 2014, the Company issued two domestic corporate bonds, (namely "2013 Bond" and "2014 Bond" respectively) each with a principal amount of RMB3 billion. These corporate bonds carry nominal interest rates of 7.00% and 5.50% per annum respectively, with denomination and issue price of RMB100 and periods of five years.

The Company has the right to raise the nominal interest rate by the end of third year and the bond holders have the right to redeem the corporate bonds within the first three working days only at the beginning of fourth year after the bond issue date (the "Redemption period"). After the Redemption Period, the rights of redemption are forfeited immediately. No right of redemption is granted by the Company after the redemption period to the maturity of the corporate bonds.

Subsequent to the completion of the issue, the corporate bonds were listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange on 6 November 2013 and 26 November 2014 respectively.

The outstanding amount of 2013 Bond of RMB3,000,000,000 was fully repaid in October 2018.

On 7 November 2018, the bond holders of 2014 bond, represented an aggregate amount of RMB2,037,245,000, has exercised the right of redemption. The Company has cancelled the register of redeemed bonds. The remaining outstanding balance of RMB962,755,000 was fully repaid in November 2019.

- d) As at 31 December 2019, bank loans of approximately RMB605,350,000 and RMB1,504,000,000 (2018: RMB150,350,000 and RMB1,775,000,000) are variable-rate loans and fixed-rate loans respectively. The variable-rate loans carry effective interest rate ranging from 4.8% to 6.1% per annum (2018: 4.8% per annum) and the fixed-rate loans carry effective interest rate ranging from 4.8% to 5.2% per annum (2018: 4.8% to 5.2% per annum).

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31. DEFERRED INCOME

	<i>RMB'000</i>
At 1 January 2018	194,650
Additions	2,065
Amortisation during the year	(19,259)
At 31 December 2018 and 1 January 2019	177,456
Amortisation during the year	(18,718)
At 31 December 2019	158,738

	2019 RMB'000	2018 <i>RMB'000</i>
Analysed as:		
Current liabilities	15,609	17,961
Non-current liabilities	143,129	159,495
	158,738	177,456

Deferred income recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position, arising from the government grants received. The government grants were provided by local government for the purposes of providing support for the construction of new plants, product development, research activities and a pollution prevention project.

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32. DEFERRED TAXATION

The following is the analysis of the deferred tax assets (liabilities), before set off certain deferred tax assets against deferred liabilities of the same taxable entity, for the financial reporting purposes:

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Deferred tax assets	96,952	85,711
Deferred tax liabilities	(5,230)	(5,853)
	91,722	79,858

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

	Allowances and deferred income RMB'000	Accelerated tax depreciation RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2018	86,646	18,348	(6,475)	98,519
(Charge) credit to profit or loss (note 11)	(935)	(18,348)	622	(18,661)
At 31 December 2018 and 1 January 2019	85,711	–	(5,853)	79,858
Credit to profit or loss (note 11)	11,241	–	623	11,864
At 31 December 2019	96,952	–	(5,230)	91,722

As at 31 December 2019, the Group has deductible temporary differences of RMB527,672,000 (2018: RMB484,088,000). Deferred tax assets of approximately RMB96,952,000 (2018: RMB85,711,000) has been recognised on approximately RMB387,808,000 (2018: RMB342,844,000). No deferred tax asset was recognised on the remaining amount of RMB139,864,000 (2018: RMB141,244,000) as it was uncertain that taxable profit would be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

As at 31 December 2019, no deferred tax asset has been recognised on the tax losses of approximately RMB1,714,095,000 (2018: RMB1,709,947,000) due to the unpredictability of future profit streams.

As at 31 December 2019, the Group has tax losses of approximately RMB1,712,352,000 (31 December 2018: RMB1,708,476,000) that will be expired within next five years. The remaining tax losses of approximately RMB1,743,000 (2018: RMB1,471,000) may be carried forward indefinitely.

