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An aerial, black and white photograph of a large-scale mining operation. The foreground and middle ground are dominated by extensive terraced and terraced earthworks, likely for waste rock or tailings storage. A network of roads and tracks crisscrosses the site. In the lower-left corner, there is a cluster of industrial buildings and a parking lot filled with numerous vehicles, possibly trucks. The background features a range of rugged, snow-capped mountains under a clear sky. The overall scene conveys a sense of large-scale industrial activity in a high-altitude, mountainous region.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the Board, I hereby present the annual report for the financial year ended 31 March 2020 (the “**Financial Year**”) and report to you our performance during this period.

The external environment of 2019 was extremely complex and challenging. The global economic and political conditions were generally volatile. The Sino-US trade dispute and the Brexit continued to play their roles in shaking investors’ confidence. Global stock markets were full of unpredictability and fluctuation. Locally, social unrest had dampened the Hong Kong economy and brought significant disruption to the Hong Kong people. Yet, despite the adversities, China’s economic performance in 2019 was generally stable. In 2019, the Gross Domestic Product (“**GDP**”) of China recorded a growth of 6%, the slowest pace in 29 years amid trade pressure from the US and sluggish demand from home and abroad, but it was still within the government target of 6% to 6.5%. In respect of crude steel production, China remained the top of the chart of the crude steel producing countries in the world in 2019, producing 996 million tonnes and accounting for 53.3% of the world’s crude steel production. However, the realized profit in the steel industry of China recorded a year-on-year decline of 30.9% as a result of abundant supply of steel, high costs of iron ores and fall in steel price.

In 2019, Mongolia exported a total of 36.2 million tonnes of coal to China, of which 33.8 million tonnes were coking coal. Mongolia has replaced Australia and become the largest coking coal supplier to China.

What is truly unpredictable on the already hard and bumpy economy has been the widespread of the COVID-19 in early 2020. The Director General of the World Health Organization (“**WHO**”) declared outbreak in January 2020 and subsequently characterized it as a pandemic in March 2020. China is reportedly the first country suffered from this unknown disease and the first to implement a lockdown policy for containing the spread of the disease. Under the lockdown policy, the Chinese people were not allowed to go out or to work. Everything including its economy was brought to an unprecedented standstill from February to the middle of April 2020. This sent the Chinese economy to a plunge of 6.8% year-on-year in the first quarter of 2020. It is also the first GDP contraction ever recorded since 1992, reflecting the severe impact caused by the shutdown of all non-essential business activities as a result of the disease.

OUR PERFORMANCE

Benefiting from China’s stable growth of steel production last year and the Supply Side Reform policy, we have had a satisfactory performance for the whole year of 2019. Our coal sales volume for the six-month period ended 30 September 2019 was more than double of the same period of 2018. It was our plan to continue ramp up supply of quality coking coal to our customers in Xinjiang. However, due to the outbreak of COVID-19, our production and export had been disrupted since the beginning of 2020.

It seems that no country is spared from the COVID-19 pandemic. Mongolia closed four gateways, namely Gashuun Sukhait, Shivee Khuren, Bichigt and Bulgan, at the China-Mongolia border since mid-February 2020, suspending coal deliveries to China as a measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19 across the border. These border ports handle most of Mongolia’s coal exports to China. Under such circumstance, our raw coking coal export to China had been temporarily suspended.

As a result of the suspension, coal production at our Mine, coking coal export and operation of our washing plant in Xinjiang were adversely impacted in the last quarter of the Financial Year. In order to alleviate the negative financial impact and preserve our working capital under the export halt, we ceased major field mining operations including overburden removal and coal extraction, and placed part of the mining workforce on furlough. The border restrictions were lifted at the end of May and our coal export resumed.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

We produced approximately 1,967,400 tonnes of run-of-mine ("**ROM**") coal during the Financial Year, which was an increase of 10.9% from 1,773,300 tonnes in the last corresponding period. Notwithstanding the disruption of our operation in the last quarter of the Financial Year, our sales of coal increased to approximately 1,043,205 tonnes in the Financial Year, including approximately 887,200 tonnes of clean coking coal, 155,900 tonnes of thermal coal and 105 tonnes of raw coal. Comparing with 676,666 tonnes of coal sold to our customers in the last corresponding period, the satisfactory performance was due to our ramping up of production to meet customers' demand in the first three quarters of the Financial Year.

OUTLOOK

At the time of writing this report, the COVID-19 pandemic has yet been over, though many countries has gradually lifted the lockdown and businesses resumed. The pandemic is expected to plunge a majority of countries into recession this year. Yet, it is not known how deep the impact will cut. With the Sino-US tensions continue to escalate, and the economic landscape is highly uncertain this year.

As a result of the pandemic, the World Bank Group in its latest Global Economic Prospect pointed out that the global economy is projected to contract sharply by 5.2% in 2020, while the International Monetary Fund predicted a shrink of 3%. This is the deepest recession since the Second World War. The World Bank Group further pointed out that on the assumption the outbreak remains under control and activity recovers later this year, the Chinese economy is expected to grow by 1% this year. China is the first country to step out of the lockdown, and its economy is gradually recovering. However, global weakness will slow China's recovery.

Under the blockage effect, production of coal had been seriously disrupted in China in early 2020. Coal production declined by approximately 6% in the first two months this year as workers were unable to return work under the pandemic and only half of China's mines were operational. According to the data of National Bureau of Statistics of China ("**NBS**"), the raw coal production in the first two months of China was 490 million tonnes, down 6.3% year-on-year. In March, over 80% of China's coal mining capacity was restored. It is forecasted that coal production in China would record a decline of 1.2% this year.

According to the data of the National Statistics Office of Mongolia, due to the lockdown policy at the beginning of this year, Mongolia's coal production was 7.9 million tonnes in the first quarter of 2020, a decline of 38.4% compared with the same period last year. In respect of coking coal imported to China in the first quarter of 2020, it was only 2.73 million tonnes. As coal export plays a very important part in Mongolia's economy, Mongolia gradually resumes coal export to China through its different borders since March.

Due to deficient coal production, import of coal in general into China for the first quarter of 2020 recorded 28.4% increase. Coking coal import also surged 26.7% in the first quarter. Steel production in China is expected to continue to grow over the next five years, though at a slower pace. Hence, coking coal demand by China this year is forecasted to remain more or less the same level as last year.

We have had a rocky start at the beginning of this year due to the unforeseeable COVID-19 pandemic, which brought our coal production and export to a temporary halt. There may be more unknown and uncertain factors still to follow for the remaining half of the year. Currently, the China border has practiced stringent coal import measures. The border crossing process is slow and inefficient. We hope the export and import process will soon be normalised through the efforts of all parties. We will continue to adopt a prudent and closely-watch strategy in our operation and production planning in response to the ever-changing market conditions. Despite the adverse impact in the first quarter of the new financial year brought under COVID-19, we pledge to do our best in an effort to maintain a satisfactory performance in the new financial year.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We made a strong progress in the Financial Year, this was due to support of all our stakeholders.

I take this special opportunity to show my appreciation to our staff members, both Chinese and Mongolian as a team, for their dedication and contributions to the Group last year. In addition, I would like to thank our Shareholders and stakeholders who have been very supportive to us throughout.

Lo Lin Shing, Simon

Chairman

24 June 2020

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS



OVERVIEW

The Company is an investment holding company. The Group's principal business is coal mining and exploration which is operated by our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary in Mongolia, MoEnCo LLC ("MoEnCo"). Our principal project is the Khushuut Coking Coal Project in Western Mongolia. We sell coking coal and thermal coal to our customers in the People's Republic of China ("PRC" or "China") and Mongolia.

The Khushuut Coal Mine is located approximately 1,350 km west of Ulaanbaatar in the Khovd Province of Western Mongolia. It is about 311 km from the Xinjiang Takeshiken border, connecting by the Khushuut Road we built.

During the Financial Year, approximately 1,967,400 tonnes (2019: 1,773,300 tonnes) of ROM coal were produced and approximately 1,043,205 tonnes (2019: 676,666 tonnes) of coal, including clean coking coal, raw coal and thermal coal, were sold to our customers during this period.

RESULTS ANALYSIS

Revenue

In the Financial Year, the Group's revenue was HK\$1,125.0 million (2019: HK\$776.7 million). Revenue was up approximately 44.8% against last year mainly driven by higher sales volumes. During the Financial Year, the Group sold approximately 887,200 tonnes (2019: 597,500 tonnes) of clean coking coal and approximately 155,900 tonnes (2019: 79,000 tonnes) of thermal coal and approximately 105 tonnes (2019: 166 tonnes) of raw coal. The average selling prices of clean coking coal, thermal coal and raw coal net of sales tax were approximately HK\$1,261 (2019: HK\$1,294), HK\$42 (2019: HK\$45) and HK\$695 (2019: HK\$693) per tonne respectively.

Cost of Sales

Cost of sales includes mining costs, coal processing costs, transportation costs, costs on disposal of coal refuse and other relevant operating expenses. The cost of sales for the Financial Year was HK\$645.8 million (2019: HK\$440.9 million). The increase was in tandem with the higher sales volume achieved in the Financial Year. It was divided into cash costs of HK\$629.0 million (2019: HK\$431.0 million) and non-cash costs of HK\$16.7 million (2019: HK\$9.9 million).

Gross Profit

Gross profit ratio for the Financial Year was declined to 42.6% (2019: 43.2%). The drop in average selling prices accounted for the reduction in gross profit ratio.

Other Gains and Losses

The net loss was mainly due to the fair value loss of HK\$33.0 million arising from an investment in a Hong Kong listed company (2019: HK\$30.5 million).

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses were relatively stable after taking into accounts of the increase in sales activities. Apart from the general increase during the Financial Year, it was mainly contributed by the increase in community expenses of HK\$22.6 million (2019: HK\$1.8 million) in respect of funding the relocation of a village in proximity to the Khushuut mine.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Gains related to Issuance of 2020 Convertible Notes and Redemption of 2014 Convertible Notes

In prior years, the Company issued HK\$2,424.8 million 3% convertible note to Chow Tai Fook Nominee Limited (“**CTF**”) (the “**3% CTF Convertible Note**”) and HK\$542.3 million 3% convertible note to Golden Infinity Co., Ltd. (“**Golden Infinity**”) (the “**3% GI Convertible Note**”). These convertible notes (the “**2014 Convertible Notes**”) were matured on 21 November 2019. On 28 November 2019, the Company entered into the subscription agreements of new convertible notes with CTF and Golden Infinity respectively to fully repay the 2014 Convertible Notes. On 6 March 2020, the Company issued new convertible notes with a principal of HK\$2,809.7 million and HK\$628.4 million to CTF and Golden Infinity respectively (the “**2020 Convertible Notes**”).

(a) *Changes in Fair Value on Derivative Component of Convertible Notes*

The Convertible Notes issued by the Company during the Financial Year containing both debt and conversion option derivative components. At the date of issue (i.e. 6 March 2020), both the debt and conversion option components were recognized at fair value. The conversion option derivative of 2020 Convertible Notes requires remeasurement at the end of each reporting period and a resulting gain in fair value change amounting to HK\$377.8 million was then recognized in the Financial Year. The major inputs into the binomial valuation model for the valuation of the derivative component have been disclosed in Note 14(a) to the consolidated financial statements.

(b) *Modification Gain on Convertible Notes*

On 21 November 2019, the Company entered into standstill agreements with CTF and Golden Infinity respectively to extend the repayment date of all amounts outstanding under the 2014 Convertible Notes to 21 May 2020. However, the conversion options for the 2014 Convertible Notes were already expired on 21 November 2019 and therefore non-extendable. By such amendment, a modification gain of HK\$249.4 million was recognised in profit and loss in relation to this non-substantial modification to the 2014 Convertible Notes. The difference between the present values of the 2014 Convertible notes as at 21 November 2019 based on their effective interest rate (i.e. 19.96%) and their then carrying book values were recognised as modification gain.

(c) *Change in Fair Value of Derivative Financial Instruments*

The standstill agreement included a commitment under which the Company intended to issue, and CTF and Golden Infinity intended to subscribe for, the 2020 Convertible Notes. The commitment is accounted for as a derivative and it was derecognised on 6 March 2020. It represented the difference in derecognition of the carrying book values of 2014 Convertible Notes and the fair values of the derivative component of the 2020 Convertible Notes as at 6 March 2020.

(d) *Derecognition gain on convertible notes*

The aforementioned derivative in (c) above to issue the 2020 Convertible Notes was derecognized on 6 March 2020 instead of 21 May 2020. Accordingly, a derecognition gain of HK\$21.9 million was recorded in profit or loss.

The gains in (a) to (d) above are accounting treatments and non-cash in nature which will not have any impact on the cash flow of the Group.

Recoverable Amount Assessment on Khushuut Related Assets (“Mine Assets”)

At the end of the Financial Year, an independent qualified professional valuer was engaged by the Group to determine the recoverable amount of the Mine Assets. The recoverable amount of the Mine Assets is based on the discounted cash flow model that incorporates best estimates made by the management of the Group on price trend of coking coal, coking coal grades, production capacity and rates, future capital expenditure, inflation rate and production costs over the mine life of the Khushuut mine, etc. The cash flow projection covers the expected life of the whole operation. Major assumptions including selling prices trend, operating and capital costs, sales volume, inflation rates and discount rate are particularly important; the determination of the recoverable amount is relatively sensitive to changes in these important assumptions. Key changes in assumptions used in the discounted cash flow model as at 31 March 2020 and 2019 are set out as below:

	Notes	2020	2019
Discount rate	(a)	25.09%	22.67%
Average current coking coal price per tonne	(b)	US\$133	US\$136
Inflation rate	(c)	2.38%	1.78%
Predicted average annual growth rate of the coking coal price for the forthcoming four-year period since year ended	(d)	0.18%	-3.88%

Notes:

- (a) The discount rate is derived from the Group’s weighted average cost of capital (“WACC”) with appropriate adjustments made to reflect the risks specific to the Khushuut Coal Mine. The WACC takes into account both cost of debt and equity, and weighted based on the Group’s and comparable peer companies’ average capital structure. The cost of equity is derived from the expected return on investment by the Group’s investors and based on publicly available market data of comparable peer companies. The cost of debt is based on the borrowing cost of interest-bearing borrowings of comparable peer companies. The change of discount rate from last year was a combined result of the updates on the WACC including the risk-free rate and other risk premium factors. The risk-free rate adopted was the yield of China 10-year government bond as at 31 March 2020. The risk premium factors are to reflect the business risks of the Khushuut Coal Mine;
- (b) The average current coking coal price was updated based on latest sales contracts;
- (c) Inflation rate was updated by reference to external market research data; and
- (d) The average annual growth rate was updated based on latest publicly available market data. For the remaining period of the discounted cash flow model, the growth rate is the same as the inflation rate.

In pursuant to the recoverable amount assessment, a reversal of impairment amounted to HK\$592.3 million was made in the Financial Year (2019: reversal of HK\$429.7 million).

Finance Costs

The major components in the finance costs were the effective interest expenses on convertible notes, interest charge on advances from a Director and a loan note. The interest charge on the debt component of the convertible notes issued by the Company was calculated at an effective interest rate of 21.82% per annum. The interest charge on the advances from a Director was calculated at the Hong Kong prime rate plus 3% per annum, which was same as previous financial years. The interest of the loan note is charged at effective interest rate of 22.37% per annum.

MARKET REVIEW

Coking coal, also known as metallurgical coal, is principally used in steel industry. It is a vital ingredient in the steel making process. Our coking coal demand is predominantly from China; therefore, the steel market performance in China affects our production and planning.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Global economic growth in 2019 was the weakest since the global financial crisis a decade ago. Rising trade barriers, geopolitical tensions and the emerging market economies continued to weigh on trade sentiment and investment confidence. The two main factors remained: the US-China trade war and the no deal Brexit. However, economic uncertainties have been alleviated as a result of the signing of the partial agreement between the US and China in January 2020. On the other hand, the leaving of the United Kingdom from the European Union on 31 January 2020 also helps ease market uncertainties. However, while the twilight was seen, the unforeseeable coronavirus pandemic quietly set in, creating an almost unprecedented impact on the world in every aspect.

China's GDP grew by 6.1% in 2019 which is not surprising the slowest pace in 29 years amid trade pressure from the US and sluggish demand from home and abroad. It is, nevertheless, within the government target of 6% to 6.5%. China's industrial production continued to grow and high-tech manufacturing and strategic emerging industries developed fast last year. According to the data of NBS, industrial output, an important economic indicator, grew by 5.7 % year on year in 2019, down 0.4% from the previous year. The fastest growing sector was the production and supply of electricity, thermal power, gas and water which reported a year-on-year increase of 7 % in 2019, followed by the manufacturing sector with output growth of 6 % year on year, and the mining sector with 5% growth.

Due to the slight increase of operational costs, the profit of coal mining and washing industry in China last year was RMB283 billion, a decline of 2.4% year on year. In respect of fixed asset investment in 2019, China's national fixed asset investment (excluding rural households) recorded an increase of 5.4% over the prior year, and has been the slowest annual growth since 1996. In terms of industries, the investment in the mining industry recorded a notable increase compared with other industries by a surge of 24.1%.

The global crude steel production was approximately 1,869 million tonnes in 2019, a surge of 3.4% compared with the prior year, according to the data of the World Steel Association. Although there was a slight increase, crude steel production contracted in all regions globally except Asia and the Middle East. China remained the largest crude steel producing country in the world in 2019, producing 996 million tonnes and accounting for 53.3% of the world's crude steel production which was an increase of 2.4% compared with the same period in 2018. The high demand of steel was due to the resilient property market and the ongoing infrastructure spending by the Chinese government.

According to the data of China Customs, steel export of China last year was 64.3 million tonnes, declining 7.3% compared with the previous year while steel import also recorded a decline of 6.5% at 12.3 million tonnes. Based on the data of the National Development and Reform Commission, People's Republic of China ("NDRC"), the realized profit in the steel industry of China was RMB189 billion, a decline of 30.9% year on year. The result was due to the increase of supply in steel production, hence, the fall of the steel price and the increase in costs of the iron ores.

Apart from steel, China is also the world's largest coal producer and consumer. The figures relating to the coal sector were steady in general last year. According to the data of NBS, China produced 3.85 billion tonnes of coal last year by coal producers, a surge of 4% compared with the prior year.

In recent years, imported coal has gradually become an important regulator for the domestic coal market, stabilizing coal prices and ensuring balance between coal supply and demand. Coal import controls, including coal import quotas at certain ports, were practiced in China since 2018, causing a coal import plunge compared with prior years. However, in 2019, it was the Government policy of China to boost its economy and hence relaxing the coal import curb policy. Such move would help maintain a moderate coal price and cut electricity prices, and therefore, reducing the energy costs for its enterprises. Based on the data of the China Customs, coal import of 2019 was 299 million tonnes, an increase of 6.3% while the coal export also recorded an increase of 22.1% year on year at 6.02 million tonnes. In the first quarter of 2020, coal import of China amounted to approximately 95.7 million tonnes, a surge of 28.4% compared with the same period of 2019.

The Chinese steel sector accounts for two-thirds of global coking coal consumption. According to the data of China Customs, the accumulated coking coal import for 2019 was 74.5 million tonnes, an increase of 14% compared with that of 2018 while export was 1.4 million tonnes, also an increase of 29.5%. The increase in import of coking coal was mainly supported by the robust growth in steel production and the Supply Side Reform.

The natural resources export is one of the largest contributors to the Mongolia's economy. Major export items from Mongolia to China include coal, copper, molybdenum, wool and cashmere. According to the National Statistics Office of Mongolia, growth in coal production and export were only recorded a moderate increase in 2019. Mongolia produced 50.83 million tonnes of coal in 2019, a slight increase of 1.7% compared with the prior year. Based on the data of the National Statistics Office of Mongolia, coal export of Mongolia last year was 36.6 million tonnes, which is a slight increase of 1%.

Coking coal of Mongolia is important to the steel making industry of China. The coking coal import from Mongolia accounted for 30 to 50% of China's total coking coal import each month in 2019. The import growth outpaced Australia last year in that the annual coking coal import into China from Mongolia increased to 33.8 million tonnes while only 30.9 million tonnes were imported from Australia.

As Mongolia's economy has been badly hit as a result of the coronavirus pandemic in the first half of 2020, we foresee that Mongolia will actively promote its mineral exports in the second half of this year to stabilize its economy. On the other hand, though China is gradually recovering from the pandemic, the external environment remains uncertain. It is likely that China will continue its coal import control practices; therefore, the amount of coal to be imported for 2020 is anticipated to be 6% lower than that of 2019, and is estimated to be 282 million tonnes, of which 72 million tonnes would be import of coking coal.

BUSINESS REVIEW

Coal Sales

Although the last quarter performance of the Financial Year was affected by COVID-19, in general, the Group still benefitted from the strong demand of coking coal in China. We recorded a revenue of HK\$1,125.0 million from the sales of coking coal and thermal coal to our customers in China and Mongolia, a surge of 44.8% compared with the last corresponding period.

Coal Production

During the Financial Year, approximately 8,933,100 bank cubic meters ("BCM") of overburden were removed for the purpose of exposing the coal seams for the subsequent coal mining works (2019: 3,019,000 BCM). Production of coking coal (before processing) and thermal coal were approximately 1,617,800 tonnes and 349,600 tonnes respectively (2019: 918,400 tonnes and 854,900 tonnes).

Coal Processing

During the Financial Year, approximately 1,567,300 tonnes of ROM coal (2019: 999,000 tonnes) were processed by the dry coal processing plant, producing approximately 1,263,300 tonnes of raw coking coal (2019: 776,100 tonnes). The average recovery rate was 80.6%. The raw coking coal would then stand for export to Xinjiang for further washing before delivery to our customers. In Xinjiang, approximately 1,206,400 tonnes of raw coking coal (2019: 769,000 tonnes) were processed by the washing plant, producing approximately 932,500 tonnes of clean coking coal (2019: 648,200 tonnes). The average recovery rate was 77.3%.

Coal Shipping

Apart from the field work contractors, we hired external coal trucking companies with heavy-duty trucks to provide coal transportation services for our coal export.

During the Financial Year, approximately 1,158,600 tonnes of raw coking coal were shipped from Mongolia to Xinjiang.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Customers and Sales

We entered into a master coal supply contract for 2019 with our major customer in Xinjiang (raw coal without processing). The actual sales price and the quantity to be delivered had to be negotiated and mutually agreed from time to time, monthly in general, between the parties during this period. Under the said master contract, the clearing was based on the actual clean coking coal delivered after washing, and on this basis, we sold 572,500 tonnes of clean coking coal to this customer during the Financial Year. It accounted for approximately 64.7% of our revenue in the Financial Year.

In respect of our other customers, we negotiated the sales and delivery orders shortly before delivery under the then prevailing market price and our quantity of coal available.

In general, our production and shipment of coal are closely linked to the market and other conditions, and shipment negotiations between us and the customers from time to time. We will closely monitor the developments and adjust our operation schedule from time to time.

Apart from our major customer for coking coal, we had three other customers in Xinjiang during the Financial Year.

Licences

During the Financial Year, we maintained nine mining licences, of which eight are for our Khushuut operations, and two exploration licences. Please refer to the section headed "EXPLORATION AND MINING CONCESSIONS OF THE GROUP" for further details.

Legal and Political Aspects

Mongolia had a prosperous economy during 2019 due to the strong performance of its mineral resources exports. "Mongolia enjoyed a solid economic recovery in the past three years, but the COVID-19 outbreak presents a significant challenge due to the impact on global and regional economic conditions," reports the Asian Development Bank Outlook report (www.adb.org/publications/asian-development-outlook-2020-innovation-asia). Due to the impact of the disease globally, Mongolia's economic growth is expected to fall sharply in 2020 but rebound in 2021 when the pandemic subsides. The Mongolian Government's response to the disease has been winning overwhelming public support and appreciation and has triggered widespread of donations from private companies and individuals to the Government's COVID-19 combat fund. As early as mid-February this year, the Mongolian Government has taken decisive measures to prevent the outbreak of the COVID-19 in the country. The national lunar holiday Tsagaan Sar was cancelled in February 2020, and travels between the capital Ulaanbaatar and other provinces had been stopped. Additionally, Mongolia closed its borders with China and Russia, stopping inflow and outflow of people, and banned international flights, firstly, from China and South Korea, and, subsequently it extended to all international flights. Mineral exports to China had also been halted. The lockdown has been gradually lifted since March 2020 including re-opening the borders for mineral exports when the conditions improved.

For meeting emergency needs in the face of the pandemic and to better prepare for future health crises, the World Bank approved US\$26.9 million for the Mongolia COVID-19 emergency response and health system in early April, 2020.

In November 2019, the Mongolia parliament passed the constitutional amendments which include provisions signifying that the nation shall distribute the majority of benefits generated from large mining projects, namely 'strategic mineral deposits' (potential or operating mines of significance to the national economy) to its citizen equally and fairly. The amendments are largely symbolic which have already been specified and being enforced through the government policies in the mining industry and in the current Mineral Resources Law. Our operation is not affected by the constitutional amendments.

In addition, the constitutional amendments present a better clarified balance of power between the prime minister and president in a hybrid parliamentary-presidential system. Before this, the Mongolia president, who usually comes from the political party in opposition, is able to veto legislation passed by the parliament headed by the prime minister. The system has made it difficult for the governments to implement their agenda. Under these amendments, these will tip the balance of power in favour of the prime minister, giving the office full authority to appoint and dismiss the cabinet and weakening the role of the president. In addition, the parliament will be given more power to oversee the budget of the country.

As a result of the constitutional court's decision, the amendments in March 2019 to the Minerals Law relating to royalty payments were held in contradiction with the Mongolia constitution. The decision sparked much debates on the royalty related issues and the parliament was trying to fix the chaos. In February 2020, the parliament amended the Minerals Law focusing on Article 47 of the Minerals Law. Prior to the amendment, royalties applied only to mineral licence holders. The Minerals Law now extends to any person (i) selling minerals; (ii) shipping minerals for sale; and (iii) using minerals, but the conflicting wordings relating to double charging against mining licence holders have been removed. Our operation is not affected by the newly amended Minerals Law.

Adopted in March 2019, the new editions of the General Tax Law, Corporate Income Tax Law, Value Added Tax Law and Personal Income Tax Law became effective from January 2020. The relevant authorities issued a number of new auxiliary regulations in 2019. The aim of these regulations is to provide more detailed provisions in the tax reform and give a practical guidance on how some of those provisions apply.

Gaining much public popularity and support in 2019, efforts of the Mongolian Government to protect the country's natural environment damaged by illegal mining operations continued. In January 2020, the cabinet of Mongolia approved a number of important procedures to strengthen its management of mining and exploration licences. For example, the Cabinet resolution No. 6 of 2020 set up the ecological police (in addition to the existing regular police and traffic police) to track and prevent illegal mining. Further, the existing online geological and licencing information database now operated by the Minerals Resources and Petroleum Authority of Mongolia will be expanded, making better accessibility to the general public and directly connected to the country's land management database as well as to the online systems operated by General Department of Taxation, Customs General Administration and National Police Agency. The regulations concerning environmental restoration works at mines are being reviewed against the requirements of using modern technologies for restoration works and imposing penalties on the violators of environmental laws.

