## 利記控股有限公司 SINCE 1947 LEE KEE HOLDINGS LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (於開曼群島註冊成立之有限公司)

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# We Create Value Solutions

for Metals 引領金屬發展 共創增值方案

**2020/21**Annual Report 年報

## We Create Value Solutions For Metals

In pursuit of excellence in a dynamic environment, Lee Kee Group traverses challenges for opportunities.

Continual evolution achieving a wider spectrum of solutions and leading the metal industry to a new horizon for a sustainability future.



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## **Corporate Information**

#### **DIRECTORS**

#### **Executive Directors**

CHAN Pak Chung (Chairman of the Board)
CHAN Yuen Shan Clara
(Vice Chairman of the Board and CEO)
CHAN Ka Chun Patrick
OKUSAKO CHAN Pui Shan Lillian

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

CHUNG Wai Kwok Jimmy HO Kwai Ching Mark TAI Lun Paul

#### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

CHEUK Wa Pang (CPA (HKICPA), FCCA, ACA)

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

CHUNG Wai Kwok Jimmy (Chairman of the Audit Committee) HO Kwai Ching Mark TAI Lun Paul

#### REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

HO Kwai Ching Mark (Chairman of the Remuneration Committee) CHAN Pak Chung CHUNG Wai Kwok Jimmy

#### NOMINATION COMMITTEE

CHAN Pak Chung
(Chairman of the Nomination Committee)
CHUNG Wai Kwok Jimmy
TAI Lun Paul

#### **AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES**

CHAN Yuen Shan Clara CHEUK Wa Pang

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#### STOCK CODE

637

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## **Corporate Structure**

(operating companies as at 31.03.2021)

Lee Kee Metal Company Limited (HK) Lee Fung Metal Company Limited (HK) Lee Kee International Limited (HK) Lee Yip Metal Products Company Limited (HK) 利記控股有限公司 NCE 1947 LEE KEE HOLDINGS LIMITED Promet Metals Testing Laboratory Limited (HK) Essence Metal (Asia) Company Limited (HK) (Cayman Islands) Toba Company Limited (HK) Standard Glory Management Limited (HK) **间**利記集團有限公司 REE KEE GROUP LIMITED Lee City Asia Company Limited (HK) Promet Consultancy Company Limited (HK) Silver Goal International Limited (HK) LKG Elite (Shenzhen) Company Limited (PRC) LKG Elite (Guangzhou) Company Limited (PRC) LKG Elite (Wuxi) Company Limited (PRC) Genesis Alloys (Ningbo) Limited (PRC) Mega International Resources Company Limited Taiwan Branch (Taiwan) LKG (Singapore) Private Limited (Singapore) LKG (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd (Malaysia) \* Lee Kee Development Limited Thailand Representative Office (Thailand)

<sup>\* 75%</sup> owned





## **Chairman's Statement**



#### DEAR Stakeholders,

The 2020-21 financial year was a challenging year during which LEE KEE Holdings Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively "LEE KEE" or the "Group" or "we") was able to navigate a heavily disrupted world and adapt to an evolving and fast-changing business environment.

While shutdowns and social distancing measures affected the daily operations and logistics of all industrial sectors throughout 2020, LEE KEE leaned in further in enacting its two key strategies: digitalization and commitment to sustainability. This enabled us to maintain operational efficiency in a fast-changing environment. Simultaneously, we focused on helping customers navigate disrupted supply chains, which reinforced our relationships with them. Our employees' health and safety were also of utmost importance to us. Our earlier ESG commitments served us well in ensuring our employees' well-being across Asia. We are able to return to profitability, despite the challenges in the financial year 2020/2021.

#### **Chairman's Statement**

LEE KEE once again proved its ability to navigate turbulent times with an innovative spirit. Our diversified customer base enabled us to capture new growth opportunities arising from new economy trends, 5G rollouts, and the growth of the electric vehicles sector. The Group continued to plan and respond quickly to technology disruptions by accelerating its pace of technology adoption to gain a competitive edge. We also leveraged our core expertise and knowledge of metals to strengthen our offering of specialty alloys. This enabled our customers to continue meeting the fast-changing and stringent quality requirements of high-tech and advanced manufacturing industries.

We further integrated ESG principles into our business model to capture growing opportunities that will emerge from the post-pandemic world, which will include a greater focus on the green supply chains and the decarbonisation of sourcing and processing. These principles both protect the environment and provide value to our customers who are facing increasing demand for sustainable and green products from consumers. Our ESG-focused business model differentiates us from our peers.

Our performance will continue to be affected by the on-going pandemic but we are cautiously optimistic about our outlook. While vaccination programs around the world are kicking off, paving the way for global economic recovery, the pace is proving uneven due to new COVID-19 outbreaks and other macroeconomic factors. But by building further our resilient business model, digital transformation and our commitment to sustainability, as well as customer focus, we are confident that we can continue overcoming the challenges and deliver value to our shareholders.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our valued customers, suppliers, business partners, LEE KEE's employees and management team for their support during these unprecedented times.

#### **CHAN Pak Chung**

Chairman

28th May 2021





## **CEO** Message



Throughout the 2020/2021 financial year, Lee Kee Group and our business partners continued to face immense challenges and uncertainties. The outbreak of COVID-19 drastically disrupted the global supply chain, while stimulus policies and the weakening US dollar led metal prices to rally with high volatility.

These extraordinary times stress tested our capability to quickly respond to market change. Thanks to the effective strategies and initiatives that we have adopted in recent years to respond to other changes in the market – digitalisation and a strong commitment to sustainability. These not only helped us weather the storm but also made us more agile in adapting to external shocks. In fact, our financial performance improved in the Financial Year compared to the Comparative Period despite the huge external challenges. At the same time, we also adopted stringent cost controls to enhance our financial performance.

Our diverse geographic presence across China and emerging markets in Southeast Asia also alleviated the impact of localised lockdowns and sudden shifts in demand for our products in different areas. This enabled us to support our clients as they restarted their operations throughout the year. Our strong customer focus and responsiveness also helped customers deal with volatile demand and supply chain disruption. All of this reinforced our position as one of the world's leading and reliable suppliers of metal solutions.

#### **CEO** Message

LEE KEE's newly digitised and adaptive operations ensured it was able to capture the solid rebound of manufacturing activity in China following the pandemic. Tonnage sold during the year increased by 7.3%. We also pushed forward our expansion plans, with Promet Metals Testing Laboratory Limited further expanding its water testing services.

As a company with a long history and a tradition of resilience, LEE KEE has always sought to benefit from new technologies which include the transition to electric vehicles, connected homes, and the built out of 5G networks and infrastructure. Our innovative metal solutions, including customized metals and specialty alloys, fully cater to the demands of advanced manufacturing industries.

Being part of the green supply chain is also one of our key sustainability focuses. I am pleased to share that LEE KEE obtained a number of prestigious international certifications during the Financial Year, including the GRS (Global Recycled Standard), as well as becoming member of the Low Carbon Charter of the Business Environment Council. These enabled us to help customers build a sustainable green supply chain. We will continue to meet our Environmental, Social, and Governance commitments by promoting sustainable alloys and responsible sourcing.

We will also continue to improve our sustainability practices including setting a quantifiable decarbonisation target to "future proof" our production. We have also adopted a number of new green initiatives, such as green packaging, to support our customers' green supply chains and inspire them to begin the green journey in the metal industry.

With vaccination roll-outs around the world proving uneven, we believe the coming financial year will present a different set of challenges and opportunities. Nevertheless, having navigated through this unprecedented Financial Year, we are confident that we can continue to overcome any future obstacles. Looking ahead, the Group will continue to capture opportunities arising from our ongoing digital transformation, thereby strengthening our leadership in our industry while setting new standards in areas such as sustainable products and packaging to create new value for our stakeholders.

#### **CHAN Yuen Shan Clara**

Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

28th May 2021





## **Financial Summary**

Following is a summary of the consolidated results and of the consolidated assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years presented on a basis as stated in the note below:

#### **CONSOLIDATED RESULTS**

	Year ended 31st March				
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue	1,951,879	1,864,166	2,276,977	2,711,441	2,110,721
Profit/(loss) before income tax	22,308	(123,394)	(81,695)	95,561	45,107
Income tax expense	(5,466)	(4,763)	(4,965)	(5,408)	(3,611)
Profit/(loss) attributable to the					
equity shareholders of the					
Company for the year	16,842	(128,157)	(86,660)	90,153	41,496
Attributable to:					
Equity shareholders of					
the Company	16,882	(128,057)	(86,652)	90,153	41,496
Non-controlling interests	(40)	(100)	(8)		_
	16,842	(128,157)	(86,660)	90,153	41,496

#### CONSOLIDATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

		As	s at 31st March	1	
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Total non-current assets	119,418	108,904	129,488	123,303	140,234
Total current assets	916,644	947,622	1,172,192	1,346,261	1,131,778
Total assets	1,036,062	1,056,526	1,301,680	1,469,564	1,272,012
Total non-current liabilities	5,358	19,396	19,608	18,130	19,732
Total current liabilities	128,766	174,317	271,892	341,203	204,014
Total liabilities	134,124	193,713	291,500	359,333	223,746
Net assets	901,938	862,813	1,010,180	1,110,230	1,048,266

#### OVERALL BUSINESS PERFORMANCE

#### **Financial Review**

The Group returned to profit in the Financial Year despite the uniquely challenging operational environment that arose following the outbreak of COVID-19. While the Group's turnaround was supported by cyclical factors such as the rally in global metal prices, it was also driven by rapid change in business environment, which has led the Group to embrace digitalisation across its business and operations, as well as the Group's proactive efforts to diversify the scope of its services and its geographic reach. The culmination of these efforts placed the Group in an optimal position to capture new opportunities arising from China's rebounding post-COVID-19 economy, which, more than ever, continues to drive demand for speciality alloys.