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33. SHARE CAPITAL

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Registered, issued and fully paid:		
780,770,000 domestic ordinary shares of RMB1.00 each	780,770	780,770
413,619,000 H shares of RMB1.00 each	413,619	413,619
	1,194,389	1,194,389

34. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENT

The Group as lessee

The Group leases its land and properties under operating lease arrangement. Lease for land are negotiated for terms of twenty years, and those for properties for terms of three years. At the end of each reporting period, the Group had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases which fall due as follows:

	2018 RMB'000
Within one year	16,405
In the second to fifth years inclusive	60,726
After five years	24,300
	101,431

As at 31 December 2018, operating lease payments represent rentals payable by the Group for certain of its office properties. Leases are negotiated with fixed rentals for 3 to 10 years.

The Group is the lessee in respect of a number of properties which the leases were previously classified as operating leases under HKAS 17. The Group has initially applied HKFRS 16 using the modified retrospective approach. Under this approach, the Group adjusted the opening balances at 1 January 2019 to recognise lease liabilities relating to these leases (see note 2). From 1 January 2019 onwards, future lease payments are recognised as lease liabilities in the consolidated statement of financial position in accordance with the policies set out in note 3, and the details regarding the Group's future lease payments are disclosed in note 6.

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34. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENT (Continued)

The Group as lessor

Property rental income earned during the year was approximately RMB734,000 (2018: RMB727,000). The properties are expected to generate rental yields of 2.27% (2018: 2.25%) on an ongoing basis. All of the properties held have committed tenants for the next year.

At the end of each reporting period, the Group had contracted with tenants for the following future minimum lease payments as follows:

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Within 1 year	734	727
After 1 year but within 2 years	734	–
After 2 years but within 3 years	734	–
	2,202	727

35. COMMITMENTS

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Capital expenditure in respect of the acquisition of machinery contracted for but not provided in the consolidated financial statements	17,184	22,558

36. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

At the end of the reporting period, the Group had pledged the following assets to banks to secure the banking facilities granted to the Group:

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Property, plant and equipment	182,348	185,341
Prepaid lease payments	–	57,768
Right-of-use assets	56,955	–
Pledged deposits	107,782	140,388
	347,085	383,497

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37. CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN A SUBSIDIARY

During the year ended 31 December 2018, the Group had the following change in its ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control.

Acquisition of additional interest in a subsidiary

- a) In September 2018, the Group acquired an additional 14.81% issued shares of 山東魯藤紡織有限公司 Shandong Luteng Textile Company Limited* ("Shandong Luteng"), increasing its ownership interest to 100%. Cash consideration of approximately RMB13,050,000 was paid to the non-controlling shareholders. The carrying value of the net assets of Shandong Luteng was approximately RMB87,845,000.

A schedule of the effect of the acquisition during the year ended 31 December 2018 of additional interest is as follow:

	2018 RMB'000
Carrying amounts of non-controlling interest acquired	13,365
Consideration paid for acquisition of additional interest in Shandong Luteng	(13,050)
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Difference recognised in capital reserves within equity	315

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38. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) Transactions with related parties

Save as disclosed elsewhere in the consolidated financial statements, during the year, the Group entered into transactions with related party as follows:

Related party	Nature of transaction	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
The Holding Company	Sales of electricity (note i)	2,343,633	2,431,327
	Expenses on land use rights and property leasing (note iv)	17,215	17,059
	Purchase of water (note vi)	20,293	-
Fellow subsidiaries	Gross rental income	734	727
	Sales of textile products (note v)	384,466	445,702
濱州市宏諾新材料有限公司 Binzhou City Hongnuo New Materials Co., Limited* (Former name as 濱州市濱北新材料 有限公司 Binzhou Municipal Binbei New Material Co., Limited*) ("Binzhou Hongnuo") and its subsidiary (note ii)	Purchases of steam (note ii)	17,518	22,794
鄒平縣宏利熱電有限公司 Zouping County Hongli Thermal Power Co., Ltd.* ("Hongli Thermal Power")	Purchases of steam (note iii)	3,797	4,682

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38. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(a) Transactions with related parties (Continued)

Notes:

(i) Electricity supply agreement with the Holding Company

Pursuant to the agreement, the Company will supply excess electricity to the Holding Group at a price of RMB0.50 per kWh (including VAT at the rate of 17%) or the price at which a power plant in Shandong Province would sell its electricity generated to the relevant power grid, whichever is higher. However, if any applicable mandatory price for the electricity is announced by the PRC government, the mandatory price would be adopted instead.