Environmental policies, relevant laws and regulations affecting us

As a responsible corporation, environmental stewardship is one of the pillars of our sustainable business strategy to safeguard people and the environment, and to create enduring values for our customers, employees, host communities, shareholders, and business and supply chain partners. The Group has adopted an environmental policy focusing primarily on, among others, complying with the host-country legislation and regulations; establishing management systems and programs relevant to our environmental risks to prevent, reduce and mitigate impacts at all stages of our operations; regularly assessing our performance through evaluating our business processes and practices and monitoring the surrounding environment in which we operate.

Our business operation is mainly carried out by MoEnCo in Mongolia. MoEnCo has a detailed environmental assessment of the Khushuut Mine covering five years environmental management and protection related matters in our mine operation. Based on such documentation, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia will approve an annual environmental plan while monitoring the implementation of the previous year's environmental plan through an implementation report submitted by MoEnCo. MoEnCo has an environmental management team responsible for implementing its environmental duties and responsibilities under the directions of its mining director and deputy health, safety and environmental manager. The legal department of MoEnCo is responsible for recording compliance issues while monitoring timely execution and submission of the environmental reports and plans to the relevant Mongolian authorities on an annual basis.

When preparing its annual Environmental Management Plan ("EMP"), MoEnCo works closely with the local soum government and provincial environmental agencies to reflect their proposals in the EMP. We also conduct joint assessment of the execution of each EMP.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

The relevant laws and regulations having significant impact on our operation include Minerals Law and various laws on the environmental protection such as Law on Environmental Protection, Law on Environmental Impact Assessment, the Mining Prohibition Law (“MPL”), etc. So far as the Board and management are aware, MoEnCo has generally complied with its environmental duties as required by the Mongolian laws and regulations during the Financial Year. More details are set out in the Environmental, Social and Governance Report.

Key stakeholders relationship

Engaging and building relationships with stakeholders is the key to sustaining business. Our stakeholders are individuals, groups or organisations that affect and/or being affected by our business activities and performance. The stakeholders of the Group include our shareholders, employees, customers, contractors, various Mongolian governmental authorities (such as the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, the Ministry of Mining and Heavy Industry, the State Specialised Inspection Agency, the Mineral Resources and Petroleum Authority of Mongolia (“MRPAM”) and their local governmental agencies), various Chinese governmental authorities (such as the Environmental Protection Bureau, the Safe Production Supervision Administration, the General Administration of Customs and their local governmental agencies), and local communities. In general, we maintain a good relationship with them.

There was no material and significant dispute between the Group and its customers, suppliers and other business partners regarding our operation in the Financial Year.

Legal disputes with Thiess Mongolia LLC (formerly Leighton LLC) (“Thiess”)

In respect of the claim of US\$13.5 million lodged by Thiess since 2013, there have not been any substantial case developments since the exchange of the Supplemental Witness Statements in May 2018. The parties have also yet to agree on the list of issues to be addressed in the expert report. We will continue to pursue the case to protect our best interest.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Liquidity and Financial Resources

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the Directors have given careful consideration of the future liquidity of the Group. While recognising that the Group had net liabilities of HK\$2,354.0 million and net current liabilities of approximately HK\$1,432.7 million as at 31 March 2020, the Directors are of the opinion that the Group will be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future given that: (1) Mr. Lo Lin Shing, Simon (“Mr. Lo”), a substantial shareholder and chairman of the Company who has significant influence over the Group, has provided facilities amounting to HK\$1,900.0 million. The balance of the unutilised facilities of HK\$936.9 million as at 31 March 2020 remains valid until 31 March 2022; and (2) Mr. Lo does not intend to demand immediate repayment of his advances to the Company. The borrowings of the Group as at 31 March 2020 were convertible notes, loan note and advances from Mr. Lo in aggregate of HK\$4,136.3 million (2019: HK\$5,358.1 million). Apart from advances from Mr. Lo which are unsecured and classified as current liabilities, the convertible notes and loan note are classified as non-current liabilities. As at 31 March 2020, the cash and bank balances of the Group were HK\$61.8 million (2019: HK\$65.4 million) and the liquidity ratio was 0.30 (2019: 0.11).

Property, Plant and Equipment

The increase in the carrying values of the property, plant and equipment was due to the reversal of impairment loss amounting to HK\$592.3 million (2019: reversal of HK\$429.7 million). During the Financial Year, the Group had incurred capital expenditures of approximately HK\$81.8 million (2019: HK\$26.1 million).

Trade and Bills Receivables

As at 31 March 2020, trade and bills receivables decreased to approximately HK\$120.4 million (2019: HK\$240.5 million) due to the business operation was almost brought to a standstill by the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in the last quarter of the Financial Year. The Group allows a credit period of 30 to 60 days for trade receivables and the maturity dates for bills receivables should be within 180 days or less. As at 31 March 2020 the majority of the trade receivables were within our credit period. For the bills receivables, they were non-interest bearing bank acceptance bills with settlement being guaranteed by the licensed banks in the PRC.

Inventories

The outbreak of COVID-19 caused interruption in the coal export from Mongolia to our washing plant in Xianjiang in the final quarter of the Financial Year. At the year end date, a total of approximately 180,000 tonnes of dry processed coal was stockpiled in Khushuut pending the lifting of coal export restriction between Mongolia and PRC. This accounted for more than 80% jump in the inventories figures when compared with the last financial year.

Other Receivables, Prepayments and Deposits

It mainly comprised value added tax of HK\$106.2 million (2019: HK\$61.2 million) to be refunded by Mongolian government.

Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

As at 31 March 2020, the fair value of the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss was HK\$51.6 million (2019: HK\$84.6 million), which was approximately 2.4% (2019: 5.6%) of the total assets of the Group. It represents the Group's interest in Beijing Beida Jade Bird Universal Sci-Tech Company Limited (the "Jade Bird"), a company listed in Hong Kong. The principal activities of Jade Bird and its subsidiaries are engaging in the technology research, development, marketing and sale of embedded system products and related products in security and fire alarm systems. The Group's investment is approximately 6.13% (2019: 6.14%) of the total issued share capital of Jade Bird. During the Financial Year, the Group did not receive any dividend from Jade Bird. The decrease in carrying value of the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss was mainly due to the fair value loss of HK\$33.0 million (2019: HK\$30.5 million).

Trade Payables

The increase in trade payables at the year end date when compared with last financial year was in line with the increase in revenue.

Other Payables and Accruals

The major components were balance payments of capital expenditures due to construction companies and contractors and a balance payment for acquisition of an iron ore exploration right in 2009. Contract Liabilities represented advanced deposits received from coal customers. There was no charge on the Group's assets as at 31 March 2020 (2019: Nil).

Gearing Ratio

As at 31 March 2020, the gearing ratio of the Group was 1.9 (2019: 3.5) which was calculated based on the Group's total borrowings to total assets.

Foreign Exchange

The Group mainly operates in Mongolia, Hong Kong and Mainland China. The Group's assets and liabilities are principally denominated in Mongolian Tugrik ("MNT"), Hong Kong dollar, Renminbi and United States dollar. The Group does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, the management will monitor foreign exchange exposure and consider hedging significant currency exposure should the need arise.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Contingent Liabilities

As at 31 March 2020, there were no material changes to the nature of the Group's contingent liabilities and they were all related to the legal claims made by a former mining contractor in 2013.

RISK FACTORS

The Group's business may from time to time face with certain risk factors; some of them may not be anticipated by or known to the Group. While the Group has adopted its business strategies and planning by taking into account the foreseeable risks and measures in response once such unfavourable event happens, shareholders and investors should aware that the business of the Group may still be impacted. Although it is not possible to list out a complete list of risk factors, the major risks include, among others, the following:

Cyclical nature of coal markets and fluctuations in coal prices

The revenue of our operation depends on successful commercial production of coal products in our concession areas. Therefore, our future business and results of operations are dependent on the supply and demand of coal globally, in particular, the PRC.

The fluctuation in supply and demand of coal can be caused by numerous factors beyond the Group's control, which include but not limited to:

- (i) global and domestic economic and political conditions and competition from other energy sources; and
- (ii) the rate of growth and expansion in industries with high demand for coal, such as steel and power industries.

The coking coal demand and prices in recent years remain elevated due to the China national policy of Supply Side Reform and the economic factors. However, there is no assurance that the demand of the PRC, which we assume as our major market, for coal and related products will continue to grow, or that the demand for these products will not experience excess supply. The trade tension between United States and China and the imposition of steep tariffs on import steel products may have an adverse impact on the stable market conditions and economy worldwide.

Development of a mining project may take time and factors affecting its development

In a nutshell, development of a mining project will take time, often through years, and this includes going through the process of reconnaissance, exploration, deposit analysis, feasibility study and mine planning. There is no guarantee that a planned development may overcome all challenges encountered during these processes. Ultimate commercial viability of a project will depend on whether the deposit is of the desired attributes, proximity to potential markets, availability of infrastructure and transportation networks, labour costs and availability, competition for other energy resources and global economic conditions.

Government regulations and policies such as taxes and royalties may also have a direct or indirect impact on encouraging or discouraging investment in the mining sector.

Not all planned projects may achieve the intended economic benefits or demonstrate commercial feasibility

In the course of development of a project, the Group may change its planning from time to time due to some unforeseeable circumstances. When this happens, the outcome, prospect, or financial position may be significantly affected.

Significant and continuous capital investment

Mining business requires significant and continuous capital investment. Planned mine exploration and coal production projects may not be proceeded as planned, may exceed the original budgets and may not achieve the intended economic results or commercial viability.

Actual capital expenditures for the projects may also differ from planned in the course of development. Such factors include locality and geology of the mine sites, method of excavation, availability of transportation networks, ancillary infrastructure requirements and distance to the markets, etc. Even a mine is potentially rich in natural resources, whether it is attractive for commercial development still depends on a variety of factors.

Policies and regulations

Mining business is subject to extensive governmental regulations, policies, and controls. There can be no assurance that the relevant governments will not change such laws and regulations, or impose additional or more stringent requirements. Failure to comply with the relevant laws and regulations in any mine development and coal production projects may adversely affect the Group. Some of the relevant laws and regulations in Mongolia are as follows:

Minerals Law

Under the Minerals Law, mineral exploration licences are granted for an initial period of three years. Holders may apply for an extension of the licences for three successive additional periods of three-year each, making twelve years in total. Renewal of licences must be made timely and subject to payment of annual licence fee. The Minerals Law also states that the licence holders are obligated to meet a minimum exploration expenditure requirement.

Failure to meet these requirements may subject to licence cancellation by the Mongolian authorities. The mining licence for coal is granted for an initial term of thirty years with an option for two further extensions of twenty-year each, making seventy years in total. The Mongolian authorities may also impose moratorium on any licences if the holders are in breach of any relevant laws in Mongolia.

Mining Prohibition Law

On 16 July 2009, the Parliament of Mongolia enacted the MPL which prohibits minerals exploration and mining in areas such as headwaters of rivers and lakes, forest areas and areas adjacent to rivers and lakes. Since its enactment, it has been subject to much controversy and many changes and clarification have brought about on its application and implementation. At present, all our licences in the Khushuut Coal Mine are not the subject under the MPL.

However, there is no guarantee that our licences will not be affected in the future when there is a change on the relevant law.

Strategic Deposits

The Minerals Law states that a mineral deposit is of strategic importance if a deposit may have a potential impact on national security, economic, and/or social development of the country at regional and/or national levels, or that is capable of producing greater than 5% of the gross domestic product of any given year.

If a mine is ruled as a Strategic Deposit, the Mongolian government could participate in its interest. Under the said Minerals Law, the size of the government participation is determined largely by the level of state funding which had been provided for the exploration and development of any deposit. The government of Mongolia is entitled to participate up to 50% in the event that there has been a state funding of such deposit, and up to 34% if such deposit was discovered with private funds.

In the event a Strategic Deposit is ruled, the Mongolian government will negotiate with the entity concerned as to the mode or percentage of the government's participation and it will depend on the results of individual negotiations.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

In order to boost the confidence of the investors, amendments have been made to the Minerals Law relating to Strategic Deposit in 2015. The amendments provide an option for the Mongolian government either to take an equity interest in such deposits or to impose a special royalty in lieu of such interest. The exact amount of royalty to be levied will vary depending on the specifics of the deposits, but the maximum is 5% in addition to other royalties payable under the Minerals Law and supplementary legislation. The Khushuut Coal Mine is not within the list of Strategic Deposits. However, there is no assurance that our Mine will not be considered for Strategic Deposit in the future.

Licence risk

The Minerals Law lists the following grounds for an immediate revocation of mineral licences:

- (i) the licence holder is no longer in existence;
- (ii) failure to timely and fully pay the licence fees;
- (iii) the exploration or mining area has been designated as a special-need territory, or an exploration or mining activities have been prohibited in the licensed area by law and the licence holder has been fully compensated;
- (iv) exploration expenditures of a given year are lower than the minimum exploration expenditure requirements set by the Minerals Law; or
- (v) the state central administrative agency in charge of the environment (currently Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia) has decided based on a report of the local administrative bodies that the licence holder has failed to fulfill its environmental reclamation obligations.

Further, a licence may be suspended if the licence holder fails to comply with other requirements of the Minerals Law and/or other relevant laws and regulations under the Licensing Act. If the licence holder fails to rectify such breach, the licence can then be revoked.

Country risk

The business of the Group is currently in Mongolia with the target market in the PRC. There can be a risk that the business environment may change which reduces the profitability of doing business in Mongolia and/or the PRC. Changes of political and economic conditions in either Mongolia or the PRC may adversely affect the Group.

There is no assurance that the Group's assets or business will not be subject to nationalization, requisition or confiscation due to change of laws or political conditions.

Environmental protection policies

Mining and exploration business is subject to the Mongolian environmental protection laws and regulations. Under Article 66 of the Minerals Law, if a licence holder violates environmental protection legislation, the entity holding the licence may be fined or its activities suspended until it has complied with environmental and other regulations.

In the worst case scenario, a licence may be revoked for non-compliance pursuant to Article 56 of the Minerals Law. If the Group fails to comply with existing or future environmental laws and regulations, the Group may be required to take remedial measures, which could have a materially adverse effect on its business, financial conditions, and results of operations.

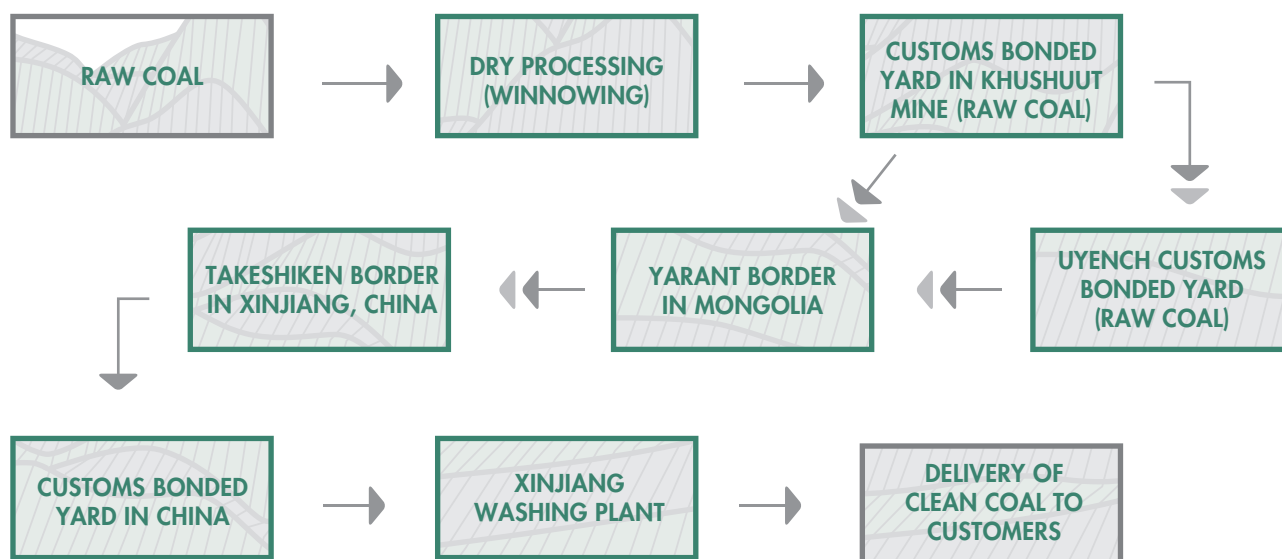
In addition, environmental protection is currently one of the core policies of China which advocates for the use of alternative or renewable energies by burning less fossil fuel. It is a trend that environmental controls will become more stringent in the future. Our business development will be affected and cost will be increased in compliance with the onerous requirements imposed.

Operational risks

We require various contractors for the mining operations of our Khushuut Coking Coal Project. If there is any unforeseeable event which renders these contractors unable to continue provide their services and no effective solution is implemented, our operation may be seriously impacted. Our operation is also dependent on the fuel supply conditions in Mongolia.

We ship our coal out of Mongolia via the Khushuut Road which is approximately 311 kilometres connecting our mine site to the Xinjiang customs border. If any part of the road is damaged and is not properly repaired, our coal transportation may come to a halt. The Yarant Border in Mongolia and the Takeshiken Border in Xinjiang are the only borders for our raw coking coal export. As our coking coal customers are in Xinjiang, China, if there is any export or import restrictions imposed by either border and no alternative customs border is available for our coal export purpose, we are unable to sell coking coal to our customers in Xinjiang. In addition, any adverse change of import policy or practices on coal import into Xinjiang, China will also impact our operations. Our production flow and logistic are illustrated in the flowchart below. The risk is similar with the change of export policy or practices in Mongolia.

PRODUCTION FLOW AND LOGISTIC



Taxation

As our main operation is in Mongolia, we are subject to Mongolia corporate income tax. At present, Mongolian corporate income tax is charged on a progressive rate scale as follows:

- 10% applies to the first 3 billion MNT of annual taxable income.
- 25% applies to any excess of MNT 3 billion of annual taxable income.

Apart from the corporate income tax, Mongolia also imposes, among others, other taxes and levies such as on:

- (i) Dividends;
- (ii) Royalties;

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

- (iii) Interest;
- (iv) Gambling, betting games, and lotteries;
- (v) Sale of immovable property;
- (vi) Sale of rights (e.g. mining licences, special activity licences, and other rights granted by the authorised organisations for conducting specific activities); and
- (vii) Value-added tax (VAT) for goods sold, work rendered and services provided in the territory of Mongolia and on goods imported into Mongolia, and goods exported for sale.

Therefore, to continue conducting business in Mongolia, the rates of its taxes and the Mongolian tax policies are one of the major factors of consideration. Our investment and operation are sensitive to the Mongolian tax policies and incentives. If the Mongolia government tightens the tax policies or increases the tax rates, these will bring impact to the sustainability of our profits and business commitments in Mongolia.

Financial risks

Exploration and mining is an industry which requires a heavy capital layout for its developments and sustainability. Investors invariably require substantial amount for the start up even the projects are proven potential. Our sources of funding are mainly from loans raised through the issue of convertible notes and advances from our Chairman and Director of the Company and from the sales of our coal products. Our ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on the coal market conditions and ongoing availability of finance to the Group, including the financial support from Mr. Lo, Chairman and Director of the Company.

Political stability

The Parliament of Mongolia is the highest governing body of state power and the legislative power is vested solely in the Parliament. As a supreme government organ, the Parliament is empowered to enact and amend laws, ratify international agreements, and declare a state emergency. Specifically, the Parliament may consider on its initiative any issue pertaining to domestic and foreign policies of the State, and retains within its exclusive power, including but not limited to:

- (i) enact new laws and make amendments to the laws;
- (ii) define the State financial, credit, tax and monetary policies;
- (iii) lay down guidelines for the country's economic and social development;
- (iv) approve the government's program of action, the state budget and the report on its execution; and
- (v) supervise the implementation of laws and other decisions of the Parliament.

The Parliament meets semi-annually. The Parliament members elect a chairman and a vice chairman who each serves a four-year term. The Parliament members are elected by district for a four-year term.

The Mongolian Parliament used to adopt a policy to welcome international investors to invest and develop its mining sector, and have favourable policies on mining developers. However, there is no guarantee that the Parliament will not change its existing policies or adopt a more conservative or restrictive policy on the mining sector in future.

EXPLORATION AND MINING CONCESSIONS OF THE GROUP

The information of the Group's exploration and mining concession areas in Western Mongolia is as follows:

Licence (licence no.)	Location (resources)	Mine Area (approximate) (hectare) ^Δ	Date of issuance	Licence valid period [#]	Development status/Remarks
Khushuut coal project					
1414A	Khovd, Western Mongolia	1,885	30 December 1998	70 years for Mining Licences (A) ^{▲▲}	Approximate 141 million tonnes of in-place resources according to JORC standards are reported*
1640A			25 May 1999		
4322A			23 April 2002		
6525A			7 November 2003		
11887A			14 August 2006		
11888A			14 August 2006		
15289A			23 November 2009		
20299A	14 August 2006				
Exploration Project					
20745X	Gobi Altay, Western Mongolia	10,884	22 February 2017	12 years for Exploration Licence (X) [▲]	
Others					
2913A	Olon Bulag, Western Mongolia	38	26 January 2001	70 years for Mining Licence (A) ^{▲▲}	
14349X	Bayan-Ulgii, Western Mongolia	1,174	24 October 2008	12 years for Exploration Licence (X) [▲]	The licence will expire in October 2020
Total Hectares		13,981			

^Δ 1 hectare = 10,000 square metres

[#] the exploration licences are for three years with three further extensions of three-year each. The mining licences are for thirty years with two further extensions of twenty-year each.

[▲] (X) stands for exploration licence

^{▲▲} (A) stands for mining licence

* The resource estimation of the Khushuut Coal Mine is based on "reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction" by using the following parameters:

- Open-pit mining method;
- Maximum mining depth of 400 meters. At 200 meters depth, the JORC resources are approximate 85 million tonnes;
- Raw coal density as determined from the analytical data. The average density for the B and C seams is 1.45;
- Minimum mineable seam height of 1.5 meters; and
- Coal estimates are on raw coal basis, which include all coal and partings less than 0.1 meter, non-coal parting measuring of 0.3 meter or less are mined with coal.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT



CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Board recognizes the importance of maintaining a high standard of corporate governance practice to protect and enhance the benefits of the shareholders. The Board and the management of the Company have collective responsibilities to maintain the interest of the shareholders and the sustainable development of the Group. The Board also believes that good corporate governance practices can facilitate rapid growth of a company under a healthy governance structure and strengthen the confidence of the shareholders and investors.

During the Financial Year, the Company had applied the principles of and complied with the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code (the “**CG Code**”) as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“**Stock Exchange**”) (“**Listing Rules**”), save for the following deviations:

- i. Code provision A.4.1 of the CG Code stipulates that non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term and subject to re-election.

None of the existing non-executive Directors is appointed for a specific term which constitutes a deviation from the code provision A.4.1 of the CG Code. However, they are subject to retirement by rotation in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company. Therefore, the Company considers that sufficient measures have been taken to ensure the Company’s corporate governance practices are no less exacting than those of the CG Code.

- ii. Code provisions A.5.1 to A.5.4 of the CG Code require a nomination committee to be set up, chaired by the chairman of the board or an independent non-executive director to review the structure, size and composition of the board at least annually to complement the issuer’s corporate strategy.

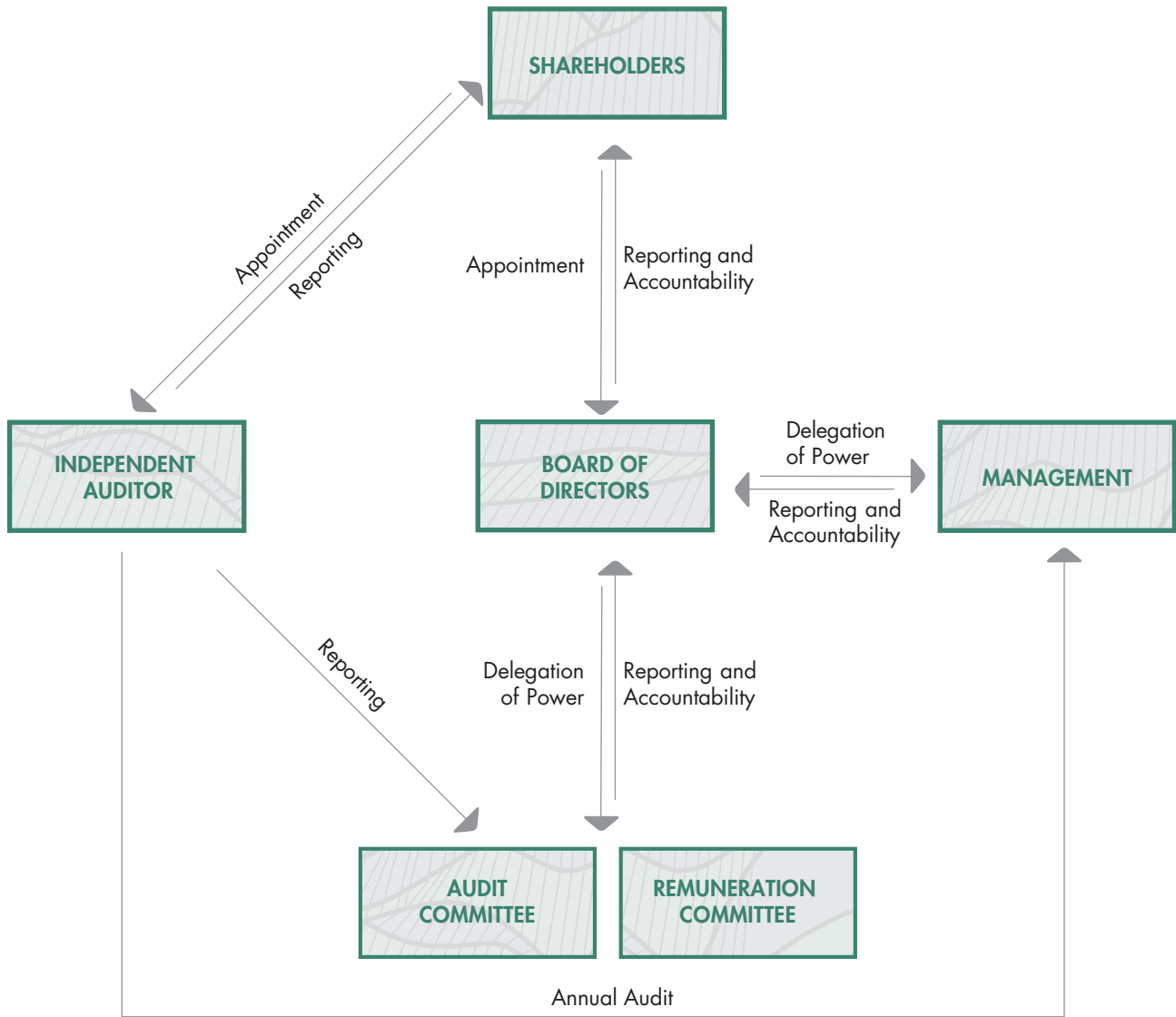
The Company has not set up a nomination committee as required. The Board considers that it should be the responsibility of the full Board to collectively review, deliberate on and approve the structure, size and composition of the Board and appointment of the Directors. The Board has already set out the criteria for selection of a Director under its nomination policy for recruitment of Board members. In addition, according to the Bye-laws of the Company, any newly appointed Directors are required to offer themselves for re-election at the next general meeting. In addition, the shareholders’ right to nominate a director candidate and participation in the re-election of Director by way of poll voting at the annual general meeting (“**AGM**”) can further ensure a right candidate to be selected.