The Group's revenue for the Financial Year was approximately HK\$1,952 million, an increase of 4.7% compared to approximately HK\$1,864 million in the Comparative Period. Tonnage sold by the Group during the Financial Year was 96,010 tonnes, a rebound of 7.3% as compared to 89,460 tonnes in the Comparative Period.

The Group recorded a gross profit of HK\$113 million and a gross profit margin of 5.8% for the Financial Year, a substantial increase compared to a gross profit of HK\$1.9 million and a gross profit margin of 0.10% in the Comparative Period.

The Group recorded a profit attributable to the Company's equity shareholders of approximately HK\$16.9 million during the Financial Year, compared to a loss of HK\$128 million during the Comparative Period. The return to profit was attributable to the diversification and improvement of the Group's product and service mix, stringent cost control measures, and the rally in global metal prices.

Global zinc price continuously rallied for almost the entire Financial Year, albeit from low levels, with the start of the Financial Year coinciding with the height of COVID-19 lockdowns around the world. Later in the year, the rally strengthened even further on signs of a faster-than-expected economic recovery in the Chinese economy and optimism about overall production and manufacturing activity quickly moving back towards pre-pandemic levels.

Global nickel price started the Financial Year at its recent low. Prices recovered steadily throughout much of the Financial Year (with the exception in March 2021), both in response to economic stimulus measures, supply constraints and signs suggesting that the EV market will start demanding batteries with a higher nickel composition.

Distribution and selling expenses remained flat at HK\$24.2 million for the Financial Year compared to the Comparative Period, despite the higher tonnage shipped and special delivery arrangements during the COVID-19 lockdowns due to tighter cost control measures being implemented across the Group throughout the Financial Year. Meanwhile, the Group's administrative expenses in the Financial Year fell 6.6% to around HK\$77.4 million compared to the Comparative Period, with the Group being quick to implement stringent health and social distancing measures, taking full advantage of its earlier investment in fully digitising its processing sites and offices.

The Group recorded other net gains of HK\$1 million during the Financial Year, compared to other net losses of approximately HK\$18 million during the Comparative Period. The changes were mainly attributed to the absence of a property impairment amounting to HK\$17 million which was the main attributor to the other losses during the Comparative Period.

The Group's financial costs for the Financial Year fell 68.0% to approximately HK\$1.9 million due to lower bank borrowings maintained during the Financial Year.

The Group continues to retain a healthy financial position, with bank balances and cash on hand of approximately HK\$288 million as of 31st March 2021.

#### **Business review**

#### COVID-19 proves resilience of LEE KEE's business operations and the reliability of its supply chain

LEE KEE quickly adapted to the upheavals in its operating environment caused by the outbreak of COVID-19. It rapidly modified its processes and staff deployments to safeguard the health of its workforce, while still ensuring business continuity and its ability to fully meet its commitment to provide a reliable supply of quality metals that its customers can depend on.

The Group swiftly adopted a Work from Home policy for its office-based team members, enabled by its earlier digitalisation investments, while simultaneously making changes to its production protocols to ensure a safe environment for its site-based team members. It also helped its customers deal with supply chain disruption in a COVID-safe manner through contactless delivery and other changes to its business practices.

These changes ensured that the Group was able to operate at close-to-normal capacity, strengthening its position to capture new opportunities arising from China's rapid economic recovery.

#### Progressive value creation for metals

The Group's leadership position in the metal industry is continually reinforced by its sophisticated and agile business model, together with its ability to forge the strategic direction needed to drive the company ahead during periods of uncertainty and volatility.

Throughout the Financial Year, LEE KEE continued to focus on operational excellence, building upon its unparalleled reputation for quality, professionalism, and innovation.

The long-term competitiveness of the Group rests on its ability to adapt and incorporate necessary changes to 'future proof' its operating model. This includes encouraging continuous innovation within its business, processes and product mix to cater for changes in the demand and in the requirements for speciality alloy and for responsible material sourcing. These shifts are likely to accelerate post-pandemic as China and other markets adopt high-quality and sustainable development policies.

#### Diversification unlocks new avenues for growth

The pandemic has accelerated the development of digital and industrial applications such as connected homes, 5G, and smart electric vehicles, while hastening the decline of traditional industries, thereby changing the Group's operating environment considerably. In response to these new opportunities, the Group pushed forward with its efforts to further diversify its business scope in favour of more customised and value-added services, such as speciality alloys for advanced manufacturing and other professional advisory services.

The Group focused particularly on meeting the high-quality and tailored requirements of manufacturers for advanced industries, particularly in promising areas including consumer electronics, telecommunications and intelligent electric vehicles. The Group has expanded its R&D and specialist teams to develop alloys with upgraded functionality for specific industrial applications.

The Group's diversification strategy also extends to its geographic footprint. In addition to its offices in Greater China, LEE KEE currently operates two offices in Singapore and Malaysia, and a representative office in Thailand. Southeast Asia remains an integral part of the Group's diversification strategy.

#### **Digital Transformation**

To help customers grapple with the ever-changing market environment and rapid technological disruption, the Group recently initiated several digitalisation initiatives targeting order processing, as well as quality control services that leverage automation, digital platforms and data technologies.

LEE KEE's strategy of creating value-adding solutions that enhance the customer experience continued to advance with the launch of a new internal ordering platform that enabled the Group to streamline its sales process, strengthen its service capabilities, and leverage data technologies to manage demand and logistics.

#### Growing testing capabilities

Promet Metals Testing Laboratory Limited ("Promet Lab") provides metals and construction material testing services for infrastructure projects in Hong Kong. Promet Lab also provides testing services for drinking water and related plumbing systems. It operates a laboratory approved by The Hong Kong Laboratory Accreditation Scheme (HOKLAS) for general users and premises seeking to comply with the "Sampling Protocol for Commissioning Test of Fresh Water Plumbing Systems" and the "New Commissioning Requirements for Plumbing Works in Occupied Buildings/ Village Houses" in Hong Kong. Promet Lab recorded promising growth during the Financial Year, winning a series of testing, consultancy, training, and water monitoring projects.

The new commissioning requirements for water safety for new housing developments and replaced plumbing construction, alongside increasing public awareness about water quality, will continue to generate demand for testing services and support new revenue streams for the Group.

#### Commitment to sustainable operations and ESG

LEE KEE is committed to continual ESG improvement, including decarbonisation, and responsible sourcing. During the Financial Year, it undertook various initiatives to reduce the environmental impact of its operations to increase energy efficiency, reduce emissions and cut the use of plastic in its packaging. The Group is accredited with ISO 14001 Environmental Management System# and deepened its sustainable commitments by participating in the industrial association supporting the CarbonCare Label, Business Environmental Council (BEC) Low Carbon Charter, and the Aluminium Stewardship Initiatives.

The Group also complies with the ISO 45001# standard and enforces strict health measures in its workplace, factories, and warehouses, demonstrating its commitment to the occupational health and safety of its employees.

\* The scope and number of Group companies certified with ISO 14001 and ISO 45001 are listed on the Company's website.

#### **Prospect**

#### Navigate the uneven recovery

Advanced manufacturing industries such as telecommunication and electric vehicles, will continue to grow, develop and expand, making the Group cautiously optimistic about the 2021-22 financial year.

Government-backed stimulus for infrastructure construction and affordable housing projects will drive long-term demand for metals. The progressive re-opening of Southeast Asia also offers recovery prospects.

Nevertheless, the resurgence of COVID-19 cases, uneven vaccination programs and ongoing lock-downs in different places mean the path to recovery remains challenged.

The outlook on metal prices is widely considered as positive, alongside the potential for higher inflation, steady demand recovery, supply chain constraints and shipping congestion. The Group will continue to monitor global metal trends, staying agile and flexible in responding to expansion opportunities.

#### Expanding margins and new sources of revenue

The Group will continue to extend the technical capabilities and service scope of Promet Lab to attract stable and higher-margin revenue by further opening up the market for water quality and other assurance services while continuing to build its leadership in the well-established market for construction and manufacturing materials testing.

For the better utilisation of the Group's financial resources, the Group acquired a property that could generate rental income and is a relatively stable return and higher than other low risk investment options. Details of this property acquisition were disclosed in the Company's announcements dated 29th January 2021 and 5th February 2021.

#### Ongoing digital transformation

The Group will continue to embark on its digital transformation journey to further drive cost efficiencies and enhance customer satisfaction, reinforcing its leading position in the metals industry.

The Group will continue to migrate its current ordering system to its order processing platform and digitalised channels to better gauge demand and coordinate deliveries, and enhance its interaction with potential customers respectively. The Group will also leverage virtual training events and webinars to expand to reach both new and existing customers. These initiatives will further differentiate the Group's offerings and better position it for growth in the new "post-COVID" environment.