The Company made an announcement and a circular, respectively, on 26 October 2016 to disclose that the Company entered into a new supply of excess electricity agreement (the “Renewed Supply of Excess Electricity Agreement 2016”) with the Holding Company with a period of three years commencing on 1 January 2017 and the terms and conditions of the Renewed Excess Electricity Supply Agreement 2016 are basically the same as those of the supply of excess electricity agreement entered into on 12 November 2013, except for the newly agreed maximum aggregate value.

As for the new price calculation method, the Company and the Holding Company agreed on a benchmark price of excess electricity of RMB0.37 per kWh (including VAT at the rate of 17%) with a benchmark price of raw coal of RMB454.35 per ton (VAT inclusive). If any applicable mandatory price for the supply of electricity is prescribed by the PRC government, the benchmark price of excess electricity would be adjusted accordingly. The Company and Holding Company agreed to calculate the actual settlement price of excess electricity at the day before the last day of each month. The actual settlement price of excess electricity in each month will be adjusted by RMB0.01 per kWh on the basis of the benchmark price of excess electricity at every 5% fluctuation of the weighted average price of raw coal in such month over the benchmark price of raw coal.

(ii) Steam purchase agreements with the Holding Company and Binzhou Hongnuo

Binzhou Hongnuo is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of 中國宏橋集團有限公司 China Hongqiao Group Limited (“Hongqiao Group”). As Hongqiao Group is an associate of Ms. Zhang Hongxia and Ms. Zhang Yanhong (both are executive directors), Binzhou Hongnuo is a related party of the Company under the Listing Rules.

On 20 October 2017, the Company made an announcement, on “Continuing Connected Transactions (Entering into Weiqiao Steam Supply Agreement and Renewal of Binzhou Steam Supply Agreement)”. According to the announcement, the Company announced that, on 20 October 2017, it renewed the steam supply agreement dated 20 October 2017 for a period from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019 (the “Renewed Supply Agreement (Steam) 2017”). The Renewed Supply Agreement (Steam) 2017 agreed upon a new maximum aggregate annual value of steam supplied.

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38. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(a) Transactions with related parties (Continued)

(iii) Steam purchase agreements with the Holding Company and Hongli Thermal Power

Hongli Thermal Power is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Hongqiao Group. As Hongqiao Group is an associate of Ms. Zhang Hongxia and Ms. Zhang Yanhong (both are executive directors), Hongli Thermal Power is a related party of the Company under the Listing Rules.

On 20 October 2017, the Company made an announcement to disclose that 山東銘宏紡織科技有限公司 Shandong Ming Hong Textile Technology Company Limited* (“Ming Hong Textile”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a steam supply agreement with Hongli Thermal Power. Pursuant to the agreement, Ming Hong Textile will purchase steam from Hongli Thermal Power for production use, at a price of RMB150 per ton (including VAT at the rate of 11%), for the period from 20 October 2017 to 31 December 2019.

(iv) Lease agreements with the Holding Company

The Group as lessee

For the years ended 31 December 2019 and 2018, certain land use rights and properties of the Group were under lease agreements with the Holding Company, with a right of renewal exercisable by the Group. The significant terms of the nine agreements are summarised as follows:

- (1) A land use right lease agreement dated 30 September 2002 with the commencement date and expiry date on 30 September 2002 and 30 September 2022, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB888,700 for the land relating to the Weiqiao Second Production Area.
- (2) A land use right lease agreement dated 14 May 2003 with the commencement date and expiry date on 14 May 2003 and 14 May 2023, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB1,503,000 for the land relating to the Weiqiao Third Production Area.
- (3) A land use right lease agreement dated 17 October 2003 with the commencement date and expiry date on 17 October 2003 and 17 October 2023, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB2,167,000 for the land relating to the Zouping Industrial Park Area.
- (4) A land use right lease agreement dated 17 October 2003 with the commencement date and expiry date on 17 October 2003 and 17 October 2023, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB994,100 for the land relating to the Zouping Industrial Park Area.

