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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the board of directors (the "Board") of CST Group Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group"), I hereby report to our shareholders the results of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2020 (the "Period").

During the Period, the COVID-19 pandemic (the "Pandemic") severely disrupted the global industrial chain. Despite the large-scale stimulus measures taken by governments in advanced and many developing countries, the global economy is still yet to recover from the deep impacts of the Pandemic. Facing the constant potential resurgence of the outbreak, financial markets also experienced extraordinary volatility.

During the Period, the revenue of the Group decreased by approximately 49%, mainly due to the reduction of coal sales as a result of the suspended operations of coal mine (the "Mine") of CST Canada Coal Limited ("CST Coal"). Nevertheless, the Group recorded an after-tax profit of approximately US\$129.6 million, compared with an after-tax loss of approximately US\$78.5 million in the same period of 2019. The improvement in net profit was mainly attributable to the combined impact of the following factors: (i) the Group recorded a gain on fair value changes of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss of approximately US\$104.8 million, as compared with a loss on fair value changes of financial assets through profit or loss of approximately US\$85.3 million in the same period last year; (ii) the Group recorded a foreign exchange gain of approximately US\$31.8 million during the Period, mainly from the coal mining business as the exchange rate of the Canadian dollar increased against the US dollar, compared with an exchange gain of approximately US\$3.7 million in the same period last year.

On the mining front, due to the impact of the Pandemic, the Group resolved to suspend the coal mining operations of CST Coal in May 2020, to ensure worker safety in accordance with applicable public health guidelines and prevent an outbreak among the workforce at the Mine and in the remote community of Grande Cache. The Mine is still in care and maintenance status, which had a negative impact on the financial results of the Group in the first half of the fiscal year. The Group believes that the suspension of the coal mining operations will be temporary but the scheduled resumption of production and operations is yet to be determined due to the uncertainties associated with the ongoing Pandemic. The Group's management team will monitor all environmental liabilities and comply with relevant agreements and procedures and will consider resuming the coal mining operations when the circumstances permit.

In terms of investment in financial instruments, global markets recorded significant volatility amid unstable political and economic conditions during the Period. Due to unprecedented economic stimulus packages in various countries, confidence in a global economic recovery increased, and the performance of the Group's investment in financial instruments improved compared with the same period last year. Going forward, considering the significant financial market volatility, the Group will continue to conduct extensive market research to proactively adapt to market conditions and further enhance its risk management system. Meanwhile, the Group will continue to optimize financial asset allocation and investment portfolios to achieve steady asset appreciation in the medium and long term.

In terms of property investment, the Group's investments in Scotland, Hong Kong and Mainland China delivered solid results, providing the Group with stable and recurring rental income. By the end of the Period, the Pandemic had not exerted any material impact on the Group's rental revenue. By leveraging the Group's extensive experience in related businesses and high-quality property investment portfolios, the Group believes it is in a strong position to benefit once the property market rebounds from the Pandemic.

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The Group is also engaged in the money lending business. During the Period, the Group increased its focus on the money lending business to make up for part of the loss incurred from the suspension of production and operations at CST Coal. Meanwhile, the Group maintained a prudent and stable strategy for money lending in order to balance business growth and risk management.

Looking ahead, while continuing to promote the growth of its existing main businesses, the Group will also prudently and proactively explore opportunities to expand business lines and further reinforce its revenue base. By looking to identify appropriate investment opportunities, the Group aims to create more value for its shareholders despite the turbulent investment environment.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my gratitude to our shareholders and business partners for their longstanding trust and continued support. I would also like to thank our staff for their long-term and unremitting efforts.

Chiu Tao
Chairman

26 November 2020

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CST STEELMAKING COAL MINE

CST Group Limited ("CST") via its indirect non wholly-owned subsidiary CST Canada Coal Limited ("CST Coal") completed on 18 July 2018 (Alberta, Canada time) the acquisition of the mining assets of Grande Cache Coal LP. CST through its subsidiary has an 88% interest in CST Coal.

1. BACKGROUND

The mining assets of CST Coal are located in West Central Alberta, Canada approximately 400 kilometres west of the City of Edmonton, the capital of the Province of Alberta in Canada. The mine site is approximately 20 kilometres north of Grande Cache in the Municipal District of Greenview. It is accessed via Highway 40, a two-lane, paved provincial highway which connects Grande Cache to the major, east-west provincial Highway 16. It is also serviced by a branch line of the Canadian National Railway ("CN"), which connects to the main east-west line of CN, allowing access to the major coal export terminals in British Columbia. In Alberta, coal tenure is held through coal leases granted by the province. Surface and underground mining rights are also granted by the province first through a mine permit, then by a mine license for each individual mining area. CST Coal currently has approximately 29,968 hectares under coal lease.

2. OPERATIONS

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic (the "Outbreak") on the operations of CST Coal, CST resolved to suspend the operations of its coal mining operations at Grande Cache coal mine located near Grande Cache, Alberta (the "Mine") to ensure workers safety in accordance with applicable public health guidelines, and to prevent an outbreak of COVID-19 among the workforce at the Mine and in the remote community of Grande Cache and the Mine was placed in care and maintenance as per the announcement of CST dated 13 May 2020. Prior to the Mine being placed in care and maintenance CST Coal surface mining activities at No. 8 for the 6 months period ended 30 September 2020 (the "Period") approximately 1.50 million bcm of waste were hauled to waste dumps and approximately 239,000 tonnes of raw coal were hauled to the Run-of-Mine ("ROM").

A total of 234,000 tonnes of raw coal was fed into the processing plant and yielded 160,000 tonnes of CST Premium Low Volatile Coking Coal for the seaborne markets of steelmaking. A total of 195,000 tonnes of CST Premium Low Volatile Coking Coal was railed to Westshore Terminals in British Columbia. During the Period, CST Coal sold 279,000 tonnes of CST Premium Low Volatile Coking Coal for exports to steel mills located in various Asian countries for the purposes of steelmaking.

As at 30 September 2020, CST Coal had 12,730 tonnes of CST Premium Low Volatile Coking Coal in its stockpile.

During the Period, CST Coal recorded 6 first aid and 3 lost time injuries which was occurred before care and maintenance. The care and maintenance team continue to cultivate a safety culture.

Mining and processing activities ceased in May 2020 in accordance with the decision of the board of CST (the "Board") to place the Mine in care and maintenance. CST Coal has laid off all of its hourly employees in May 2020 and followed by most of its salaried employees in June 2020. A care and maintenance team of approximately 26 employees continued to be employed by CST Coal to provide safety, environmental monitoring and reporting in accordance with Canadian regulatory requirements. The rosters of the employees ensure that there are 24 hours a day and 7 days a week cover for security. New signs have been installed at various gates within the licensed mining area to ensure public safety awareness and alert. The existing roads and ponds in the Mine have been properly repaired and cleaned to ensure all the infrastructure are in place. The whole team of the Environment Department has been retained to continue

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carrying out the environmental projects planned before the suspension of the mining operations. During the Period, the Mine has received several satisfactory inspections by the regulators in Alberta. The mining equipment, the plant and various infrastructures are prepared for winter conditions and they are inspected/monitored on a schedule basis. In addition, CST Coal is working on various mining planning scenarios to optimize coal production and minimize costs to facilitate a restart of operations at the appropriate time when the decision is made by the Board.

CST Coal complied with all Canadian regulatory requirements during the Period.

CST Coal did not have any exploration activities and did not incur any exploration expenditure as it dedicated its efforts on refurbishing the equipment and operating its No. 8 surface mine.

CST Coal is committed to maintaining a good relationship with the indigenous and community in the hamlet of Grande Cache and surrounding areas. There are regular meetings and updates with the indigenous groups the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation of Canada ("AWN") and the Métis Nation of Alberta Local Council #1994 ("MNA") who have members living in the area of Grande Cache.

CST Coal would like to extend our thanks to the indigenous groups AWN and MNA as well as the hamlet of Grande Cache in the Municipal District of Greenview for their continuous support of mining operations. We also would like to express our thanks to CN and Westshore Terminals who have provided excellent logistic services.

3. PRODUCTION STATISTICS

| | | 6 months ended 30 September 2020 | 12 months ended 31 March 2020 | 6 months ended 30 September 2019 |
|-------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Mined | Waste (bcm) | 1,503,628 | 11,429,912 | 5,346,510 |
| | Raw coal to ROM (tonnes) | 261,950 | 1,912,282 | 965,288 |
| | Strip ratio | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.5 |
| Production | Breaker Feed (tonnes) | 234,103 | 1,890,878 | 944,167 |
| | Breaker loss (tonnes) | 12,085 | 92,951 | 35,632 |
| | Bypass (tonnes) | 11,974 | 105,752 | 62,928 |
| | Plant feed (tonnes) | 210,044 | 1,692,175 | 845,607 |
| | Processed coal production (clean tonnes) | 159,892 | 1,355,644 | 713,467 |
| Sales | CST PLV Coking Coal sold (clean tonnes) | 279,530 | 1,329,194 | 643,404 |
| Stockpile | CST PLV Coking Coal at load out and port (clean tonnes) | 12,730 | 132,531 | 163,818 |

Note: The Mine was placed in care and maintenance in mid May 2020

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BUSINESS REVIEW AND FINANCIAL RESULTS

The total revenue of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) for the period ended 30 September 2020 (the “Period”) was approximately US\$56.73 million. This represents a significant decrease in approximately 48.96% compared to the same period last year. The majority of this decrease in revenue is attributable to the decrease of revenue from the Group’s coal mine in Canada, where the production was suspended in May 2020. Revenue from this coal mine for the Period was approximately US\$27.34 million.