#### Responsible expansion and capturing demand for greener products and services

The Group's commitment to sustainability and quality aligns closely with the growing demand for green products and responsible supply chains. LEE KEE is a signatory of the BEC Low Carbon Charter and is committed to supporting the transition of the manufacturing industry towards more high-quality development. The Group also plans to introduce eco-friendly packaging and will continue to study other measures to cut down or reuse plastics as part of its ESG commitments. LEE KEE is also committed to long-term decarbonisation in line with its corporate strategy and to create value for society.

#### DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors has recommended a final dividend of HK1 cent per share for the Financial Year, amounting to HK\$8,288,000, to the shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 31st August 2021. Subject to the shareholders' approval, the dividend will be paid on or around 10th September 2021.

#### **CLOSURE OF REGISTER**

For the purpose of ascertaining shareholders' entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the Register of Members of the Company (the "Register of Members") will be closed from Wednesday, 18th August 2021 to Monday, 23rd August 2021, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for voting at the forthcoming AGM, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar and Transfer Office, Tricor Investor Services Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th August 2021.

For the purpose of ascertaining shareholders' entitlement to the proposed dividend, the Register of Members be closed from Friday, 27th August 2021 to Tuesday, 31st August 2021, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for dividends, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar and Transfer Office, Tricor Investor Services Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 26th August 2021.

#### LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND COMMODITY PRICE RISK

The Group primarily financed its operation through internal resources and borrowings from banks. As at 31st March 2021, the Group had unrestricted cash and bank balances of approximately HK\$288 million (2020: HK\$306 million) and bank borrowings of approximately HK\$88.6 million (2019: HK\$120 million). In March 2015, the Group obtained a Hong Kong dollar denominated mortgage loan of HK\$18.7 million, which bore annual interest at the lower of one month Hong Kong Inter-bank Offered Rate ("HIBOR") plus 1.75% and Hong Kong Dollar Prime Rate less 3.1%. As at 31st March 2021, the outstanding borrowing of this facility has been fully repaid (2020: outstanding balance amounted to HK\$13.2 million).

The remaining borrowings, which are short term in nature, were made in United States dollars with interest chargeable at market rates. The gearing ratio (total borrowings and lease liabilities to total equity) as at 31st March 2021 was 10.0% (2020: 14.1%). The Group has a current ratio of 712% as at 31st March 2021 (2020: 544%).

The Group constantly evaluates and monitors its risk exposure to metals prices with reference to the market conditions. In order to control the exposure efficiently and to capitalise on direction of price trends, the Group's management will employ appropriate operating strategies and set inventory levels accordingly.

The Group's foreign exchange exposure mainly resulted from the exchange rate between Hong Kong dollars against United States dollars and Renminbi.

#### **EMPLOYEES**

As at 31st March 2021, the Group had approximately 180 employees (2020: 180 employees). Their remuneration, promotion and salary review are assessed based on job responsibilities, work performance, professional experiences and the prevailing industry practices. The key components of the Group's remuneration package include basic salary, and where appropriate, other allowances, incentive bonuses and the Group's contribution to mandatory provident funds (or state-managed retirement benefits scheme). During the year, staff costs (including directors' emoluments) were approximately HK\$60.2 million (2020: HK\$62.6 million).

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

Mr. CHAN Pak Chung, aged 73, is the Chairman of the Board and an Executive Director of the Company and a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Chan has been serving the Group since 1967 and is now leading and governing the Board of the Company to ensure the Board works and performs its responsibilities effectively. Mr. Chan has more than 50 years of experience in the group development and non-ferrous metals industry. He obtained a Master Degree in Material Engineering from the Yanshan University. Mr. Chan is also a Permanent Honorary President of Hong Kong Foundry Association, Honorary Fellow (Machinery and Metal Industry) of the Professional Validation Council of Hong Kong Industries, Honorary President of the Professional Validation Council of Hong Kong Metal Merchants Association and Honorary President of The Hong Kong Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology. Mr. Chan is the spouse of Ms. MA Siu Tao (deemed to be a substantial shareholder of the Company under Securities and Futures Ordinance), father of Ms. CHAN Yuen Shan Clara, Mr. CHAN Ka Chun Patrick and Ms. OKUSAKO CHAN Pui Shan Lillian.

Ms. CHAN Yuen Shan Clara, aged 49, is the Vice-Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer and an Executive Director of the Company. She is also a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. Ms. Chan joined the Group in November 1995 and is responsible for proposing strategies and ensuring the implementation of the strategies and policies. She also leads the Group in the business development and operations. Ms. Chan has over 25 years of experience in the non-ferrous metals industry. She is awarded The Medal of Honour by HKSAR Government in 2018. She is a member of the Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, a member of the Lead and Zinc Committee of the London Metal Exchange and a member of the Board Risk Committee of LME Clear Limited. She is also a member of the Committee on Trust Fund for Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, a member of the Hong Kong Housing Authority and its Subsidised Housing Committee, a council member of Hong Kong Productivity Council, a member of Vetting Committee of the Trade and Industrial Organisation Support Fund (TSF), a member of HKTDC Belt and Road & Greater Bay Area Committee Industrial Parks: SMEs' Manufacturing Partnership and Investment Task Force, Chairman of Group 2 (Hong Kong Building Materials of Construction Industries Council), Federation of Hong Kong Industries, a President Honoris Causa of Hong Kong Young Industrialists Council, a member of Advisory Board of The HKMA Institute of Advanced Management Development and a member of General Committee of The Chamber of Hong Kong Listed Companies. Ms. Chan holds a Master of Social Science degree in Global Political Economy from The Chinese University of Hong Kong and is an Industrial Fellow with the University of Warwick in WMG. Ms. Chan is the daughter of Mr. CHAN Pak Chung and Ms. MA Siu Tao, sister of Mr. CHAN Ka Chun Patrick and Ms. OKUSAKO CHAN Pui Shan Lillian.

Mr. CHAN Ka Chun Patrick ("Mr. Patrick Chan"), aged 48, is an Executive Director of the Company and a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Patrick Chan joined the Group in August of 2006 and is now responsible for the Group's operation in Taiwan and the future development projects of the Group. He has 15 years of experience in the stainless steel industry and zinc alloy diecasting industry. Mr. Patrick Chan obtained a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and holds a Master Degree in Business Administration from the University of Hong Kong. He is the Honorary President of Hong Kong Electrical Appliances Industries Association, the Treasurer of the Hong Kong Metal Merchants Association, a director of Hong Kong Auto Parts Industry Association and a Member of Appeal Tribunal Panel, Building Ordinance (Hong Kong). Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Patrick Chan was an Airline Pilot. Mr. Patrick Chan is the son of Mr. CHAN Pak Chung and Ms. MA Siu Tao, brother of Ms. CHAN Yuen Shan Clara and Ms. OKUSAKO CHAN Pui Shan Lillian.

Ms. OKUSAKO CHAN Pui Shan Lillian ("Ms. Lillian Chan"), aged 46, is an executive director of the Company and a director of the Company's certain subsidiaries. She joined the Group in March 2001 and is responsible for the Group's procurement and Chief Operating Officer overseeing the Group's operation including supply chain, warehousing, customer liaison, quality control, technical testing and production. Ms. Lillian Chan has over 20 years of experience in non-ferrous metals industry. She obtained a double bachelor degree in Marketing and Psychology. Ms. Lillian Chan is a daughter of Mr. CHAN Pak Chung and Ms. MA Siu Tao, a sister of Ms. CHAN Yuen Shan Clara and Mr. CHAN Ka Chun Patrick.

#### INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. CHUNG Wai Kwok Jimmy, aged 71, is an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company appointed since September of 2006. Mr. Chung has over 30 years of experience in financial advisory, taxation and management. He was a partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers and retired in June of 2005. In October of 2005, he joined a professional consulting firm, Russell Bedford Hong Kong Limited, as Director — Tax & Business Advisory. Mr. Chung is a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Taxation Institution of Hong Kong and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). He was the President of the Hong Kong branch of ACCA for the year 2005/06. He is currently also an independent non-executive director of Tradelink Electronic Commerce Limited (listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited).

Mr. HO Kwai Ching Mark, aged 59, is an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company, appointed since June of 2014. He is currently the co-founder and CEO of ProMEX Limited and a consultant in the securities and futures industry. He was previously the Chief Operating Officer of Oriental Patron Securities Limited ("OPSL"). Prior to joining OPSL, he was the Chief Compliance Officer of Hong Kong Mercantile Exchange Limited, the Director of Business Development of Sun Hung Kai Securities Limited and a Director of Phillip Securities (HK) Limited. He was also previously Vice President of Corporate Strategy of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and Head of Compliance of Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited. He has more than 25 years of experience in the securities and futures industry. He is also an independent non-executive director of Hengan International Group Company Limited and Green Future Food Hydrocolloid Marine Science Company Limited (both companies listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited).