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38. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(a) Transactions with related parties (Continued)

(iv) Lease agreements with the Holding Company (Continued)

- (5) A land use right lease agreement dated 17 October 2003 with the commencement date and expiry date on 17 October 2003 and 17 October 2023, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB2,000,000 for the land relating to the Zouping Industrial Park Area.
- (6) An operating lease agreement dated 31 January 2013 with the commencement date and expiry date on 1 February 2013 and 1 February 2016, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB600,000 for a building located at No. 1, Weifang Road, Economic Development Zone, Zouping County, Shandong Province, the PRC. On 31 January 2016 and 31 January 2019, the agreement has been renewed with the commencement dates and expiry dates on 1 February 2016 and 1 February 2019 respectively and 1 February 2019 and 1 February 2022 respectively, and the other clauses and terms remain unchanged.
- (7) A land use right lease agreement dated 1 May 2006 with the commencement date and expiry date on 1 May 2006 and 1 May 2026, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB7,001,400 for the land relating to the Zouping Industrial Park Area.
- (8) A land use right lease agreement dated 24 April 2007 with the commencement date and expiry date on 24 April 2007 and 24 April 2027, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB4,164,000 for the land relating to the Zouping Industrial Park Area.

On 14 December 2011, the lease of certain parts of the land where the Zouping Third Industrial Park is situated was terminated and the annual rental has been adjusted thereafter to RMB2,070,000. Except for this, all of the original clauses and terms remain unchanged.

- (9) A land use right lease agreement dated 18 March 2008 with the commencement date and expiry date on 18 March 2008 and 18 March 2028, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB740,500 for the land relating to the Weihai Industrial Park Area.
- (10) A land use right lease agreement dated 1 May 2016 with the commencement date and expiry date on 1 May 2016 and 1 May 2019, respectively, was entered into with an annual rental of RMB800,000 for a building located at Huixian One Road, Economic Development Zone, Zouping County, Shandong Province, the PRC. On 1 May 2019, the agreement has been renewed with the commencement date and expiry date on 1 May 2019 and 1 May 2022 respectively, and the other clauses and terms remain unchanged.

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38. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(a) Transactions with related parties (Continued)

(v) Sales of textile product to the fellow subsidiaries

On 17 October 2017 and 10 November 2017, the Company made an announcement and issued a circular, respectively, on “Renewal of continuing Connected Transactions (Supply of Cotton Yarn, Grey Fabric and Denim)”. According to the announcement and the circular, the Company announced that, on 17 October 2017, it renewed the cotton yarn, grey fabric and denim supply agreement dated 21 October 2014 with a period of three years commencing on 1 January 2018 (the “Renewed Supply Agreement (Textile) 2017”). The Renewed Supply Agreement (Textile) 2017 agreed upon a new maximum aggregate annual value of textile products supplied.

Pursuant to the Renewed Supply Agreement (Textile) 2017, the Company will supply or procure its subsidiaries to supply cotton yarn, grey fabric and denim to the Holding Company, its subsidiaries other than the companies now comprising the Group and the associates of the Holding Company (collectively referred to as the “Holding Group”).

The ultimate controlling shareholder of the fellow subsidiaries is the immediate controlling shareholder of the Company.

(vi) Production water supply agreement with the Holding Company

On 23 January 2019, the Company made an announcement to disclose that 鄒平縣匯能熱電有限公司 Zouping County Huineng Thermal Power Company Limited* (“Huineng Thermal Power”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a production water supply agreement with the Holding Company. Pursuant to the agreement, Huineng Thermal Power will purchase production water from the Holding Company for production use, at a price of RMB1.60 per ton (including VAT at the rate of 3%), for the period from 23 January 2019 to 31 December 2021.