Dividends from securities trades and interest income from financial assets, interest income from money lending and rental income represented approximately 43.72%, 5.78% and 2.31% respectively of total revenue for the Period. Compared with the same period of the previous year, there was an approximately US\$31.51 million decrease in gross profit, representing an decrease of approximately 55.71%.

Revenue derived from property investments has been comparatively stable. Compared with the same period last year, revenue from property investment mildly decreased by approximately 9.51%. Rental income provided a steady cash flow to the Group over the Period, and this is expected to continue in the second half of this financial year. Dividends from securities trades and interest income on financial assets increased by approximately 83.36% period-on-period. This increase was mainly driven by interest income from investments in debt securities and distribution from fund investments. However, financial markets fluctuated significantly during the Period, and the Group recorded a gain on fair value changes of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss of approximately US\$104.79 million. There was a loss on fair value changes of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss of approximately US\$85.27 million in the corresponding period last year.

Of the approximately US\$104.79 million gain on fair value changes of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, the unrealised gain and realised loss were approximately US\$105.02 million and approximately US\$0.23 million respectively. The COVID-19 pandemic (the “Pandemic”) shows no sign of ending by the second half of the Company’s 2021 financial year. This, in addition to global economic and political instability, especially the uncertain development of the US-China trade war and the United States’ unpredictable diplomatic and trade policies, will continue to shake investor confidence and dampen market expectations as conditions remain volatile in the near future.

Pursuant to paragraph 32(4A) of Appendix 16 to the Listing Rules, the financial assets weighted 5% or above of the total asset value of the Group as of 30 September 2020 are set out below:

| Stock Code | Name of Stock | Principal Business | Number of Share Held | % of Shareholding held by the Group 30.09.2020 | Investment Cost US\$'000 | Market Value 30.09.2020 US\$'000 | % to the Group's Total Assets 30.09.2020 | Realised Gain | Unrealised |
|--|---|--|----------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | | on change in fair value for the period ended 30.09.2020 US\$'000 | Gain/(Loss) on change in fair value for the period ended 30.09.2020 US\$'000 |
| Equity securities listed in Hong Kong | | | | | | | | | |
| 708 | China Evergrande New Energy Vehicle Group Limited | Technology research and development, production and sales of new energy vehicles in the People's Republic of China (the “PRC”) and in other countries, as well as the “Internet+” community health management, international hospitals, and elderly care and rehabilitation in the PRC | 42,180,000 | 0.48% | 61,304.59 | 107,504.92 | 9.79% | — | 76,897.38* |

* Investment cost of these securities represented the initial acquisition costs for the respective securities. Some of the financial assets were acquired by the Group in prior years. Financial assets acquired in prior years were subject to fair value adjustments. Unrealised gain/(loss) on changes in fair value were recognised at the end of the respective period. Unrealised gain/(loss) on changes in fair value of these financial assets for the Period excluded the amounts recognised in prior periods.

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China Evergrande New Energy Vehicle Group Limited (“China Evergrande Vehicle”), formerly known as Evergrande Health Industry Group Limited, is principally engaged in the business of health management and new energy vehicle under the umbrella of real estate giant China Evergrande Group (“China Evergrande”). According to China Evergrande Vehicle’s 2020 interim report, revenue for the six-month period ended 30 June 2020 was approximately RMB4.51 billion. Most of the revenue generated in the health management segment. For the period ended 30 June 2020, China Evergrande Vehicle recorded a loss of approximately RMB2.46 billion which was mainly due to large administrative expenses and finance costs. Over the last couple of years, China Evergrande Vehicle has been investing a huge amount of resources into technology research and development of new energy vehicles. As set out in China Evergrande Vehicle’s 2020 interim report, its new vehicle production bases in Shanghai and Guangzhou are expected to be eligible for trial production by September 2020. Each of such production bases has a planned production capacity of 200,000 vehicles for the first phase, which can ensure mass production of all series of products under the “Hengchi” brand. China Evergrande Vehicle revealed its six first-phase “Hengchi” vehicle models in its announcement dated 3 August 2020. It also changed the name of the company from “Evergrande Health Industry Group Limited” to its current name “China Evergrande New Energy Vehicles Group Limited” on 20 August 2020 to signify the importance of its new energy vehicles business. Its stock closing price surged from HK\$6.01 on 1 April 2020 to HK\$19.88 on 30 September 2020, representing an increase of approximately 230.78% over the period. The Group is optimistic about the prospects of China Evergrande Vehicle in the medium to long term, subject to market conditions. The Group has no intention to realise this investment at present.

The Group held various senior notes of China Evergrande and Scenery Journey Limited which is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of China Evergrande (the “Evergrande Notes”) in an aggregated total market value of approximately US\$175.05 million as at 30 September 2020. The interest rates and maturity dates of the Evergrande Notes vary from 6.25% to 12% and from November 2020 to June 2025 respectively. China Evergrande is one of the largest property investment companies in mainland China. Its business includes property development, property investment and property management, new energy vehicle business, hotel operations, finance business, internet business and health industry business in PRC. Although the market prices of Evergrande Notes fluctuated during the Period, the issuers of the Evergrande Notes do not have any record of default on any issued Evergrande Notes. For the Period, the Group had received a total notes interest income of approximately US\$9.62 million from Evergrande Notes.

As the interest rate of the Evergrande Notes is higher than the interest rates of the HK\$ fixed deposits/US\$ fixed deposit offered by commercial banks in Hong Kong and the investment in Evergrande Notes would provide the Group with a higher and stable return, the Group increased the holding of Evergrande Notes on 16 November 2020, 18 November 2020 and 19 November 2020 at an aggregated consideration of US\$7.88 million, US\$4.40 million and US\$4.50 million respectively. Details of the three acquisitions of Evergrande Notes were disclosed in the Company’s announcement dated 16 November 2020, 18 November 2020 and 19 November 2020.

Interest income from the money lending business saw a significant increase of approximately US\$2.23 million compared to the same period of the previous year, representing a rise of approximately 212.49%. The increase in loan interest income was due to the higher average amount of loans advanced to borrowers during the Period. Over the Period, approximately US\$3.28 million of interest income was generated by the money lending business. The interest income from the money lending business was approximately US\$1.05 million in the corresponding period of the previous year.

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Revenue generated from the Canada coal mining business fell substantially was due to the suspension of its operations, details of which were disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 13 May 2020. Along with the decrease in revenue from selling coking coal, the distribution and selling expenses and the Group's administrative expenses decreased from approximately US\$21.88 million and approximately US\$21.97 million respectively in the same period of the previous year to approximately US\$9.80 million and US\$17.21 million respectively for the Period. The increase in exchange rate of the Canadian dollar against the US dollar during the Period caused the finance costs of the US dollar-based Minsheng Borrowing (please refer to the below section headed "Net Asset Value" for Minsheng Borrowing details) to fall by approximately 34.03%. Thus, the Group's overall finance costs accordingly decreased from approximately US\$8.88 million in the corresponding period last year to approximately US\$6.00 million for the Period.

Due to an increase in the fair value of the joint venture's investment relative to its carry amount at the end of the Period, the Group shared a gain from the joint venture. The Group took a share of approximately US\$1.31 million gain from the joint venture whereas it took on a loss from the joint venture of approximately US\$1.27 million in the same period last year. There was an exchange gain of approximately US\$31.77 million, mainly from the Canada coal mining business due to the increase in exchange rate of the Canadian dollar against the US dollar during the Period, as compared with a gain of approximately US\$3.7 million for the corresponding period in 2019. Overall, the Group recorded an after-tax profit of approximately US\$129.61 million for the Period. There was an after-tax loss of approximately US\$78.47 million in the same period of the previous year.

NET ASSET VALUE

As of 30 September 2020, the Group held bank balances and cash totaling approximately US\$44.84 million, excluding approximately US\$23.70 million held in pledged bank deposits. The pledged deposits are intended to cover rehabilitation costs for operating the mining business in Canada (as mandated by the government of Alberta, Canada). The total value of the financial assets at fair value through profit and loss was approximately US\$486.94 million.

During the Period, a bank granted a one-year HK\$500.00 million revolving loan to a subsidiary of the Company. Of the HK\$500.00 million facility, approximately HK\$235.46 million, which is equivalent to approximately US\$30.19 million, was utilized during the Period. The interest rate is 0.90% over HIBOR. This revolving loan was secured by certain securities held by such subsidiary with carrying amount of approximately HK\$623.91 million which is equivalent to approximately US\$79.99 million and a guarantee given by the Company. The Group had a balance of approximately US\$24.03 million margin financing from an investment bank with an interest rate of 0.80% over HIBOR/LIBOR secured by certain securities held by the Group with carry amount of approximately US\$157.39 million as of 30 September 2020.