**Mr. TAI Lun Paul**, aged 54, is an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company, appointed since April 2020. He is currently the Regional Managing Director of Asia of Mainetti (Far East) Limited ("Mainetti") overseeing its Asian operations and actively participating in the group's major expansion and acquisition projects. Prior to joining Mainetti, he worked in a bluechip property company in Hong Kong. Mr. Tai has over 30 years' experience in corporate development, specialising in Asian operations, financial matters and mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Tai is a fellow member of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a fellow member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and a Chartered Accountant of Singapore. Mr. Tai was awarded a Master Degree in Business Administration from The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

#### SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. CHEUK Wa Pang, aged 56, is the Chief Financial Officer, the Company Secretary of the Company and a director of certain subsidiaries of the Company. Mr. Cheuk joined the Group in December of 2002 and is responsible for the financial matters of the Group. Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Cheuk worked as financial controller and company secretary as well as business consultant of various private and listed companies. Mr. Cheuk has over 28 years of experience in finance, accounting and auditing. Mr. Cheuk holds a Bachelor Degree of Science in Engineering from the University of Hong Kong, a Master Degree in Applied Finance and a Master Degree in Business Administration from Macquarie University in Australia. Mr. Cheuk is a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

**Mr. YAN Cheuk Yam**, aged 73, was appointed an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company in September of 2006. He resigned from the directorship in February of 2007 and has acted as the Head of China Division of the Group since March of 2007. Mr. Yan is responsible for advising the Group's PRC development and local relationships in the PRC. He is also a director of several of the Group's PRC subsidiaries. Prior to this employment, Mr. Yan was a director of a steel pipes company and a consultant of a Dongguan metals factory. Mr. Yan has more than 30 years of experience in the steel business and metal trading in the PRC, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

#### **ADVISORS**

To further strengthen the Group's expertise and development in the metal industry and financial services, the Group has engaged the following advisors who have sound knowledge regarding metal industry, commodity and risk management:

**Mr. William Tasman WISE** has held a number of senior positions in the mining and smelting industry for over 40 years. He was the general manager responsible for global marketing and sales for both Zinifex Limited and Pasminco Limited and is a former director of the Company. He currently works as a business consultant and resides in Melbourne, Australia. Mr. Wise obtained a Bachelor Degree in Economics from the University of Tasmania.

Ms. Lesley Anne CAMPBELL has specialised in commodity risk management for many years, working with a broad range of LME clients and with a number of global organisations including the World Bank. She was a consultant to the LME and subsequently joined HKEx to assist with the development of their commodity franchise. Ms. Campbell has presented programmes on finance for BBC and wrote a book called Forged Metal on the aluminium industry. Ms. Campbell obtained a Master's Degree of Arts from Glasgow University.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") recognises the importance of business ethics and incorporating elements of good corporate governance (including but not limited to traditional corporate values) in the business and operation, management structures and internal control of the Group so as to achieve effectiveness and accountability. Accordingly, the Company implemented various measures to comply with the code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") contained in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") during the financial year.

To the knowledge of the Directors and save as disclosed herein, the Directors consider that the Company has complied with the code provisions of the CG Code and are not aware of any non-compliance with the then provisions in the CG Code for the financial year.

#### DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors (the "Model Code") set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules. The Company, having made specific enquiry of all the Directors, was not aware of any non-compliance with the Model Code by the Directors during the financial year.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The composition of the Board and the biographical details of the Directors are set out in the Report of the Directors and also Directors, Senior Management and Advisors of the annual report respectively. The Board is responsible for providing entrepreneurial leadership, either directly or through its committees, to the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") in order to deliver long-term value to shareholders. It establishes corporate policies, sets strategic direction, ensures that an effective internal control environment is in place, and oversees the management which is responsible for day-to-day operations. The Board established on 20th December 2006 the Executive Committee which can exercise the powers delegated by the Board pursuant to the written terms of reference, except the powers to approve major issues and reserved matters, such as acquisition and disposal, connected transactions which are reserved by the Board. The management is responsible for day-to-day management of the Company under the leadership of the Chief Executive Officer. The Company has received the annual confirmation of independence from all the Independent Non-executive Directors ("INED") pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and considered them independent to the Group. Save as disclosed in the Directors, Senior Management and Advisors section and to the best knowledge of the Directors, the Board is not aware of any financial, business, family or other material/ relevant relationships among the board members. The Board, after taking into account of Nomination Committee's review and conclusion, considered the INED remained independent. The Directors have participated to continuous professional development ("CPD") and provided their CPD records during the Financial Year. They attended seminars/ courses (including webinar) or reading materials on regulations, updates. The Company also invited external parties to deliver and organized itself various trainings during the Financial Year.

#### CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Company has two different persons for the posts of the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. The Chairman of the Board, Mr. CHAN Pak Chung, leads and governs the Board to ensure it works and performs effectively (including but not limited to chairing all the board meetings and general meetings), and in his absence, another Director of the Company will be chosen to chair such meetings pursuant to the Company's Articles. The Chief Executive Officer of the Company, Ms. CHAN Yuen Shan Clara, is responsible for proposing strategies to the Board and implementing the strategies and policies laid down by the Board. She also leads the management in the development and daily operations of the Group.

#### NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

All Independent Non-executive Directors entered into appointment letters with the Company for a term of two years with expiry on 3rd October 2022, 15th June 2022, 31st March 2022 respectively.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEES**

#### **Remuneration Committee**

The Company established the Remuneration Committee on 15th September 2006 with written terms of reference. The primary duties of the Remuneration Committee includes reviewing the terms of remuneration packages and determining the award of bonuses. The Remuneration Committee has three members comprising of Mr. CHAN Pak Chung, Mr. CHUNG Wai Kwok Jimmy and Mr. HO Wai Ching Mark, two of whom are Independent Non-executive Directors. The Remuneration Committee is chaired by Mr. HO Kwai Ching Mark and discharged its duties by reviewing the remuneration policy and procedure to develop remuneration policy, approving/recommending the remuneration packages of Executive Directors and the salary adjustment of the Senior Management with reference to various benchmarks during the financial year. During the Financial Year, the Remuneration Committee reviewed and adjusted Directors' remuneration, which was part of the Group's staff adjustment plan (the "Adjustment") as a prudent measure within a general expectation of a worsening business environment due to COVID-19. After the review of the Group's performance in the Financial Year, the Remuneration Committee considered the business environment did not worsen as much as expected and approved to remunerate partially the Adjustment to the Directors following the Group's overall arrangement to remunerate the Adjustment to the staff. The remuneration to Directors is set out in note 29 to the Financial Statements.

#### **Nomination Committee**

The Company established the Nomination Committee on 15th September 2006 with written terms of reference. The Nomination Committee is mainly responsible for making recommendations to the Board on the appointment of Directors and the management of the Board succession. The Nomination Committee has three members comprising of Mr. CHAN Pak Chung, Mr. CHUNG Wai Kwok Jimmy and Mr. TAI Lun Paul, two of whom are Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Nomination Committee is chaired by Mr. CHAN Pak Chung and discharged its duties by reviewing the structure, size and the composition of the Board, assessment of independence of INED, recommending reappointment of retiring Directors and considering the succession plan during the financial year.

The Company adopted a nomination policy to set out the general principles (namely, competency, fairness, responsibility and compliance) and process to identify and evaluate any candidate for the directorship selection considering a variety of factors, such as, minimum requirements (i.e., character, integrity, commitment, background, etc.), contribution from experience, skills, and ability that will be brought to the Board and the Company, board composition, compliance with diversity policy, potential conflict of interest. The nomination may be made by a referral or through a search firm/management at the request by Nomination Committee or shareholder(s) in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. Upon verifying by the Secretary of the Company the qualifications of nominated candidate(s), the Nomination Committee will evaluate and select the candidate(s) with recommendation to the Board for consideration.

The Company has also adopted the diversity policy and set the measurable objective (such as minimum female board member). The Nomination Committee has reviewed the Company's diversity policy. The diversity policy sets out the approach to achieve diversity in the Company's Board to ensure the balance of skills, experience and diversity of perspective appropriate to the requirements of the Group's business model and specific needs.

During the Financial Year, the Nomination Committee reviewed the independence of INED and retirement of Directors at the Annual General Meeting with reference to the Company's applicable policies. It also reviewed diversity policy and nomination policy (including nomination procedures and process).

#### **Corporate Governance Committee**

The Company established the Corporate Governance Committee on 23rd March 2012 with written terms of reference. The Corporate Governance Committee is mainly responsible for reviewing and monitoring corporate governance issues. The Corporate Governance Committee has four members comprising of Mr. CHAN Pak Chung (Chairman of the Board), Ms. CHAN Yuen Shan Clara (Vice Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer), Mr. CHEUK Wa Pang (Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary) and Mr. LEE King On (Compliance Manager). It is chaired by Mr. CHAN Pak Chung and discharged its duties by reviewing and recommending the group's overall corporate governance covering policies, code of conducts, training records of directors during the financial year. The Group has also adopted Compliance Policy for Corporate Governance and Inside Information/Notifiable Transaction (the "Compliance Policy"). Such policy has set out the process for handling of potential inside information/notifiable transaction and reporting channel. Being part of continuous improvement, the Corporate Governance Committee also continued to strengthen the program to enhance staff's awareness to the importance of compliance, such as trainings, ensure compliance reporting from subsidiaries and departments during the Financial Year. It also reviewed the policies and codes regarding corporate governance, such as the Compliance Policy, the Group's Code of Conduct and the contents of the Corporate Governance Report.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Company established the Audit Committee on 15th September 2006 with written terms of reference in compliance with the CG Code. The primary duties of the Audit Committee include reviewing and supervising the financial reporting processes, risk management and the internal control systems of the Group. The Audit Committee comprises Mr. CHUNG Wai Kwok Jimmy, who is the Chairman, Mr. HO Kwai Ching Mark and Mr. TAI Lun Paul, all of whom are Independent Non-executive Directors. The Group has also adopted Whistleblowing Policy and employees could via such established channel directly report to the Audit Committee of any possible improprieties of the Group. During the financial year, the Audit Committee discharged its duties by reviewing financial matters (including annual results, interim results and financial statements), risk management (including the relevant policy, framework and annual review with appropriate opinion) and internal control (including selection of external internal auditor and discussing the review scope) as well as discussing matters with the Executive Directors and the auditor of the Company, and making recommendations to the Board.