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38. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(b) Commitments with related parties

At the end of the reporting period, in addition to the lease agreements in note 38(a), the Group entered into sales agreements with certain fellow subsidiaries for sale commitments amounting to approximately RMB15,928,000 (2018: RMB27,391,000), which are expected to be fulfilled in 2020.

(c) Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of directors of the Company and other members of key management personnel during the year was as follows:

	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Short-term benefits	5,039	5,095
Post-employment benefits	151	154
	5,190	5,249

39. RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEME

As stipulated by rules and regulations in the PRC, subsidiaries in the PRC are required to contribute to a state-managed retirement plan for all its employees at a certain percentage of the basic salaries of its employees. The state-managed retirement plan is responsible for the entire pension obligations payable to all retired employees. Under the state-managed retirement plan, the Group has no further obligations for the actual pension payments or post-retirement benefits beyond the annual contributions.

During the year ended 31 December 2019, the total cost charged to consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income of approximately RMB246,052,000 (2018: RMB280,098,000) represents contributions payable to these schemes by the Group in respect of the respective accounting period.

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40. RECONCILIATION OF LIABILITIES ARISING FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

The table below details changes in the Group's liabilities arising from financing activities, including both cash and non-cash change. Liabilities arising from financing activities are those for which cash flows were, or future cash flows will be, classified in the Group's consolidated statement of cash flows as cash flows from financing activities.

	Interest payable <i>RMB'000</i> <i>(note 28)</i>	Bank loans <i>RMB'000</i> <i>(note 30)</i>	Corporate bonds <i>RMB'000</i> <i>(note 30)</i>	Lease liabilities <i>RMB'000</i>	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
At 1 January 2019	10,608	1,925,350	962,755	83,717	2,982,430
Financing cash flows:					
– Addition	–	2,483,350	–	–	2,483,350
– Repayment	(157,928)	(2,299,350)	(962,755)	(12,611)	(3,432,644)
Non-cash changes:					
– Accrued interest	150,984	–	–	–	150,984
– New lease recognises	–	–	–	3,489	3,489
At 31 December 2019	3,664	2,109,350	–	74,595	2,187,609

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40. RECONCILIATION OF LIABILITIES ARISING FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

(Continued)

	Accrued interest payable <i>RMB'000</i> <i>(note 28)</i>	Bank loans <i>RMB'000</i> <i>(note 30)</i>	Corporate bonds <i>RMB'000</i> <i>(note 30)</i>	Deferred income <i>RMB'000</i> <i>(note 31)</i>	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
At 1 January 2018	51,283	3,262,350	3,962,755	194,650	7,471,038
Financing cash flows:					
– Addition	–	1,925,350	–	4,359	1,929,709
– Repayment	(417,150)	(3,262,350)	(3,000,000)	–	(6,679,500)
Non-cash changes:					
– Accrued interest	376,475	–	–	–	376,475
– Release of deferred income	–	–	–	(19,259)	(19,259)
– Government grant income	–	–	–	(2,294)	(2,294)
At 31 December 2018	10,608	1,925,350	962,755	177,456	3,076,169

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41. INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY

	Note	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		898,942	528,968
Right-of-use assets		23,343	–
Investment properties		26,476	27,417
Other intangible assets		76	91
Investments in subsidiaries	(a)	12,017,297	12,887,445
Deposits paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment		16,458	–
Deferred tax assets		3,703	7,701
		12,986,295	13,451,622
Current assets			
Inventories		495,331	644,252
Trade receivables		1,076,631	1,660,178
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables		97,073	70,144
Dividend receivables		900,000	–
Pledged deposits		96,864	108,388
Cash and cash equivalents		9,387,554	8,799,697
		12,053,453	11,282,659
Current liabilities			
Trade payables		4,008,949	2,536,589
Other payables and accruals		414,937	441,915
Lease liabilities		3,786	–
Income tax payable		661,216	661,216
Bank and other borrowings		1,504,000	2,482,755
		6,592,888	6,122,475
Net current assets		5,460,565	5,160,184
Total assets less current liabilities		18,446,860	18,611,806