Since 2017, an indirect non wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company was granted a loan of GBP10.41 million secured by a Scottish property owned by the subsidiary with a fixed interest rate of 3.73% per annum for four years and pledge of equity interest in the parent company of such subsidiary, for refinancing the Scottish property. As of 30 September 2020, the outstanding balance of this bank loan was approximately GBP7.71 million, equivalent to approximately US\$9.90 million.

In 2018, the Group through its subsidiary CST Canada Coal Limited ("CST Coal") acquired mining assets of Grande Cache Coal LP ("GCC") in Canada. Due to the acquisition, the Group assumed bank borrowings from China Minsheng Banking Corp., Ltd. amounting to approximately US\$409.41 million (the "Minsheng Borrowing"). The balance of this loan as of 30 September 2020 was approximately US\$408.41 million. The Minsheng Borrowing carries an interest rate of 1.20% over 3 months LIBOR and is repayable in five years. It is secured by: (i) a fixed and floating charge over all

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present and future assets and undertakings of CST Coal; (ii) charges over all shares in CST-Grande Cache Cayman Limited, which is an indirect beneficiary holding company of CST Coal; and (iii) corporate guarantees from each of the shareholders of each member of the CST Coal project group, which includes four subsidiaries of the Company. The four subsidiaries are Gold Grace Limited which is the sole shareholder of CST Coal, Excel Fame Limited which is the sole shareholder of Gold Grace Limited, CST-Grande Cache Cayman Limited which is the sole shareholder of Excel Fame Limited, and Sonicfield Global Limited which is a majority shareholder of CST-Grande Cache Cayman Limited. As of 30 September 2020, the Group had certain equipment under financial lease in the amount of approximately US\$14.81 million, with an average lease term of three years. The interest rate under finance lease is fixed at respective contract dates at 7.00% per annum.

Based on the balance of all outstanding loans and borrowings from financial institutions and total equity, the gearing ratio was 104.72%. The net asset value of the Group amounted to approximately US\$500.66 million.

HUMAN RESOURCES

As of 30 September 2020, the Group had 66 staff (including Company directors). Staff costs (excluding directors' emoluments) were approximately US\$8.48 million for the Period. Staff remuneration packages are normally reviewed annually. The Group also participated in the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme in Hong Kong and provided other staff benefits, such as medical benefits.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK

The Group conducts most of its business in US dollars, Chinese renminbi, Hong Kong dollars, British Pound Sterling and Canadian dollars. Foreign currency exposure to US dollars is minimal, as the Hong Kong dollar is pegged to the US dollar. Exposure to the Chinese renminbi is also minimal, as business conducted in Chinese renminbi represents a marginal proportion of the Group's total business in terms of revenue. Foreign currency exposure to the British Pound Sterling is very limited too as the rental income generated from the Scottish property will be used to repay the loan facility granted by a local Scottish bank to refinance the property in Scotland. The Group's primary source of foreign exchange risk is derived from the Canadian dollar. With respect to the Canadian coal mines, there is no hedging policy for the Canadian dollar. Management will continue to monitor the Group's foreign exchange risk and will consider hedging its exchange rate exposure should the need arise.

CST COAL MINE

The Company via its indirect non wholly-owned subsidiary CST Coal completed on 18 July 2018 (Alberta, Canada time) the acquisition of the mining assets of GCC. The Company through its subsidiary has an 88% interest in CST Coal.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

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As of 30 September 2020, CST Coal had 12,730 tonnes of CST Premium Low Volatile coking coal in its stockpile.

During the Period, CST Coal did not have any exploration activities and did not incur any exploration expenditure as it focused its efforts on refurbishing equipment and operating its No. 8 surface mine.

A summary of the financial results of CST Coal during the Period is detailed below:

| | Six months ended 30 September | |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2020 CAD'000 | 2019 CAD'000 |
| Revenue | 37,145 | 126,431 |
| Cost of sales | (43,048) | (72,558) |
| Gross (loss) profit | (5,903) | 53,873 |
| Other income and other gains and losses | 44,927 | 6,867 |
| Distribution and selling expenses | (13,321) | (29,083) |
| Administrative expenses* | (7,291) | (12,375) |
| Finance costs* | (7,395) | (14,282) |
| Profit before taxation | 11,017 | 5,000 |

* Inter-company financial charges and management fee were not included.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On 13 May 2020, the Company announced the suspension of operations of CST Coal, the Group's mining business in Canada, due to the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak on the operation. The coal mine near Grande Cache, Alberta, Canada was placed into care and maintenance status. Details of the suspension were disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 13 May 2020.
- On 17 July 2020, Atlas Keen Limited (a British Virgin Islands incorporated company directly owned by Mr. Chiu Tao, Chairman and executive director of the Company, the "Offeror") and the Company jointly announced that Get Nice Securities Limited would, for and on behalf of the Offeror, make a voluntary conditional cash offer to acquire all the issued shares of the Company (the "Share(s)") other than those Shares already owned or agreed to be acquired by the Offeror and its parties in concert on the basis of HK\$0.028 in cash for each Share (the "Offer").

The Offer was conditional upon valid acceptances of the Offer having been received (and where permitted, not withdrawn) in respect of such a number of Shares which, together with the Shares acquired or agreed to be acquired before or during the Offer, would result in the Offeror and its parties in concert holding more than 50% of the voting rights in the Company.

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Details of the Offer were disclosed in the Company and the Offeror's joint announcements dated 17 July 2020, 7 August 2020, 28 August 2020, 8 September 2020 and 11 September 2020, and in the Composite Document dated 28 August 2020.

The Offer was completed on 25 September 2020, details of which were disclosed in the Company and the Offeror's joint announcement dated 25 September 2020.

- (3) On 29 October 2020, the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") proposed to implement capital reorganisation (the "Capital Reorganisation") involving:
- (i) every eighty (80) issued existing Shares of HK\$0.10 each shall be consolidated into one (1) issued consolidated Share of HK\$8.00 each, and every eighty (80) unissued existing Shares of HK\$0.10 each shall be consolidated into one (1) unissued consolidated Share of HK\$8.00 each (the "Share Consolidation");
 - (ii) capital reduction immediately upon completion of the Share Consolidation, the issued share capital of the Company shall be reduced by (a) rounding down the number of consolidated Shares in the issued share capital of the Company to the nearest whole number by cancelling any fraction of a consolidated Share in the issued share capital of the Company arising from the Share Consolidation; and (b) cancelling the paid up capital of the Company to the extent of HK\$7.99 on each of the then issued consolidated Shares such that the nominal value of each issued consolidated Share will be reduced from HK\$8.00 to HK\$0.01 (the "Capital Reduction"). The credit arising from the Capital Reduction will be applied to offset against the balance of the accumulated losses of the Company up to the effective date of the Capital Reduction; and
 - (iii) sub-division of consolidated Shares on the basis that every unissued consolidated Share in the authorised share capital of the Company shall be sub-divided into eight hundred (800) new Shares of HK\$0.01 each.

The Board also proposed to change the board lot size for trading on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") from 8,000 existing Shares to 1,000 new Shares (the "Change of Board Lot Size") conditional upon the Capital Reorganisation becoming effective.

The Capital Reorganisation is conditional upon the following:

- (i) the passing of the necessary resolution(s) by the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholder(s)") at the extraordinary general meeting (the "EGM") to approve the Capital Reorganisation;
- (ii) the Grand Court granting an order confirming the Capital Reduction;
- (iii) compliance with any terms and conditions which the Grand Court may impose for the Capital Reduction to be effective;
- (iv) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting approval for the listing of, and permission to deal in, the new Shares in issue immediately upon the Capital Reorganisation becoming effective; and
- (v) the registration by the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands of a copy of the order of the Grand Court confirming the Capital Reduction and the minutes approved by the Grand Court containing the particulars required under the Companies Law with respect to the Capital Reduction.

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The Capital Reorganisation shall become effective when the conditions mentioned above are fulfilled. Upon the approval by the Shareholders of the Capital Reorganisation at the EGM, the legal advisors to the Company (as to Cayman Islands Law) will apply to the Grand Court for hearing date(s) to confirm the Capital Reduction and a further announcement will be made by the Company as soon as practicable after the Grand Court hearing date(s) is confirmed.

An application has been made by the Company to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the listing of, and the permission to deal in, the new Shares upon the Capital Reorganisation becoming effective. Details of the Capital Reorganisation and the Change of Board Lot Size were disclosed in the Company's announcement dated 29 October 2020, as well as in the circular dated 13 November 2020.

As at the date of this interim report, the proposed Capital Reorganisation is still in progress. None of the conditions have yet been fulfilled.