#### **AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

The remuneration of the audit services rendered by the auditor of the Company were mutually agreed in view of the scope of services. The fee for audit services (including annual audit and interim review) during the year was HK\$1,900,000 for annual audit. The non-audit service fee was HK\$445,000 during the Financial Year. The aggregate fee amounted to approximately HK\$2,345,000.

#### ATTENDANCE OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The following tables summarise the attendance of individual Director(s) and committee member(s) in the financial year:

Name of Director	Board	Audit Committee	Remuneration Committee	Nomination Committee
Mr. CHAN Pak Chung	10/10	_	3/3	1/1
Ms. CHAN Yuen Shan Clara	10/10	_	_	_
Mr. CHAN Ka Chun Patrick	10/10	_	_	_
Ms. OKUSAKO CHAN Pui Shan Lillian	9/10	_	_	_
Mr. CHUNG Wai Kwok Jimmy	10/10	2/2	3/3	1/1
Mr. HO Kwai Ching Mark	10/10	2/2	3/3	_
Mr. TAI Lun Paul	9/10	2/2	_	1/1

All Directors then attended the 2020 annual general meeting of the Company.

#### PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for preparing consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year (the "Financial Statements") which is prepared on a going concern basis whose details are set out in the Financial Statements. The auditor of the Company also set out their reporting responsibilities on the Financial Statements in its Independent Auditor's Report of the annual report.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board acknowledges its responsibility for overseeing the risk management and internal control systems and reviewing their effectiveness annually. The Board with the assistance of its committees (including Audit Committee and Corporate Governance Committee) and the management team (comprising CEO, CFO and COO) fulfills its oversight and corporate governance roles in the Group's financial, operational, compliance, risk management, internal control and the adequacy of resources on the finance reporting function on an ongoing basis. The Group has also adopted (and/or enhanced) policies and procedures to improve the effectiveness of risk management and internal control from time to time as necessary. However, such systems/policies are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Company engages an external independent professional firm to review the internal control of the Group with an agreed internal audit plan before starting the yearly review. The review is mainly to determine if the key internal controls are in place and in compliance with the Group's requirement/policy. It conducts the reviews by rotation on different areas of the Group. After the review, the professional firm will issue a report to the Board on its findings (by sampling of checking transactions and documentation) with corresponding risk rating and the recommendation after communication with the management. The Audit Committee and the Board review the recommendations regularly to ensure implementation, particularly in relation to material defects (if any). During the Financial Year, no material control failures were identified and the necessary actions are being implemented to enhance the internal control of the Group, both the Audit Committee and the Board are satisfied with the results and concluded that the Group's internal control system is sound and effective.

During the Financial Year, the Risk Management Working Committee (comprising CEO, CFO, COO) worked closely to enhance the risk management system. The Group has classified two categories of risk, namely Material Risk and Operational Risk.

#### MATERIAL RISK

The risk management system was designed, implemented and monitored with a structured approach starting from evaluating the risks the Group faces against goals to achieve:

- (1) risk appetite addressing, formalising and reaching internal consensus on its risk appetite to consider the amount of risk that is proportionate to achieve its stated goals. In assessing this issue, the Group used the template of the Treadway Commission (COSO).
- (2) managing risk review of the risks that it faces and model them with scenario analysis. Trigger points that may cause the Group to reevaluate the operations and risk management measures were identified. It forms the basis of risk register (Note), which systematically considers all the risks being faced with priorities and takes the appropriate action to manage them.
  - Note: The risk register constantly monitors commodity markets, financial markets and economic indicators with benchmarking the orders, transactions to the appropriate underlying market price and to each other which allows the Group to put in place frameworks for the management of risk. The register consists of a description of the key risks faced by the Group and an assessment of the likelihood of those risks occurring and their likely impact. It also establishes ownership of those risks and outlines the significant risks, monitors performance in managing significant risks, makes it possible to identify new emerging risks and reassures stakeholders that effective controls are in place to manage significant risks. However, the risk register is not in the public domain.
- (3) risk defense each individual department head is accountable for specific risk management objectives with three lines of defense principle to ensure prompt and appropriate response to the risks with ongoing monitoring according to the risk register. The delegated persons working on risk management have the necessary qualifications and experience/training to understand the risks and the actions that may be taken to mitigate them where necessary. The Board compiles and updates a list of all the risks it faces by listing Key Risk Indicators and prioritises those risks with decisions on the parameters for taking action (or no immediate action because the risk falls within the boundaries set by the risk appetite). One of the methodologies to determine the priorities is to measure the risk based on the likelihood of an adverse event happening or a loss occurring and to combine these calculations with a consideration of the impact of such a loss or event. In order to avoid compounding errors or inaccuracies over time, the methodologies are reviewed regularly.

Among the risks faced by the Group, the risks currently considered material and the most acute are: commodity price risk, currency risk, volume risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, cyber risk and climate risk.

- 1. For commodity price and volume risks, the Group has used stress-testing analysis but recognises that while such exercises support risk mitigation activities they cannot offer absolute reassurance where the ongoing monitoring of threats is essential. Analysis has been granular and has clarified the risk emanating from the following scenarios:
  - Volatility of the prices of mainly zinc
  - Currency movements
  - Changes in interest rates and liquidity

The Group has considered a wider range of products to mitigate risk, where necessary, including futures, options and OTC contracts. When considering volume risk and the possible solution of geographical expansion, the Group analysed its existing business and identified areas which could both complement and support these operations, allowing us to be clear about the level of risk to be taken in order to increase business. It conducted at the time of major investment a comprehensive risk/reward analysis, assessing the trends in consumption, competitive presence and barriers to entry, before focusing on the areas it is believed the Company can offer the greatest potential rewards within an acceptable risk framework.

- 2. Details of currency risk (ie foreign exchange risk), credit risk and liquidity risk are set out in note 3 to the consolidated financial statements. The Group manages such risks with a combination of hedges to lock in advantageous rates when possible and assigning special teams to handle the situation with close monitoring and regular reporting.
- 3. Cyber risk is different from many other financial and operational risks in that it evolves and changes very quickly. The Group's approach, therefore, is to anticipate as well as mitigate by putting considerable effort into keeping abreast of current and future threats by attending seminars and training courses. The Group engages an independent professional firm to conduct an assessment of the Group's cyber security to evaluate the risk from different areas and make the recommendations to improvement. During the Financial Year, the Group implemented the recommendations with the support from the professional firm to improve the protection against cyber risk. As with all risk management policies, awareness of cyber risk is embedded in the corporate culture.
- 4. Climate risk is firstly classified as the Group's material risk during the financial year and was further evaluated from the impact of physical risk and transition risk. Being a new risk, the Senior Management was involved in managing such risk with objective to reduce the impact from climate change.

#### **Operational Risk**

Apart from the material risks above, other risks emanating from the daily operation are monitored under the ISO system. This system applied the concept and requirements of "Risk-based thinking" and "Actions to address risks and opportunities" whose details can be consulted in ISO9001:2015 section 0.3.3 and section 6.1 respectively. Accordingly, the Group followed ISO's methodology to determine and take necessary actions to risks. The Group has gone through a systematic process to create a risk register (not in the public domain):

- (1) Identification of risk the Management Representative designated under the ISO system and related operational process owners (usually department head) identify and recognize the risks that may affect the operations.
- (2) Analysis of risk once the risks are identified, the Severity of Effect (S) and Probability of Occurrence (O) of each risk are analyzed and determined by the operational process owners.
- (3) Scoring of risk the risk magnitude can be represented by the Score of Risk which is the multiple of Severity of Effect (S) and Probability of Occurrence (O) (ie., Score = S x O)
- (4) Action to the risk the risks are classified into High Risk, Medium Risk and Low Risk based on the score of each risk. Action Plans are provided to mitigate the risks which are scored as High Risk and Medium Risk. A Risk Register with detailed risks and action plan is maintained by the Management Representative.
- (5) Monitor and Review of the risk the risks are monitored and reviewed by the operational process owners and the Management Representative from time to time. The operational process owners shall revise the Risk Register if there is any change or necessity to revise the Risk Register. The overall operation of the Risk Management for Operations is reported to the Group's COO in monthly meeting and annual Management Review Meeting.

During the Financial Year, both the Audit Committee and the Board are satisfied with the Group's risk management system and concluded that it is effective and adequate. They are not aware of any areas of concern that would have an immediate material impact on the financial and operations of the Group.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE

The report of Environmental, Social and Governance of the Group is available at the HKEXnews website of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (www.hkexnews.hk) and Company's website (www.leekeegroup.com).

#### SHAREHOLDERS RIGHTS AND INVESTOR RELATIONS

The Company adopted a Shareholders Communication Policy to provide the shareholders of the company (the "Shareholders") with ready, equal and timely access to the information about the Company to ensure that the Shareholders have the ability to exercise their rights in an informed manner, and to allow the Shareholders to engage actively with the Company. All the Shareholders have the right to attend and vote at the general meetings and can convene an extraordinary general meeting pursuant to Article 79 of the Company's Articles of Association. Prior to proposing a resolution at the general meeting, the Shareholders should submit the proposed resolution to the Company Secretary via email to ir@leekeegroup.com with the details. The Board welcomes opinions and questions from the Shareholders who may at any time send their enquiries and concerns to the Board by addressing them to Company Secretary by post to No. 16 Dai Fat Street, Tai Po Industrial Estate, New Territories, Hong Kong or by email to ir@leekeegroup.com. In addition, the Group maintains its own website at which the Shareholders can access for the Company's information and for communication with the Company. The Shareholders are encouraged to provide their email address(es) to the Company for further communication. There are no significant changes in the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association during the Financial Year.

#### SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information that is publicly available and within the knowledge of the Directors, the Company maintained sufficient public float for the financial year.

## **Report of the Directors**

The Directors are pleased to present their report along with the audited consolidated financial statements of Lee Kee Holdings Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (together the "Group") for the year ended 31st March 2021 (the "Financial Year").

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND SEGMENT ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of the Group are trading of zinc, zinc alloy, nickel, nickel-related products, aluminium, aluminium alloy, stainless steel and other electroplating chemical products, provision of metal testing and consultancy services, as well as alloy production in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

The activities of the subsidiaries are set out in note 25 to the financial statements. An analysis of the Group's performance for the year by operating segment is set out in note 5 to the consolidated financial statements.

#### RESULTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

The results of the Group for the year are set out in the consolidated statement of profit or loss on page 48.

#### **CLOSURE OF REGISTER**

For the purpose of ascertaining shareholders' entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the Register of Members of the Company (the "Register of Members") will be closed from Wednesday, 18th August 2021 to Monday, 23rd August 2021, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for voting at the forthcoming AGM, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar and Transfer Office, Tricor Investor Services Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th August 2021.

For the purpose of ascertaining shareholders' entitlement to the proposed dividend, the Register of Members be closed from Friday, 27th August 2021 to Tuesday, 31st August 2021, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for dividends, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong Branch Share Registrar and Transfer Office, Tricor Investor Services Limited at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 26th August 2021.

#### **DONATIONS**

Charitable and other donations made by the Group during the year amounted to approximately HK\$129,000.

#### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Details of the movements of property, plant and equipment of the Group are set out in note 14 to the consolidated financial statements.

#### SHARE CAPITAL

Details of the share capital of the Company are set out in note 19 to the consolidated financial statements. There were no movements during the Financial Year.

#### DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

Distributable reserves of the Company at 31st March 2021 amounted to approximately HK\$780,488,000.

#### PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There is no provision for pre-emptive rights under the Company's Articles of Association and there was no restriction against such rights under the laws of the Cayman Islands, which would oblige the Company to offer new shares on a prorata basis to existing shareholders.

#### FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A summary of the results and of the assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years is set out on page 14.

#### PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

Neither the Company nor its subsidiaries has purchased or sold any of the Company's shares during the Financial Year.

#### SHARE OPTIONS

The Company's Pre-IPO share option scheme (the "Pre-IPO Scheme") and the share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") adopted pursuant to the written resolutions of the shareholder of the Company passed on 15th September 2006 were lapsed. Share options granted under the Pre-IPO Scheme were all lapsed in prior years. No options have been granted under the Share Option Scheme since the adoption date on 15th September 2006 and up to the lapse of the scheme. There is no adoption of other share option schemes.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The Directors during the Financial Year and up to the date of this report were:

#### **Executive Directors**

Mr. CHAN Pak Chung (Chairman)

Ms. CHAN Yuen Shan Clara (Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)

Mr. CHAN Ka Chun Patrick

Ms. OKUSAKO CHAN Pui Shan Lillian

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

Mr. CHUNG Wai Kwok Jimmy Mr. HO Kwai Ching Mark

Mr. TAI Lun Paul

In accordance with Article 130 of the Articles of Association of the Company, Mr. CHAN Pak Chung and Mr. CHUNG Wai Kwok Jimmy shall retire and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

#### **DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS**

None of the directors who are proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has a service contract with the Company which is determinable by the Company within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

#### DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS

No contracts of significance in relation to the Group's business to which the Company, any of its fellow subsidiaries or its parent company was a party and in which a director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the Financial Year.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Brief biographical details of Directors and the Senior Management are set out on page 21 of the Annual Report.

# Directors' and Chief Executives' interests and/or Short Positions in the Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures of the Company and its Associated corporations

At 31st March 2021, the interests and short positions of each Director and Chief Executive in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO"), as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 352 of Part XV of the SFO or as notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange under Division 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO or required pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies were as follows:

#### 1. Long Position in Shares of the Company

Name of Director	Capacity	Number of Shares in which interested	Approximate percentage of issues Shares
Mr. CHAN Pak Chung (Note 1)	Founder of a discretionary trust	600,000,000	72.40
Ms. CHAN Yuen Shan Clara (Note 2)	Beneficiary of a trust	600,000,000	72.40
Mr. CHAN Ka Chun Patrick (Note 2)	Beneficiary of a trust	600,000,000	72.40
Ms. OKUSAKO CHAN Pui Shan Lillian (Note 2)	Beneficiary of a trust	600,000,000	72.40
Mr. HO Kwai Ching Mark (Note 3)	Interest held by spouse	50,000	0.006

#### Notes:

- 1. The 600,000,000 Shares are held by Gold Alliance Global Services Limited ("GAGSL") whose entire share capital is held by Gold Alliance International Management Limited ("GAIML"), which is in turn held by HSBC International Trustee Limited ("HSBC Trustee") acting as the trustee of the P.C. CHAN Family Trust. The P.C. CHAN Family Trust is an irrevocable discretionary trust set up by Mr. CHAN Pak Chung as settlor and HSBC Trustee as trustee on 6th March 2006. The discretionary objects of which include Ms. MA Siu Tao and the other family members of Mr. CHAN Pak Chung. Mr. CHAN Pak Chung is the settlor of the P.C. CHAN Family Trust and is deemed to be interested in the 600,000,000 Shares held by GAGSL under the SFO.
- Ms. CHAN Yuen Shan Clara, Mr. CHAN Ka Chun Patrick and Ms. OKUSAKO CHAN Pui Shan Lillian (all of them being family members of Mr. CHAN Pak Chung and Executive Directors) are deemed to be interested in the 600,000,000 Shares held by GAGSL as they are one of the discretionary objects under the P.C. CHAN Family Trust under the SFO.
- 3. Mr. HO Kwai Ching Mark is deemed to be interested in the 50,000 Shares held by his spouse.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31st March 2021, none of the Directors and Chief Executives (including their spouse and children under 18 years of age) had any interest or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares in, or debentures of, the Company or its associated corporation required to be disclosed pursuant to the SFO.

# Substantial Shareholders' Interests and/or Short Positions in the Shares, Underlying Shares of the Company

The register of substantial shareholders required to be kept under section 336 of Part XV of the SFO shows that as at 31st March 2021, the Company had been notified of the following substantial shareholders' interests and short positions, being 5% or more of the Company's issued share capital. These interests are in addition to those disclosed above in respect of the Directors and Chief Executive.

#### Long Position in the Shares of the Company

Name	Capacity	Number of Shares in which interested	Approximate percentage of issued Shares
Ms. MA Siu Tao (Note a)	Family interest	600,000,000	72.40
Gold Alliance Global Services Limited (Note b)	Registered owner	600,000,000	72.40
Gold Alliance International  Management Limited (Note b)	Interest of controlled corporation	600,000,000	72.40
HSBC International Trustee Limited (Note b)	Trustee	600,000,000	72.40

#### Notes:

- a. Ms. MA Siu Tao, the spouse of Mr. CHAN Pak Chung and one of the discretionary objects under the P.C. CHAN Family Trust, is deemed to be interested in the 600,000,000 Shares held by GAGSL under the SFO.
- b. The entire share capital of GAGSL is held by GAIML, which is in turn held by HSBC Trustee acting as the trustee of the P.C. CHAN Family Trust. The P.C. CHAN Family Trust is an irrevocable discretionary trust set up by Mr. CHAN Pak Chung as settlor and HSBC Trustee as trustee on 6th March 2006. The discretionary objects of which include Ms. MA Siu Tao and other family members of Mr. CHAN Pak Chung.

Saved as disclosed above, at 31st March 2021, no person, other than the Directors and Chief Executives (including their spouse and children under 18 years of age) had any interest or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company recorded in the register to be kept under section 336 of the SFO.

Other Persons' Interests and/or Short Positions in the Shares, Underlying Shares of the Company
As at 31st March 2021, no other persons had any interest or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares of the

Company recorded in the register to be kept under the SFO.

#### BUSINESS REVIEW AND DISCLOSURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The business review and disclosure of environmental protection sections are set out in the sections headed "Management Discussion and Analysis" of this Annual Report and the Company's ESG Report respectively.

The ESG Report is published on the Company's website which could be viewed at www.leekeegroup.com for details. Such report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the ESG Reporting Guide, Appendix 27 ("ESG Reporting Guide") to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"). The scope of the ESG report includes operations in Hong Kong (ie., offices, warehouses, production plant and laboratory), the PRC (ie., offices and production plant), Tai Chung and Southeast Asia (ie., offices). It provides an overview of Lee Kee Group's ESG policies and management approach and presents its sustainability initiatives and performance for the Financial Year. The Group was recognised through various awards and certificates for caring community services and environmental protection.