- iii. Code provision E.1.2 of the CG Code stipulates that the chairman of the board should attend the AGM.

Due to another business engagement, the Chairman was unable to attend the 2019 AGM. The Managing Director of the Company took the chair of the 2019 AGM and answered questions raised by the shareholders. The AGM provides a channel for communication between the Board and the shareholders. Chairman of the Audit and Remuneration Committees of the Company was also present to answer shareholders’ questions at the 2019 AGM. Other than the AGM, the shareholders may communicate with the Company through the contact methods listed on the Company’s website.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



COMPLIANCE WITH MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted its own Code for Securities Transactions by Directors (the “**Code**”), which are on terms no less exacting than those set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules (the “**Model Code**”). The Code is sent to each Director on his/her initial appointment and from time to time when the same is amended or restated.

The Company has also established written guidelines on terms no less exacting than the Model Code (the “**Employees’ Guidelines**”) for securities transactions by relevant employees of the Group who are likely to be in possession of unpublished inside information of the Company.

To enhance corporate governance transparency, the Code and the Employees’ Guidelines have been published on the Company’s website at www.mongolia-energy.com.

During the period of sixty days immediately preceding and including the publication date of the annual results or, if shorter, the period from the end of the relevant financial year up to and including the publication date of the annual results, all the Directors and relevant employees are restricted to deal in the securities and derivatives of the Company until such results have been published.

During the period of thirty days immediately preceding and including the publication date of the half year results or, if shorter, the period from the end of the relevant quarterly or half year period up to and including the publication date of the half year results, all the Directors and relevant employees are restricted to deal in the securities and derivatives of the Company until such results have been published.

The Company Secretary and the Legal and Compliance Department will send reminders prior to the commencement of such period to all the Directors and relevant employees respectively.

It is stipulated under the Code and/or the Employees’ Guidelines that all dealings of the Company’s securities must be conducted in accordance with the provisions stated therein. Under the Code, the Directors are required to notify the Chairman and receive a dated written acknowledgement before dealing in the securities and derivatives of the Company, and in the case of the Chairman himself, he must notify the designated Director and receive a dated written acknowledgement before any dealings.

Having made specific enquiry by the Company, all the Directors confirmed that they had complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code and the Code regarding directors’ securities transactions throughout the Financial Year. Besides, no incident of non-compliance by the relevant employees was noted by the Company during the reporting period.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS LIABILITY INSURANCE

Good corporate governance and enterprise-wide risk management are essential for every business. The Company is convinced that corporate governance and Directors and Officers Liability Insurance (the “**D&O Insurance**”) complement each other. The Company has arranged appropriate D&O Insurance for the Directors and officers of the Group for indemnifying their liabilities arising from corporate activities. The D&O Insurance coverage is reviewed on an annual basis.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Composition

The Board currently comprises eight members, including four executive Directors, one non-executive Director and three independent non-executive Directors, overseeing the overall business operation of the Company. Biographical details of the Directors are set out on pages 36 to 37.

Our Board possesses a balance of skills and experience appropriate for the running of the Company's business. They come from different streams of professions with diversified expertise including management, finance, legal and accounting.

The Board members during the Financial Year and up to the date of this Report are as follows:

Executive Directors

Mr. Lo Lin Shing, Simon (*Chairman*)

Ms. Yvette Ong (*Managing Director*)

Mr. Lo, Rex Cze Kei

Mr. Lo, Chris Cze Wai (appointed on 3 March 2020)

Non-executive Director

Mr. To Hin Tsun, Gerald

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Tsui Hing Chuen, William *JP*

Mr. Lau Wai Piu

Mr. Lee Kee Wai, Frank

The Board will consider the following attributes or qualifications in evaluating membership in the Board:

- management and leadership experience;
- skills and diverse background;
- integrity and professionalism; and
- independency.

The Company has adopted a Board Diversity Policy (the “**Board Diversity Policy**”) setting out the approach to achieve diversity on the Board. In designing the Board's composition, Board diversity would be considered from a number of aspects, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of service. All Board appointments will be based on meritocracy, and candidates would be considered against objective criteria, having due regard for the benefits of diversity on the Board. The Board Diversity Policy has been published on the Company's website. Besides, the Company has also adopted a nomination policy for recruitment of members of the Board.

The Board will review its composition regularly to ensure that it has a balance of expertise, skills and experience appropriate to the business and development of the Company. The shareholders may propose a candidate for election as a director and the procedures have been published on the website of the Company.

During the Financial Year, the Board at all times met the requirements under Rule 3.10 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.

All the independent non-executive Directors are financially independent from the Company and any of its subsidiaries. The Company has received written annual confirmation of independence from each independent non-executive Director pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Company considers all of the independent non-executive Directors to be independent.

Appointment and Re-election of Directors

Potential new Directors are identified and considered for appointment by the Board. A Director appointed by the Board is subject to election by shareholders at the next following general meeting after his or her appointment, and all executive and non-executive Directors are subject to re-election by shareholders every three years. The general requirements for consideration include but not limited to his or her independence, availability, motivation, standing and business experience. The criteria have been set out in the Nomination Policy for Recruitment of Board Members, and published on the Company's website.

Potential new Board members are identified on the basis of skills and experience with reference to the nomination policy for recruitment of Board members and Board diversity policy adopted by the Company which, in the opinion of the Directors, will enable them to make a positive contribution to the performance of the Board.

Responsibilities and Functions of the Board

The Board is responsible for formulating strategic business development, reviewing and monitoring the business performance of the Group, as well as preparing and approving the financial statements. The Board is also responsible for developing and reviewing the Company's policies on corporate governance and making recommendations. The Board as a whole and the management of the Company shall ensure good corporate governance practices and procedures are followed.

The Directors, collectively and individually, are aware of their responsibilities to the shareholders, for the manner in which the affairs of the Company are managed and operated. In the appropriate circumstances as and when necessary, the Directors can seek independent professional advice at the Company's expense for ensuring that the Board procedures and all applicable rules and regulations are followed.

The Board may delegate the management powers to the management of the Company. However, the delegation of power does not absolve the Directors from their responsibilities of exercising requisite skill, care and diligence in overseeing the performance of the Company. The Board can meet the management of the Company from time to time to discuss the operating issues of the Group. The Company has also issued formal appointment letters to all the Directors setting out the key terms and conditions of their respective appointments.

In order to enable the Directors to discharge their duties effectively, each Director has separate and independent access to members of the management to make enquiries or obtain necessary information. They may also seek advices and services from external experts and consultants at the Company's expense for the purpose of facilitating them to make an informed decision.

All the non-executive Directors, including the independent non-executive Directors, are not involved in daily management. The non-executive Directors assist the Board in determining overall policies of the Company and contributing to the decision making of the Board. The independent non-executive Directors also give independent views on the deliberations of the Board and ensure high standards of corporate governance and financial probity.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

The Board is responsible for performing the following corporate governance duties:

- i. to develop and review the Company's policies on corporate governance and make recommendations;
- ii. to review and monitor the training and continuous professional development of the Directors and senior management;
- iii. to review and monitor the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
- iv. to develop, review and monitor the code of conduct of employees and the Directors; and
- v. to review the Company's compliance with the Code and disclosure in the Corporate Governance Report.

During the Financial Year, the Board:

- i. reviewed the performance of the Group and formulated business strategies of the Group;
- ii. reviewed and approved the annual and interim results of the Group;
- iii. reviewed the internal controls of the Group;
- iv. reviewed the corporate governance procedures;
- v. reviewed the connected transactions of the Company;
- vi. reviewed and approved the Environment, Social and Governance Report 2019;
- vii. reviewed and approved the auditor's remuneration and recommended the re-appointment of Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu ("**Deloitte**") as the independent auditor of the Group respectively; and
- viii. reviewed and approved the inside information announcements.

During the Financial Year, the Board had not amended the dividend policy of the Company. Under the policy, the Board may propose payment of dividends for a financial year by taking into account the relevant factors when considering the proposal, and these factors include, among others, the actual and expected financial performances of the Group, retained earnings and distributable reserves, the level of the Group's debts, return on equity and the relevant financial covenants that may be imposed by the Group's lenders, the Group's expected working capital requirements and future capital expenditure plans, general economic conditions, internal and/or external factors that may have an impact on the business or financial performance of the Group, etc. The dividend policy has been published and posted on the Company's website.

To the best knowledge of the Company, apart from the family relationship between Mr. Lo, Mr. Lo, Rex Cze Kei and Mr. Lo, Chris Cze Wai, there is no financial, business and family relationship among the Directors. All of them are free to exercise their independent judgments.

The Directors are aware of their commitments to the Company for contributing sufficient time and attentions to the management of the Company.

CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR

During the Financial Year, the Chairman of the Board and the Managing Director were Mr. Lo and Ms. Yvette Ong respectively.

The Chairman's responsibilities are to provide leadership to the Board and formulate the Group's business strategies. The Chairman is also responsible for ensuring that the Board works effectively, in particular, all the Directors receive reliable, adequate and complete information in a timely manner. The Chairman may communicate with the Directors directly or through the assistance of the Company Secretary to discuss or clarify any issues concerning the Group from time to time, and to provide any supporting information and documents to them.

The Chairman assumes the primary responsibility for ensuring that good corporate governance practices and procedures are established.

The Managing Director is responsible for the conduct of day-to-day operation of the Group and accountable to the Board for all aspects of the corporate performance. She recommends policies to the Board for consideration and approval, and keeps the Board informed of any material developments of the Group's business. The Managing Director may delegate her duties to any other management members or responsible officers of the Group but she assumes the principal responsibility.

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

None of the existing non-executive Directors, including the independent non-executive Directors, is appointed for a specific term.

COMPANY SECRETARY

The Company Secretary is an employee of the Company and has served as the Company Secretary since July 2004. He is a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Under the Company's Bye-laws, the appointment of the Company Secretary shall be determined by the Board. The Company Secretary shall attend all meetings of the shareholders and the Directors and shall keep minutes of such meetings and enter the same in the proper books provided for the purpose. During the Financial Year, the Company Secretary had taken no less than fifteen hours of relevant professional trainings under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules.

BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board has established the Remuneration Committee and the Audit Committee, with specific terms of reference relating to their authorities and duties, which strengthen the Board's functions and enhance its expertise.

Each Committee makes decisions on matters within its terms of reference and applicable limits of authority. The terms of reference as well as the structure and membership of each Committee will be reviewed from time to time.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Remuneration Committee comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Lau Wai Piu, Mr. Tsui Hing Chuen, William JP and Mr. Lee Kee Wai, Frank, of whom Mr. Lau Wai Piu is the chairman. The Company has also appointed an external consultant to review and compare the level of compensation paid to the Directors with the prevailing market rates and give recommendation, and to review and study the remuneration level of the senior management of the Company and give recommendation.

The main responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee include, but are not limited to, making recommendations to the Board on the Company's policy and structure for remuneration of all the Directors and senior management, reviewing and approving the special remuneration packages of all the executive Directors with reference to corporate goals and objectives resolved by the Board from time to time, and determining, with delegated responsibility, the remuneration packages of the individual executive Directors.

The terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee was revised and adopted in accordance with the requirements of the Listing Rules. Details of the terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee can be viewed on both the websites of the Company and Stock Exchange.

During the Financial year, the Remuneration Committee:

- (i) reviewed and endorsed the remuneration policies; and
- (ii) reviewed the remuneration packages of the Directors and the senior management.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Lau Wai Piu, Mr. Tsui Hing Chuen, William JP and Mr. Lee Kee Wai, Frank. Mr. Lau Wai Piu is the chairman and has appropriate professional qualifications, accounting and related financial management expertise.

The main responsibilities of the Audit Committee include, but are not limited to, reviewing the Company's current financial standing, considering the nature and scope of audit reports, and ensuring internal control and risk management systems operate in accordance with applicable standards and conventions.

The terms of reference of the Audit Committee was revised and adopted in accordance with the requirements of the Listing Rules. Details of the terms of reference of the Audit Committee can be viewed on both the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

During the Financial Year, the Audit Committee:

- (i) reviewed the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 and for the six months ended 30 September 2019;
- (ii) reviewed the effectiveness of the internal control and risk management systems;
- (iii) reviewed the independent auditor's report; and
- (iv) reviewed the Company's continuing connected transactions for the year ended 31 March 2019 pursuant to the Listing Rules.

During the Financial Year, the Chief Financial Officer attended both of the Audit Committee meetings to present the financial results of the Group to the Committee members. He also oversaw the financial reporting procedures and ensured the financial reporting and other accounting-related issues were complied with the statutory requirements and applicable accounting standards.

ATTENDANCE RECORD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The attendance record of each Director at the Board and Board Committee meetings and the general meetings of the Company held during the Financial Year is set out below:

Directors	Number of Meetings Attended/Held				Continuous Professional Development
	Board	Remuneration Committee	Audit Committee	General Meeting	Type of Training ^(Notes)
Mr. Lo	4/4	N/A	N/A	0/2	B
Ms. Yvette Ong	4/4	N/A	N/A	1/2	B
Mr. Lo, Rex Cze Kei	4/4	N/A	N/A	0/2	B
Mr. Lo, Chris Cze Wai (appointed on 3 March 2020)	1/4	N/A	N/A	N/A	B
Mr. To Hin Tsun, Gerald	4/4	N/A	N/A	0/2	A, B
Mr. Tsui Hing Chuen, William <i>JP</i>	4/4	1/1	2/2	0/2	A, B
Mr. Lau Wai Piu	4/4	1/1	2/2	2/2	A, B
Mr. Lee Kee Wai, Frank	4/4	1/1	2/2	0/2	A, B

Notes:

A: attending seminars and/or professional conference and/or forums

B: reading materials relating to the Group, general business or director's duties and responsibilities, etc.

For every Board and Board Committee meeting, each Director is required to declare whether he/she has any conflict of interests in the matters to be considered. If a substantial shareholder or a Director has a conflict of interest which is considered by the Board as material, the matters should be dealt with by a physical Board meeting rather than a written resolution.

Apart from the regular Board meetings, the Chairman held meeting with the independent non-executive Directors, without the presence of the executive Directors once a year.

Directors' Training and Continuous Professional Development

All the Directors should participate in continuous professional development to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills in their roles as directors pursuant to Code Provision A.6.5 of the CG Code. Attendance to any professional courses recognised by registered professional bodies such as The Law Society of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries etc., are recognised by the Company for this purpose. The Directors will also be provided with materials from time to time to keep abreast of the latest legal and regulatory changes to enable them to effectively discharge their duties.

During the Financial Year, all the Directors had participated in appropriate continuous professional development activities by ways of attending training and/or reading material relevant to the Company's businesses or to the Directors' duties and responsibilities.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Deloitte was re-appointed as independent auditor of the Company (the “**Independent Auditor**”) at the 2019 AGM. It is the Independent Auditor’s responsibilities to form an independent opinion, based on its audit, on those financial statements and to report their opinion solely to the Company, as a body, in accordance with Section 90 of the Bermuda Companies Act, and for no other purposes. Deloitte does not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of the Independent Auditor’s Report.

The statement of the Independent Auditor about their reporting responsibilities on the financial statements is set out in the “Independent Auditor’s Report” on pages 49 to 53.

During the year under review, the professional fee paid/payable to the Independent Auditor is set out as follows:

Services	Fee Paid/Payable HK\$'000
Audit services	3,860
Non-audit services	931
	4,791

RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for preparing the financial statements and ensuring that the preparation of the accounts is in accordance with statutory requirements and applicable accounting standards.

The statement of the Independent Auditor of the Company regarding responsibilities for the financial statements is set out in the Independent Auditor’s Report on pages 49 to 53.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT

The Group has provided its major operations and updates and financial information on a monthly basis to enable the Directors to assess its performance at regular intervals.

The Board understands its responsibility under the Listing Rules and other applicable regulations to make a prompt assessment and disclose updated developments and inside information regarding the Group to the shareholders and investing public in a timely manner.

Apart from these, the Company’s website (www.mongolia-energy.com) also provides comprehensive and accessible news and information of the Group. Contact details of the Company are posted on the website in order to enable the shareholders and other stakeholders to make enquiries in respect of the Group.

The latest and previous annual reports, interim reports, announcements, business operations, corporate governance practices and other information of the Company are available on the Company’s website. To ensure effective and timely dissemination of information at all times, the Company updates the website contents on a regular basis to keep the shareholders and public informed of the business developments of the Company.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board is responsible for the Group's system of internal control so as to maintain sound and effective risk management and internal control to safeguard the shareholders' investment and the assets of the Group.

The Board has established an on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant risks faced by the Group. This process includes continuous updating of the risk management and internal control systems of the Group in response to the changing business environment and regulatory requirements.

The Board also conducts reviews of the risk management and internal control of the Group to ensure that the policies and procedures in place are adequate. The Board assesses the effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems which covers all material controls, including financial, operational and compliance controls and risk management functions.

During the Financial Year, the Group engaged a professional accounting firm to be its internal auditor (the "**Internal Auditor**") and to report directly to the Audit Committee. The Internal Auditor adopts a risk-based approach and independently review and test the controls over various selected operations and activities and evaluates their adequacy, effectiveness and compliance on an annual or ad hoc basis. Review findings and recommendations are reported to the Audit Committee. In addition, progress on audit recommendations implementation will be followed up on a regular basis and discussed with the Audit Committee.

During annual review, the Audit Committee considered and satisfied the adequacy of resources, qualifications and experience of accounting staff of the Group, accounting and financial reporting function and their training programs and budgets. Based on the results of evaluations and representations made by the Internal Auditor and the Independent Auditor for the Financial Year, the Audit Committee was satisfied that there was an ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant risks faced by the Group that would threaten the achievement of its business objectives; and an appropriate, effective and adequate system of internal control and enterprise risk management had been in place in during the Financial Year.

To enhance the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control, the Director of Legal and Compliance will assist in risk management and internal control review process to ensure the compliance aspects of the Group are met. The Company Secretary will ensure the Board and the Board Committees are provided with timely information and sufficient resources to enable them to efficaciously discharge their duties.

COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS

The Group is committed to enhancing the communication with the shareholders and investors. Updated information about the announcements of the Group and the Company is posted on our website (www.mongolia-energy.com) in a timely manner. The shareholders can communicate with the Company or the Board through the contact information provided on the website and in the general meetings of the Company.

The Company has complied with the Listing Rules regarding the requirements about voting by poll and keeping the shareholders informed of the procedures for voting by poll through notices of general meetings in circulars of the Company.

During the Financial Year, the Company held two general meetings, one of which was the AGM. The Directors and the Independent Auditor of the Company had attended the 2019 AGM to answer the shareholders' enquiries. In addition, separate resolutions for each issue had been proposed at the general meeting for voting by the shareholders.

The notice of the AGM is distributed to all shareholders at least twenty clear business days prior to the AGM and the accompanying circular also sets out details of each proposed resolution and other relevant information as required under the Listing Rules.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT (CONTINUED)

SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

The Company has only one class of shares. All shares have the same voting rights and entitlement to any dividend declared. The rights of our shareholders are set out in, among others, the Bye-laws of the Company and the Bermuda Companies Act.

Convening a General Meeting

The shareholders of the Company holding at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the Company Secretary, to request a general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition; and such meeting shall be held within two months from the date of the deposit of such requisition.

If the Board does not within twenty-one days from the date of deposit of the requisition proceed duly to convene a general meeting, the shareholders concerned may convene the general meeting in the same manner in accordance with the provisions of Section 74 of the Bermuda Companies Act.

The written requisition must state the objects of the meeting, and must be signed by the shareholders concerned. The requisition will be verified with the Company's share registrars and upon their confirmation that the requisition is proper and in order, the Company Secretary will ask the Board to (i) include the resolution in the agenda for the AGM; or (ii) convene a special general meeting by serving sufficient notice in accordance with the statutory requirements to all the registered shareholders.

On the contrary, if the requisition has been verified as not being in order, the shareholders concerned will be advised of this outcome and accordingly, (i) the proposed resolution will not be included in the agenda for the AGM; or (ii) the general meeting will not be convened as requested.

The notice period to be given to the registered shareholders for consideration of the proposal raised by the shareholders concerned at a general meeting varies according to the nature of the proposal. Pursuant to Bye-law 59(1) of the Company's Bye-laws, an AGM shall be called by a notice of not less than twenty clear business days and all other general meeting at which the passing of a special resolution is to be considered shall be called by not less than ten clear business days.

Putting Forward Proposals at General Meetings

The shareholders representing not less than one-twentieth of the total voting rights of the Company at the date of the deposit of the requisition or not less than one hundred shareholders are entitled to put forward a proposal (which may properly be put to the meeting) for consideration at a general meeting of the Company.

The requisition must state the proposal together with a statement with respect to the matter referred to in the proposal and duly signed by the shareholders concerned. The written requisition must be deposited at the registered office of the Company for the attention of the Company Secretary, (i) in the case of a requisition requiring notice of a resolution not less than six weeks before the meeting, and (ii) in the case of any other requisition, not less than one week before the meeting.

The requisition will be verified with the Company's share registrars and upon their confirmation that the requisition is proper and in order, the Company Secretary will ask the Board to (i) include the resolution in the agenda for the AGM; or (ii) convene a special general meeting by serving sufficient notice in accordance with the statutory requirements to all the registered shareholders.

On the contrary, if the requisition has been verified as not being in order, the Shareholders concerned will be advised of this outcome and accordingly, (i) the proposed resolution will not be included in the agenda for the AGM; or (ii) the general meeting will not be convened as requested.

Proposing for Election as a Director

If a shareholder wishes to propose a person other than a Director of the Company for election as a Director at any general meeting, he/she can deposit a written notice to that effect at the principal place of business of the Company for the attention of the Company Secretary.

In order for the Company to inform its shareholders of that proposal, the written notice must state the full name of the person proposed for election as a Director, including the person's biographical details as required by Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, and be signed by the shareholder concerned and that person indicating his/her willingness to be elected. The period for lodgment of such a written notice will commence no earlier than the day after the despatch of the notice and end no later than seven days prior to the date of any general meeting.

Putting Forward Enquiries to the Board

Shareholders may send written enquiries, either by post or by email, together with his/her contact details, such as postal address or email, addressed to the principal place of business of the Company in Hong Kong as set out in the section headed "Corporate Information" for the attention of the Company Secretary or by email to us at enquiry-hk@mongolia-energy.com.

CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS

During the Financial Year, the Company has not made any changes to its Bye-laws. An up to date version of the Company's Bye-laws is available on the Company's website as well as the Stock Exchange's website.

DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

MR. LO LIN SHING, SIMON

Chairman and Executive Director

Mr. Lo, aged 64, an entrepreneur, is the Chairman of the Company. He has been an executive Director since August 1999. Mr. Lo identifies business opportunities for MEC, including the acquisition of the coal mine in Western Mongolia, and provides business and strategic directions. He possesses over 30 years of experience in the financial, securities and futures industries, including many trans-border transactions. Mr. Lo has been a member of Chicago Mercantile Exchange and International Monetary Market (Division of Chicago Mercantile) since 1986. He is the father of Mr. Lo, Rex Cze Kei and Mr. Lo, Chris Cze Wai, both are executive Directors of the Company. Mr. Lo is also the chairman and executive director of Vision Values Holdings Limited which is listed on the Stock Exchange.

MS. YVETTE ONG

Managing Director and Executive Director

Ms. Ong, aged 55, has been an executive Director since September 1999 and was appointed as the Managing Director on 1 June 2012. She has over 30 years of managerial experience in the Asia-Pacific region. Prior to joining the Company, Ms. Ong was a managing director of AT&T EasyLink Services Asia Pacific Ltd. She holds an MBA degree in Management Information Systems and Marketing and a Bachelor degree in Finance and Management from the University of San Francisco. Ms. Ong is also an executive director of Vision Values Holdings Limited which is listed on the Stock Exchange.

MR. LO, REX CZE KEI

Executive Director

Mr. Rex Lo, aged 38, was appointed as a non-executive Director in October 2016 and re-designated as an Executive Director in February 2018. He has over 10 years of experience in property business and general management. Mr. Rex Lo holds a Master of Science in Electronic Commerce and Internet Computing and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He is the son of Mr. Lo, the Chairman and executive Director of the Company and the brother of Mr. Lo, Chris Cze Wai, an executive director of the Company. Mr. Rex Lo is also an executive director of Vision Values Holdings Limited which is listed on the Stock Exchange.

MR. LO, CHRIS CZE WAI

Executive Director

Mr. Chris Lo, aged 26, holds a master's degree of Engineering in mechanical engineering from University of Bristol, UK. He joined the Group in 2017 and is a director of a subsidiary of the Group. Mr. Chris Lo is the project engineer of the Group. He also has experienced in property management and corporate finance. He is the son of Mr. Lo, the Chairman and executive Director of the Company, and the brother of Mr. Lo, Rex Cze Kei, an executive director of the Company. Mr. Chris Lo is also an executive director of Vision Values Holdings Limited which is listed on the Stock Exchange.

MR. TO HIN TSUN, GERALD

Non-executive Director

Mr. To, aged 71, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director in August 1999 and re-designated as a non-executive Director in October 2000. Mr. To has been a practising solicitor in Hong Kong since 1975. He is also qualified as a solicitor in the United Kingdom, as well as an advocate and solicitor in Singapore. Mr. To is a non-executive director of NWS Holdings Limited which is listed on the Stock Exchange.

MR. TSUI HING CHUEN, WILLIAM *JP*

Independent Non-executive Director

Mr. Tsui, aged 69, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director in September 2006. Mr. Tsui is the founding partner of Messrs. Lo, Wong & Tsui, Solicitors & Notaries, which was established in 1980. He has been a solicitor of the High Court of Hong Kong since 1977, a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England & Wales since 1981, and a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia since 1983. He has also been an advocate and solicitor in Singapore since 1985 and a notary public appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, England since 1988. Mr. Tsui was appointed as a Justice of the Peace by the Government of Hong Kong in 1997. He was admitted to the Roll of Honour of The Law Society of Hong Kong in 2013. Mr. Tsui is also an independent non-executive director of Haitong International Securities Group Limited and Vision Values Holdings Limited, both of which are listed on the Stock Exchange.

MR. LAU WAI PIU

Independent Non-executive Director

Mr. Lau, aged 56, joined the Company as an independent non-executive Director since September 2004. He has over 20 years of extensive experience in accounting and financial management. Mr. Lau is a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. He is also an independent non-executive director of Haitong International Securities Group Limited and Vision Values Holdings Limited, both of which are listed on the Stock Exchange.

MR. LEE KEE WAI, FRANK

Independent Non-executive Director

Mr. Lee, aged 61, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director in October 2016. He is the Senior Partner of Messrs. Vincent T.K. Cheung, Yap & Co., Solicitors and Notaries. Mr. Lee holds a Master of Law from University of Cambridge and a Bachelor of Laws from the London School of Economics & Political Science. He is a qualified solicitor in the respective jurisdictions of Hong Kong, England and Wales, Singapore and the Australian Capital Territory (Australia). Mr. Lee is also a China-Appointed Attesting Officer and a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He is also an independent non-executive director of Pico Far East Holdings Limited and Vision Values Holdings Limited, both of which are listed on the Stock Exchange.