OUTLOOK

Having considered the volatility and lack of clarity in the financial markets, compounded by the uncertainty in the external economic and trade environment caused by the Pandemic, we expect a continued challenging market environment facing our related businesses in the second half of the Company's financial year 2021. The Group will maintain prudent operations in order to reinforce its revenue base.

In terms of the mining business, the scheduled resumption of production and operations is yet to be determined due to ongoing uncertainties related to the Pandemic. The Group will closely follow the development of the outbreak and consider resuming the mine business when risks are manageable.

In terms of investment in financial instruments, market conditions are expected to remain complicated and volatile. The Group will proactively seek investment opportunities by adjusting its portfolio management strategy and diversifying its investment portfolio, in a bid to improve assets allocation capabilities and reduce investment risks.

In terms of property investment, the Group will pay close attention to the development of the property investment market and make appropriate responsive strategy, and will also seek desirable property projects with high potential in order to strengthen its property asset portfolio and improve operational efficiency.

In terms of the money lending business, the Group will maintain a consistent balance between business growth and risk management by adhering to its cautious and prudent strategy.

As the markets continue to be battered by the resurgence of the Pandemic, the Group will remain alert and closely follow the related developments going forward. Meanwhile, the Group will explore further development opportunities by expanding business lines and/or expanding the reach of the Group's main businesses to a broader region when circumstances permit. We believe that further business diversification will drive the sustainable development of the Group and thus create greater value for our shareholders.

STATUTORY DISCLOSURE

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS IN SECURITIES

As at 30 September 2020, the interests and short positions of the Directors and the chief executives of the Company and their respective associates in the shares, underlying shares, convertible notes or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")), as recorded in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"), were disclosed as follows:

LONG POSITIONS IN SHARES/UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY

| Name of Director | Capacity | Number of shares*/ underlying shares | Approximate % of the issued share capital of the Company |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Chiu Tao ("Mr. Chiu") | Beneficial owner/Interest of controlled corporation ^(Note) | 28,886,929,095 | 74.64% |

* Ordinary shares unless otherwise specified

Note: Among the 28,886,929,095 shares, (i) 3,900,000,000 shares were held directly by Mr. Chiu; and (ii) 24,986,929,095 shares were held by Atlas Keen Limited ("Atlas Keen"), which was wholly-owned by Mr. Chiu. As such, Mr. Chiu is deemed to be interested in the shares held by Atlas Keen.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2020, none of the Directors or the chief executives of the Company or their respective associates had any interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares, convertible notes or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of SFO) as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO or otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

DISCLOSEABLE INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF PERSONS OTHER THAN DIRECTORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES

As at 30 September 2020, so far as known to the Directors or the chief executives of the Company, the following persons are the shareholders (other than the Directors or chief executives of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or be directly or indirectly interested in 5% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances of general meetings of the Company or who were recorded in the register of substantial shareholders required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO or had otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

LONG POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY

| Name of Shareholders | Capacity | Number of shares/ underlying shares | Approximate % of the issued share capital of the Company |
|----------------------|------------------|--|---|
| Atlas Keen Limited | Beneficial owner | 24,986,929,095 | 64.56% |
| Cheung Chung Kiu | Beneficial owner | 1,950,840,000 | 5.04% |

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

During the six months ended 30 September 2020, the Company has complied with the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, except for the following deviations:

- (1) under code provision A.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of the chairman and chief executive should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The Company did not name any officer with the title of "Chief Executive Officer". Mr. Hui Richard Rui is the General Manager of the Group (the "General Manager") and assumed the duty of "Chief Executive Officer" who is responsible for managing and smoothing the business operations of the Group while Mr. Chiu Tao, the Chairman remains to be responsible for leading the Board in the overall strategic development of the Group. The Board believes that there is an effective and sufficient segregation of duties between the Chairman and the General Manager.
- (2) according to code provision E.1.2 of the CG Code, Mr. Chiu Tao, the Chairman of the Board, should have attended the annual general meeting of the Company held on 25 September 2020 ("2020 AGM"). However, Mr. Chiu Tao was unable to attend the 2020 AGM due to another business commitment. Mr. Hui Richard Rui, executive director and General Manager of the Company, who took the chair of the 2020 AGM, together with other members of the Board who attended the 2020 AGM were of sufficient calibre and knowledge for answering questions at the 2020 AGM.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code as its own code of conduct regarding director's securities transactions. Having made specific enquiries, all the directors of the Company confirmed that they have complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 September 2020.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

During the six months ended 30 September 2020, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the listed securities of the Company.

REVIEW BY AUDIT COMMITTEE

The 2020 Interim Report has been reviewed by the Company's audit committee which comprises Ms. Ma Yin Fan, Mr. Yu Pan and Mr. Leung Hoi Ying, all of them are independent non-executive directors of the Company, and the Company's auditor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410 "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

By Order of the Board

Chiu Tao

Chairman

Hong Kong, 26 November 2020

REPORT ON REVIEW OF CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CST GROUP LIMITED

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

INTRODUCTION

We have reviewed the condensed consolidated financial statements of CST Group Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries set out on pages 17 to 41, which comprise the condensed consolidated statement of financial position as of 30 September 2020 and the related condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the six-month period then ended, and certain explanatory notes. The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of a report on interim financial information to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof and Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” (“HKAS 34”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of these condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with HKAS 34. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these condensed consolidated financial statements based on our review, and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

SCOPE OF REVIEW

We conducted our review in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410 “Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of these condensed consolidated financial statements consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

CONCLUSION

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the condensed consolidated financial statements are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with HKAS 34.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong

26 November 2020

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 September 2020

| | NOTES | Six months ended 30 September | |
|---|-------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | 2020 US\$'000 (unaudited) | 2019 US\$'000 (unaudited) |
| Continuing operations | | | |
| Revenue | 5 | | |
| Sales | | 27,339 | 95,126 |
| Interest income | | 13,117 | 9,204 |
| Dividend income | | 14,962 | 5,371 |
| Leases | | 1,313 | 1,451 |
| | | 56,731 | 111,152 |
| Cost of sales | | (31,683) | (54,592) |
| Gross profit | | 25,048 | 56,560 |
| Other income and other gains and losses | 6 | 35,239 | 3,433 |
| Distribution and selling expenses | | (9,804) | (21,882) |
| Administrative expenses | | (17,214) | (21,972) |
| Gain (loss) on fair value changes of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | | 104,787 | (85,266) |
| (Loss) gain on fair value changes of investment properties | 13 | (2,666) | 675 |
| (Impairment loss on) reversal of impairment loss on financial assets under expected credit loss model, net | 17 | (1,023) | 565 |
| Share of result of a joint venture | | 1,305 | (1,265) |
| Share of result of an associate | | — | 207 |
| Finance costs | 7 | (5,997) | (8,883) |
| Profit (loss) before taxation | | 129,675 | (77,828) |
| Taxation | 8 | (66) | (638) |
| Profit (loss) for the period from continuing operations | 9 | 129,609 | (78,466) |
| Discontinued operation | | | |
| Profit for the period from discontinued operation | | — | 27,267 |
| Profit (loss) for the period | | 129,609 | (51,199) |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 September 2020

| | NOTE | Six months ended 30 September | |
|---|------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | 2020 US\$'000 (unaudited) | 2019 US\$'000 (unaudited) |
| Other comprehensive expense | | | |
| Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: | | | |
| Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations | | (8,038) | (337) |
| Release of exchange reserve upon derecognition of an associate | | 582 | — |
| Release of exchange reserve upon disposal of subsidiaries | | — | (14,122) |
| Other comprehensive expense for the period | | (7,456) | (14,459) |
| Total comprehensive income (expense) for the period | | 122,153 | (65,658) |
| Profit (loss) for the period attributable to owners of the Company: | | | |
| Continuing operations | | 128,858 | (79,338) |
| Discontinued operation | | — | 27,267 |
| | | 128,858 | (52,071) |
| Profit for the period attributable to non-controlling interests: | | | |
| Continuing operations | | 751 | 872 |
| Discontinued operation | | — | — |
| | | 751 | 872 |
| Profit (loss) for the period | | 129,609 | (51,199) |
| Total comprehensive income (expense) attributable to: | | | |
| Owners of the Company | | 121,111 | (66,097) |
| Non-controlling interests | | 1,042 | 439 |
| | | 122,153 | (65,658) |
| EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE | | | |
| From continuing operations and discontinued operation | | | |
| — Basic (US cents) | 10 | 0.33 | (0.13) |
| From continuing operations | | | |
| — Basic (US cents) | 10 | 0.33 | (0.21) |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 September 2020