The Group has adopted its own Environmental Policy and is committed to minimising any negative impacts arising from the operations and raising environmental awareness among the staff and other stakeholders. In addition to the Environmental Policy, the Group incorporated environmental protection guidelines, requirements, and measures to reduce resource consumption in daily operations. The Group constantly searches for opportunities to improve environmental performance throughout our business. Within environmental management system framework, an Environmental Aspects Identification and Assessment is performed regularly and respective control and measurement activities are carried out. Since 2015, the Group has involved in the Environment Protection Department's Carbon Footprint Repository and Carbon Audit Green Partner programme. The Group engages a qualified third-party consultant annually to conduct air quality assessments, and the results from the test reports are deemed satisfactory.

Certain laws and regulations are considered the most relevant to the Group whose details could be referred to the ESG Report. For example, in Hong Kong, there are Listing Rules, Employment Ordinance, Inland Revenue Ordinance, Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance (Cap. 509), Noise Control Ordinance and Waste Disposal (Chemical Waste) (General) Regulation. In PRC, there are Labor Contract Law, Anti-Money Laundering Law, Environmental Protection Law. In Southeast Asia, there are Singapore Prevention of Corruption Act (Singapore), Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Act 2009, There was no reporting case of any non-compliance of such relevant laws and regulations that caused material impact during the Financial Year. Not merely compliance to laws but more, the Group recognizes the importance of staff and is dedicated to offering a supportive, safe and harmonious working environment to them. A Safety Committee was established to ensure safe workplace and ISO 45001:2018 Safety Management System was implemented to mitigate occupational health and safety hazards in the operations. The Group also established open communication channels between staff and management, such as, encouraging direct communication by putting in place a CEO mailbox, organizing various recreational activities to enhance out of office relationship.

Other than staff, the Group also seeks to foster positive relationship with our suppliers and customers, and respond in a timely manner to address their concerns and expectations. To demonstrate the commitment to quality standards, the Group has adopted the international ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems and IATF 16949:2016 Automotive Quality Management System standards\*, and products also comply with international standards for regulating product specifications. To demonstrate the environmental responsibility, the Group recognises the opportunity to extend sustainability considerations across our supply chain. The Group's requirements are stipulated in relevant guidelines and documents, such as the Environmental Agreement, Supplier Environmental Support Statement and Safety Agreement, which are distributed to suppliers and contractors.

\* The scope and number of Group companies certified with such standards are listed on the Company's website.

#### MAJOR SUPPLIERS AND CUSTOMERS

During the Financial Year, the Group sold approximately 15.5% of its goods to its five largest customers. The percentage of purchases for the Financial Year attributable to the Group's major suppliers is as follows:

#### **Purchases**

- the largest supplier 16.2%
- five largest suppliers combined 60.1%

None of the Directors, their associates or any shareholder (which to the knowledge of the Directors owns more than 5% of the Company's share capital) had an interest in these major suppliers or customers.

#### MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

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

#### PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISIONS

A permitted indemnity provision for the benefit of the Directors is currently in force and was in force throughout the Financial Year. The Company has taken out Directors' and Officers' insurance to cover the liability incurred by directors and officers in the execution and discharge of their duties, or in relation thereto.

### **AUDITORS**

KPMG retire, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointments. A resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG as auditors of the Company is to be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

#### **CHAN Pak Chung**

Chairman

Hong Kong, 28th May 2021



# Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of Lee Kee Holdings Limited

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

#### **OPINION**

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Lee Kee Holdings Limited ("the Company") and its subsidiaries ("the Group") set out on pages 48 to 119, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 March 2021, the consolidated statement of profit or loss, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 March 2021 and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

#### BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAs") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA's *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* ("the Code"), together with any ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in the Cayman Islands, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **KEY AUDIT MATTERS**

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

#### Valuation of inventories

Refer to note 16 to the consolidated financial statements and the accounting policy note 2(j).

#### The Key Audit Matter

The principal activity of the Group is the trading of commodities, principally zinc, zinc alloys and other metal products, in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

At 31 March 2021, the Group held inventories, which mainly comprised zinc alloys and other metals, in Hong Kong and the Mainland China with an aggregate carrying amount of HK\$387 million which included provisions of HK\$12 million.

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The Group maintains its inventory levels based on forecast demand and expected future metal prices.

The purchase and selling prices of the Group's inventories are mainly determined with reference to the primary metal market prices publicly available on the London Metal Exchange ("LME") or Shanghai Futures Exchange ("SHFE") at the time when purchases and sales orders are confirmed with suppliers and customers respectively. Any drop in the LME or SHFE metal prices may result in the selling prices of certain inventories falling below their purchase costs.

#### How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our audit procedures to assess the valuation of inventories included the following:

- obtaining an understanding of and assessing the design and implementation of management's key internal controls over the processes for identifying damaged and slow-moving inventories and assessing provisions for inventories;
- comparing the purchase prices of inventories with supplier invoices, on a sample basis;
- comparing, on a sample basis, the actual selling prices achieved during the current year with the estimated selling prices of the respective inventories at the end of the previous financial year to assess the historical accuracy of management's estimating process;
- assessing the classification of inventory items in the inventory ageing report by comparing a sample of individual items with goods receipt records and other relevant underlying documentation;
- comparing the carrying value of a sample of inventory items at the reporting date with their subsequent selling prices achieved after the reporting date;

#### KEY AUDIT MATTERS (Continued)

#### Valuation of inventories

Refer to note 16 to the consolidated financial statements and the accounting policy note 2(j).

#### **The Key Audit Matter**

# Management assesses the level of provisions for inventories required at each reporting date after considering the prevailing commodity prices. This assessment involves significant management judgement and estimation.

We identified valuation of inventories as a key audit matter because the Group held significant inventories at the reporting date and because of the significant degree of management judgement and estimation involved in evaluating the provisions for inventories, particularly in respect of estimating future selling prices.

#### How the matter was addressed in our audit

- comparing the carrying value of a sample of inventory items without sales after the reporting date with the estimated selling price, with reference to market prices at the reporting date and historical gross margins achieved; and
- recalculating the provisions for inventories at the reporting date based on management's estimated selling prices of the respective inventories at the reporting date.

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

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

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

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

The directors are assisted by the Audit Committee in discharging their responsibilities for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. This report is made solely to you, as a body, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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

# AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including
  the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and
  events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business
  activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible
  for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit
  opinion.

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

We also provide the Audit Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and, where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Yip Ka Ming, Alice.

#### **KPMG**

Certified Public Accountants

8th Floor, Prince's Building 10 Chater Road Central, Hong Kong

28 May 2021

# **Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss**

for the year ended 31 March 2021 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		2021	2020
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Revenue	5	1,951,879	1,864,166
Cost of sales		(1,839,088)	(1,862,286)
Gross profit		112,791	1,880
Other income	6	11,039	4,228
Distribution and selling expenses		(24,200)	(23,895)
Administrative expenses		(77,415)	(82,902)
Other net gains/(losses)	7	1,035	(18,302)
Profit/(loss) from operations	8	23,250	(118,991)
Finance income		979	1,605
Finance costs		(1,921)	(6,008)
Net finance costs	9	(942)	(4,403)
Profit/(loss) before taxation		22,308	(123,394)
Income tax	11	(5,466)	(4,763)
Profit/(loss) for the year		16,842	(128,157)
Attributable to:			
Equity shareholders of the Company		16,882	(128,057)
Non-controlling interests		(40)	(100)
Profit/(loss) for the year		16,842	(128,157)
Earnings/(loss) per share			
Basic and diluted (Hong Kong cents)	12	2.04	(15.45)

# **Consolidated** Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 31 March 2021 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Profit/(loss) for the year	16,842	(128,157)
Other comprehensive income for the year:		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Revaluation of financial assets at fair value through		
other comprehensive income, net of nil tax	7,877	(3,729)
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss:		
Exchange differences on translation of financial statements		
of subsidiaries outside Hong Kong, net of nil tax	14,723	(15,451)
Cash flow hedges: net movement in the hedging reserve	(317)	-
	22,283	(19,180)
Total comprehensive income for the year	39,125	(147,337)
Attributable to:		
Equity shareholders of the Company	39,165	(147,231)
Non-controlling interests	(40)	(106)
Total comprehensive income for the year	39,125	(147,337)

# **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

at 31 March 2021 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	2021 HK\$′000	2020 HK\$'000
Non-current assets			
Investment property	14	63,600	64,600
Other property, plant and equipment	14	32,744	36,703
Financial assets at fair value through other			
comprehensive income	15	12,528	4,651
Prepayments	17	7,795	307
Deferred tax assets	23	2,751	2,643
		119,418	108,904
Current assets			
Inventories	16	386,698	456,552
Trade and other receivables	17	239,750	181,656
Tax recoverable		1,150	826
Derivative financial instruments		828	2,473
Cash and cash equivalents	18	288,218	306,115
		916,644	947,622
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables and contract liabilities	21	36,285	63,573
Bank borrowings	22	88,559	107,654
Lease liabilities	24	1,406	1,112
Tax payable		993	935
Derivative financial instruments		1,523	1,043
		128,766	174,317
Net current assets		787,878	773,305
Total assets less current liabilities		907,296	882,209

# **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

at 31 March 2021 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	2021 HK\$'000	2020 HK\$'000
Non-current liabilities			
Bank borrowings	22	_	11,997
Employee retirement benefit obligations		1,344	2,261
Lease liabilities	24	9	573
Deferred tax liabilities	23	4,005	4,565
		5,358	19,396
NET ASSETS		901,938	862,813
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	19	82,875	82,875
Reserves	20	818,979	779,814
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders			
of the Company		901,854	862,689
Non-controlling interests		84	124
TOTAL EQUITY		901,938	862,813

The consolidated financial statements on pages 48 to 119 were approved by the Board of Directors on 28 May 2021 and were signed on its behalf.