DIRECTORS' REPORT



The Directors present their report together with the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (together the “**Group**”) for the Financial Year.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND GEOGRAPHICAL ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding and the activities of its principal subsidiaries are coal mining, processing, and other resources related operations. The activities of the principal subsidiaries are set out in Note 42 to the consolidated financial statements.

Analyses of the principal activities and geographical locations of the operations of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2020 are set out in Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements.

BUSINESS REVIEW

Reviews of the business of the Group during the Financial Year are set out in the Management Discussion and Analysis on pages 11 to 14.

POSSIBLE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Descriptions of the possible risks and uncertainties that the Group is facing are provided in the Management Discussion and Analysis on pages 16 to 20 and in Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements. The financial risk management objectives and policies of the Group can be found in Note 38(b) to the consolidated financial statements.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND PERFORMANCE

Discussions of the environmental policies and performance during the Financial Year are provided in the Management Discussion and Analysis on pages 13 to 14.

COMPLIANCE WITH RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Discussions of the compliance with relevant laws and regulations which have a significant impact on the Group are set out in the Management Discussion and Analysis on pages 13 to 14.

KEY RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

In relation to the Company’s key relationships with its stakeholders, discussions of the Company’s policies on human resources management, community involvement and contribution in relation to environmental concerns and social responsibilities are provided in the Management Discussion and Analysis on page 14.

RESULTS

The results of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2020 are set out in the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss on page 54.

No interim dividend was declared (2019: Nil) and the Directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend for the year ended 31 March 2020 (2019: Nil).

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members will be closed from Tuesday, 25 August 2020 to Friday, 28 August 2020, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, all transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar, Tricor Standard Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 24 August 2020.

SHARE CAPITAL

Details of the capital reorganisation, movements and adjustments in the share options of the Company during the Financial Year are set out in Notes 32 and 33 to the consolidated financial statements.

During the Financial Year, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold, or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENTS

Details of the equity-linked agreements entered into during the Financial Year or subsisting at the end of the Financial Year are set out below:

Convertible notes

On 6 March 2020, the Company issued convertible notes with principal amounts of HK\$3,438,058,423. As at 31 March 2020, they can be converted into 2,871,171,255 conversion shares at a par value of HK\$0.02 at a conversion price of HK1.2. During the Financial Year, none of conversion right had been exercised. The maturity date of the convertible notes is 6 March 2025. The notes bear interest at 3% per annum and are unsecured. The Group will not receive further consideration when the holders determine to convert the notes into ordinary shares of the Company prior to the maturity date. The reason for issuance of the convertible notes was making full settlement of the principal amounts and accrued interest of previously issued convertible notes.

Share Option Scheme

Details of the share options granted in prior years and Financial year is set out in Note 33 to the consolidated financial statements and "Share Option Scheme" section contained in this Directors' Report.

FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A summary of the results for the Financial Year and of the assets and liabilities of the Group as at 31 March 2020 and for the last four financial years are set out on page 127.

RESERVES

Details of the movements in reserves of the Group and the Company during the Financial Year are set out on page 58 and in Note 41 to the consolidated financial statements respectively.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

For the year ended 31 March 2020, the Group made charitable and other donations in a total amount of HK\$6,698,000 (2019: HK\$4,747,000).

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Details of the movements in property, plant and equipment of the Group during the Financial Year are set out in Note 15 to the consolidated financial statements.

SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

Particulars of the principal subsidiaries and associated companies of the Group as at 31 March 2020 are set out in Notes 42 and 20 to the consolidated financial statements respectively.

MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

The percentages of purchases and sales for the Financial Year attributable to the Group's major customers and suppliers are as follows:

Sales

The largest customer	65%
Five largest customers in aggregate	90%

Purchases

The largest purchaser	23%
Five largest purchasers in aggregate	58%

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

DIRECTORS

During the Financial Year and up to the date of this Directors' Report, the board composition and biographical details of the Directors of the Group are set out on pages 26 to 27, and pages 36 to 37 respectively.

In accordance with Bye-law 86(2) and 87 of the Bye-laws of the Company, Mr. Lo, Mr. Lo, Chris Cze Wai, Mr. Lau Wai Piu and Mr. Lee Kee Wai, Frank will retire. All the retiring Directors, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming AGM.

The Directors, including the independent non-executive Directors, are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the AGM of the Company in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-laws of the Company.

DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS

Mr. Lo entered into a service contract with the Company on 29 March 2019 for a fixed term of three years with effect from 1 April 2019.

None of the Directors during the Financial Year be proposed for re-election at the forthcoming AGM has entered into any service contract with the Group which is not determinable by the Group within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

No contract concerning the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the businesses of the Company were entered into or existed during the Financial Year.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company is committed to maintaining a high standard of corporate governance practices.

Information on the corporate governance practices adopted by the Company is set out in the Corporate Governance Report on pages 22 to 35.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

As at 31 March 2020, the interests or short positions of the Directors in the shares and underlying shares of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")) as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code were as follows:

Long positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company

Name of Directors	Number of shares			Number of underlying shares		Total interests	Percentage of shareholding
	Personal interests	Spouse interests	Corporate interests	Personal Interests pursuant to share options	Corporate interests		
Mr. Lo	124,000	43,750	30,151,957 <i>(Note)</i>	3,500,000 <i>(Note)</i>	602,204,563	636,024,270	338.08%
Ms. Yvette Ong	27,250	—	—	1,500,000	—	1,527,250	0.81%
Mr. Lo, Rex Cze Kei	—	—	—	1,500,000	—	1,500,000	0.80%
Mr. To Hin Tsun, Gerald	135,000	—	—	800,000	—	935,000	0.50%
Mr. Tsui Hing Chuen, William JP	12,500	—	—	800,000	—	812,500	0.43%
Mr. Lau Wai Piu	5,030	—	—	800,000	—	805,030	0.43%
Mr. Lee Kee Wai, Frank	—	—	—	500,000	—	500,000	0.27%

Note: Golden Infinity Co., Ltd. ("**Golden Infinity**"), a company wholly-owned by Mr. Lo.

Save as disclosed above and the section headed "SHARE OPTION SCHEME", as at 31 March 2020, none of the Directors, chief executives and their respective associates had any interests in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required to be recorded in the register maintained by the Company under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

DISCLOSEABLE INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS/OTHER PERSONS UNDER THE SFO

The register of interests in shares and short positions maintained under Section 336 of the SFO showed that as at 31 March 2020, the Company had been notified of the following interests in shares representing 5% or more of the Company's issued share capital:

Long position of substantial Shareholders/other persons in the shares and/or underlying shares

Name	Number of shares and/or underlying shares			Total interests	Percentage of nominal value of issued share capital
	Beneficial/ Personal interests	Spouse interests	Corporate interests		
Cheng Yu Tung Family (Holdings) Limited	—	—	2,698,101,424	2,698,101,424 ^(Note 1)	1,434.20%
Cheng Yu Tung Family (Holdings II) Limited	—	—	2,698,101,424	2,698,101,424 ^(Note 1)	1,434.20%
Chow Tai Fook (Holding) Limited	—	—	2,698,101,424	2,698,101,424 ^(Note 1)	1,434.20%
Chow Tai Fook Capital Limited	—	—	2,698,101,424	2,698,101,424 ^(Note 1)	1,434.20%
Chow Tai Fook Nominee Limited	2,698,101,424	—	—	2,698,101,424 ^(Notes 1 & 2)	1,434.20%
Ms. Ku Ming Mei, Rouisa	43,750	635,980,520	—	636,024,270 ^(Note 3)	338.08%
Golden Infinity	632,356,520	—	—	632,356,520	336.14%
Dr. Cheng Kar Shun	—	1,977,500	7,889,250	9,866,750 ^(Note 4)	5.24%
Ms. Ip Mei Hing	—	7,889,250	1,977,500	9,866,750 ^(Note 4)	5.24%

Notes:

1. Chow Tai Fook (Holding) Limited held 99.8% interest in Chow Tai Fook Nominee Limited. 81.03% interest of Chow Tai Fook (Holding) Limited was held by Chow Tai Fook Capital Limited in which it was held as to 48.98% by Cheng Yu Tung Family (Holdings) Limited and as to 46.65% by Cheng Yu Tung Family (Holdings II) Limited. By virtue of the SFO, each of Cheng Yu Tung Family (Holdings II) Limited, Cheng Yu Tung Family (Holdings) Limited, Chow Tai Fook Capital Limited, Chow Tai Fook (Holding) Limited, and Chow Tai Fook Nominee Limited was deemed to be interested in 2,698,101,424 shares.
2. Among 2,698,101,424 shares held by Chow Tai Fook Nominee Limited, 2,692,601,424 shares were underlying shares.
3. Ms. Ku Ming Mei, Rouisa, the spouse of Mr. Lo, was deemed to be interested in 635,980,520 shares owned by Mr. Lo beneficially, under the SFO.
4. Dr. Cheng Kar Shun was interested in the entire issued share capital of Dragon Noble Group Limited ("**Dragon**"). By virtue of the SFO, he was deemed to be interested in 7,889,250 shares held by Dragon and 1,977,500 shares were owned by Ms. Ip Mei Hing (the spouse of Dr. Cheng Kar Shun) through her controlled corporation Brighton Management Limited.

Save as disclosed above and those disclosed under "DIRECTORS' INTERESTS", the Company had not been notified of other interests representing 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company as at 31 March 2020.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESSES

During the Financial Year and up to the date of this Report, to the best knowledge of the Directors, none of the Directors nor their respective associates was considered to have any interests in the businesses which compete or were likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the businesses of the Group, other than those businesses where the Directors were appointed as Directors to represent the interests of the Company and/or the Group.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Apart from those disclosed in the section headed "CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS", no contracts of significance in relation to the Group's business to which the Company or its subsidiaries was a party and in which a Director had a material interest, either directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the Financial Year or at any time during the Financial Year.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEME

Details of the retirement benefits schemes operated by the Group are set out in Note 43 to the consolidated financial statements.

PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISIONS

During the Financial Year and up to the date of this report, the Company had in force indemnity provision as permitted under the relevant statutes for the benefit of the Directors (including former Directors) of the Company or its associated companies. The permitted indemnity provisions are provided for in the Bye-laws and in the D&O insurance maintained for the Group in respect of potential liability and costs associated with legal proceeding that may be brought against such Directors.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

Under the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 30 August 2012 (the "**Share Option Scheme**"), options are granted to certain Directors, employees and other eligible participants of the Company entitling them to subscribe for shares of HK\$0.02 each in the capital of the Company.

The following is a summary of the terms of the Share Option Scheme:

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to provide incentives or rewards for the contribution of the participants to the Group and to enable the Group to recruit or retain high-calibre employees and attract human resources that are valuable to the Group.

2. Participants

The participants of the Share Option Scheme include any Directors, employees, consultants, agents or advisors of the Group or any entities in which the Group hold an interest.

3. Number of shares available for issue

Under the Share Option Scheme, the total number of shares available for issue is 18,812,584 which represent approximately 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 31 March 2020.

4. Maximum entitlement of each participant

Unless approved by the shareholders, the total number of shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other share option schemes of the Company (including both exercised and outstanding options) to each participant in any twelve month period must not exceed 1% of the shares in issue.

In addition, any share options to substantial shareholder and/or an independent non-executive Director of the Company or any of their respective associates, and where the total number of share issued and to be issued upon exercise of all options granted or to be granted to such person in any 12-month period exceed 0.1% of the Company's shares in issue and with an aggregate value (based on the price of the shares on the date of grant) in excess of HK\$5 million, are subject to the Company's shareholders' approval in general meeting.

5. Option period

An option may be exercised in accordance with the terms of the Share Option Scheme at any time during the period to be notified by the Directors to the grantee, but in any event such period of time must not be more than ten years from the date of grant.

6. Vesting period

The Directors may, if consider appropriate, determine the minimum period for which an option must be held before it can be exercised.

7. Amount payable on acceptance of option

Upon acceptance of the offer for an option, the grantee shall pay HK\$1.00 as consideration for the grant.

8. Exercise price

The subscription price for a share in respect of any option granted shall be a price determined by the Directors at their absolute discretion but shall be at least the highest of (i) the closing price of the shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheet on the offer date, (ii) the average closing price of the shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotations sheets for five trading days immediately preceding the offer date; and (iii) the nominal value of a share.

9. Remaining life of the Scheme

The Share Option Scheme is valid and effective for a term of ten years commencing from 30 August 2012.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Details of the movements in outstanding share options, which have been granted under the Share Option Scheme, during the Financial Year were as follows:

Name or category of participants	Date of Grant	Exercise Price HK\$ (note)	Exercise period	Vesting Period	Number of shares subject to options					As at 31 March 2020
					As at 1 April 2019	Granted during the financial year	Lapsed during the financial year	Exercised during the financial year	Adjusted during the financial year (note)	
Mr. Lo	09-09-2015	2.510	09-09-2015 to 08-09-2020	N/A	17,000,000	—	—	—	(15,300,000)	1,700,000
	01-09-2017	2.260	01-09-2017 to 31-08-2022	N/A	18,000,000	—	—	—	(16,200,000)	1,800,000
Ms. Yvette Ong	09-09-2015	2.510	09-09-2015 to 08-09-2020	N/A	5,000,000	—	—	—	(4,500,000)	500,000
	01-09-2017	2.260	01-09-2017 to 31-08-2022	N/A	10,000,000	—	—	—	(9,000,000)	1,000,000
Mr. Lo, Rex Cze Kei	01-09-2017	2.260	01-09-2017 to 31-08-2022	N/A	15,000,000	—	—	—	(13,500,000)	1,500,000
Mr. To Hin Tsun, Gerald	09-09-2015	2.510	09-09-2015 to 08-09-2020	N/A	3,000,000	—	—	—	(2,700,000)	300,000
	01-09-2017	2.260	01-09-2017 to 31-08-2022	N/A	5,000,000	—	—	—	(4,500,000)	500,000
Mr. Tsui Hing Chuen, William JP	09-09-2015	2.510	09-09-2015 to 08-09-2020	N/A	3,000,000	—	—	—	(2,700,000)	300,000
	01-09-2017	2.260	01-09-2017 to 31-08-2022	N/A	5,000,000	—	—	—	(4,500,000)	500,000
Mr. Lau Wai Piu	09-09-2015	2.510	09-09-2015 to 08-09-2020	N/A	3,000,000	—	—	—	(2,700,000)	300,000
	01-09-2017	2.260	01-09-2017 to 31-08-2022	N/A	5,000,000	—	—	—	(4,500,000)	500,000
Mr. Lee Kee Wai, Frank	01-09-2017	2.260	01-09-2017 to 31-08-2022	N/A	5,000,000	—	—	—	(4,500,000)	500,000
Employees in aggregate (including a director of certain subsidiaries)	09-09-2015	2.510	09-09-2015 to 08-09-2020	N/A	16,000,000	—	(1,000,000)	—	(13,500,000)	1,500,000
	01-09-2017	2.260	01-09-2017 to 31-08-2022	N/A	80,000,000	—	(3,000,000)	—	(69,300,000)	7,700,000
TOTAL					190,000,000	—	(4,000,000)	—	(167,400,000)	18,600,000

Note : Adjustments have been made to the exercise price and the number of shares of the Company comprised in the outstanding share options which may be allotted and issued upon exercise as a result of the consolidation of shares completed on 4 March 2020.

CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

During the Financial Year, the Group had the following connected transactions and certain details of which are disclosed in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Continuing Connected Transaction

2017 Tenancy Agreement

On 8 May 2017, Mongolia Energy Corporation (HK) Limited (the “**MECHK**”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into a new office tenancy agreement as tenant with Cambo Management Limited (“**Cambo Management**”) as the Landlord for a term of two years at a monthly rent of HK\$339,800 from 8 May 2017 to 7 May 2019 (the “**2017 Tenancy Agreement**”). The particulars of the 2017 Tenancy Agreement were disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 8 May 2017.

Cambo Management is an investment holding company wholly and beneficially owned by Mr. Lo, who is a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. The transactions contemplated under 2017 Tenancy Agreements constituted continuing connected transactions of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules which were subject to the reporting, announcement and annual review requirements but were exempted from the independent shareholders’ approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

The historical transaction amount in respect of the 2017 Tenancy Agreement for the year ended 31 March 2020 was HK\$416,529 and it was paid in accordance with the terms of the 2017 Tenancy Agreement.

Confirmation of Independent Non-executive Directors

Pursuant to Rule 14A.55 of the Listing Rules, the Company’s independent non-executive Directors had reviewed the above continuing connected transactions and confirmed that the transactions had been entered into:

- (i) in the ordinary and usual course of the Group’s business;
- (ii) on normal commercial terms or better; and
- (iii) in accordance with the terms of the respective agreements governing such transactions that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and the shareholders as a whole.

Assurance procedures performed by the Auditor of the Company

Pursuant to Rule 14A.56 of the Listing Rules, the Company engaged its auditor to report on the Group’s continuing connected transactions in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 “Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information” and with reference to Practice Note 740 “Auditor’s Letter on Continuing Connected Transactions under the Hong Kong Listing Rules” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The auditor had issued an unqualified letter containing their findings and conclusions in respect of the continuing connected transactions set out above in accordance with Rule 14A.56 of the Listing Rules. A copy of the auditor’s letter had been provided to the Stock Exchange.

With regard to the Related Parties Transactions as disclosed in Note 36 (other than the continuing connected transactions mentioned above) to the consolidated financial statements, they constitute fully exempt connected transactions of the Company, for all of which the applicable requirements under the Listing Rules have been duly complied with.

GROUP’S BORROWINGS

Details of the Group’s borrowings are set out in Note 28 to the consolidated financial statements.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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

During the Financial Year, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold, or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

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

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee currently comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Lau Wai Piu, Mr. Tsui Hing Chuen, William JP and Mr. Lee Kee Wai, Frank. Their principal duties include reviewing and supervising the Company's financial reporting process, internal control procedures and relationship with the Independent Auditor.

The audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 had been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

HUMAN RESOURCES

As at 31 March 2020, excluding site and construction workers directly employed by our contractors, the Group employed 613 full-time employees in Hong Kong, Mongolia, and the PRC. Remuneration packages are structured to take into account the level and composition of pay and the general market conditions in the respective geographical locations and businesses in which the Group operates. The remuneration policies of the Group are reviewed on a periodic basis. Apart from the retirement benefits scheme, staff bonus, and share options are awarded to the employees according to performance of the Group, assessment of individual performance, and industry practice. Appropriate training programs are also offered for staff training and development.

SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors, the Company has maintained the prescribed public float under the Listing Rules throughout the Financial Year.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

The consolidated financial statements have been audited by Deloitte who will retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment. A resolution will be submitted to the forthcoming AGM of the Company to re-appoint Deloitte as the auditor of the Company.

On behalf of the Board

Lo Lin Shing, Simon

Chairman

Hong Kong, 24 June 2020



TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF MONGOLIA ENERGY CORPORATION LIMITED
(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

OPINION

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Mongolia Energy Corporation Limited (the “**Company**”) and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “**Group**”) set out on pages 54 to 126, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2020, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss, consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and 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 March 2020, 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 (“**HKSAs**”) issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company 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.

MATERIAL UNCERTAINTY RELATED TO GOING CONCERN

We draw attention to Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements which indicates that as at 31 March 2020, the Group had net liabilities of approximately HK\$2,354.0 million and net current liabilities of approximately HK\$1,432.7 million. The Group’s ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on the ongoing availability of finance to the Group, including from a substantial shareholder who is also the Chairman and a director of the Company. If the finance were not available, the Group would be unable to meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due. This condition indicates the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the Group’s ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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. In addition to the matter described in the Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern section, we have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p>Recoverable amount assessment of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and right-of-use assets related to the Khushuut mine operations</p> <p>We identified the recoverable amount assessment of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and right-of-use assets related to the Khushuut mine operations (collectively referred to as "Khushuut Related Assets") as a key audit matter due to the significance of these balances to the consolidated financial statements as a whole, combined with the significant judgments and estimation uncertainty involved in the determination of their recoverable amounts.</p> <p>As disclosed in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements, the carrying value of the Khushuut Related Assets amounted to HK\$1,522 million at 31 March 2020, representing 71% of the Group's total assets.</p> <p>Management engaged an independent valuer (the "Valuer") to determine the recoverable amount of the Khushuut Related Assets. For the purposes of impairment testing, the Khushuut Related Assets are treated as a cash-generating unit and its recoverable amount has been determined based on a value in use calculation, which requires management to estimate the future cash flows expected to arise from the cash-generating unit, using discounted cash flow analysis, in order to calculate the present value. Key assumptions used in the calculation include the current selling prices of coking coal, growth rate, discount rate and estimated timeline for commercial coal production.</p>	<p>Our procedures in relation to the Group's impairment assessment of Khushuut Related Assets included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding Management's impairment assessment process;• Evaluating the competence, capabilities and objectivity of the Valuer;• Engaging our internal expert to assess the reasonableness of the valuation by performing the following procedures:<ul style="list-style-type: none">— assessing the reasonableness of the valuation methodology used to determine the recoverable amount;— assessing the reasonableness of the discount rate and coal prices underpinning the recoverable amount by benchmarking these inputs to market information and entity specific information; and— checking the mathematical accuracy of the calculation used in the valuation model.• Assessing the appropriateness of future operating cash flows with reference to the past performance of Khushuut Related Assets together with management and the Valuer's expectations for the market developments;• Performing sensitivity analysis on the significant assumptions adopted in the valuation and evaluating the extent of impact on the recoverable amount; and

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p>Recoverable amount assessment of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and prepaid lease payment related to the Khushuut mine operations</p> <p>Based on the recoverable amount assessment, reversal of impairment loss of HK\$592 million is recognised in respect of the Khushuut Related Assets during the year ended 31 March 2020.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessing the disclosures in the consolidated financial statements in respect of the impairment of Khushuut Related Assets with reference to the requirements of the prevailing accounting standards.
<p>Recognition of revenue from coal sales</p> <p>We identified recognition of revenue from coal sales as a key audit matter due to the significance of the balance to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.</p> <p>The Group's revenue from coal sales for the year ended 31 March 2020 amounted to HK\$1,125 million.</p> <p>As disclosed in Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements, revenue from sales of coal is recognised when the control of goods is transferred being when the coals are delivered to and accepted by the customers.</p>	<p>Our procedures in relation to recognition of revenue from coal sales included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding management's process and key controls over the determination of appropriate point of time to recognise revenue; and Assessing whether the controls over the ownership of the coal have been transferred to the buyers, on a sample basis, with reference to the terms set out in the sales agreement and inspecting supporting documents evidencing customer acceptance of contract terms and receipt and acceptance of coal.

OTHER INFORMATION

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE 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 and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the directors 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 either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance 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 Section 90 of the Bermuda Companies Act, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

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.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the 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.

We communicate with those charged with governance 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 those charged with governance 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 those charged with governance, 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 the independent auditor's report is Li Man Kei.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
Certified Public Accountants
Hong Kong
24 June 2020

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the year ended 31 March 2020

	<i>Notes</i>	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Revenue	6	1,124,996	776,708
Cost of sales		(645,757)	(440,910)
Gross profit		479,239	335,798
Other income	7	6,382	3,350
Other gains and losses	8	(34,967)	(27,072)
Administrative expenses		(169,182)	(132,510)
Changes in fair value on derivative component of convertible notes	29(a)	377,767	63,542
Modification gain on convertible notes	29(a)	249,444	—
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments	29(a)	797,546	—
Derecognition gain on convertible notes	29(a)	21,943	—
Reversal of impairment losses on property, plant and equipment	3, 15	522,439	378,791
Reversal of impairment losses on intangible assets	3, 18	69,304	50,460
Reversal of impairment loss on prepaid lease payment	3	—	427
Reversal of impairment loss on right-of-use assets	3	591	—
Reversal of impairment loss (impairment loss) on financial assets	10	1,335	(1,348)
Finance costs	9	(800,679)	(735,263)
Profit (loss) before taxation	10	1,521,162	(63,825)
Income tax (expense) credit	11	(79,224)	19,400
Profit (loss) for the year attributable to owners of the Company		1,441,938	(44,425)
Earnings (loss) per share attributable to owners of the Company	14		(Restated)
— basic earnings (loss) per share (HK\$)		7.66	(0.24)
— diluted earnings (loss) per share (HK\$)		0.15	(0.24)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 March 2020

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Profit (loss) for the year	1,441,938	(44,425)
Other comprehensive expense		
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
— Exchange differences on translating foreign operations	(17,495)	(15,315)
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the year attributable to owners of the Company	1,424,443	(59,740)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 March 2020

	<i>Notes</i>	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	15	1,373,022	801,774
Right-of-use assets	16	9,839	—
Intangible assets	18	153,709	83,056
Exploration and evaluation assets	19	498	270
Interest in an associate	20	—	—
Other asset		1,150	1,150
Prepaid lease payment	17	—	1,057
Deferred tax assets	31	3,499	16,441
		1,541,717	903,748
Current assets			
Prepaid lease payment	17	—	24
Trade and bills receivables	21	120,365	240,515
Inventories	22	241,365	131,231
Other receivables, prepayments and deposits	23	122,733	72,798
Prepaid taxation		4,396	16,822
Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL")	24	51,597	84,586
Amount due from an associate	20	—	—
Cash and cash equivalents	25	61,782	65,399
		602,238	611,375
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	26	174,607	125,605
Other payables and accruals		138,307	131,992
Contract liabilities		5,027	2,296
Tax liabilities		—	894
Advances from a Director	28	1,709,372	1,811,728
Convertible notes	29(a)	—	3,546,397
Lease liabilities	27	6,110	—
Deferred income	30	1,469	1,458
		2,034,892	5,620,370
Net current liabilities		(1,432,654)	(5,008,995)
Total assets less current liabilities		109,063	(4,105,247)

	<i>Notes</i>	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Non-current liabilities			
Convertible notes	29(a)	2,168,168	—
Loan note	28, 29(b)	258,725	—
Deferred income	30	6,036	7,378
Deferred tax liabilities	31	27,981	—
Lease liabilities	27	2,115	—
		2,463,025	7,378
Net liabilities		(2,353,962)	(4,112,625)
Financed by:			
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	32	3,763	37,625
Reserves		(2,357,725)	(4,150,250)
Capital deficiencies attributable to owners of the Company		(2,353,962)	(4,112,625)

The consolidated financial statements on pages 54 to 126 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 24 June 2020 and are signed on its behalf by:

Lo Lin Shing, Simon
Director

Yvette Ong
Director

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 March 2020

	Attributable to owners of the Company									
	Share capital	Share premium	Contributed surplus	Share options reserve	Fair Value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI") reserve	Translation reserve	Statutory surplus reserve	Capital contribution reserve	Accumulated losses	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 (Note)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 April 2018	37,625	51,463	3,451,893	38,810	(16,237)	7,841	—	—	(7,624,280)	(4,052,885)
Loss for the year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(44,425)	(44,425)
Other comprehensive expenses										
Exchange differences arising on translation	—	—	—	—	—	(15,315)	—	—	—	(15,315)
Total comprehensive expenses for the year	—	—	—	—	—	(15,315)	—	—	(44,425)	(59,740)
Share option lapsed	—	—	—	(9,079)	—	—	—	—	9,079	—
Appropriations to reserve	—	—	—	—	—	—	17,192	—	(17,192)	—
Transfer upon derecognition of financial asset at FVTOCI	—	—	—	—	16,237	—	—	—	(16,237)	—
At 31 March 2019	37,625	51,463	3,451,893	29,731	—	(7,474)	17,192	—	(7,693,055)	(4,112,625)
Profit for the year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,441,938	1,441,938
Other comprehensive expense										
Exchange differences arising on translation	—	—	—	—	—	(17,495)	—	—	—	(17,495)
Total comprehensive (expense) income for the year	—	—	—	—	—	(17,495)	—	—	1,441,938	1,424,443
Share option lapsed	—	—	—	(626)	—	—	—	—	626	—
Appropriations to reserve	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,712	—	(4,712)	—
Deemed capital contribution from substantial shareholder (Note 29(b))	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	334,220	—	334,220
Capital Reorganisation (Note 32)	(33,862)	(51,463)	(3,451,893)	—	—	—	—	—	3,537,218	—
At 31 March 2020	3,763	—	—	29,105	—	(24,969)	21,904	334,220	(2,717,985)	(2,353,962)

Note: In accordance with the laws and regulations of the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"), those subsidiaries established in the PRC are required to transfer 10% of the profit after taxation to the statutory surplus reserve until the reserve reaches 50% of their registered capital. Transfer to this reserve must be made before distributing dividends to equity owners.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 March 2020

	<i>Notes</i>	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Operating activities			
Profit (loss) before taxation		1,521,162	(63,825)
Interest income	7	(643)	(1,438)
Exchange gains		(725)	(2,244)
Finance costs	9	800,679	735,263
(Gain) loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	8	(56)	84
Loss on written off of property, plant and equipment	8	4	—
Amortisation of intangible assets	18	3,482	1,714
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	16	5,335	—
Amortisation of prepaid lease payment		—	14
Amortisation of deferred income	30	(3,209)	(1,530)
Depreciation	15	24,654	19,572
Changes in fair value on financial assets at FVTPL	8	32,989	30,451
Changes in fair value on derivative component of convertible notes	29(a)	(377,767)	(63,542)
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments	29(a)	(797,546)	—
Derecognition gain on convertible notes	29(a)	(21,943)	—
Modification gain on convertible notes	29(a)	(249,444)	—
Reversal of impairment losses on property, plant and equipment	3, 15	(522,439)	(378,791)
Reversal of impairment losses on intangible assets	3, 18	(69,304)	(50,460)
Reversal of impairment loss on prepaid lease payment	3	—	(427)
Reversal of impairment loss on right-of-use assets	3	(591)	—
(Reversal of impairment losses) impairment losses on financial assets	10	(1,335)	1,348
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital		343,303	226,189
Increase in inventories		(110,134)	(24,213)
Decrease (increase) in trade and bills receivables		110,891	(48,946)
Increase in other receivables, prepayments and deposits		(50,411)	(19,669)
Increase in trade payables		51,212	18,325
Increase (decrease) in other payables and accruals		6,436	(10,163)
Increase in contract liabilities		2,953	148
Net cash from operations		354,250	141,671
Tax paid		(26,656)	(28,683)
Net cash from operating activities		327,594	112,988

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 31 March 2020

	<i>Notes</i>	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Investing activities			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	15	(81,798)	(26,138)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		67	770
Additions to intangible assets	18	(4,831)	(24)
Exploration and evaluation asset addition	19	(228)	(80)
Advance to an associate		(4)	(8)
Bank interest received		643	1,438
Government grants received	30	2,427	409
Net cash used in investing activities		(83,724)	(23,633)
Financing activities			
Repayment to a Director		(240,193)	(93,478)
Repayment of lease liabilities		(5,542)	—
Repayment of other loan		—	(9,164)
Transaction costs on issuance of convertible notes		(859)	—
Cash used in financing activities		(246,594)	(102,642)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(2,724)	(13,287)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		65,399	83,448
Effect of exchange rate changes on the balance of cash held in foreign currencies		(893)	(4,762)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year		61,782	65,399

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2020

1. GENERAL AND BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Company is a public limited liability company incorporated in Bermuda and its shares are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”). The address of the principal place of business of the Company is 17th Floor, 118 Connaught Road West, Hong Kong.