| | NOTES | As at 30 September 2020 US\$'000 (unaudited) | As at 31 March 2020 US\$'000 (audited) |
|--|-------|--|--|
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 12 | 330,877 | 320,007 |
| Right-of-use assets | 12 | 13,764 | 14,736 |
| Exploration and evaluation assets | 12 | 33,736 | 31,719 |
| Investment properties | 13 | 47,089 | 48,599 |
| Goodwill | | — | — |
| Interests in an associate | | — | — |
| Interests in a joint venture | | 5,459 | 4,154 |
| Club membership | | 2,437 | 2,437 |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 14 | 76,562 | 70,516 |
| Loan receivables | 17 | 63,633 | — |
| Pledged bank deposits | 15 | 23,704 | 22,216 |
| Deposit for acquisition of property, plant and equipment | | — | 1,046 |
| | | 597,261 | 515,430 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Inventories | | 10,149 | 21,889 |
| Trade and other receivables | 16 | 8,941 | 23,977 |
| Loan receivables | 17 | 22,288 | 36,052 |
| Amount due from a joint venture | | 4,042 | 4,042 |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 14 | 410,381 | 289,203 |
| Derivative financial instruments | | — | 72 |
| Bank balances and cash | | 44,839 | 61,877 |
| | | 500,640 | 437,112 |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Trade and other payables and accruals | 18 | 14,462 | 15,263 |
| Tax payable | | 1,679 | 1,608 |
| Derivative financial instruments | | 86 | — |
| Bank and other borrowings — amount due within one year | 19 | 55,580 | 31,470 |
| Lease liabilities | | 16,699 | 1,827 |
| Guarantee liability | | 40,100 | 40,100 |
| | | 128,606 | 90,268 |
| Net current assets | | 372,034 | 346,844 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 969,295 | 862,274 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 September 2020

| | NOTES | As at 30 September 2020 US\$'000 (unaudited) | As at 31 March 2020 US\$'000 (audited) |
|---|-------|--|--|
| Non-current liabilities | | | |
| Bank and other borrowings — amount due after one year | 19 | 441,660 | 442,585 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | | 717 | 675 |
| Lease liabilities | | 1,657 | 17,376 |
| Provision for mine rehabilitation cost | 20 | 24,597 | 23,127 |
| | | 468,631 | 483,763 |
| | | 500,664 | 378,511 |
| Capital and reserves | | | |
| Share capital | 22 | 496,132 | 496,132 |
| Reserves | | 20,145 | (100,966) |
| Equity attributable to owners of the Company | | 516,277 | 395,166 |
| Non-controlling interests | | (15,613) | (16,655) |
| | | 500,664 | 378,511 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 September 2020

| | Attributable to owners of the Company | | | | | | Non-controlling interests | Total | |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | Share capital | Share premium | Capital reserve | Other capital reserve | Exchange reserve | Accumulated losses | | | |
| | US\$'000 | US\$'000 | US\$'000 (note a) | US\$'000 (note b) | US\$'000 | US\$'000 | US\$'000 | US\$'000 | |
| At 1 April 2019 (audited) | 496,132 | 507,573 | 987 | 128,275 | 5,193 | (468,739) | 669,421 | 2,994 | 672,415 |
| Loss for the period | — | — | — | — | — | (52,071) | (52,071) | 872 | (51,199) |
| Release of exchange reserve upon disposal of subsidiaries | — | — | — | — | (14,122) | — | (14,122) | — | (14,122) |
| Other comprehensive income (expense) for the period | — | — | — | — | 96 | — | 96 | (433) | (337) |
| Total comprehensive (expense) income for the period | — | — | — | — | (14,026) | (52,071) | (66,097) | 439 | (65,658) |
| At 30 September 2019 (unaudited) | 496,132 | 507,573 | 987 | 128,275 | (8,833) | (520,810) | 603,324 | 3,433 | 606,757 |
| At 1 April 2020 | 496,132 | 507,573 | 987 | 128,275 | 6,631 | (744,432) | 395,166 | (16,655) | 378,511 |
| Profit for the period | — | — | — | — | — | 128,858 | 128,858 | 751 | 129,609 |
| Release of exchange reserve upon derecognition of an associate | — | — | — | — | 582 | — | 582 | — | 582 |
| Other comprehensive income (expense) for the period | — | — | — | — | (8,329) | — | (8,329) | 291 | (8,038) |
| Total comprehensive (expense) income for the period | — | — | — | — | (7,747) | 128,858 | 121,111 | 1,042 | 122,153 |
| At 30 September 2020 (unaudited) | 496,132 | 507,573 | 987 | 128,275 | (1,116) | (615,574) | 516,277 | (15,613) | 500,664 |

Notes:

- (a) The capital reserve of the Group represents the difference between the nominal value of the shares of the subsidiaries acquired, over the nominal value of the share capital of the Company issued in exchange, in connection with the Group reorganisation completed in January 1994.
- (b) The other capital reserve of the Group represents the balance of the credit arising from the cancellation of paid up capital in previous years.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended 30 September 2020

| | NOTE | Six months ended 30 September | |
|--|------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | 2020 US\$'000 (unaudited) | 2019 US\$'000 (unaudited) |
| Profit (loss) before taxation | | | |
| — from continuing operations | | 129,675 | (77,828) |
| — from discontinued operation | | — | 27,267 |
| | | 129,675 | (50,561) |
| Adjustments for: | | | |
| (Gain) loss on fair value changes of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | | (104,787) | 85,266 |
| Loss (gain) on fair value changes of investment properties | | 2,666 | (675) |
| Finance costs | | 5,997 | 8,883 |
| Depreciation on property, plant and equipment | | 11,242 | 22,867 |
| Depreciation on right-of-use assets | | 1,037 | 629 |
| Other non-cash items | | (28,075) | (28,065) |
| Operating cash flows before movements in working capital | | 17,755 | 38,344 |
| (Increase) decrease in loan receivables | | (50,892) | 26,327 |
| Increase in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | | (14,385) | (24,404) |
| Decrease (increase) in other receivables | | 14,456 | (27,838) |
| Other changes in working capital | | 1,515 | 1,310 |
| Net cash (used in) from operating activities | | (31,551) | 13,739 |
| Investing activities | | | |
| Purchase of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | | (1,293) | (12,803) |
| Net proceeds from disposal of copper mining business | | — | 11,221 |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | 12 | (2,082) | (14,543) |
| Additions to exploration and evaluation assets | 12 | — | (17) |
| Withdrawal of pledged bank deposits | | — | 717 |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment | | 752 | — |
| Proceeds from disposal of a subsidiary | | 857 | — |
| Proceed from disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | | 1,956 | — |
| Net cash from (used in) investing activities | | 190 | (15,425) |
| Financing activities | | | |
| New bank and other borrowings raised | | 15,385 | 30,187 |
| Repayment on bank borrowings | | (578) | (1,307) |
| Interest paid | | (927) | — |
| Repayments of lease liability | | (420) | — |
| Net cash from financing activities | | 13,460 | 28,880 |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | | (17,901) | 27,194 |
| Effect of foreign exchange rate changes | | 863 | (576) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period | | 61,877 | 124,159 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period, represented by bank balances and cash | | 44,839 | 150,777 |

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 September 2020

1. GENERAL

CST Group Limited (“the Company”) is incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability and its shares are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”). The addresses of the registered office and principal place of business of the Company are disclosed in the corporate information section of the interim report.

The Company is an investment holding company with its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as “the Group”) engaged in (i) exploration, development and mining of mineral resources, (ii) investment in financial instruments, (iii) property investment and (iv) money lending.

The condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in United States dollars (“US\$”), which is different from the Company’s functional currency of Hong Kong dollars (“HK\$”). The management adopted US\$ as presentation currency as the management controls and monitors the performance and financial position of the Group based on US\$. Each entity of the Group determines its own functional currency and items included in the financial statements of each entity are measured using that functional currency.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the “HKICPA”) as well as with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange.

3. SIGNIFICANT EVENT AND TRANSACTION IN THE CURRENT INTERIM PERIOD

As disclosed in the Group’s annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020, the directors of the Company has resolved to suspend its coal mining operations at the coal mine located near Grande Cache, Alberta (the “Mine”) to ensure worker safety in accordance with applicable public health guidelines, and to prevent an outbreak of COVID-19 among the workforce at the Mine and in the remote community of Grande Cache on 13 May 2020. The directors of the Company expect to resume the coal mining operations in first quarter of 2021.

4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for the investment properties and certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair values, as appropriate.

Other than changes in accounting policies resulting from application of amendments to Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”), the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 September 2020 are the same as those presented in Group’s annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 September 2020

4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HKFRSs

In the current interim period, the Group has applied the Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in HKFRS Standards and the following amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA, for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the annual period beginning on or after 1 April 2020 for the preparation of the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements:

| | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8 | Definition of Material |
| Amendments to HKFRS 3 | Definition of a Business |
| Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39 and HKFRS 7 | Interest Rate Benchmark Reform |

Except as described below, the application of the Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in HKFRS Standards and the amendments to HKFRSs in the current period has had no material impact on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

4.1 Impacts of application of Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKAS 8 "Definition of Material"

The amendments provide a new definition of material that states "information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements, which provide financial information about a specific reporting entity". The amendments also clarify that materiality depends on the nature or magnitude of information, either individually or in combination with other information, in the context of the financial statements taken as a whole.