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41. INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

	Note	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000
Equity			
Share capital		1,194,389	1,194,389
Reserves	(b)	17,232,345	17,417,417
Total equity		18,426,734	18,611,806
Non-current liability			
Lease liabilities		20,126	–
Total equity and non-current liability		18,446,860	18,611,806

Notes:

(a) As at 31 December 2019, investments in subsidiaries are carried at cost of approximately RMB12,887,445,000 (31 December 2018: RMB12,887,445,000), impairment loss of approximately RMB870,148,000 (2018: nil) in respect of investments in subsidiaries has been recognised in profit or loss.

(b) Movements in reserves

	Capital reserve RMB'000	Statutory surplus reserve RMB'000	Retained profits RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2018	6,673,380	1,711,683	8,420,120	16,805,183
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	–	–	791,392	791,392
Final 2017 dividend declared	–	–	(179,158)	(179,158)
Transfer from retained profits	–	79,082	(79,082)	–
At 31 December 2018 and 1 January 2019	6,673,380	1,790,765	8,953,272	17,417,417
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	–	–	12,719	12,719
Final 2018 dividend declared	–	–	(197,791)	(197,791)
At 31 December 2019	6,673,380	1,790,765	8,768,200	17,232,345

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42. PARTICULARS OF SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COMPANY

Details of the Company's subsidiaries as at 31 December 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

Name of subsidiaries	Place of incorporation/ establishment/ operation	Kind of legal entity	Issued and fully paid ordinary share capital	Direct		Principal activities
				2019	2018	
威海魏橋紡織有限公司 Weihai Weiqiao Textile Company Limited*	PRC	Company with limited liability	RMB148,000,000	100%	100%	Production and sale of cotton yarn and fabric
Binzhou Industrial Park	PRC	Company with limited liability	RMB600,000,000	98.5%	98.5%	Production and sale of cotton yarn and fabric
Shandong Luteng	PRC	Company with limited liability	RMB81,029,872	100%	100%	Production and sale of polyester yarn and related products
威海魏橋科技工業園有限公司 Weihai Weiqiao Technology Industrial Park Company Limited*	PRC	Company with limited liability	RMB760,000,000	100%	100%	Production and sale of cotton yarn and fabric
山東濱藤紡織有限公司 Shandong Binteng Textile Company Limited*	PRC	Company with limited liability	RMB127,712,481	100%	100%	Production and sale of compact yarn and related products
Weiqiao Textile (Hong Kong) Trading Company Limited	Hong Kong	Company with limited liability	HK\$500,000	100%	100%	Trading of textile raw materials and products

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42. PARTICULARS OF SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COMPANY (Continued)

Name of subsidiaries	Place of incorporation/ establishment/ operation	Kind of legal entity	Issued and fully paid ordinary share capital	Direct		Principal activities
				2019	2018	
山東宏杰紡織科技有限公司 Shandong Hongjie Textile Technology Company Limited*	PRC	Company with limited liability	RMB1,460,000,000	100%	100%	Production and sale of cotton yarn and fabric
山東宏儒紡織科技有限公司 Shandong Hongru Textile Technology Company Limited*	PRC	Company with limited liability	RMB1,660,000,000	100%	100%	Production and sale of cotton yarn and fabric
山東銘宏紡織科技有限公司 Shandong Ming Hong Textile Technology Company Limited*	PRC	Company with limited liability	RMB580,000,000	100%	100%	Production and sale of cotton yarn and fabric
鄒平縣匯能熱電有限公司 Zouping County Huineng Thermal Power Company Limited*	PRC	Company with limited liability	RMB6,550,000,000	100%	100%	Production and sale of electricity

None of the subsidiaries has issued any debt securities outstanding at the end of both years or at any time during both years.

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