The Company acts as an investment holding company and its subsidiaries (together with the Company collectively referred to as the “**Group**”) are principally engaged in (i) mining, processing and sale of coal; and (ii) other resources related business.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollar (“**HK\$**”). The functional currency of the Company is United States dollar (“**US\$**”) as US\$ better reflects the underlying transactions, events and conditions that are relevant to the Group’s ongoing business. For the convenience of the financial statements users, the consolidated financial statements are presented in HK\$, as the Company’s shares are listed on the Stock Exchange.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the directors of the Company (the “**Directors**”) have given careful consideration to the future liquidity of the Group. While recognising that the Group had net liabilities of approximately HK\$2,354.0 million and had net current liabilities of approximately HK\$1,432.7 million at 31 March 2020, the Directors are of the opinion that the Group will be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future as Mr. Lo Lin Shing, Simon (“**Mr. Lo**”), a substantial shareholder who has significant influence over the Group and being the Chairman and Director of the Company, has provided facilities amounting to HK\$1,900.0 million by way of advances to the Group. As at 31 March 2020, advances from a Director of HK\$1,709.4 million comprised principal amount and accrued interest of HK\$963.1 million and HK\$746.3 million respectively. The balance of the unutilised facilities of HK\$936.9 million remains valid until 31 March 2022 and Mr. Lo does not intend to demand repayment of the loan until the Company has sufficient cash to make repayment. Accordingly, the consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

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

New and Amendments to HKFRSs that are mandatorily effective for the current year

The Group has applied the following new and amendments to HKFRSs issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“**HKICPA**”) for the first time in the current year:

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

Except as described below, the application of the new and amendments to HKFRSs in the current year has had no material impact on the Group’s financial positions and performance for the current and prior years and/or on the disclosures set out in these consolidated financial statements.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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

HKFRS 16 “Leases”

The Group has applied HKFRS 16 for the first time in the current year. HKFRS 16 superseded HKAS 17 “Leases”, and the related interpretations.

Definition of a lease

The Group has elected the practical expedient to apply HKFRS 16 to contracts that were previously identified as leases applying HKAS 17 and HK(IFRIC)-Int 4 “Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease” and not apply this standards to contracts that were not previously identified as containing a lease. Therefore, the Group has not reassessed contracts which already existed prior to the date of initial application.

For contracts entered into or modified on or after 1 April 2019, the Group applies the definition of a lease in accordance with the requirements set out in HKFRS 16 in assessing whether a contract contains a lease.

As a lessee

The Group has applied HKFRS 16 retrospectively with the cumulative effect recognised at the date of initial application, 1 April 2019. Any difference at the date of initial application is recognised in the opening accumulated losses and comparative information has not been restated.

As at 1 April 2019, the Group recognised additional lease liabilities and right-of-use assets at amounts equal to the related lease liabilities by applying HKFRS 16.C8(b)(ii) transition. Any difference at the date of initial application is recognised in the opening accumulated losses and comparative information has not been restated.

When applying the modified retrospective approach under HKFRS 16 at transition, the Group applied the following practical expedients to leases previously classified as operating leases under HKAS 17, on lease-by-lease basis, to the extent relevant to the respective lease contracts:

- i. elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases with lease term ends within 12 months of the date of initial application;
- ii. applied a single discount rate to a portfolio of leases with a similar remaining terms for similar class of underlying assets in similar economic environment.

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

HKFRS 16 “Leases” (Continued)

As a lessee (Continued)

When recognising the lease liabilities for leases previously classified as operating leases, the Group has applied incremental borrowing rates of the relevant group entities at the date of initial application. The weighted average lessee’s incremental borrowing rate applied is 5.3%.

	1 April 2019 HK\$’000
Operating lease commitments disclosed as at 31 March 2019	3,095
Lease liabilities discounted at relevant incremental borrowing rates	2,913
Less: recognition exemption — low-value assets	(38)
Less: recognition exemption — short-term leases	(322)
Lease liabilities relating to operating leases recognised upon application of HKFRS 16 as at 1 April 2019	2,553
Analysed as:	
Current	1,359
Non-current	1,194
	2,553

The carrying amount of right-of-use assets as at 1 April 2019 comprises the following:

	Right-of- use assets HK\$’000
Right-of-use assets relating to operating leases of properties recognised upon application of HKFRS 16	2,553
Reclassified from prepaid lease payment (Note)	1,081
	3,634
By class:	
Leasehold lands and leased properties	3,634

Note: Upfront payments for leasehold lands in the PRC were classified as prepaid lease payment as at 31 March 2019. Upon application of HKFRS 16, the current and non-current portion of prepaid lease payment amounting to HK\$24,000 and HK\$1,057,000 respectively were reclassified to right-of-use assets. There is no impact of transition to HKFRS 16 on the accumulative losses at 1 April 2019.

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

HKFRS 16 "Leases" (Continued)

As a lessee (Continued)

The following adjustments were made to the amounts recognised in the consolidated statements of financial position at 1 April 2019. Line-items that were not affected by the changes have not been included.

	Carrying amounts previously reported at 31 March 2019 HK\$'000	Adjustments HK\$'000	Carrying amounts under HKFRS 16 at 1 April 2019 HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Prepaid lease payment	1,057	(1,057)	—
Right-of-use assets	—	3,634	3,634
Current assets			
Prepaid lease payment	24	(24)	—
Current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	—	(1,359)	(1,359)
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	—	(1,194)	(1,194)

New and amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective

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

HKFRS 17	Insurance Contracts ¹
Amendment to HKFRS 16	COVID-19-Related Rent Concessions ⁶
Amendments to HKFRS 3	Definition of a Business ²
Amendments to HKFRS 3	Reference to the Conceptual Framework ⁵
Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture ³
Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8	Definition of Material ⁴
Amendments to HKAS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment — Proceeds before Intended Use ⁵
Amendments to HKAS 37	Onerous Contracts — Cost of Fulfilling a Contract ⁵
Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7	Interest Rate Benchmark Reform ⁴
Amendments to HKFRSs	Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018–2020 ⁵

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

² 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

³ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined

⁴ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020

⁵ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022

⁶ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 June 2020

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

New and amendments to HKFRSs in issue but not yet effective (Continued)

In addition to the above new and amendments to HKFRSs, a revised Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting was issued in 2018. Its consequential amendments, “the Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in HKFRS Standards”, will be effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 April 2020.

Except for the amendments to HKFRSs and the revised Conceptual Framework mentioned below, the Directors of the Company anticipate that the application of the new and amendments to HKFRSs will have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Group in the foreseeable future.

Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8 “Definition of Material”

The amendments provide refinements to the definition of material by including additional guidance and explanations in making materiality judgments. In particular, the amendments:

- include the concept of “obscuring” material information in which the effect is similar to omitting or misstating the information;
- replace threshold for materiality influencing users from “could influence” to “could reasonably be expected to influence”; and
- include the use of the phrase “primary users” rather than simply referring to “users” which was considered too broad when deciding what information to disclose in the financial statements.

The amendments also align the definition across all HKFRSs and will be mandatorily effective for the Group’s annual period beginning on 1 April 2020. The application of the amendments is not expected to have significant impact on the financial position and performance of the Group but may affect the presentation and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements.

Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting 2018 (the “New Framework”) and the Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in HKFRS Standards

The New Framework:

- reintroduces the terms stewardship and prudence;
- introduces a new asset definition that focuses on rights and a new liability definition that is likely to be broader than the definition it replaces, but does not change the distinction between a liability and an equity instrument;
- discusses historical cost and current value measures, and provides additional guidance on how to select a measurement basis for a particular asset or liability;
- states that the primary measure of financial performance is profit or loss, and that only in exceptional circumstances other comprehensive income will be used and only for income or expenses that arise from a change in the current value of an asset or liability; and
- discusses uncertainty, derecognition, unit of account, the reporting entity and combined financial statements.

Consequential amendments have been made so that references in certain HKFRSs have been updated to the New Framework, whilst some HKFRSs are still referring to the previous versions of the framework. These amendments are effective for the Group’s annual period beginning on or after 1 April 2020, with earlier application permitted. Other than specific standards which still refer to the previous versions of the framework, the Group will rely on the New Framework on its effective date in determining the accounting policies especially for transactions, events or conditions that are not otherwise dealt with under the accounting standards.

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3. RECOVERABLE AMOUNT ASSESSMENT ON KHUSHUUT RELATED ASSETS

At the end of the reporting period, the Group engaged a qualified professional valuer (the “**Independent Valuer**”), who is not connected with the Group, to determine the recoverable amount of its property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and right-of-use assets related to the Khushuut mine operations (collectively referred to as “**Khushuut Related Assets**”). For the purposes of recoverable amount assessment to assess whether there have been reversal or further impairment, the Khushuut Related Assets are treated as a cash-generating unit, which represents the Group’s coking coal mining operation in Western Mongolia. The recoverable amount of the Khushuut Related Assets has been determined based on a value-in-use calculation.

As the recoverable amount of Khushuut Related Assets determined by the Independent Valuer is higher than their carrying values, a reversal of impairment loss amounting to HK\$592,334,000 (2019: HK\$429,678,000) was recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss in the current year against the respective assets on a pro-rata basis with reference to their carrying values as follows:

Carrying values for the year ended 31 March 2020:

	Carrying values before reversal of impairment loss HK\$'000	Reversal of impairment loss HK\$'000	Carrying values after reversal of impairment loss HK\$'000
Property, plant and equipment	844,495	522,439	1,366,934
Intangible assets	83,957	69,304	153,261
Right-of-use assets	994	591	1,585
Total	929,446	592,334	1,521,780

Carrying values for the year ended 31 March 2019:

	Carrying values before reversal of impairment loss HK\$'000	Reversal of impairment loss HK\$'000	Carrying values after reversal of impairment loss HK\$'000
Property, plant and equipment	415,593	378,791	794,384
Intangible assets	32,365	50,460	82,825
Prepaid lease payment	654	427	1,081
Total	448,612	429,678	878,290

The reason for such reversal of impairment loss being recognised in profit or loss for the year ended 31 March 2020 was mainly due to change in predicted average growth rate of the coking coal price for the forthcoming four-year period (2019: change in predicted average growth rate of the coking coal price for the forthcoming four-year period.) This has had significant impact on the value-in-use assessment performed by the Directors in both years with an increase in cash flows expected to be received.

4. 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 (“**Listing Rules**”) and by the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain financial instruments that are measured at fair values at the end of each reporting period, as explained in the accounting policies set out below.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange of 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. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these consolidated financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of HKFRS 2 “Share-based Payment”, leasing transactions that are within the scope of HKFRS 16 (since 1 April 2019) or HKAS 17 (before application of HKFRS 16), and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in HKAS 2 “Inventories” or value in use in HKAS 36 “Impairment of Assets”.

If the transaction price is fair value at initial recognition and a valuation technique that uses unobservable inputs will be used to measure fair value in subsequent periods, the valuation technique is calibrated so that at initial recognition the result of the valuation technique equals the transaction price.

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

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

The principal accounting policies are set out below:

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 when the Company:

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

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Basis of consolidation (Continued)

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

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

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

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

Investment in 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 results and assets and liabilities of associate are incorporated in these consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting. The financial statements of associate used for equity accounting purposes are prepared using uniform accounting policies as those of the Group for like transactions and events in similar circumstances. Appropriate adjustments have been made to conform the associate's and the joint venture's accounting policies to those of the Group. Under the equity method, an investment in an associate is initially recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognise the Group's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the associate. Changes in net asset of the associate other than profit or loss and other comprehensive income are not accounted for unless such changes resulted in changes in owners interest held by the Group. When the Group's share of losses of an associate exceeds the Group's interest in that associate (which includes any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Group's net investment in the associate), the Group discontinues recognising its share of further losses. Additional losses are recognised only to the extent that the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

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

The requirements of HKFRS 9/HKAS 39 are applied to determine whether it is necessary to recognise any impairment loss with respect to the Group's investment in an associate. When necessary, the entire carrying amount of the investment (including goodwill) is tested for impairment in accordance with HKAS 36 as a single asset by comparing its recoverable amount (higher of value in use and fair value less costs of disposal) with its carrying amount. Any impairment loss recognised forms part of the carrying amount of the investment. Any reversal of that impairment loss is recognised in accordance with HKAS 36 to the extent that the recoverable amount of the investment subsequently increases.

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

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Revenue recognition

Revenue from contracts with customers

The Group recognises 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 the customer.

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 and enhances an asset that the customer controls as the Group performs; 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.

A contract liability represents the Group’s obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Group has received consideration (or an amount of consideration is due) from the customer.

Revenue from sales of coal

Revenue from sale of coal is recognised when the control of goods is transferred being when the coals are delivered to and accepted by the customers.

Leases

Definition of a lease (upon application of HKFRS 16 with transitions in accordance with Note 2)

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

For contracts entered into or modified on or after the date of initial application, the Group assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease based on the definition under HKFRS 16 at inception or modification date. Such contract will not be reassessed unless the terms and conditions of the contract are subsequently changed.

The Group as lessee (upon application of HKFRS 16 with transitions in accordance with Note 2) *Short-term lease and leases of low-value assets*

The Group applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to leases of building that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and does not contain a purchase option. Lease payments on short-term leases and lease of low-values assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis or another systematic basis over the lease term.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Leases (Continued)

*The Group as lessee (upon application of HKFRS 16 with transitions in accordance with Note 2)
(Continued)*

Right-of-use assets

The cost of right-of-use asset includes:

- the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability;
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentives received;
- any initial direct costs incurred by the Group; and
- an estimate of costs to be incurred by the Group in dismantling and removing the underlying assets, restoring the site on which it is located or restoring the underlying asset to the condition required by the terms and conditions of the lease.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its estimated useful life and the lease term.

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

Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of a lease, the Group recognises and measures the lease liability at the present value of lease payments that are unpaid at that date. In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses the incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date.

The lease payments include fixed lease payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives.

After the commencement date, lease liabilities are adjusted by interest accretion and lease payments.

The Group remeasures lease liabilities (and makes a corresponding adjustment to the related right-of-use assets) whenever the lease term has changed in which case the related lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments rely a revised discount rate at the date of reassessment. The Group presents lease liabilities as a separate line item on the consolidated statement of financial position.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Leases (Continued)

The Group as lessee (upon application of HKFRS 16 with transitions in accordance with Note 2) (Continued)

Lease modifications

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 leases 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.

For a lease modification that is not accounted for as a separate lease, the Group remeasures the lease liability based on the lease term of the modified lease by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the effective date of the modification.

The Group accounts for the remeasurement of lease liabilities by making corresponding adjustments to the relevant right-of-use asset. When the modified contract contains a lease component and one or more additional lease or non-lease components, the Group allocates the consideration in the modified contract to each lease component on the basis of the relative stand-alone price of the lease component and the aggregate stand-alone price of the non-lease components.

The Group as lessee (prior to 1 April 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.

Operating lease payments, including the cost of acquiring land held under operating leases, are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Lease incentives relating to operating leases are considered as integral part of lease payments, the aggregate benefit of incentives is recognised as a reduction of rental expense on a straight-line basis.

Foreign currencies

In preparing the financial statements of each individual group entity, transactions in currencies other than the entity's functional currency (foreign currencies) are recognised at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At the end of each reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at that date. 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.

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

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Foreign currencies (Continued)

On the disposal of a foreign operation (i.e. a disposal of the Group's entire interest in a foreign operation, a disposal involving loss of control over a subsidiary that includes a foreign operation, or a partial disposal of an interest in an associate that includes a foreign operation of which the retained interest becomes a financial asset), all of the exchange differences accumulated in equity in respect of that operation attributable to owners of the Company are reclassified to the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

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.

Effective from 1 April 2019, any specific borrowing that remains outstanding after the related asset is ready for its intended use or sale is included in the general borrowing pool for calculation of capitalisation rate on general borrowings.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in the consolidated statement of 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.

Retirement benefits costs

Payments to the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (the "MPF Scheme") and other defined contribution retirement benefit plans are recognised as expenses when employees have rendered service entitling them to the contributions.

Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits are recognised at the undiscounted amount of the benefits expected to be paid as and where employees rendered the services. All short-term employee benefits are recognised as an expense unless another HKFRS requires or permits the inclusion of the benefit in the cost of an asset.

A liability is recognised for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave after deducting an amount already paid.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Share-based payment arrangements

Equity-settled share-based payment transactions

Share options granted to employees

Equity-settled share-based payments to employees and others providing similar services are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments at the grant date.

The fair value determined at the grant date of the equity-settled share-based payments is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the Group's estimate of equity instruments that will eventually vest, with a corresponding increase in equity (share options reserve). At the end of each reporting period, the Group revises its estimate of the number of equity instruments expected to vest. The impact of the revision of the original estimates, if any, is recognised in profit or loss such that the cumulative expense reflects the revised estimate, with a corresponding adjustment to the share options reserve. For share options that vest immediately at the date of grant, the fair value of the share options granted is expensed immediately to profit or loss.

When share options are exercised, the amount previously recognised in share options reserve will be transferred to share premium. When the share options are forfeited after the vesting date or are still not exercised at the expiry date, the amount previously recognised in share options reserve will be transferred to accumulated losses.

Taxation

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

The tax currently payable is based on the taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit (loss) before taxation as reported in the consolidated statement of profit or loss because of items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are never taxable nor deductible. The Group's current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period.

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

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries and associates, 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.

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

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Taxation (Continued)

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

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 on initial recognition of the relevant right-of-use assets and lease liabilities are not recognised due to application of the initial recognition exemption. Temporary differences arising from subsequent revision to the carrying amounts of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities, resulting from remeasurement of lease liabilities and lease modifications, that are not subject to initial recognition exemption are recognised on the date of remeasurement or modification.

Current and deferred tax is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied to the same taxable entity by the same taxation authority.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment including mineral properties held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, or for administrative purposes (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.

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

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 the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Mining structures

Mining structures included deferred stripping costs and mining related property, plant and equipment. In open pit mining operations, the removal of overburden and waste materials, referred to as stripping, is required to obtain access to the ore body. Stripping costs incurred during the development phase of a mine are capitalised and form part of the cost of constructing the mining structure. Stripping costs incurred during the production phase of a surface mine are variable production costs that are included in the costs of inventory produced during the period that the stripping costs are incurred, unless the stripping activity can be shown to give rise to probably future economic benefits from the mineral structure by improving the access to the ore body, the component of the ore body for which access has been improved is identifiable and the costs associated with that component can be reliably measured, in which case the stripping costs would be capitalised as stripping activity asset included in property, plant and equipment — mining structures.

Mining structures are depreciated on the unit-of-production method utilising only proven and probable coal reserves in the depletion base, or based on the useful lives of respective items of property, plant and equipment, whichever is appropriate.

Mineral properties

Mineral properties incorporate both the mining rights (intangible) and the underlying mineral reserve (tangible) elements. Mineral properties are classified as property, plant and equipment to the extent the tangible reserve is the more significant element. Mineral properties comprise costs of acquisition of mining rights and capitalised exploration costs which are capitalised initially under exploration and evaluation assets and transferred to property, plant and equipment as mineral properties when the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting mineral resources become demonstrable.

On the commencement of commercial production, depreciation of mineral properties will be provided on the unit-of-production method utilising only proven and probable coal reserves in the depletion basis.

Construction in progress

Construction in progress includes property, plant and equipment in the course of construction for production or for its own use purposes. Construction in progress is carried at cost less any recognised impairment loss. Costs include any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management and, for qualifying assets, borrowing costs capitalised in accordance with the Group's accounting policy. Construction in progress is classified to the appropriate category 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.

Ownership interests in leasehold land and building

When the Group makes payments for ownership interests of properties which includes both leasehold land and building elements, the entire consideration is allocated between the leasehold land and the building elements in proportion to the relative fair values at initial recognition.

To the extent the allocation of the relevant payments can be made reliably, interest in leasehold land is presented as "right-of-use assets" (upon application of HKFRS 16) or "prepaid lease payments" (before application of HKFRS 16) in the consolidated statement of financial position. When the consideration cannot be allocated reliably between non-lease building element and undivided interest in the underlying leasehold land, the entire properties are classified as property, plant and equipment.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired separately

Software acquired separately and with finite useful lives is carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation is recognised on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful life 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.

Intangible assets (exclusive right of use of paved road) are measured on initial recognition at cost. Following the initial recognition, intangible assets are stated at cost less amortisation (where the estimated useful life is finite) and impairment losses.

Intangible assets (exclusive right of use of paved road)

The exclusive right of use of paved road is amortised on a straight-line basis over its licence period.

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

Exploration and evaluation assets

Exploration and evaluation assets are recognised at cost on initial recognition. Subsequent to initial recognition, exploration and evaluation assets are stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Exploration and evaluation assets include the cost of mining and exploration rights and the expenditures incurred in the search for mineral resources as well as the determination of the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting those resources. When the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting mineral resources become demonstrable, previously recognised exploration and evaluation assets are reclassified as mining structures and mineral properties under property, plant and equipment. These assets are assessed for impairment annually and before reclassification.

Impairment of exploration and evaluation assets

The carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation assets is reviewed at least annually and adjusted for impairment in accordance with HKAS 36 "Impairment of Assets" and whenever one of the following events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable (the list is not exhaustive):

- the period for which the Group has the right to explore in the specific area has expired during the period or will expire in the near future, and is not expected to be renewed;
- substantive expenditure on further exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area is neither budgeted nor planned;
- exploration for and evaluation of mineral resources in the specific area have not led to the discovery of commercially viable quantities of mineral resources and the Group has decided to discontinue such activities in the specific area; or
- sufficient data exist to indicate that, although a development in the specific area is likely to proceed, the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation asset is unlikely to be recovered in full from successful development or by sale.

An impairment loss is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Impairment of tangible and intangible assets (excluding exploration and evaluation assets)

At the end of each reporting period, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets with finite useful lives 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 relevant asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss, if any. The recoverable amount of its tangible and intangible assets with finite useful live are estimated individually. When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an asset individually, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. In addition, the Group assess whether there is an indicator that corporate assets may be impaired. Where a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be identified, corporate assets are also allocated to individual cash-generating units, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of cash-generating units for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis 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 or a cash generating unit for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or a cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or a cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. For corporate assets or portion of corporate assets which cannot be allocated on a reasonable and consistent basis to a cash-generating unit, the Group compares the carrying amount of a group of cash-generating units, including the carrying amounts of the corporate assets or portion of corporate assets allocated to that group of cash-generating units, with the recoverable amount of the group of cash-generating units. In allocating the impairment loss, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill (if applicable) and then to the other assets on a pro-rata basis based on the carrying amount of each asset in the unit or the group of cash-generating units. The carrying amount of an asset is not reduced below the highest of its fair value less costs of disposal (if measurable), its value in use (if determinable) and zero. The amount of the impairment loss that would otherwise have been allocated to the asset is allocated pro rata to the other assets of the unit or the group of cash-generating units. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or a cash-generating unit or a group of cash-generating units) 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 a cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Inventories

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

Cost is calculated using the weighted average cost formula and comprises all costs of production and purchase, an appropriate portion of fixed and variable overhead costs, including the stripping costs incurred during the production phase, and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for inventories less all estimated costs of completion and the costs necessary to make the sale.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Group will be required to settle that obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. When a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows (where the effect of the time value of money is material).

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when a group entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. 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 market place.