The application of the amendments in the current period had no impact on the condensed consolidated financial statements. Changes in presentation and disclosures on the application of the amendments, if any, will be reflected on the consolidated financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2021.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 September 2020

5. REVENUE/SEGMENT INFORMATION

REVENUE

Revenue represents revenue arising on sale of coal, property rental income, dividend income and interest income. An analysis of the Group's revenue for the period is as follows:

| | Six months ended 30 September | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2020 US\$'000 (unaudited) | 2019 US\$'000 (unaudited) |
| Sale of coal | 27,339 | 95,126 |
| | 27,339 | 95,126 |
| Revenue from contract with customers | | |
| Residential rental income | 159 | 268 |
| Office rental income | 1,154 | 1,183 |
| Dividend income from trading of securities | 14,962 | 5,371 |
| Interest income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 9,839 | 8,155 |
| Interest income from money lending business | 3,278 | 1,049 |
| Total revenue from continuing operations | 56,731 | 111,152 |
| Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers | | |
| Sale of coal | 27,339 | 95,126 |
| Timing of revenue recognition | | |
| A point in time | 27,339 | 95,126 |

SALE OF COAL (RECOGNISED AT A POINT IN TIME)

The Group sells coal directly to customers. The revenue is recognised when the performance obligation is fulfilled upon the control of goods has been transferred, being coal passes the vessel's rail at the port of shipment. The payment from customers will be made to the Group within 30 days from the date of lading.

SEGMENT INFORMATION

Information provided to the chief operating decision maker ("CODM"), representing the executive directors of the Company, for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on types of business. This is also the basis upon which the Group is arranged and organised.

Specifically, the Group's operating and reportable segments under HKFRS 8 were organised into four main operating divisions — (i) mining business, (ii) investment in financial instruments, (iii) property investment and (iv) money lending.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 September 2020

5. REVENUE/SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

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

Under HKFRS 8, segment information is based on internal management reporting information that is regularly reviewed by the CODM. The measurement policies of the Group used for segment reporting under HKFRS 8 are the same as those used in its HKFRS financial statements. The CODM assesses segment profit or loss using a measure of operating profit whereby certain items are not included in arriving at the segment results of the operating segments (other income and other gains and losses, central administration costs, finance costs, share of results of a joint venture and an associate).

SEGMENT REVENUE AND RESULTS

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

Continuing operations

| | Segment revenue | | Segment results | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| | Six months ended 30 September | | Six months ended 30 September | |
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 |
| | US\$'000 | US\$'000 | US\$'000 | US\$'000 |
| | (unaudited) | (unaudited) | (unaudited) | (unaudited) |
| Mining business | 27,339 | 95,126 | (22,724) | 1,017 |
| Investment in financial instruments | 24,801 | 13,526 | 128,198 | (69,750) |
| Property investment | 1,313 | 1,451 | (1,620) | 1,855 |
| Money lending | 3,278 | 1,049 | 2,292 | 2,114 |
| | 56,731 | 111,152 | 106,146 | (64,764) |
| Other income and other gains and losses | | | 35,239 | 3,433 |
| Central administration costs | | | (7,018) | (6,556) |
| Finance costs | | | (5,997) | (8,883) |
| Share of result of a joint venture | | | 1,305 | (1,265) |
| Share of result of an associate | | | — | 207 |
| Profit (loss) before taxation from continuing operations | | | 129,675 | (77,828) |

All of the segment revenue reported above is generated from external customers.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 September 2020

5. REVENUE/SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

SEGMENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

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

| | As at 30 September 2020 US\$'000 (unaudited) | As at 31 March 2020 US\$'000 (audited) |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Segment assets: | | |
| — Mining business | 417,013 | 420,841 |
| — Investment in financial instruments | 494,520 | 378,316 |
| — Property investment | 49,985 | 52,591 |
| — Money lending | 86,161 | 37,853 |
| Total segment assets | 1,047,679 | 889,601 |
| Unallocated assets: | | |
| — Bank balances and cash | 4,543 | 17,422 |
| — Property, plant and equipment | 27,456 | 28,069 |
| — Right-of-use assets | 3,481 | 3,884 |
| — Others | 14,742 | 13,566 |
| | 50,222 | 62,941 |
| Consolidated total assets | 1,097,901 | 952,542 |
| Segment liabilities: | | |
| — Mining business | 526,462 | 525,748 |
| — Investment in financial instruments | 54,299 | 30,213 |
| — Property investment | 11,261 | 11,195 |
| Total segment liabilities | 592,022 | 567,156 |
| Unallocated liabilities: | | |
| — Other payables and accrual | 1,980 | 2,847 |
| — Lease liabilities | 3,235 | 4,028 |
| | 5,215 | 6,875 |
| Consolidated total liabilities | 597,237 | 574,031 |

For the purposes of monitoring segment performance and allocating resources between segments, all assets are allocated to reportable and operating segments other than certain bank balances and cash, certain property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets, certain other receivables, interests in a joint venture and amount due from a joint venture. All liabilities are allocated to operating segments other than certain other payables and accrual and certain lease liabilities.

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6. OTHER INCOME AND OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES CONTINUING OPERATIONS

| | Six months ended 30 September | |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2020 US\$'000 (unaudited) | 2019 US\$'000 (unaudited) |
| Other income | | |
| Bank and other interest income | 150 | 507 |
| Government grant (note) | 628 | — |
| Others | 641 | — |
| | 1,419 | 507 |
| Other gains and losses | | |
| Net foreign exchange gain | 31,773 | 3,711 |
| Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment | 634 | 5 |
| Fair value (loss) gain on derivative financial instruments | (158) | 42 |
| Gain (loss) from deemed disposal of interests in an associate | 59 | (1,334) |
| Gain on disposal of a subsidiary (note 21) | 216 | — |
| Others | 1,296 | 502 |
| | 33,820 | 2,926 |
| | 35,239 | 3,433 |

Note: During the current interim period, the Group recognised government grant of US\$628,000 in respect of COVID-19-related subsidies, of which US\$300,000 is related to Employment Support Scheme provided by the government in Hong Kong.

7. FINANCE COSTS

| | Six months ended 30 September | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | 2020 US\$'000 (unaudited) | 2019 US\$'000 (unaudited) |
| Continuing operations | | |
| Interest expense on bank borrowings | 5,406 | 8,344 |
| Interest expense on lease liabilities | 555 | 539 |
| Interest expense on other borrowings | 36 | — |
| | 5,997 | 8,883 |

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8. TAXATION

| | Six months ended 30 September | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| | US\$'000 | US\$'000 |
| | (unaudited) | (unaudited) |
| Continuing operations | | |
| The charge comprises: | | |
| Current tax: | | |
| Hong Kong | — | — |
| People's Republic of China ("PRC") | 11 | 14 |
| Canada | — | 571 |
| United Kingdom ("UK") | 55 | 53 |
| Taxation charge for the period | 66 | 638 |

Under The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No. 7) Bill 2017, the Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 8.25% on the first HK\$2 million of the estimated assessable profits and at 16.5% on the estimated assessable profits above HK\$2 million of one of the Group entities operating in Hong Kong, effective from 28 March 2018 onwards. No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made during the period as the assessable profit was wholly absorbed by tax losses brought forward during the six months ended 30 September 2020. No provision for taxation had been made for the period ended 30 September 2019 as there was no assessable profits.

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%.

Under the applicable corporate tax law in the Alberta, Canada, the tax rate is 26% (2019: 27%) of the estimated assessable profits. No provision for taxation in Canada has been made as there is no assessable profits derived in Canada for both periods.

Under the applicable corporate tax law in the UK, the tax rate is 19% of the estimated assessable profits.

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9. PROFIT/LOSS FOR THE PERIOD FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS

| | Six months ended 30 September | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| | US\$'000 | US\$'000 |
| | (unaudited) | (unaudited) |
| Continuing operations | | |
| Profit/loss for the period has been arrived at after charging: | | |
| Depreciation on property, plant and equipment | 11,242 | 22,867 |
| Depreciation on right-of-use assets | 1,037 | 629 |
| Directors' remuneration | 3,301 | 3,438 |
| Cost of inventories recognised as an expense | 31,683 | 54,592 |

10. EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE

FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS AND DISCONTINUED OPERATION

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

| | Six months ended 30 September | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| | US\$'000 | US\$'000 |
| | (unaudited) | (unaudited) |
| Profit (loss) for the period attributable to owners of the Company for the purpose of basic earnings (loss) per share | 128,858 | (52,071) |

Number of shares

| | '000 | '000 |
|--|------------|------------|
| Number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings (loss) per share | 38,698,309 | 38,698,309 |

No diluted earnings (loss) per share is presented as there were no potential ordinary shares in issue during both periods.

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10. EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE (continued)

FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS

The calculation of the basic earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations attributable to owners of the Company is based on the following data:

| | Six months ended 30 September | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| | US\$'000 | US\$'000 |
| | (unaudited) | (unaudited) |
| Earnings (loss) figures are calculated as follow: | | |
| Profit (loss) for the period attributable to owners of the Company | 128,858 | (52,071) |
| Less: Profit for the period from discontinued operation | — | 27,267 |
| Earnings (loss) for the purpose of calculating basic earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations | 128,858 | (79,338) |

Number of shares

| | '000 | '000 |
|--|------------|------------|
| Number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic earnings (loss) per share | 38,698,309 | 38,698,309 |

No diluted earnings (loss) per share is presented as there were no potential ordinary shares in issue during both periods.

FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATION

During the six months ended 30 September 2019, the basic earnings per share from discontinued operation is US0.07 cents per share, based on the profit for the period from discontinued operation of US\$27,267,000 and the denominator detailed above for basic loss per share. There is no discontinued operation during six months ended 30 September 2020.

No diluted earnings per share is presented as there were no potential ordinary shares in issue during both periods.

11. DIVIDEND

No dividends were paid, declared or proposed during both periods. The directors of the Company have determined that no dividend will be paid in respect of the current period.

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12. MOVEMENT IN PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS AND EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

During the six months ended 30 September 2020, the Group incurred expenditures on mine property and development assets included in property, plant and equipment of US\$1,834,000 (six months ended 30 September 2019: US\$12,055,000) and other property, plant and equipment of US\$1,294,000 (six months ended 30 September 2019: US\$2,488,000) from continuing operations.

During the six months ended 30 September 2020, the Group did not enter into any new lease agreements (six months ended 30 September 2019: new lease agreements for the use of trucks and furniture and equipment for lease term of 3 years). On lease commencement during the six months ended 30 September 2019, the Group recognised US\$308,000 of right-of-use assets and US\$308,000 of lease liabilities.

During the six months ended 30 September 2019, the Group incurred US\$17,000 expenditures on exploration and evaluation assets from the copper mining operation, which was disposed during the period ended 30 September 2019. There is no addition expenditures on exploration and evaluation assets from the mining business in Canada during the six months ended 30 September 2020.

13. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

| | US\$'000 |
|---|----------|
| Fair value at 1 April 2020 (audited) | 48,599 |
| Loss on fair value changes recognised in profit or loss | (2,666) |
| Exchange adjustments | 1,156 |
| Fair value at 30 September 2020 (unaudited) | 47,089 |

The Group's investment properties in Hong Kong, the PRC and the UK as at 30 September 2020 were valued by Asset Appraisal Limited and WM Corporate Advisory Limited (31 March 2020: Asset Appraisal Limited and Roma Appraisals Limited), which are independent qualified professional valuers not connected with the Group. The fair value was determined based on the income approach or direct comparison approach. For the income approach, the fair value is derived from capitalising the rental income derived from the existing tenancies with due provision for any reversionary income potential. For the direct comparison approach, the fair value is arrived at by reference to unit market values of comparable properties and the adjusting factors such as floor and direction. The decrease in fair value of investment properties of US\$2,666,000 has been recognised directly in profit or loss for the six months ended 30 September 2020 (six months ended 30 September 2019: increase in fair value of US\$675,000).

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14. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

| | As at 30 September 2020 US\$'000 (unaudited) | As at 31 March 2020 US\$'000 (audited) |
|--|--|--|
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (non-current) | | |
| Investment funds (note a) | 64,452 | 59,383 |
| Unlisted equity investments (note b) | 12,110 | 11,133 |
| | 76,562 | 70,516 |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (current) | | |
| Equity securities listed in Hong Kong | 143,747 | 48,364 |
| Equity securities listed outside Hong Kong | — | 1,125 |
| Debt securities | 182,045 | 156,432 |
| Investment funds (note a) | 84,589 | 83,282 |
| | 410,381 | 289,203 |

Notes:

- (a) The investment funds which are managed by financial institutions, mainly invest in real estate properties, e-commercial platform and unlisted equity investments. Eighteen (31 March 2020: fifteen) investment funds are with a maturity terms range from 2 to 10 years, respectively. The fair value of these investment funds was determined by adopting the adjusted net asset value approach. Under this approach, the book values of the assets and liabilities of the underlying investment companies/funds in the portfolio are adjusted to their respective assets/liabilities' fair values by a marketability discount in order to reflect the non-marketable nature of the Group's investment portfolio. The general partners determined the net asset values of the respective investment funds by using methodology based on relevant comparable data to quantify the adjustment from cost or latest transaction price where appropriate, or to justify that cost or latest transaction price is a proper approximation to fair value of the underlying investments held by the investment funds. The factors considered in the assessment require the judgement. The Group engaged GW Financial Advisory Services Limited, an independent qualified professional valuer to assess the marketability discount to the net asset values. During the six months ended 30 September 2020, an increase in fair value of US\$6,795,000 (six months ended 30 September 2019: a decrease of US\$1,124,000) was recognised in profit or loss.
- (b) The unlisted equity investments represent the Group's investment in equity interest in two (31 March 2020: two) private entities, which engaged in biologics contract development and manufacturing service business and investment in investment property located in Australia, respectively. As at 30 September 2020, the fair value of the equity investments of US\$12,110,000 (31 March 2020: US\$11,133,000) was determined by adopting the market approach. Under this approach, the book values of the assets and liabilities of the underlying investment companies are adjusted to their respective equity's fair values by applying a marketability discount with reference to transaction price of similar items by using recent market transactions or market multiples in order to reflect the non-marketable nature of the equity investments. The Group engaged GW Financial Advisory Services Limited, an independent qualified professional valuer to assess the marketability discount to the equity values.

During the six months ended 30 September 2020, Kuaichi Group Holding Limited ("Kuaichi Group"), ceased to be an associate of the Group as a result of the loss of significant influence since there was a dilution in shareholding. The Group recognised the retained interest in Kuaichi Group as financial assets at FVTPL on 15 April 2020 (the "Deemed Disposal Date of Kuaichi Group") and subsequently fully disposed of the entire interests at a consideration of US\$857,000 on 4 August 2020 (details refer to note 21). The fair value of the financial assets after dilution at the Deemed Disposal Date of Kuaichi Group was US\$641,000, which was determined by adopting the market approach. The Group engaged WM Corporate Advisory Limited, an independent qualified professional valuer to assess the marketability discount to the enterprise value.

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14. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS (continued)

Notes: (continued)

(b) (continued)

During the six months ended 30 September 2019, one of the Group's associates, Liberty Capital Limited ("Liberty"), ceased to be an associate of the Group as a result of the loss of significant influence since there was a dilution in shareholding. The Group recognised the retained interest in Liberty as financial assets at FVTPL on 9 May 2019 (the "Deemed Disposal Date") and subsequently fully disposed of the entire interests at a consideration of US\$5,461,000 on 20 December 2019. The fair value of the financial assets after dilution at the Deemed Disposal Date was US\$5,897,000, which was determined by adopting the adjusted net asset value approach. Under this approach, the book values of the assets and liabilities of the underlying investment companies are adjusted to their respective assets/liabilities' fair values by a marketability discount in order to reflect the non-marketable nature of the Group's investment portfolio. The Group engaged GW Financial Advisory Services Limited, an independent qualified professional valuer to assess the marketability discount to the net asset values.

15. PLEDGED BANK DEPOSITS

The pledged bank deposit amounting to US\$23,704,000 (31 March 2020: US\$22,216,000) represents deposit paid by the Group to a bank as required by the government of Alberta, Canada, for operating in the mining activities, closure of mines and the environmental rehabilitation work of relevant mines (note 20).

16. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

| | As at 30 September 2020 US\$'000 (unaudited) | As at 31 March 2020 US\$'000 (audited) |
|--|--|--|
| Trade receivable | — | 4,907 |
| Amounts due from brokers | 99 | 582 |
| Deposits and prepayments | 3,608 | 9,061 |
| Goods and services tax ("GST") receivables | 142 | 4,312 |
| Interest income receivables | 5,068 | 5,083 |
| Other receivables | 24 | 32 |
| Total trade and other receivables | 8,941 | 23,977 |

The following is an analysis of trade receivable by age, presented based on the invoice date, which is approximated to the revenue recognition date.

| | As at 30 September 2020 US\$'000 (unaudited) | As at 31 March 2020 US\$'000 (audited) |
|-----------|--|--|
| 0-60 days | — | 4,907 |

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16. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (continued)

Trade receivable as at 31 March 2020 represents trade receivable from sales of coal in Canada. The balance was due on two weeks after delivery. Management believed that no impairment allowance was necessary in respect of this balance as the Group had considered the consistently zero historical default rate in connection with payments as adjusted by forward-looking information. The Group did not hold any collateral over this balance. There is no trade receivable from sales of coal operation as at 30 September 2020.

17. LOAN RECEIVABLES

| | As at 30 September 2020 US\$'000 (unaudited) | As at 31 March 2020 US\$'000 (audited) |
|--|---|--|
| Fixed-rate loan receivables | 87,684 | 36,792 |
| Less: Allowance for expected credit losses | (1,763) | (740) |
| | 85,921 | 36,052 |
| Analysed as | | |
| Current | 22,288 | 36,052 |
| Non-current | 63,633 | — |
| | 85,921 | 36,052 |

The effective interest rate (which are fixed rates, also equal to contractual interest rates) on the Group's loan receivables is ranged from 5% to 24% (31 March 2020: 12% to 24%) per annum. The contractual maturity date of the loan receivables ranges from five months to two years (31 March 2020: ranged from five months to one year) and are all denominated in HK\$. As at 30 September 2020, loan receivables with gross amount of US\$87,684,000 (31 March 2020: US\$36,792,000) are unsecured.