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

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability and of allocating interest income and interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts and 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 asset or financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Interest income which is derived from the Group's ordinary course of business are presented as revenue.

Financial assets

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets

Financial assets that meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost:

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

All other financial assets are subsequently measured at FVTPL, except that at the date of initial application of HKFRS 9/ initial recognition of a financial asset the Group may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value of an equity investment in other comprehensive income if that equity investment is neither held for trading nor contingent consideration recognised by an acquirer in a business combination to which HKFRS 3 "Business Combinations" applies.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets (Continued)

A financial asset is held for trading if:

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

(i) *Amortised cost and interest income*

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method for financial assets measured subsequently at amortised cost. 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 from the next reporting period. If 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 from the beginning of the reporting period following the determination that the asset is no longer credit-impaired.

(ii) *Financial assets at FVTPL*

Financial assets that do not meet the criteria for being measured at amortised cost or designated as fair value through other comprehensive income (“**FVTOCI**”) are measured at FVTPL.

Financial assets at FVTPL are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, with any fair value gains or losses recognised in profit or loss. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss excludes any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset and is included in the “other gains and losses” line item.

The Group recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses (“**ECL**”) on financial assets which are subject to impairment under HKFRS 9 (including trade and bills receivables, other receivables, amount due from an associate and cash and cash equivalents) which are subject to impairment under HKFRS 9. The amount of ECL is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition.

Lifetime ECL represents the ECL that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of the relevant instrument. In contrast, 12-month ECL (“**12m ECL**”) represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date. Assessment are done 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 conditions at the reporting date as well as the forecast of future conditions.

The Group always recognises lifetime ECL for trade receivables and accrued income. The ECL on these assets are assessed individually.

For all other instruments, the Group measures the loss allowance equal to 12m ECL, unless when there has been 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 increases in the likelihood or risk of a default occurring since initial recognition.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets (Continued)

(i) Significant increase in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk 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.

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

- 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, e.g. a significant increase in the credit spread, the credit default swap prices for the debtor;
- 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; and
- 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 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.

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.

(ii) Definition of default

For internal credit risk management, the Group considers an event of default occurs when 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).

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Financial assets (Continued)

Classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets (Continued)

(iii) Credit-impaired financial assets

A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events of default 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:

- (a) significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower;
- (b) a breach of contract, such as a default or past due event;
- (c) 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;
- (d) it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
- (e) the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties.

(iv) Write-off policy

The Group writes off a financial asset when there is information indicating that the counterparty is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of recovery, for example, 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 two 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. A write-off constitutes a derecognition event. Any subsequent recoveries are recognised in profit or loss.

(v) 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. Estimation of ECL reflects an unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined with the respective risks of default occurring as the weights.

Generally, the ECL is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due to the Group in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at the effective interest rate determined at initial recognition.

Interest income is calculated based on the gross carrying amount of the financial asset unless the financial asset is credit impaired, in which case interest income is calculated based on amortised cost of the financial asset.

The Group recognises an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss for all financial instruments by adjusting their carrying amount, with the exception of trade receivables where the corresponding adjustment is recognised through a loss allowance account.

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4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Derecognition of financial assets

The Group derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire.

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.

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 the Group after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Company are recognised at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Convertible notes

A conversion option that will be settled other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of the Group's own equity instruments is a conversion option derivative.

At the date of issue, both the debt component and derivative components are recognised at fair value. In subsequent periods, the debt component of the convertible loan notes is carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The derivative component is measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

Transaction costs that relate to the issue of the convertible loan notes are allocated to the debt and derivative components in proportion to their relative fair values. Transaction costs relating to the derivative component are charged to profit or loss immediately. Transaction costs relating to the debt component are included in the carrying amount of the debt portion and amortised over the period of the convertible loan notes using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial liabilities (including trade payables, other payables, advances from a Director, debt component of the convertible notes and loan note) are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

Derivative financial instruments and hedging

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date when a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at the end of the reporting period. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

Embedded derivatives

Derivatives embedded in non-derivative host contracts that are not financial asset within the scope of HKFRS9 are treated as separate derivatives when they meet the definition of a derivative, their risks and characteristics are not closely related to those of the host contracts and the host contracts are not measured at fair value through profit or loss.

4. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Financial instruments (Continued)

Derecognition and substantial modification of financial liabilities

The Group derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss, unless it represents a capital contribution from or dividend to a shareholder.

An exchange between the Group and lender of debt instruments with substantially different terms are accounted for as an extinguishment of the original financial liability and the recognition of a new financial liability. The terms are substantially different if the discounted present value of the cash flows under the new terms, including any fees paid net of any fees received and discounted using the original effective interest rate, is at least 10% different from the discounted present value of the remaining cash flows of the original financial liability. Similarly, a substantial modification of the terms of an existing financial liability or a part of it (whether or not attributable to the financial difficulty of the Group) is accounted for as an extinguishment of the original financial liability and the recognition of a new financial liability. The difference between the carrying amount of a financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of the consideration paid and payable, including non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, are recognised in profit or loss, unless it represents a capital contribution from or dividend to a shareholder.

If an exchange of debt instruments or modification of terms is accounted for as an extinguishment, any costs or fees incurred are recognised as part of the gain or loss on the extinguishment. The exchange or modification is considered as non-substantial modification when such difference is less than 10 per cent.

Non-substantial modifications of financial liabilities

For non-substantial modifications of financial liabilities that do not result in derecognition, the carrying amount of the relevant financial liabilities will be calculated at the present value of the modified contractual cash flows discounted at the financial liabilities' original effective interest rate. Transaction costs or fees incurred are adjusted to the carrying amount of the modified financial liabilities and are amortised over the remaining term. Any adjustment to the carrying amount of the financial liability is recognised in profit or loss at the date of modification.

5. KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The following are other 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 within the next financial year.

Reserve estimates

Reserves are estimates of the amount of product that can be economically and legally extracted from the Group's properties. In order to calculate reserves, estimates and assumptions about a range of geological, technical and economic factors, including quantities, grades, production techniques, recovery rates, production costs, transport costs, commodity demand and commodity prices are required.

Estimating the quantity and/or grade of reserves requires the size, shape and depth of ore bodies or fields to be determined by analysing geological data such as drilling samples. This process may require complex and difficult geological judgements and calculations to interpret the data.

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5. KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (Continued)

Reserve estimates (Continued)

Because the economic assumptions used to estimate reserve changes from period to period, and additional geological data is generated during the course of operations, estimates of reserves may change from period to period. Changes in estimated reserves may affect the Group's financial results and financial position in a number of ways, including the following:

- carrying values of Khushuut Related Assets may be affected due to changes in estimated future cash flows, which may result in further impairment loss or a reversal of previously recognised impairment loss on these assets; and
- depreciation, depletion and amortisation charged in the consolidated statement of profit or loss may change where such charges are determined by the unit-of-production basis, or where the useful economic lives of assets change.

Fair value of derivative financial instruments

As described in Note 29(a), the Directors use their judgement in selecting an appropriate valuation technique for financial instruments not quoted in an active market. Valuation techniques commonly used by market practitioners are applied. For derivative components of the convertible notes, Binomial Valuation Model is used for valuation of the component which involves several key assumptions and estimates including share price volatility, dividend yield and risk free rate. The Directors believe that the chosen valuation techniques and assumptions are appropriate in determining the fair value of financial instruments.

As at 31 March 2020, fair value of derivative component of the convertible notes is HK\$675,110,000 (2019: HK\$81,000).

Estimated recoverable amount of Khushuut Related Assets

As described in Note 3, the Group engaged an Independent Valuer to determine the recoverable amount of the Khushuut Related Assets. For the purposes of recoverable amount testing, the Khushuut Related Assets are treated as a cash-generating unit and its recoverable amount has been determined based on a value in use calculation, which requires the Group to estimate the future cash flows expected to arise from the cash-generating unit, using discounted cash flow analysis, in order to calculate the present value. Key assumptions used in the calculation include the current selling price for coking coal, growth rate, discount rate and estimate timeline for commercial coal production. During the year ended 31 March 2020, a reversal of impairment loss of HK\$592,334,000 (2019: HK\$429,678,000) was recognised against the Khushuut Related Assets as its recoverable amount is higher than (2019: higher than) its carrying value. Changes to the assumptions underlying the assessment of the recoverable amount may have a significant effect on the recoverable amount of the Khushuut Related Assets. Where there are favourable or unfavourable changes in facts and circumstances which result in revision of the estimated future cash flows for the purpose of determining the value in use, a reversal of impairment loss or further impairment loss may arise.

As at 31 March 2020, the carrying value of Khushuut Related Assets is HK\$1,521,780,000 (net of accumulated impairment loss of HK\$14,331,920,000) (2019: carrying value of HK\$878,290,000 (net of accumulated impairment loss of HK\$14,924,254,000)).

6. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group is principally engaged in (i) mining, processing and sale of coal; and (ii) other resources related business. Revenue represents revenue arising from the sale of coal to external customers located in the PRC and Mongolia, and is recognised at a point in time when coals are delivered to and accepted by the customers.

The Group's operating activities are focusing on the coal mining business. Information reported to the chief operating decision maker (i.e. the Executive Directors) for the purpose of resource allocation and performance assessment focuses on types of good delivered. This is also the basis of organisation whereby the management has chosen to organise the Group.

Segment revenue and result

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and result by operating segment:

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	Coal mining HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Segment revenue (Note (a))	1,124,996	1,124,996
Segment profit	971,397	971,397
Unallocated expenses (Note (b))		(63,284)
Other income		23
Other gains and losses		(33,083)
Changes in fair value on derivative component of convertible notes		377,767
Modification gain on convertible notes		249,444
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments		797,546
Derecognition gain on convertible notes		21,943
Reversal of impairment loss on financial asset		(4)
Finance costs		(800,587)
Profit before taxation		1,521,162

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	Coal mining HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Segment revenue	776,708	776,708
Segment profit	698,982	698,982
Unallocated expenses (Note (b))		(60,988)
Other income		19
Other gains and losses		(30,198)
Changes in fair value on derivative component of convertible notes		63,542
Impairment losses on financial assets		(17)
Finance costs		(735,165)
Loss before taxation		(63,825)

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6. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment revenue and result (Continued)

Notes:

- (a) As at 31 March 2020, all outstanding contracts for sale of coal have an original expected duration of less than one year. As permitted under HKFRS 15, the transaction price allocated to the unsatisfied contracts is not disclosed.

Contract liabilities as at 1 April 2019 of HK\$2,296,000 have been recognised as revenue from performance obligation satisfied during the year. For contract liabilities as at 31 March 2020 of HK\$5,027,000, as the period between payment and transfer of the associated goods or services is less than one year, the Group applies the practical expedient of not adjusting the transaction price for any significant financing component.

- (b) Unallocated expenses mainly include community expenses in respect of funding the relocation of a village in proximity to the Khushuut mine, staff costs for corporate office and legal and professional fees (2019: staff costs for corporate office, office rental and legal and professional fees).

The accounting policies of the operating segment are the same as the Group's accounting policies described in Note 4. Segment profit represents the profit from the coal mining operation without allocation of expenses not directly related to the operating segment, unallocated other income, certain finance costs, certain other gains and losses, changes in fair value of derivative component of convertible notes and derivative financial instruments, modification gain on convertible notes, derecognition gain on convertible notes and reversal of impairment loss (impairment loss) on financial assets. This is the measure reported to the chief operation decision maker for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment.

Segment assets and liabilities

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

As at 31 March 2020

	HK\$'000
ASSETS	
Segment assets — coal mining	2,064,076
Financial asset at FVTPL	51,597
Cash and cash equivalents	11,425
Other unallocated assets (Note (a))	16,857
Consolidated total assets	2,143,955
LIABILITIES	
Segment liabilities — coal mining	292,498
Convertible notes	2,168,168
Loan note	258,725
Advances from a Director	1,709,372
Other unallocated liabilities (Note (b))	69,154
Consolidated total liabilities	4,497,917

6. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Segment assets and liabilities (Continued)

As at 31 March 2019

	HK\$'000
ASSETS	
Segment assets — coal mining	1,411,311
Financial asset at FVTPL	84,586
Cash and cash equivalents	11,793
Other unallocated assets (Note (a))	7,433
Consolidated total assets	1,515,123
LIABILITIES	
Segment liabilities — coal mining	218,558
Convertible notes	3,546,397
Advances from a Director	1,811,728
Other unallocated liabilities (Note (b))	51,065
Consolidated total liabilities	5,627,748

Notes:

- (a) Other unallocated assets mainly represent property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, intangible assets, other asset and other receivables, prepayments and deposits not for coal mining business.
- (b) Other unallocated liabilities mainly represent other payables and accruals and lease liabilities not for coal mining business.

Other segment information

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

Coal mining

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Capital additions	81,626	24,555
Amortisation of intangible assets	3,482	1,714
Amortisation of prepaid lease payment	—	14
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	1,283	—
Interest income	(620)	(1,419)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	24,022	19,013
Reversal of impairment losses on property, plant and equipment	(522,439)	(378,791)
Reversal of impairment losses on intangible assets	(69,304)	(50,460)
Reversal of impairment loss on prepaid lease payment	—	(427)
Reversal of impairment loss on right-of-use assets	(591)	—

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6. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Geographical information

The Group's operations are principally located in Hong Kong, Mongolia and the PRC.

Information about the Group's revenue from external customers is presented based on locations of customers:

	Revenue	
	2020	2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Mongolia	2,781	2,539
The PRC	1,122,215	774,169
	1,124,996	776,708

Information about its non-current assets is presented based on geographical locations of the assets:

	Non-current assets	
	2020	2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Hong Kong	8,274	3,078
Mongolia	1,476,924	849,550
The PRC	53,020	34,679
	1,538,218	887,307

Note: Non-current assets exclude deferred tax assets.

Information about major customers

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

	2020	2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Customer A	728,362	476,105
Customer B	N/A	105,512
Customer C	N/A	83,633

7. OTHER INCOME

	2020	2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interest income	643	1,438
Government grants (Note 30)	3,209	1,530
Sundry income	2,530	382
	6,382	3,350

8. OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Changes in fair value on financial assets at FVTPL	(32,989)	(30,451)
Gain (loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	56	(84)
Loss on written off of property, plant and equipment	(4)	—
Net exchange (loss) gain	(2,030)	3,463
	(34,967)	(27,072)

9. FINANCE COSTS

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Interest on advances from a Director (Note 28)	137,837	144,768
Interest on other loan (Note)	—	100
Interest on lease liabilities	567	—
Effective interest expense on convertible notes (Note 29(a))	644,190	590,395
Effective interest expense on loan note (Note 28 and 29(b))	18,085	—
	800,679	735,263

Note: The amount represented interest payable to a short term unsecured loan with principal amount of HK\$7.4 million. The interest expense was charged at 6% per annum. The loan was fully repaid during the year ended 31 March 2019.

10. PROFIT (LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Profit (loss) before taxation has been arrived at after charging (crediting):		
Directors' emoluments (Note 12(a))	18,482	16,042
Other staff costs:		
Salaries and other benefits (net of reimbursement from a related party (Note 36(d)(iii)))	93,261	80,094
Retirement benefits scheme contributions (excluding contributions for Directors and net of reimbursement from a related party (Note 36(d)(iii)))	11,780	9,104
Total staff costs	123,523	105,240
Less: staff costs capitalised in inventories	(39,423)	(32,796)
	84,100	72,444
(Reversal of impairment losses) impairment losses on:		
Trade and bills receivables	(1,534)	1,236
Other receivables	195	104
Amount due from an associate	4	8
	(1,335)	1,348
Amortisation of prepaid lease payment	—	14
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (Note 15)	24,654	19,572
Depreciation of right-of-use assets (Note 16)	5,335	—
Amortisation of intangible assets (Note 18)	3,482	1,714
Auditor's remuneration	3,860	3,860

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11. INCOME TAX EXPENSE (CREDIT)

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Current tax		
PRC Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT")	6,020	3,826
Mongolian corporate income tax	26,411	—
Withholding tax on distributed earnings	5,619	—
	38,050	3,826
Under (over) provision in prior years:		
PRC EIT	48	(5,810)
Deferred taxation (Note 31)	41,126	(17,416)
	79,224	(19,400)

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.

Mongolian corporate income tax was calculated at 10% to the first Mongolian Tugrik ("MNT") 3 billion of annual taxable income and 25% on the remaining annual taxable income for both years.

The Company is not subject to any taxation in Bermuda. Bermuda levies no tax on the income of the Group.

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

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Profit (loss) before taxation	1,521,162	(63,825)
Calculated at a tax rate of 25%	380,291	(15,956)
Tax effect on income not subject to tax	(510,096)	(123,310)
Tax effect on expenses not deductible for tax purposes	228,122	163,759
Recognition of tax losses not previously recognised	(3,589)	(25,153)
Under(over) provision in prior years	48	(5,810)
Utilisation of tax losses previously not recognised	(25,153)	(12,930)
Withholding tax on undistributed profits of a subsidiary	9,601	—
Income tax expense (credit)	79,224	(19,400)

12. DIRECTORS', CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S EMOLUMENTS

(a) Directors' and chief executive's emoluments

Directors' and the chief executive's remuneration for the year ended 31 March 2020, disclosed pursuant to the applicable Listing Rules and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, is as follows:

Name of Directors	Fees HK\$'000	Salaries HK\$'000	Discretionary bonus HK\$'000	Other benefits HK\$'000	Employer's contribution to MPF Scheme HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<i>Executive Directors</i>						
Lo Lin Shing, Simon	—	6,000	1,000	307	18	7,325
Yvette Ong	—	4,468	4,529	436	18	9,451
Lo, Rex Cze Kei	100	600	500	36	18	1,254
Lo, Chris Cze Wai (Note)	—	47	—	3	2	52
<i>Non-executive Director</i>						
To Hin Tsun, Gerald	100	—	—	—	—	100
<i>Independent Non-executive Directors</i>						
Lau Wai Piu	100	—	—	—	—	100
Tsui Hing Chuen, William	100	—	—	—	—	100
Lee Kee Wai, Frank	100	—	—	—	—	100
	500	11,115	6,029	782	56	18,482

Directors' and the chief executive's remuneration for the year ended 31 March 2019, disclosed pursuant to the applicable Listing Rules and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, is as follows:

Name of Directors	Fees HK\$'000	Salaries HK\$'000	Discretionary bonus HK\$'000	Other benefits HK\$'000	Employer's contribution to MPF Scheme HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
<i>Executive Directors</i>						
Lo Lin Shing, Simon	—	6,000	1,000	301	18	7,319
Yvette Ong	—	4,379	2,798	374	18	7,569
Lo, Rex Cze Kei	100	600	—	36	18	754
<i>Non-executive Director</i>						
To Hin Tsun, Gerald	100	—	—	—	—	100
<i>Independent Non-executive Directors</i>						
Lau Wai Piu	100	—	—	—	—	100
Tsui Hing Chuen, William	100	—	—	—	—	100
Lee Kee Wai, Frank	100	—	—	—	—	100
	500	10,979	3,798	711	54	16,042

Note: Lo, Chris Cze Wai was appointed as an Executive Director on 3 March 2020.

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12. DIRECTORS', CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S EMOLUMENTS

(Continued)

(a) Directors' and chief executive's emoluments (Continued)

Mr. Lo and Yvette Ong are the chief executives of the Group. Their emolument disclosed above included those for services rendered by them as the chief executives. They are entitled to bonus payments which are determined based on operating results.

During the years ended 31 March 2020 and 2019, no Director waived any directors' emoluments.

The emoluments of the Executive Director shown above were for their services in connection with management of the affairs of the Company and the Group.

The emoluments of the Non-executive Director and Independent Non-executive Directors shown above were for their services as Directors.

(b) Five highest paid employees' emoluments

Of the five individuals with the highest emoluments in the Group, two (2019: two) were Directors whose emoluments are included in Note 12(a) above. The emoluments of the remaining three (2019: three) highest paid individuals during the year are as follows:

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Basic salaries, other allowances and benefits in kind	7,500	7,678
Bonus	4,025	2,075
Contributions to MPF Scheme	54	36
	11,579	9,789

The emoluments fell within the following bands:

Emolument bands	Number of individuals	
	2020	2019
HK\$2,500,001 – HK\$3,000,000	1	2
HK\$3,000,001 – HK\$3,500,000	1	—
HK\$4,000,001 – HK\$4,500,000	—	1
HK\$5,500,001 – HK\$6,000,000	1	—
	3	3

13. DIVIDENDS

No dividend was paid or proposed by the Company during 2020, nor has any dividend been proposed since the end of the reporting period (2019: Nil).

14. EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE

The calculation of basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share is based on the following data:

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Profit (loss) attributable to owners of the Company, as used in the calculation of basic earnings (loss) per share	1,441,938	(44,425)
Adjusted by:		
Changes in fair value on derivative component of convertible notes	(377,767)	N/A
Modification gain on convertible notes	(249,444)	N/A
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments	(797,546)	N/A
Derecognition gain on convertible notes	(21,943)	N/A
Interest on convertible notes	644,190	N/A
Profit (loss) attributable to owners of the Company, as used in the calculation of diluted earnings (loss) per share	639,428	(44,425)

	2020 '000	2019 '000 (Restated)
Number of shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings (loss) per share (Note (a))	188,126	188,126
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares (Note (b) and (c)): Convertible notes	4,076,225	N/A
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of diluted earnings (loss) per share	4,264,351	188,126

Notes:

- (a) The number of shares for the purpose of calculating the basic and diluted earnings (2019: loss) per share for the years ended 31 March 2020 and 2019 have been adjusted to reflect the Capital Reorganisation as defined and set out in Note 32.
- (b) The computation of diluted earnings per share for the year ended 31 March 2020 did not assume the exercise of share options since the adjusted exercise price was greater than the average market price of the Company's shares during the outstanding period in 2020.
- (c) The computation of diluted loss per share for the year ended 31 March 2019 did not assume the exercise of share options or the conversion of the Company's outstanding convertible notes since assuming the exercise of the share options or the conversion of the convertible notes would result in a decrease in loss per share.

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1.5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Mining structures	Mineral properties (Note)	Construction in progress	Leasehold improvements	Computer equipment	Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	Plant, machinery and other equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
COST									
At 1 April 2018	714,472	12,951,601	1,950	11,460	7,736	9,186	329,555	93,169	14,119,129
Exchange adjustments	—	99	—	(63)	(85)	(45)	(11,565)	(1,140)	(12,799)
Additions	15,321	—	2,691	329	624	747	1,716	4,710	26,138
Written off	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(892)	(892)
Reclassification between categories	—	—	(89)	—	—	35	54	—	—
Disposals	—	—	—	—	(20)	(349)	—	(805)	(1,174)
At 31 March 2019	729,793	12,951,700	4,552	11,726	8,255	9,574	319,760	95,042	14,130,402
Exchange adjustments	—	(5,789)	(32)	(91)	(100)	(66)	(12,308)	(1,128)	(19,514)
Additions	19,132	—	45,366	329	857	245	1,971	13,898	81,798
Written off	—	—	—	—	—	(8)	—	(825)	(833)
Reclassification between categories	4,767	—	(43,643)	—	264	5	38,607	—	—
Disposals	—	—	—	—	(135)	(22)	—	(563)	(720)
At 31 March 2020	753,692	12,945,911	6,243	11,964	9,141	9,728	348,030	106,424	14,191,133
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND IMPAIRMENT									
At 1 April 2018	649,461	12,656,931	865	10,868	6,282	7,311	290,977	77,016	13,699,711
Exchange adjustments	—	8	—	(26)	(68)	(32)	(9,713)	(821)	(10,652)
Charge for the year	4,915	2,205	—	309	691	721	5,161	5,570	19,572
Reversal of impairment loss recognised in profit or loss	(16,726)	(353,454)	—	—	—	—	(8,002)	(609)	(378,791)
Written off	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(892)	(892)
Disposals	—	—	—	—	(20)	(220)	—	(80)	(320)
At 31 March 2019	637,650	12,305,690	865	11,151	6,885	7,780	278,423	80,184	13,328,628
Exchange adjustments	—	(353)	—	(53)	(82)	(46)	(9,668)	(992)	(11,194)
Charge for the year	3,957	5,780	—	308	924	657	6,770	6,258	24,654
Reversal of impairment loss recognised in profit or loss	(23,888)	(486,039)	—	—	—	—	(11,642)	(870)	(522,439)
Written off	—	—	—	—	—	(4)	—	(825)	(829)
Disposals	—	—	—	—	(135)	(11)	—	(563)	(709)
At 31 March 2020	617,719	11,825,078	865	11,406	7,592	8,376	263,883	83,192	12,818,111
CARRYING VALUE									
At 31 March 2020	135,973	1,120,833	5,378	558	1,549	1,352	84,147	23,232	1,373,022
At 31 March 2019	92,143	646,010	3,687	575	1,370	1,794	41,337	14,858	801,774

15. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

Note:

On 16 July 2009, the Parliament of Mongolia enacted the Mining Prohibition Law (the “**MPL**”) which prohibits minerals exploration and mining in areas such as headwaters of rivers and lakes, forest areas and areas adjacent to rivers and lakes (the “**Defined Prohibited Areas**”). Pursuant to the MPL, the Mongolian government was supposed to define the boundaries of the relevant prohibited areas by 16 October 2009 but it had not done so by the prescribed time. It also states that any previously granted licences that overlap the Defined Prohibited Areas will be terminated within five months following the enactment of the law.

The MPL further states that affected licence holders shall be compensated but details as to how the compensation is determined have not been specified in the MPL and the Mongolian government has not yet released any further guidance on how to interpret the MPL.

On 18 February 2015, the Parliament of Mongolia amended the Law on Implementation of the Law on Prohibition of Exploration and Mining in Headwaters of Rivers, Protected Water Basins Zones and Forested Areas, and provided option for the licence holders to continue their operations subject to undertaking a number of obligations in operations and submit a request to the Mineral Resources and Petroleum Authority of Mongolia (the “**MRPAM**”) and enter into agreement with the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, MRPAM and the governor of the relevant province.

At 31 March 2020, the MRPAM confirmed that no mining concession (At 31 March 2019: Nil) owned by MoEnCo LLC (“**MoEnCo**”) has partially overlapped with protected area under the MPL.

The following estimated useful lives are used for the depreciation of property, plant and equipment:

Leasehold improvements	over unexpired lease terms
Computer equipment	3 years
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	5–10 years
Plant, machinery and other equipment	5–10 years
Motor vehicles	5–10 years
Mineral properties	based on resources on a unit-of-production basis
Mining structures	based on resources on a unit-of-production basis or straight line method over 10 years, whichever is appropriate

The mineral properties incorporate both the mining rights (intangible) and the underlying mineral reserve (tangible) elements. The Directors consider the tangible reserve is the more significant element and hence the entire mineral properties are classified as property, plant and equipment.

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16. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

	Leasehold lands HK\$'000	Leased properties HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 April 2019			
Carrying amount	1,081	2,553	3,634
At 31 March 2020			
Carrying amount	1,585	8,254	9,839
For the year ended 31 March 2020			
Depreciation charge	19	5,316	5,335
Expenses relating to short-term leases and other leases with lease terms end within 12 months of the date of initial application of HKFRS 16	—	1,218	1,218
Total cash outflow for leases	—	6,760	6,760
Additions to right-of-use assets	—	11,058	11,058

For both years, the Group leases properties for its operations. Lease contracts are entered into for fixed term of 1–5 years. Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain different terms and conditions. In determining the lease term and assessing the length of the non-cancellable period, the Group applies the definition of a contract and determines the period for which the contract is enforceable.

Restrictions or covenants on leases

In addition, lease liabilities of HK\$8,225,000 are recognised with related right-of-use assets of HK\$8,254,000 at 31 March 2020. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants other than the security interests in the leased assets that are held by the lessor. Leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

17. PREPAID LEASE PAYMENT

	2019 HK\$'000
Analysed for reporting purposes as:	
Current assets	24
Non-current assets	1,057
At the end of the year	1,081

Note:

Prepaid lease payment represents land use right in Xinjiang, the PRC.

Upon application of HKFRS 16 on 1 April 2019, the prepaid land lease payments were classified to right-of-use assets.

18. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Software (Note (a)) HK\$'000	Exclusive right of use of paved road (Note (b)) HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
COST			
At 1 April 2018	4,543	1,906,297	1,910,840
Additions	24	—	24
At 31 March 2019	4,567	1,906,297	1,910,864
Additions	539	4,292	4,831
At 31 March 2020	5,106	1,910,589	1,915,695
ACCUMULATED AMORTISATION AND IMPAIRMENT			
At 1 April 2018	4,113	1,872,441	1,876,554
Charge for the year	223	1,491	1,714
Reversal of impairment loss recognised in profit or loss	—	(50,460)	(50,460)
At 31 March 2019	4,336	1,823,472	1,827,808
Charge for the year	322	3,160	3,482
Reversal of impairment loss recognised in profit or loss	—	(69,304)	(69,304)
At 31 March 2020	4,658	1,757,328	1,761,986
CARRYING VALUE			
At 31 March 2020	448	153,261	153,709
At 31 March 2019	231	82,825	83,056

Notes:

- (a) The software has finite useful lives and is amortised on a straight-line basis over 3 years.
- (b) During the year ended 31 March 2009, an agreement was entered into between the Governor's Administration Office of Khovd Province of Mongolia (the "Governor") and MoEnCo, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, regarding the right of use of a road granted by the Governor to MoEnCo subject to certain conditions. Under the terms of the agreement, MoEnCo will construct a road at its own cost from the Group's mine areas in Khushuut, Western Mongolia to the Yarant border crossing with Xinjiang, the PRC, with the construction permit granted to MoEnCo from the Ministry of Road, Transportation and Tourism of the Mongolian government. In return, MoEnCo enjoys the rights, which was granted at the date of the agreement, for the unrestricted use of the road for 30 years (the "Approved Period"). The road will be opened to public use subject to certain weight restrictions whereupon the Group may direct users including commercial users. The Group is also responsible for maintenance of the road during the Approved Period. The Group will use the road mainly for the purpose of transporting coal from its mine areas to its customers in the PRC.

In the year ended 31 March 2012, the Group had completed construction of 311 km of the road and the formal approval from the Mongolian government on the road commissioning was obtained. HK\$1,906,297,000, representing 311 km of road construction costs, was transferred from development in progress as an exclusive right of use of paved road under intangible assets.

The exclusive right of use of paved road has finite useful lives and is amortised on a straight-line basis over its licence period and included in the cash-generating unit with other Khushuut Related Assets for impairment assessment purpose.

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19. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

	Mining and exploration rights (Note (a)) HK\$'000	Others (Note (b)) HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 April 2018	151	39	190
Addition	—	80	80
At 31 March 2019	151	119	270
Addition	—	228	228
At 31 March 2020	151	347	498

Notes:

- (a) Mining and exploration rights include (i) an iron ore exploration concession of around 2,983 hectares in Western Mongolia for ferrous resources; and (ii) a ternary metal exploration concession of around 10,884 hectares in Western Mongolia amounted approximately HK\$151,000 was acquired during the year ended 31 March 2017.

This iron ore exploration concession has been affected by the MPL. Zvezdametrika LLC ("Z LLC"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company which owns the iron ore exploration concession, received a notice from the MRPAM during the year ended 31 March 2010 about the potential revocation of its exploration concession under the MPL and Z LLC was requested to submit the estimated compensation for termination of licences with supporting documents. After taking legal advice from the Group's Mongolian legal advisers, the Group decided not to respond to the MRPAM's request. The Group's legal advisers confirmed their interpretation of the relevant legislation that following determination and removal of any overlap with prohibited areas and making revisions to the coordinates of the licensed area, the mineral licence will remain valid less the overlapping areas. The Group is not currently operating within what it considers to be the overlapping areas. According to the best knowledge of management, there was no revocation of its licence at 31 March 2020.

During the year ended 31 March 2015, the condition of the iron ore market in China became considerably more unfavourable due to the significant drop in iron ore prices and the continuing fall in demand. In view of the then and present market sentiment, the development and production costs are expected to be high which will be unlikely to achieve a positive return for the Group. Further, there is no guarantee that the exploration and the ongoing development of the iron mine could turn the existing exploration licence to mining licence and would require additional capital by the Group and increase the Group's financial pressure in addition to the need for its coal mining business. Based on the aforesaid, management is of the view that it is not in the Group's interest to develop and retain the iron mine and has decided to concentrate the Group's resources on the re-commencement of commercial production of the Khushuut Coal Mine. In view of the then pessimistic business outlook of the iron ore industry and the significant capital investment required to develop the iron ore concession, management of the Group is of the opinion that it is unlikely to identify a potential purchaser to acquire the iron ore concession in its current condition (also taking into account the uncertainties of the application of the MPL to the concession), before the exploration licence expires in October 2020.

Also, based on the research performed by management during the year ended 31 March 2015, minimal transactions in the market in Mongolia for iron ore concessions were recorded due to the fact that current market conditions are making investment in smaller iron ore concessions uneconomical (in particular those in more remote regions without established infrastructure). Management therefore determined that the recoverable amount of this iron ore exploration concession, if any, was likely to be minimal and decided that the entire carrying amount was impaired during the year ended 31 March 2015.

During the year ended 31 March 2020, management considered that the factors mentioned above continued to apply and concluded that the recoverable amount of the iron ore concession remains minimal. Accordingly, no reversal of impairment loss was considered necessary in the current year. As at 31 March 2020, only limited exploration works were done on the iron ore concession.

- (b) Others represent the expenses incurred for the concession as mentioned in Note (a).
- (c) Exploration and mining licences are granted for an initial period of 3 and 30 years respectively. The exploration licences can be extended for three successive periods of 3 years each and mining licences for two successive periods of 20 years each.

20. INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE/AMOUNT DUE FROM AN ASSOCIATE

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Cost of an associate Unlisted shares, at cost	2,839	2,839
Share of results	(2,839)	(2,839)
	—	—
Amount due from an associate	10,970	10,966
Impairment losses	(10,970)	(10,966)
	—	—

Details of the associate at 31 March 2020 and 2019 are as follows:

Name	Place of incorporation	Principal place of operation	Particulars of issued share capital	Interest held		Principal activity
				2020	2019	
Profit Billion International Private Limited (“Profit Billion”)	Singapore	Singapore	10 shares of S\$1.00 each	20%	20%	Investment holding

There is no commitment contracted but not provided for in respect of further capital investment in an associate for both years.

The amount due from an associate for both years include shareholder’s loans to MoOiCo LLC which is wholly owned by Profit Billion and became inactive since the year ended 31 March 2014. That amount is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

Aggregate information of an associate that is not individually material

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Profit for the year	48	136
Other comprehensive income for the year	—	—
Total comprehensive income for the year	48	136
The Group’s share of profit	—	—
Aggregate carrying amount of the Group’s interests in this associate	—	—

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20. INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE/AMOUNT DUE FROM AN ASSOCIATE (Continued)

The Group has discontinued recognition of its share of losses of an associate. The amounts of unrecognised share of losses of this associate as at year ended 31 March, extracted from the relevant management accounts of an associate, both for the year and cumulatively, are as follows:

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Unrecognised share of profit of an associate for the year	10	27
Cumulative unrecognised share of losses of an associate	4,429	4,439

21. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Trade receivables	13,329	66,547
Bills receivables	97,135	159,226
Accrued income (Note)	10,563	17,045
	121,027	242,818
Less: allowance for credit losses	(662)	(2,303)
	120,365	240,515

Note: Income was accrued on the basis that coals are delivered to and accepted by the customer. Invoice will be issued within 3 months.

The Group allows a credit period of 30-60 days to its customers upon issue of invoices, except for new customers, where payment in advance is normally required.

As at 1 April 2018, trade receivable from contracts with customers amounted to HK\$46,585,000.

The following is an aged analysis of trade receivables, bills receivables and accrued income net of allowance for credit losses:

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
1-30 days	35,916	112,092
31-60 days	318	58,359
61-90 days	39,181	8,233
Over 90 days	44,950	61,831
	120,365	240,515

Details of impairment assessment of trade and bills receivables for the year ended 31 March 2020 are set out in Note 38(b).

22. INVENTORIES

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Coal	232,844	125,639
Materials and supplies	8,521	5,592
	241,365	131,231

23. OTHER RECEIVABLES, PREPAYMENTS AND DEPOSITS

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Other receivables	6,835	2,188
Prepayments	7,737	7,439
Deposits	1,908	1,668
Refundable value added tax	106,193	61,234
Others	60	269
	122,733	72,798

Details of impairment assessment of other receivables for the year ended 31 March 2020 are set out in Note 38(b).

24. FINANCIAL ASSET AT FVTPL

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Equity security of company listed in Hong Kong	51,597	84,586

Fair values are determined with reference to quoted market bid prices.

25. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Bank balances and cash	61,782	65,399

There was no short-term deposit placed for both years. Cash at bank earns interest at rates based on daily bank deposit rates.

Details of impairment assessment of cash and cash equivalents for the year ended 31 March 2020 are set out in Note 38(b).

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26. TRADE PAYABLES

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

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
0 to 30 days	43,437	56,068
31 to 60 days	29,968	12,343
61 to 90 days	21,414	—
Over 90 days	79,788	57,194
	174,607	125,605

27. LEASE LIABILITIES

Maturity analysis:

	31 March 2020 HK\$'000
Within one year	6,110
Within a period more than one year but not more than two years	1,275
Within a period more than two years but not more than five years	840
	8,225
Less: amount due for settlement with 12 months shown under current liabilities	(6,110)
	2,115

	31 March 2020 HK\$'000
Lease liabilities:	
Current	6,110
Non-current	2,115
	8,225

28. BORROWINGS

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Unsecured — at amortised cost		
Advances from a Director (Note (a))	1,709,372	1,811,728
Convertible notes (Note 29(a))	1,493,058	3,546,316
Loan note (Note 29(b))	258,725	—
	3,461,155	5,358,044
Analysed for reporting purposes as:		
Current liabilities	1,709,372	5,358,044
Non-current liabilities	1,751,783	—
	3,461,155	5,358,044

Reconciliation liabilities arising from financing activities

	Advances from a Director HK\$'000	Other loan HK\$'000 (Note (b))	Convertible notes HK\$'000	Loan note HK\$'000	Lease liabilities HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 April 2018	1,760,438	9,064	2,955,921	—	—	4,725,423
Financing cash flows	(93,478)	(9,164)	—	—	—	(102,642)
Interest charge (Note 9)	144,768	100	590,395	—	—	735,263
At 31 March 2019	1,811,728	—	3,546,316	—	—	5,358,044
Adjustment on initial application of HKFRS 16	—	—	—	—	2,553	2,553
At 1 April 2019 (restated)	1,811,728	—	3,546,316	—	2,553	5,360,597
Issuance of convertible notes	—	—	1,473,848	—	—	1,473,848
Financing cash flows	(240,193)	—	(859)	—	(5,542)	(246,594)
Interest charge (Note 9)	137,837	—	644,190	18,085	567	800,679
Modification gain	—	—	(249,444)	—	—	(249,444)
Inception of leases	—	—	—	—	10,647	10,647
Derecognition of the 3% ZV Convertible Note (Note 29(b))	—	—	(574,860)	240,640	—	(334,220)
Derecognition of the 3% GI and 3% CTF Convertible Notes	—	—	(3,346,133)	—	—	(3,346,133)
At 31 March 2020	1,709,372	—	1,493,058	258,725	8,225	3,469,380

Notes:

- (a) The advances are related to the facility granted by Mr. Lo as set out in Note 1. The amounts are unsecured and repayable on demand. Mr. Lo does not intend to demand repayment until the Company has sufficient cash to make repayment. The interest expense is charged at the Hong Kong Dollar Prime Rate plus 3% for both years.
- (b) The other loan is unsecured and repayable on demand with principal amount of HK\$7.4 million, which had been fully repaid during the year ended 31 March 2019. The interest expense was charged at 6% per annum.

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29. CONVERTIBLE NOTES AND LOAN NOTE

(a) Convertible notes

The movement of the debt and derivative components of convertible notes for the year is set out below:

	Debt component		Derivative component		Total	
	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
At beginning of the year	3,546,316	2,955,921	81	63,623	3,546,397	3,019,544
Issuance of convertible notes	1,473,848	—	1,052,796	—	2,526,644	—
Modification gain on the GI and CTF Convertible Notes	(249,444)	—	—	—	(249,444)	—
Interest charge	644,190	590,395	—	—	644,190	590,395
Transaction costs on issuance of convertible notes	(859)	—	—	—	(859)	—
Changes in fair value on derivative component	—	—	(377,767)	(63,542)	(377,767)	(63,542)
Derecognition of the 3% ZV Convertible Note (Note 29(b))	(574,860)	—	—	—	(574,860)	—
Derecognition of the 3% CTF and 3% GI Convertible Notes	(3,346,133)	—	—	—	(3,346,133)	—
At end of the year	1,493,058	3,546,316	675,110	81	2,168,168	3,546,397

2020 Convertible Notes with maturity date 6 March 2025

In prior years, the Company issued HK\$2,424,822,000 3% convertible note to Chow Tai Fook Nominee Limited ("CTF") (the "3% CTF Convertible Note"), HK\$542,315,000 3% convertible note to Golden Infinity Co., Ltd. ("Golden Infinity") (the "3% GI Convertible Note") and HK\$499,878,000 3% convertible note to another independent third party (the "3% ZV Convertible Note"). These convertible notes were matured on 21 November 2019.

CTF and Golden Infinity Convertible Notes

On 21 November 2019, the Company entered into standstill agreements with CTF and Golden Infinity respectively to extend the time of repayment of all amounts outstanding under the 3% GI Convertible Note and 3% CTF Convertible Note from 21 November 2019 to 21 May 2020. The conversion options expired on 21 November 2019. A modification gain of HK\$249,444,000 was recognised in profit or loss in relation to this non-substantial convertible notes modification.

On 28 November 2019, the Company entered into subscription agreements with CTF and Golden Infinity, which conditionally agreed to subscribe for the new 5-year 3% convertible notes subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions. The new convertible notes would have an aggregate principal amount equal to the outstanding principal amount plus accrued interest under the 3% GI Convertible Note and the 3% CTF Convertible Note as at the issue date of the new convertible notes.

Details of the subscriptions are set out in the announcement issued by the Company on 28 November 2019.

On 6 March 2020, the Company issued convertible notes with a principal of HK\$2,809,671,052 and HK\$628,387,371 to CTF and Golden Infinity respectively (the "2020 Convertible Notes"). The commitment by the Group to issue, and by the 2020 Convertible Notes holders to subscribe for, the 2020 Convertible Notes was accounted for as a derivative from 28 November 2019 to 6 March 2020 with a cumulative fair value gain of HK\$797,546,000 recognised in profit or loss.

29. CONVERTIBLE NOTES AND LOAN NOTE (Continued)

(a) Convertible notes (Continued)

2020 Convertible Notes with maturity date 6 March 2025 (Continued) *CTF and Golden Infinity Convertible Notes (Continued)*

The standstill agreements with CTF and Golden Infinity expired on 6 March 2020. The 3% GI Convertible Note, the 3% CTF Convertible Note as well as the aforementioned derivative to issue the 2020 Convertible Notes were derecognised on the same date, resulting in a derecognition gain of HK\$21,943,000 recognised in profit or loss. No cash flows resulted from this transaction other than the payment of transaction costs amounting to HK\$859,000.

The 2020 Convertible Notes with principal amount of HK\$3,438,058,423 have a maturity period of five years from the issue date to 6 March 2025. They can be converted into 1 ordinary share of the Company of HK\$0.02 each for every HK\$1.2 at the holders' option at any time since the issue date up to the date immediately prior to their maturity date. The outstanding principal amount would be redeemed at par value on the maturity date or at the issuer's option redeemed at par plus outstanding coupon payment at any time between the issue date and the maturity date. Interest of 3% per annum will be paid in arrears on the maturity date.

The 2020 Convertible Notes contain two components, a debt component and a derivative component with a conversion option derivative of the holders and a prepayment option derivative of the issuer. The effective interest rate of the debt component is 21.82%. The conversion option derivative held by the holders is measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss as the conversion options does not meet the fixed-for-fixed criteria. Furthermore, the Company may at any time before the maturity date by written notices to the holders, redeem the principal amount of 2020 Convertible Notes (in whole or in part) with accrued interest. The fair value of the prepayment option held by the Group was immaterial as at 6 March 2020 and 31 March 2020.

Binomial Valuation Model is used for the valuation of the conversion option derivative component. The major inputs into the model were as follows:

	6 March 2020	31 March 2020
Stock price	HK\$0.63	HK\$0.44
Exercise price	HK\$1.2	HK\$1.2
Volatility (Note (i))	71.98%	74.19%
Dividend yield	0%	0%
Option life (Note (ii))	5 years	4.93 years
Risk free rate	0.67%	0.57%

Notes:

(i) The volatility used in the model was determined by reference to the historical volatility of the Company's share price.

(ii) The option life was based on the maturity date of the notes.

The fair value of the derivative component of 2020 Convertible Notes was determined with reference to a valuation report carried out by an Independent Valuer.

No conversion was made during the year ended 31 March 2020.

3% ZV Convertible Notes

Details of 3% ZV Convertible Notes are set out in Note 29(b).

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29. CONVERTIBLE NOTES AND LOAN NOTE (Continued)

(a) Convertible notes (Continued)

2014 Convertible Notes with maturity date 21 November 2019

In prior years, the Company issued HK\$200 million 5% convertible note to Golden Infinity (the “**5% GI Convertible Note**”), HK\$200 million 5% convertible note to CTF (the “**5% CTF Convertible Note**”), HK\$2 billion 3% convertible note to CTF (the “**3% CTF Convertible Note**”) and HK\$466.8 million 3.5% convertible notes to other parties (the “**3.5% OZ Convertible Note**”).

On 19 September 2014, the Company entered into the subscription agreements with CTF, Golden Infinity and the holders of the 3.5% OZ Convertible Note, who conditionally agreed to subscribe for new 5-year 3% convertible notes at the subscription price which would be used for full settlement of the outstanding principal amount and accrued interest of the 5% GI Convertible Note, the 3% CTF Convertible Note, the 3.5% OZ Convertible Note and the 5% CTF Convertible Note.

On 21 November 2014, the Company issued convertible notes at HK\$2,424,822,000, HK\$542,315,000 and HK\$499,878,000 to CTF, Golden Infinity and the holders of the 3.5% OZ Convertible Note respectively (the “**2014 Convertible Notes**”). The 5% GI Convertible Note, 5% CTF Convertible Note, 3% CTF Convertible Note and 3.5% OZ Convertible Note were derecognised on the same date.

The 2014 Convertible Notes with principal amount of HK\$3,467,015,000 has a maturity period of five years from the issue date to 21 November 2019. They could be converted into 1 ordinary share of the Company of HK\$0.02 each for every HK\$0.87 (adjusted) at the holders’ option at any time between the issue date and the maturity date. The outstanding principal amount would be redeemed at par value on the maturity date or at the issuer’s option redeemed at par plus outstanding coupon payment at any time between the issue date and the maturity date. Interest of 3% per annum will be paid in arrears on the maturity date.

The 2014 Convertible Notes contained two components, a debt component and a derivative component with a conversion option derivative of the holders and a callable option derivative of the issuer. The effective interest rate of the debt component is 19.96%. The derivative component with a conversion option derivative of the holders was measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss as the conversion options does not meet the fixed-for-fixed criteria. Furthermore, the Company may at any time before the maturity date by written notices to the holders, redeem the principal amount of 2014 Convertible Notes (in whole or in part) with accrued interest. The fair value of the derivative component with a callable option derivative considered was immaterial as at 31 March 2019.

29. CONVERTIBLE NOTES AND LOAN NOTE (Continued)

(a) Convertible notes (Continued)

2014 Convertible Notes with maturity date 21 November 2019 (Continued)

Binomial Valuation Model is used for the valuation of the derivative component. The major inputs into the model were as follows:

	31 March 2019
Stock price	HK\$0.14
Exercise price	HK\$0.87
Volatility (Note (i))	61.59%
Dividend yield	0%
Option life (Note (ii))	0.64 years
Risk free rate	1.42%

Notes:

- (i) The volatility used in the model was determined by reference to the historical volatility of the Company's share price.
- (ii) The option life as at 31 March 2019 was based on the maturity date of the notes.

The fair value of the derivative component of 2014 Convertible Notes was determined with reference to a valuation report carried out by an Independent Valuer.

No conversion was made on the maturity date of the notes.

(b) Loan note

The 3% ZV Convertible Note matured on 21 November 2019. On 21 November 2019, Mr. Lo took up the full amount owing to the 3% ZV Convertible Note holder through Ruby Pioneer Limited ("**Ruby Pioneer**"). Ruby Pioneer is a wholly-owned company of Mr. Lo. Immediately after the aforesaid taking up, the Company and Ruby Pioneer entered into a standstill agreement pursuant to which Ruby Pioneer agreed to extend the note for five years from 21 November 2019 to 21 November 2024 at coupon rate of 3% per annum ("**RP Note**"). This transaction is accounted for as an extinguishment of the 3% ZV Convertible Note and the recognition of the new loan note to Ruby Pioneer. The new loan note is unsecured and has an effective interest rate of 22.37%. A derecognition gain of HK\$334,220,000 is recognised directly in equity as a deemed capital contribution from Mr. Lo. No cash flows resulted from this transaction.

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30. DEFERRED INCOME

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
At beginning of the year	8,836	10,608
Granted (Note)	2,427	409
Credited to profit or loss	(3,209)	(1,530)
Exchange adjustment	(549)	(651)
At end of the year	7,505	8,836
Analysed for reporting purposes as:		
Current liabilities	1,469	1,458
Non-current liabilities	6,036	7,378
	7,505	8,836

Note:

During the year ended 31 March 2020, a grant of HK\$2,427,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB2,162,000) were received for the foreign trade development, construction of warehouse and stabilizing employment.

For the year ended 31 March 2019, a grant of HK\$409,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB350,000) was received for the improvement of the machinery and facilities in the washing plant in Xinjiang, the PRC.

31. DEFERRED TAXATION

The following are the major deferred tax asset and liability recognised and movements thereon during the current year.

	Tax losses HK\$'000	Undistributed profits of a subsidiary HK\$'000	Accelerated tax depreciation HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 April 2018	—	—	—	—
Credited (charged) to profit or loss	25,153	—	(7,737)	17,416
Exchange adjustments	(975)	—	—	(975)
At 31 March 2019	24,178	—	(7,737)	16,441
Charged to profit or loss	(20,038)	(3,982)	(17,106)	(41,126)
Exchange adjustments	(641)	100	744	203
At 31 March 2020	3,499	(3,882)	(24,099)	(24,482)

Deferred income tax asset is recognised for tax losses carried forward to the extent that the realisation of the related tax benefit through future taxable profits is probable. At 31 March 2020, estimated tax losses of the Group not utilised amounted to HK\$60,968,000 (2019: HK\$143,699,000). Deferred tax asset of HK\$3,499,000 (2019: HK\$24,178,000) has been recognised in respect of tax losses of HK\$13,996,000 (2019: HK\$100,612,000). No deferred tax assets has been recognised in respect of the remaining HK\$46,972,000 (2019: HK\$43,087,000) as it is uncertain as to whether there will be sufficient future taxable profits to utilise these tax losses. Except for tax losses of HK\$13,996,000 (2019: HK\$100,612,000) expiring within 5 years (2019: 4 years), the remaining balances have no expiry date.

According to the "Arrangement between the PRC and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income" and Guoshuifa 2008 No. 112, where the Hong Kong resident company directly owns at least 25% of the capital of the PRC company, 5% dividend withholding tax rate is applicable.

32. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised and issued share capital

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Authorised: 15,000,000,000 ordinary shares of HK\$0.02 each	300,000	300,000
	Number of ordinary shares at HK\$0.02 each	Amount HK\$'000
Issued and fully paid:		
At 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019	1,881,258,499	37,625
Share consolidation and Capital Reduction (Notes (a) and (b))	(1,693,132,650)	(33,862)
At 31 March 2020	188,125,849	3,763

Notes:

The Company completed the capital reorganisation (the "**Capital Reorganisation**") on 6 March 2020. It was approved by the shareholders at the special general meeting held on 2 March 2020 and details are as follows:

- (a) The Company's share of every ten issued existing shares of par value of HK\$0.02 each were consolidated into one consolidated share of par value of HK\$0.2 each (the "**Consolidated Share**"), 1,693,133,000 shares were reduced;
- (b) The par value of each issued Consolidated Share was reduced from HK\$0.2 to HK\$0.02 by cancelling the paid-up capital to the extent of HK\$0.18 on each issued Consolidated Share ("**Capital Reduction**") and the credit arising from the Capital Reduction amounted to HK\$33,862,000 was transferred to contributed surplus account of the Company;
- (c) The share premium of the Company amounting to HK\$51,463,000 was cancelled ("**Share Premium Reduction**") and was transferred to contributed surplus account of the Company; and
- (d) The application of the contributed surplus account of the Company to set off the accumulated losses of the Company amounted to HK\$3,537,218,000 as permitted by the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended) and the By-Laws.

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33. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT

Equity-settled share option scheme

Under the share option schemes adopted by the Company on 30 August 2012, options were granted to certain Directors, employees and consultants of the Group entitling them to subscribe for shares of the Company. Options may be exercised at any time from the date of grant of the share options.

As the fair value of the services cannot be estimated reliably, the Binominal Valuation Model has been used to estimate the fair value of the options.

Movements of share options outstanding and their weighted average exercise prices are as follows:

	2020		2019	
	Weighted average exercise price per share HK\$	Number of share options	Weighted average exercise price per share HK\$	Number of share options
Exercisable at beginning of the year	0.232	190,000,000	0.291	201,250,000
Lapsed	0.232	(4,000,000)	1.280	(11,250,000)
Adjusted for Capital Reorganisation	2.090	(167,400,000)	—	—
Exercisable at end of the year	2.322	18,600,000	0.232	190,000,000

No share options were exercised during the year (2019: Nil).

The Group has no legal or constructive obligation to repurchase or settle the options in cash.

Share options outstanding at the end of the reporting period have the following exercisable period and exercise price:

Date of grant	Exercise price before Capital Reorganisation	Exercise price after Capital Reorganisation	Exercisable period	Number of shares subject to options	
	HK\$	HK\$		2020	2019
09-09-2015	0.251	2.510	09-09-2015 to 08-09-2020	4,600,000	47,000,000
01-09-2017	0.226	2.260	01-09-2017 to 31-08-2022	14,000,000	143,000,000
				18,600,000	190,000,000

Note: The exercise price and number of shares subject to share options were adjusted for the Capital Reorganisation of the Company and became effective as 6 March 2020.