IMPAIRMENT ASSESSMENT ON LOAN RECEIVABLES WITH EXPECTED CREDIT LOSS MODEL

As part of the Group's credit risk management, the Group applies internal credit rating for its borrowers individually. The estimated credit losses rates are estimated based on risks of default including evaluating of the financial background, financial condition, historical settlement records, the credit quality classification of each borrower and are adjusted by forward-looking information.

No loan receivables are past due as at 30 September 2020 and 31 March 2020.

Impairment allowance amounted to US\$1,763,000 was made for loan receivables as at 30 September 2020.

Net impairment loss under expected credit loss model on loan receivables amounting to US\$1,023,000 (six months ended 30 September 2019: net reversal of impairment loss of US\$565,000) is recognised in profit or loss during the reporting period.

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18. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

The following is an analysis of trade payables by age, presented based on the invoice date.

| | As at 30 September 2020 US\$'000 (unaudited) | As at 31 March 2020 US\$'000 (audited) |
|---|---|--|
| Trade payables | | |
| — arising from mining operation (note a) | 229 | 3,332 |
| — arising from investment in financial instruments operation (note b) | 8,715 | — |
| Other payables and accruals | 5,518 | 11,931 |
| Total trade and other payables and accruals | 14,462 | 15,263 |

Notes:

- (a) The average credit period on purchases of goods is 30 days. The Group has financial risk management policies in place to ensure that all payables are settled within the credit timeframe.
- (b) The settlement terms of trade payables arising from the ordinary course of business of dealing in securities from financial institution are two days after trade date.

Other payables include GST payable to the Alberta Government of US\$12,000 (31 March 2020: US\$11,000), in respect of sales made in Alberta, Canada under relevant rules and regulations.

19. BANK AND OTHER BORROWINGS

During the six months ended 30 September 2020, the Group did not obtain any new bank borrowings (six months ended 30 September 2019: US\$30,187,000). The bank borrowings obtained during the six months ended 30 September 2019 carry interest at variable market rates and are repayable in instalments ranging from a period of 1 month to 5 years.

During the six months ended 30 September 2020, the Group obtained a new other borrowing amount of US\$15,385,000 from a financial institution. The new other borrowing is secured by the Group's equity investments with fair value of US\$107,123,000 as at 30 September 2020. The new other borrowing obtained during the six months ended 30 September 2020 carries interest rate at 1 month Hong Kong Inter-bank Offered Rate plus 0.8% per month and is repayable on demand.

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20. PROVISION FOR MINE REHABILITATION COST

The provision as at 30 September 2020 is related to the coal mine in Alberta, Canada. In accordance with relevant rules and regulations in Canada, the Group is obligated to bear the cost of rehabilitation upon the closure of the Group's coal mine. The provision for rehabilitation cost has been estimated in accordance with the local rules and regulations in the aforesaid regions.

Rehabilitation cost has been estimated based on the current regulatory requirements and determined based on the net present value of future cash expenditures upon rehabilitation. Rehabilitation costs are capitalised as mine property and development assets in property, plant and equipment, and are amortised over the life of the mine on unit of production basis.

21. DISPOSAL OF A SUBSIDIARY

On 3 August 2020, the Group entered into sale and purchase agreement to dispose of the entire equity interest of its indirectly wholly-owned subsidiary, Gold Label Inc. ("Gold Label"), to an independent third party at a total cash consideration of approximately RMB6,000,000 (equivalent to approximately US\$857,000). The major asset held by Gold Label was an investment in unlisted entity which located in the PRC. The transaction was completed on 4 August 2020.

The net assets of Gold Label at the date of disposal were as follows:

| | US\$'000 |
|---|----------|
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 641 |
| Net assets disposed of | 641 |
| Gain on disposal of Gold Label: | |
| Consideration received | 857 |
| Less: Net assets disposed of | (641) |
| Gain on disposal | 216 |
| Net cash inflow arising on disposal: | |
| Cash consideration received | 857 |

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22. SHARE CAPITAL

| | Number of shares | Share capital US\$'000 |
|--|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each: | | |
| Authorised | | |
| At 1 April 2019, 31 March 2020 and 30 September 2020 (unaudited) | 100,000,000,000 | 1,282,052 |
| Issued and fully paid | | |
| At 1 April 2019, 31 March 2020 and 30 September 2020 (unaudited) | 38,698,308,961 | 496,132 |

23. 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

Some of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value at the end of the 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 is observable.

- Level 1 fair value measurements are based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active market for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the assets or liabilities, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
- Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the assets or liabilities that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

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23. 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)

| Financial assets/ Financial liabilities | Fair values as at | | Fair value hierarchy | Valuation technique(s) |
|--|---|---|-------------------------|--|
| | 30 September 2020 US\$'000 (unaudited) | 31 March 2020 US\$'000 (audited) | | |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | | | | |
| Debt securities | 182,045 | 156,432 | Level 2 | Quoted prices in over-the-counter |
| Equity securities listed in Hong Kong | 143,747 | 48,364 | Level 1 | Quoted bid prices in active market |
| Equity securities listed outside Hong Kong | — | 1,125 | Level 1 | Quoted bid prices in active market |
| Investment funds | 149,041 | 142,665 | Level 3 | Applying marketability discount to the net asset values per share or unit (note) |
| Unlisted equity investments | 12,110 | 11,133 | Level 3 | Applying market approach by using marketability discount to the equity value referencing to recent market transaction or market multiples (note) |
| Derivative financial instruments | | | | |
| Interest rate swap contract | Liabilities — 86 | Assets — 72 | Level 2 | Discounted cash flow. Future cash flows are estimated based on forward interest rates (from observable yield curves at the end of the reporting period) and contracted interest rates, discounted at an applicable discount rate taking into account the credit risk of the counter-parties and of the Group as appropriate. |

There were no transfers between Levels 1, 2 and 3 in both periods.

As at 30 September 2020 and 31 March 2020, there was no observable quoted price of underlying investment portfolio as no transaction on similar investment portfolio noted near the period/year ended, and was classified as Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

Note: A slight increase in the discount rates used in isolation would result in a significant decrease in the fair value measurement of the investment funds and unlisted equity investments respectively, vice versa. A 5% increase/decrease in the discount rate holding all other variables constant would decrease/increase the carrying amount of the investment funds and unlisted equity investments by US\$7,950,000 and US\$724,000 respectively (31 March 2020: US\$7,520,000 and US\$651,000).

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23. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

RECONCILIATION OF LEVEL 3 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

| | Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss |
|---|--|
| | US\$'000 |
| At 1 April 2019 (audited) | 137,433 |
| Purchases | 12,803 |
| Transfer from interest in an associate due to deemed disposal | 5,897 |
| Loss recognised in profit or loss | (3,185) |
| At 30 September 2019 (unaudited) | 152,948 |
| At 1 April 2020 (audited) | 153,798 |
| Purchases | 1,293 |
| Disposal | (1,956) |
| Gain recognised in profit or loss | 8,016 |
| At 30 September 2020 (unaudited) | 161,151 |

FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS AND VALUATION PROCESS

The board of directors of the Company has closely monitored 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. The Group engages third party qualified valuers to perform valuation for Level 3 financial assets. The management works closely with the qualified external valuers to establish the appropriate valuation techniques and inputs to the model. Information about the valuation techniques used in determining the fair value of various assets are disclosed above.

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

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24. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

The remuneration of executive directors who are also key management during the period was as follows:

| | Six months ended 30 September | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| | US\$'000 | US\$'000 |
| | (unaudited) | (unaudited) |
| Short-term benefits | 3,295 | 3,432 |
| Post-employment benefits | 6 | 6 |
| | 3,301 | 3,438 |

25. EVENTS AFTER REPORTING PERIOD

On 16 November 2020, Skytop Technology Limited ("Skytop"), an indirectly wholly owned subsidiary of the Company acquired an aggregate principal amount of US\$3 million of 9% senior notes due 2021 of China Evergrande Group ("China Evergrande") and an aggregate principal amount of US\$5.5 million of 11.5% senior notes due 2022 of China Evergrande on the open market at an aggregate considerations of approximately US\$2.92 million and approximately US\$4.96 million respectively. For details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 16 November 2020.

On 18 November 2020, Skytop further acquired an aggregate principal amount of US\$5 million of 8.25% senior notes due 2022 of China Evergrande on the open market at an aggregate consideration of approximately US\$4.40 million. For details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 18 November 2020.

On 19 November 2020, Skytop further acquired an aggregate principal amount of US\$5 million of 11.5% senior notes due 2022 of China Evergrande on the open market at an aggregate consideration of approximately US\$4.50 million. For details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 19 November 2020.

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