34. COMMITMENTS

In addition to those disclosed elsewhere in the consolidated financial statements, the Group has the following commitments:

(a) Commitments under operating leases

The Group as lessee

As at 31 March 2019, the Group had future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of offices and staff quarters as follows:

	2019 HK\$'000
Not later than one year	1,934
Later than one year and not later than five years	1,161
	3,095

Operating leases relate to offices and staff quarters with lease terms of between 1 to 3 years.

(b) Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2020, the Group had capital commitments contracted for but not provided in the consolidated financial statements amounting to HK\$35,518,000 (2019: HK\$26,726,000). These commitments are for the following projects:

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Construction of new stockpile area	916	966
Other exploration related commitments	1,236	253
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	1,147	8,987
Road improvement and drilling equipment transport	11,968	11,968
Wash plant	19,650	4,250
Others	601	302
	35,518	26,726

35. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

During the year ended 31 March 2013, the Company and MoEnCo disputed the services provided and the amount charged by the former mining contractor and accordingly, refused to settle the contractor fees as claimed by the former mining contractor.

The former mining contractor issued two writs of summons on 14 February 2013 and 30 May 2013 claiming for the total sum of approximately HK\$93.7 million. In May 2015, the former mining contractor applied to Court to amend its statements of claim under the two writs by amending, among others, (i) the currency of the claims from MNT to United States dollars; and (ii) the amount of the claims to include the alleged contractor's fees up to October 2014. According to amended statement of claims, total claims under two writs were at approximately HK\$198.9 million. The two actions were subsequently consolidated and the amount claimed has been reduced to approximately HK\$105.6 million and approximately HK\$50.0 million was provided for in the consolidated financial statements as at 31 March 2020 (2019: HK\$50.0 million). Based on the opinion provided by legal counsel of the Company, the Directors consider that the payment of the remaining balance is not probable.

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36. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) Advances from Mr. Lo

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Balance of advances (Note 28)	1,709,372	1,811,728
Effective interest charge for the year (Note 28)	137,837	144,768

(b) Convertible note and interest charge on convertible note by a related party – Golden Infinity

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Convertible note	396,015	554,732
Coupon interest charge on convertible note for the year (Note (ii))	16,440	16,269

Notes:

- (i) Mr. Lo has a controlling interest in Golden Infinity. Details of the convertible note held by Golden Infinity are set out in Note 29(a).
- (ii) Amount represents nominal interest charge on convertible note. The effective interest expense on convertible note for the year is approximately HK\$106,130,000 (2019: HK\$92,334,000).

(c) Loan note by a related party – Ruby Pioneer

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Loan note	258,725	—
Coupon interest charge on loan note for the year (Note (ii))	6,190	—

Notes:

- (i) Mr. Lo is the sole owner of Ruby Pioneer. Details of the loan note by Ruby Pioneer are set out in Note 29(b).
- (ii) Amount represents nominal interest charge on loan note. The effective interest expense on loan note for the year is approximately HK\$18,085,000 (2019: HK\$Nil).

(d) Transactions with related parties

Nature of transactions	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Operating lease expenses (Note (i))	—	4,394
Lease liabilities (Notes (i), (ii) and (iii))	4,675	—
Interest on lease liabilities (Note (i) and (ii))	470	—
Reimbursement of sharing of administrative services from a related party (Notes (i) and (iii))	6,879	6,585

Notes:

- (i) Mr. Lo is one of the directors or the sole director of the related parties.
- (ii) During the year ended 31 March 2020, the Group entered new lease agreement for the use of the properties with the related company for 2 years. The Group has recognised an addition of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities of HK\$8,309,000 and HK\$7,898,000 respectively.
- (iii) On 10 July 2015, the Group entered into a share of administrative service agreement with a related party. The service is charged at cost basis. The Group further renewed the contract with the related party on 18 June 2019 and extended the agreement for a period of 1 year.

36. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

(e) Balance with related parties

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Rental deposits paid to related parties (Note)	441	425

Note: Mr. Lo is one of the directors or the sole director of the related parties.

(f) Key management compensation

The remuneration of Directors, represented key management of the Group, during the year was as follows:

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Basic salaries, other allowances and benefits in kind	18,426	15,988
Contributions to MPF Scheme	56	54
	18,482	16,042

Note: During the year ended 31 March 2020, no share options were granted to the Directors. Options granted were immediately vested at the date of grant (2019: Nil).

37. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

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

The capital structure of the Group consists of debt, which includes advances from a Director disclosed in Note 28, convertible notes disclosed in Note 29(a) and loan note disclosed in Note 29(b), net of cash and cash equivalents and equity of the Group, comprising share capital and reserves.

Management of the Group reviews the capital structure regularly, taking into account the cost and risk associated with the capital. The Group will balance its capital structure through new shares issues, the issue of new debt or the redemption of the existing debts.

38. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Categories of financial instruments

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Financial assets		
Financial assets at amortised costs	189,813	308,662
Financial asset at FVTPL	51,597	84,586
Financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	3,780,032	5,606,477
Embedded derivative component of convertible notes	675,110	81

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38. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's financial instruments include trade and bills receivables, other receivables and deposits, financial asset at FVTPL, amount due from an associate, cash and cash equivalents, trade payables, other payables, lease liabilities, advances from a Director, convertible notes and loan note. Details of the financial instruments are disclosed in the respective notes. The risks associated with these financial instruments include market risk (currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risks), credit risk and liquidity risk. The policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below. There has been no significant change to the Group's exposure to market risks or the manner in which it manages and measures the risk. Management manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner.

Market risk

(i) Currency risk

The Group mainly operates in Hong Kong, the PRC and Mongolia. The exposure to foreign currency risk mainly arises from trade and bills receivables, other receivables, amount due from an associate, cash and cash equivalents, trade payables, other payables, advances from a Director, convertible notes and loan note denominated in currencies other than functional currency of the relevant group entities.

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

	Liabilities		Assets	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
HK\$	4,258,113	5,368,021	5,718	7,376
Renminbi ("RMB")	21,358	20,616	156	206
MNT	32,511	46,105	5,706	8,017

The Group does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, management monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

Sensitivity analysis

The currency risk on HK\$ is insignificant as the HK\$ is pegged with the US\$.

The Group is mainly exposed to the currencies of RMB and MNT against US\$, the functional currency of relevant group entities.

The following table details the Group's sensitivity to a 5% (2019: 5%) increase and decrease in US\$ against the relevant foreign currencies. 5% (2019: 5%) is the sensitivity rate used when reporting foreign currency risk internally 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. A positive/negative number below indicates a decrease/increase in post-tax profit or an increase/decrease in post-tax loss where US\$ weakening 5% (2019: 5%) against RMB and MNT respectively. For a 5% (2019: 5%) strengthen of US\$ against RMB and MNT respectively, there would be an equal and opposite impact on the loss, vice versa.

38. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Market risk (Continued)

(i) Currency risk (Continued) Sensitivity analysis (Continued)

	RMB		MNT	
	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Increase in profit/decrease in loss for the year (Note)	1,060	1,021	1,340	1,904

Note: This is mainly attributable to the exposure from outstanding trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents and trade and other payables denominated in RMB and MNT at the end of the reporting period.

(ii) Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to fair value interest rate risk in relation to fixed-rate lease liabilities, convertible notes (see Note 29(a)) and loan note (see Note 29(b)). The Group is also exposed to cash flow interest rate risk in relation to variable-rate bank balances (see Note 25) and advances from a Director (see Note 28).

The Group currently does not have an interest rate hedging policy. However, management monitors interest rate exposure and will consider other necessary actions when significant interest rate exposure is anticipated.

The Group's cash flow interest rate risk is mainly due to the Hong Kong Prime Rate in relation to advances from a Director.

Sensitivity analysis

The Group's interest rate risk arises principally from advances from a Director as the effect on bank balances is considered not significant. The sensitivity analysis below has been prepared assuming that the change in interest rate had occurred at the end of the respective reporting period and had been applied to the exposure to interest rate risk for the existence of advances from a Director at that date and outstanding for the whole year. The 50 basis points represent the best estimation of the possible change in the interest rates over the period until the end of the next reporting period.

As at 31 March 2020, if interest rates had decreased/increased by 50 basis points and all other variables were held constant, the Group's profit/loss for the year would decrease/increase by HK\$8,538,000 (2019: HK\$9,046,000). The Group has no other significant interest rate risk.

(iii) Other price risk

a. Price risk on equity securities

The Group is exposed to equity price risk through its investment in listed equity security classified as financial asset at FVTPL. Management regularly reviews the expected returns from holding these investments on an individual basis.

The Group's equity price risk is mainly concentrated on an entity operating in the network security industry.

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38. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Market risk (Continued)

(iii) Other price risk (Continued)

a. Price risk on equity securities (Continued)

Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based on the exposure to equity price risks at the end of the reporting period for financial asset at FVTPL.

If the listed share prices of the respective equity instruments had been 5% higher/lower, the profit/loss for the year ended 31 March 2019 would decrease/increase by HK\$2,580,000 (2019: HK\$4,229,000) as a result of the changes in fair value on financial asset at FVTPL.

b. Price risk on embedded derivatives components of the convertible notes (defined in Note 29(a))

For the year ended 31 March 2020, the Company is required to estimate the fair value of the derivative component of the convertible notes, including conversion options, with changes in fair value to be recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss as long as the convertible notes are outstanding. The fair value will be affected either positively or negatively, amongst others, by the changes in the Company's share price, share price volatility and risk free rate.

Sensitivity analysis

If the listed share price of the Company had been 5% higher/lower and all other input variables of the valuation model were held constant, the Group's profit for the year would decrease by HK\$36,318,000 (2019: loss would increase by HK\$60,000)/increase by HK\$46,586,000 (2019: loss would decrease by HK\$20,000), as a result of changes in fair value of the derivative component of the convertible notes.

If the volatility of listed share prices of the Company had been 5% higher/lower and all other input variables of the valuation model were held constant, the Group's profit for the year would decrease by HK\$18,235,000 (2019: loss would increase by HK\$121,000)/increase by HK\$34,326,000 (2019: loss would decrease by HK\$54,000), as a result of changes in fair value of the derivative component of the convertible notes.

In management's opinion, the sensitivity analyses above are unrepresentative of the inherent price risk as the pricing model used in the valuation of these embedded derivatives involves multiple variables and certain variables are interdependent.

Credit risk and impairment assessment

As at 31 March 2020, the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk which would cause a financial loss to the Group due to failure to discharge an obligation by the counterparties was arising from the carrying amounts of the trade and bills receivables, other receivables, amount due from an associate and cash and cash equivalents as stated in the consolidated statement of financial position.

In order to minimise the credit risk, management of the Group has monitoring procedures to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover overdue debts. In addition, the Group performs impairment assessment under ECL model upon application of HKFRS 9 on trade and other receivables by reviewing the recoverable amount of each individual trade and other receivables at the end of the reporting period to ensure that adequate impairment losses are made for irrecoverable amounts. In this regard, the Directors consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

38. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

The Group measures the loss allowance on bank balances equal to 12m ECL. The credit risk on bank balances is limited because most of the cash and deposits are placed with reputable banks with high external credit rating assigned by an international credit-rating agency or state-owned banks in the PRC.

The Group's internal credit risk grading assessment comprises the following categories:

Internal credit rating	Description	Trade receivables	Other financial assets
Low risk	The counterparty has a low risk of default and does not have any past-due amounts	Lifetime ECL — not credit-impaired	12m ECL
Watch list	Debtor frequently repays after due dates but usually settle after due date	Lifetime ECL — not credit-impaired	12m ECL
Doubtful	There have been significant increases in credit risk since initial recognition through information developed internally or external resources	Lifetime ECL — not credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL — not credit-impaired
Loss	There is evidence indicating the asset is credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL — credit-impaired	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	Amount is written off

2020	Notes	Internal credit rating	12-month or lifetime ECL	Gross carrying amount HK\$'000
Financial assets at amortised costs				
Amount due from an associate	20	(Note (i))	Lifetime ECL (credit impaired)	10,970
Other receivables	23	(Note (i))	12m ECL (not credit impaired) Lifetime ECL (credit-impaired)	6,835 1,846
				8,681
Bills receivables	21	(Note (ii))	12m ECL (not credit impaired)	97,135
Trade receivables and accrued income	21	(Note (iii)) Low risk	Lifetime ECL (not credit impaired)	23,892

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38. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

2019	Notes	Internal credit rating	12-month or lifetime ECL	Gross carrying amount HK\$'000
Financial assets at amortised costs				
Amount due from an associate	20	(Note (i))	Lifetime ECL (credit impaired)	10,966
Other receivables	23	(Note (i))	12m ECL (not credit impaired) Lifetime ECL (credit-impaired)	2,188 1,651
				3,839
Bills receivables	21	(Note (ii))	12m ECL (not credit impaired)	159,226
Trade receivables and accrued income	21	(Note (iii)) Low risk	Lifetime ECL (not credit impaired)	83,592

Notes:

- (i) For the purposes of internal credit risk management, the Group uses historical repayment records to assess whether credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition for amount due from associate and other receivables.

	Not yet past due HK\$'000	No fixed repayment terms HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
2020			
Amount due from an associate	—	10,970	10,970
Other receivables	6,835	1,846	8,681
	6,835	12,816	19,651

	Not yet past due HK\$'000	No fixed repayment terms HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
2019			
Amount due from an associate	—	10,966	10,966
Other receivables	2,188	1,651	3,839
	2,188	12,617	14,805

- (ii) For bills receivables, the Group measures the loss allowance individually with reference to external credit ratings of the issuing counterparties which are banks in the PRC.

- (iii) For trade receivables and accrued income, the Group has applied the simplified approach in HKFRS 9 to measure the loss allowance at lifetime ECL. The Group determines the expected credit losses on these items individually.

38. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

As at 31 March 2020, the Directors assessed the existing financial assets for impairment and considered that credit loss allowance of HK\$13,478,000 (2019: HK\$14,920,000) is recognised. The ECL for other receivables which is not credit-impaired is insignificant.

The following table shows the movement in lifetime ECL that has been recognised for trade receivables and accrued income under the simplified approach.

	Lifetime ECL (not credit- impaired) HK\$'000
At 1 April 2018	43
Impairment losses recognised	35
At 31 March 2019	78
Reversal of impairment losses recognised	(68)
Exchange adjustments	(1)
At 31 March 2020	9

The following table show reconciliation of loss allowances that has been recognised for bills receivables, amount due from an associate and other receivables.

	Bills receivables 12m ECL (not credit- impaired) HK\$'000	Amount due from an associate Lifetime ECL (credit- impaired) HK\$'000	Other receivables Lifetime ECL (credit- impaired) HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 April 2018	1,093	10,958	1,808	13,859
Impairment losses recognised	1,201	8	104	1,313
Write-off	—	—	(124)	(124)
Exchange adjustments	(69)	—	(137)	(206)
At 31 March 2019	2,225	10,966	1,651	14,842
(Reversal of impairment loss) impairment losses recognised	(1,466)	4	195	(1,267)
Exchange adjustments	(106)	—	—	(106)
At 31 March 2020	653	10,970	1,846	13,469

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38. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Credit risk and impairment assessment (Continued)

Other than concentration risk on liquid funds which are deposited with banks that have good credit ratings, the Group has concentration of credit risk as 63% (2019: 75%) of the total trade and bills receivables was due from the Group's largest customer within the coal mining segment.

Liquidity risk

In management of the liquidity risk, the Group monitors and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate by management to finance the Group's operations and mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows. Management monitors the utilisation of borrowings. The amount of net current liabilities is HK\$1,432,654,000 (2019: HK\$5,008,995,000).

As at 31 March 2020, the Directors are satisfied that the Group will be able to meet in full its financial obligations as they fall due in the foreseeable future as Mr. Lo has provided facilities amounting to HK\$1,900.0 million by way of advances to the Group. Advances from a Director of HK\$1,709.4 million as at 31 March 2020 comprised principal amount and accrued interest of HK\$963.1 million and 746.3 million respectively. The balance of the unutilised facilities of HK\$936.9 million remained valid until 31 March 2022 to meet the Group's future funding needs. Mr. Lo does not intend to demand repayment until the Company has sufficient cash to make repayment.

The following tables detail the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its non-derivative financial liabilities with agreed repayment periods. The tables have 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. The tables include both interest and principal of cash flows. To the extent that interest flows are floating rate, the undiscounted amount is derived from interest rate at the end of the reporting period. The contractual maturity is based on the earliest date on which the Group may be required to pay.

2020

	Weighted average effective interest rate %	Less than 1 month or repayable on demand HK\$'000	1 to 3 months HK\$'000	3 months to 1 year HK\$'000	1 to 5 years HK\$'000	Total undiscounted cash flows HK\$'000	Carrying amount at 31 March 2020 HK\$'000
Trade payables (Note 26)	—	174,607	—	—	—	174,607	174,607
Other payables	—	92,093	17,580	26,030	342	136,045	136,045
Advances from a Director — floating rate (Note 28)	8%	1,709,372	—	—	—	1,709,372	1,709,372
Convertible notes (debt component) — fixed rate (Note 29(a))	21.82%	—	—	—	3,954,050	3,954,050	1,493,058
Loan note (Note 29(b))	22.37%	—	—	—	661,183	661,183	258,725
Lease liabilities	5.3%	553	1,753	4,672	1,569	8,547	8,225
		1,976,625	19,333	30,702	4,617,144	6,643,804	3,780,032

38. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(b) Financial risk management objectives and policies (Continued)

Liquidity risk (Continued)

2019

	Weighted average effective interest rate %	Less than 1 month or repayable on demand HK\$'000	1 to 3 months HK\$'000	3 months to 1 year HK\$'000	1 to 5 years HK\$'000	Total undiscounted cash flows HK\$'000	Carrying amount at 31 March 2019 HK\$'000
Trade payables (Note 26)	—	125,605	—	—	—	125,605	125,605
Other payables	—	91,619	6,714	24,495	—	122,828	122,828
Advances from a Director							
— floating rate (Note 28)	8%	1,811,728	—	—	—	1,811,728	1,811,728
Convertible notes (debt component)							
— fixed rate (Note 29(a))	19.96%	—	—	—	3,987,067	3,987,067	3,546,316
		2,028,952	6,714	24,495	3,987,067	6,047,228	5,606,477

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

(c) Fair value measurements of financial instruments

Fair value of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis

Fair value measurements and valuation processes

The Executive Directors are responsible for determining the appropriate valuation techniques and inputs for fair value measurements. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group uses market-observable data to the extent it is available. Where Level 1 inputs are not available, the Group engages third party qualified valuers to perform the valuation. The Executive Directors work closely with the qualified external valuers to establish the appropriate valuation techniques and inputs to the model. The Executive Directors review the cause of fluctuations in the fair value of the assets and liabilities.

Information about the valuation techniques and inputs used in determining the fair value of various assets and liabilities is disclosed above.

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38. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(c) Fair value measurements of financial instruments (Continued)

Fair value of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis (Continued)

Fair value measurements and valuation processes (Continued)

The Group's financial asset at FVTPL and embedded derivative component of convertible notes are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period. The following table gives information about how the fair values of these financial assets and financial liabilities are determined (in particular, the valuation technique(s) and inputs used), as well as the level of the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurements are categorised (Levels 1 to 3) based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable.

Financial assets/ financial liabilities	Fair value as at 31 March		Fair value hierarchy	Valuation technique(s) and key input(s)	Significant unobservable input	Relationship of unobservable input to fair value
	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000				
Listed equity security classified as financial asset at FVTPL	51,597	84,586	Level 1	— Quoted bid prices in an active market	N/A	N/A
Embedded derivatives component of convertible notes	675,110	81	Level 3	— Binomial Valuation Model — The key inputs are stock price, exercise price, option life, risk free rate, volatility and dividend yield	— Volatility is 74.19% (2019: 61.59%)	— A slight increase in the volatility would result in significant higher fair value measurement, and vice versa (Note)

Note: Sensitivity analysis is performed in Note 38(b).

There was no transfer between Levels 1 and 3 for both years.

Reconciliation of Level 3 fair value measurements of financial liabilities

	Embedded derivatives component of convertible notes HK\$'000
At 1 April 2018	63,623
Changes in fair value recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss	(63,542)
At 31 March 2019	81
Issuance of convertible notes	1,052,796
Changes in fair value recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss	(377,767)
At 31 March 2020	675,110

38. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

(c) Fair value measurements of financial instruments (Continued)

Fair value of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities that are not measured at fair value on a recurring basis

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

39. MAJOR NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS

Apart from the non-cash transactions disclosed in Note 29, the Group has no other major non-cash transactions for both years.

40. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION — THE COMPANY

	2020 HK\$'000	2019 HK\$'000
Non-current assets		
Interests in subsidiaries	988,538	676,374
Interest in an associate	—	—
Amounts due from subsidiaries	660,185	628,937
	1,648,723	1,305,311
Current assets		
Other receivables, prepayments and deposits	1,074	1,062
Amount due from an associate	—	—
Cash and cash equivalents	5,713	7,368
	6,787	8,430
Current liabilities		
Other payables and accruals	49,684	49,163
Advances from a Director	1,709,372	1,811,728
Convertible notes	—	3,546,397
Amount due to a subsidiary	205,407	205,407
	1,964,463	5,612,695
Net current liabilities	(1,957,676)	(5,604,265)
Total assets less current liabilities	(308,953)	(4,298,954)
Non-current liabilities		
Convertible notes	2,168,168	—
Loan note	258,725	—
	2,426,893	—
Net liabilities	(2,735,846)	(4,298,954)
Financed by:		
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	3,763	37,625
Reserves	(2,739,609)	(4,336,579)
Capital deficiencies to owners of the Company	(2,735,846)	(4,298,954)

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41. RESERVES — THE COMPANY

	Share premium	Contributed surplus (Note)	Share options reserve	Capital Contribution reserve	Accumulated losses	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1 April 2018	51,463	3,451,893	38,810	—	(7,924,768)	(4,382,602)
Profit for the year	—	—	—	—	46,023	46,023
Share option lapsed	—	—	(9,079)	—	9,079	—
At 31 March 2019	51,463	3,451,893	29,731	—	(7,869,666)	(4,336,579)
Profit for the year	—	—	—	—	1,228,888	1,228,888
Deemed capital contribution from substantial shareholder (Note 29(b))	—	—	—	334,220	—	334,220
Share option lapsed	—	—	(626)	—	626	—
Capital Reorganisation (Note 32)	(51,463)	(3,451,893)	—	—	3,537,218	33,862
At 31 March 2020	—	—	29,105	334,220	(3,102,934)	(2,739,609)

Note: Under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended), the contributed surplus is distributable to shareholders, subject to the condition that the Company shall not declare or pay a dividend, or make a distribution out of the contributed surplus if (i) it is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due; or (ii) the realisable value of its assets would thereby be less than the aggregate of its liabilities and its issued share capital and share premium account.

42. PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES

Details of the Group's principal subsidiaries at 31 March 2020 and 2019:

Name of subsidiaries	Place of incorporation/ establishment	Particulars of issued share capital/ registered capital	Effective interest held		Place of operation	Principal activities
			2020	2019		
Gamerian Limited*	British Virgin Islands	1 share of US\$1.00	100%	100%	Hong Kong	Investment holding
Mongolia Energy Corporation (Greater China) Limited*	Hong Kong	2 shares with no par value	100%	100%	Hong Kong	Management services
Mongolia Energy Corporation (HK) Limited*	Hong Kong	1 share with no par value	100%	100%	Hong Kong	Management services
Mongolia Energy Corporation Services Limited *	Hong Kong	2 shares with no par value	100%	100%	Hong Kong	Provision of secretarial and nominee services
MoEnCo	Mongolia	1,010,000 shares of US\$1.00 each	100%	100%	Mongolia	Minerals exploration and mining activities
烏魯木齊蒙富礦業有限公司#	The PRC	RMB14,299,899	100%	100%	The PRC	Provision of mining and exploration advisory service
新疆蒙科能源科技有限公司#	The PRC	RMB216,415,136	100%	100%	The PRC	Trading of coal and operation of coal washing plant

* Subsidiaries directly held by the Company

Wholly foreign owned enterprise established in the PRC

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

None of the subsidiaries had issued any debt securities at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

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43. RETIREMENT BENEFITS SCHEME

The MPF Scheme is available to all employees aged 18 to 65 and with at least 59 days of service under employment in Hong Kong. Contributions from employers and employees are 5% each of the employee's relevant income. The maximum relevant income for contribution purposes is HK\$30,000 (2019: HK\$30,000) per month. The employees are entitled to the full benefit of the Group's contributions and accrued returns irrespective of their length of service with the Group but the benefits are required by law to be presented until the retirement age of 65.

The employees of the Group's subsidiaries which operate in Mongolia are required to participate in the social insurance scheme operated by the local government. According to the "Social Insurance Law of Mongolia", these subsidiaries have a duty to withhold 10% from employees' salary or similar income and 13% as employers' contribution. Employers' contributions are charged to profit or loss as they become payable in accordance with the social insurance scheme.

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

44. OTHER MATTERS

The outbreak of COVID-19 across the world and the quarantine measures imposed by governments in different countries continued to have severe negative impact on the operations of the Group. The Group had temporary suspension of coal export from Mongolia to the PRC since February 2020 due to the border restrictions in an effort to prevent the spread of the epidemic.

In order to alleviate the negative financial impact under the export restrictions and preserve the Group's working capital, the Group has ceased major field mining operations including overburden removal and coal extraction and placed part of the mining workforce on furlough until further notice.

Even though the Group has resumed coal export from Mongolia to the PRC at the end of May, the Group is still not operating at normal capacity. The PRC has implemented stringent pandemic control inspection measures for all import and customs activities through the border point and the stringent border-crossing process is still under trial.

The impact of COVID-19 has been taken into account in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements. As the situation remains fluid as at the date these financial statements are authorised for issue, the directors of the Company considered that the financial effects of COVID-19 may further impact on the Group's future performance.

FIVE YEARS SUMMARY OF RESULTS, ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Results of the Group for the year ended 31 March				2020
	2016	2017	2018	2019	HK\$'000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Turnover	156,701	321,893	637,362	776,708	1,124,996
Profit (Loss) attributable to owners of the Company	(553,455)	(204,847)	(159,938)	(44,425)	1,441,938
Earnings (Loss) per share (HK\$) (Note)	(Restated)	(Restated)	(Restated)	(Restated)	
— Basic	(3.20)	(1.10)	(0.85)	(0.24)	7.66
— Diluted	(3.20)	(1.10)	(0.85)	(0.24)	0.15

	Assets and liabilities of the Group at 31 March				2020
	2016	2017	2018	2019	HK\$'000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Total assets	499,694	712,360	1,020,787	1,515,123	2,143,955
Less: total liabilities	(4,252,578)	(4,643,751)	(5,070,852)	(5,627,748)	(4,497,917)
Total net liabilities	(3,752,884)	(3,931,391)	(4,050,065)	(4,112,625)	(2,353,962)

Note: As a result of the capital reorganisation completed on 6 March 2020, figures for the years from 2016 to 2019 have been restated for comparative purpose.

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