**CHAN Pak Chung** 

**CHAN Yuen Shan Clara** 

Director

Director

# **Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**

for the year ended 31 March 2021 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company										
	Share capital \$'000	Share premium \$'000	Merger reserve \$'000	Capital redemption reserve \$'000	Reserve fund \$'000	Fair value reserve (non- recycling) \$'000	Exchange reserve \$'000	Property revaluation reserve \$'000	Retained profits \$'000	Total \$'000	Non- controlling interests \$'000	Total equity \$'000
Balance at 1 April 2019	82,875	424,845	(17,830)	125	5,390	3,352	(3,363)	15,358	499,168	1,009,920	230	1,010,150
Changes in equity for the year ended 31 March 2020:												
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(128,057)	(128,057)	(100)	(128, 157)
Other comprehensive income	_	-	-	_	-	(3,729)	(15,445)	_	-	(19,174)	(6)	(19,180)
Total comprehensive income Transfer to reserve fund	-	-	-	-	- 263	(3,729)	(15,445)	- -	(128,057)	(147,231)	(106)	(147,337)
Balance at 31 March 2020	82,875	424,845	(17,830)	125	5,653	(377)	(18,808)	15,358	370,848	862,689	124	862,813

		Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company											
	Share capital \$'000	Share premium \$'000	Merger reserve \$'000	Capital redemption reserve \$'000	Reserve fund \$'000	Fair value reserve (non- recycling) \$'000	Exchange reserve \$'000	Hedge reserve \$'000	Property revaluation reserve \$'000	Retained profits \$'000	Total \$'000	Non- controlling interests \$'000	Total equity \$'000
Balance at 1 April 2020	82,875	424,845	(17,830)	125	5,653	(377)	(18,808)		15,358	370,848	862,689	124	862,813
Changes in equity for the year ended 31 March 2021:													
Profit for the year	-	-	_	_	_	_	_	-	_	16,882	16,882	(40)	16,842
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	7,877	14,723	(317)	-	-	22,283	-	22,283
Total comprehensive income	_	_	_	_	_	7,877	14,723	(317)	_	16,882	39,165	(40)	39,125
Transfer to reserve fund		<del>.</del> .			350	<u>-</u>				(350)			
Balance at 31 March 2021	82,875	424,845	(17,830)	125	6,003	7,500	(4,085)	(317)	15,358	387,380	901,854	84	901,938

# **Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

for the year ended 31 March 2021 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		2021	2020
	Note	\$'000	\$'000
Operating activities			
Net cash generated from operations	26(a)	25,198	48,952
Interest paid	20(4)	(1,605)	(5,605)
Hong Kong Profits Tax paid		(510)	(1,408)
Mainland China Corporate Income Tax paid		(5,902)	(4,021)
Net cash generated from operating activities		17,181	37,918
Investing activities			
Interest received		979	1,605
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	26(b)	74	60
Payment for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment		(2,579)	(6,410)
Payment for the acquisition of investment property		(5,987)	_
Dividend received from listed securities		-	250
Net cash used in investing activities		(7,513)	(4,495)
Financing activities			
Proceeds from new bank borrowings	26(c)	633,652	887,321
Repayment of bank borrowings	26(c)	(664,744)	(964,137)
Interest paid on mortgage loan	26(c)	(230)	(308)
Capital element of lease rentals paid	26(c)	(1,996)	(1,626)
Interest element of lease rentals paid	26(c)	(86)	(95)
Net cash used in financing activities		(33,404)	(78,845)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(23,736)	(45,422)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		306,115	356,734
Effect of foreign exchange rates changes		5,839	(5,197)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	18	288,218	306,115

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars unless otherwise indicated)

#### 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 11 November 2005 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law (2004 Revision) of the Cayman Islands. The address of the Company's registered office is Ugland House, South Church Street, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of the Company and its subsidiaries (together, the "Group") are trading of zinc, zinc alloy, nickel, nickel-related products, aluminum, aluminum alloy, stainless steel and other electroplating chemical products, provision of metal testing and consultancy services, as well as alloy production in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

The Company's shares are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange").

The consolidated financial statements are presented in thousands of Hong Kong dollars ("HK dollars"), unless otherwise stated, and have been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 28 May 2021.

#### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied in all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### (a) Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS"), which collective term includes all individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong. These financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance ("CO"). The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, except for investment property, financial assets and derivative financial instruments which are carried at fair values.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements are disclosed in note 4.

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars unless otherwise indicated)

#### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (b) Application of new and revised Hong Kong financial reporting standards

#### (i) Changes in accounting policies for the year ended 31 March 2021

The HKICPA has issued certain amendments to HKFRSs that are first effective or available for early adoption for the current accounting period of the Group.

Except for the amendment to HKFRS 16, COVID-19-Related Rent Concessions, none of the developments have had a material effect on how the Group's results and financial position for the current or prior periods have been prepared or presented. Other than the amendment to HKFRS 16, the Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period. Impacts of the amended HKFRS 16 is discussed below:

#### Amendment to HKFRS 16, COVID-19-Related Rent Concessions

The amendment provides a practical expedient that allows a lessee to by-pass the need to evaluate whether certain qualifying rent concessions occurring as a direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic ("COVID-19-related rent concessions") are lease modifications and, instead, account for those rent concessions as if they were not lease modifications.

The Group has elected to early adopt the amendments and applies the practical expedient to all qualifying COVID-19-related rent concessions granted to the Group during the year. Consequently, rent concessions received have been accounted for as negative variable lease payments recognised in profit or loss in the period in which the event or condition that triggers those payments occurred (see note 14). There is no impact on the opening balance of equity at 1 April 2020.

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars unless otherwise indicated)

#### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (b) Application of new and revised Hong Kong financial reporting standards (Continued)

(ii) Possible impact of amendments, new standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective for the year ended 31 March 2021

Up to the date of issue of these financial statements, the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") has issued a number of amendments and a new standard, HKFRS 17, *Insurance contracts*, which are not yet effective for the year ended 31 March 2021 and which have not been adopted in these financial statements. These developments include the following which may be relevant to the Group.

	Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after
Amendments to HKFRS 3, Reference to the Conceptual Framework	1 January 2022
Amendments to Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 16,  Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use	1 January 2022
Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018-2020 Cycle	1 January 2022
Amendments to HKAS 1, Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non- current	1 January 2023

The Group is in the process of making an assessment of what the impact of these developments is expected to be in the period of initial application. So far it has concluded that the adoption of them is unlikely to have a significant impact on the consolidated financial statements.

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars unless otherwise indicated)

#### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (c) Consolidation

A subsidiary is an entity (including a structured entity) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group until the date that control ceases.

#### (i) Business combinations

Business combinations involving entities under common control

A business combination involving entities under common control is a business combination in which all of the combining entities are ultimately controlled by the same party or parties both before and after the business combination, and that control is not transitory. The assets acquired and liabilities assumed are measured based on their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements of the ultimate controlling party at the combination date. The difference between the carrying amount of the net assets acquired and the consideration paid for the combination (or the total face value of shares issued) is adjusted against merger reserve. Any cost directly attributable to the combination is recognised in profit or loss when incurred. The combination date is the date on which one combining entity obtains control of other combining entities.

Business combinations involving entities not under common control

The Group applies the acquisition method to account for business combinations involving entities not under common control. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary is the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the Group. The consideration transferred includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. The Group recognises any non-controlling interest in the acquiree on an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the recognised amounts of acquiree's identifiable net assets.

Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the acquisition date carrying value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is re-measured to fair value at the acquisition date; any gains or losses arising from such re-measurement are recognised in profit or loss.

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#### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (c) Consolidation (Continued)

#### (i) Business combinations (Continued)

Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred. (Continued)

The excess of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the total of consideration transferred, non-controlling interest recognised and previously held interest measured is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired in the case of a bargain purchase, the difference is recognised directly in profit or loss.

Intra-group transactions, balances and unrealised gain on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed when necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

#### (ii) Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries without change of control

Transactions with non-controlling interests that do not result in loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions – that is, as transactions with the owners in their capacity as owners. The difference between fair value of any consideration paid and the relevant share acquired of the carrying value of net assets of the subsidiary is recorded in equity. Gains or losses on disposals to non-controlling interests are also recorded in equity.

#### (iii) Disposal of subsidiaries

When the Group loses control of a subsidiary, it is accounted for as a disposal of the entire interest in that subsidiary, with a resulting gain or loss being recognised in profit or loss. Any interest retained in that former subsidiary at the date when control is lost is recognised at fair value and this amount is regarded as the fair value on initial recognition of a financial asset or, when appropriate, the cost on initial recognition of an investment in an associate or joint venture. In addition, any amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in respect of the former subsidiary are reclassified to profit or loss.

#### (iv) The Company's statement of financial position

In the Company's statement of financial position, investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost less impairment. Cost includes direct attributable costs of investment. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividend received and receivable.

Impairment testing of the investments in subsidiaries is required when there is any indication that the investment is impaired or upon receiving dividends from these investments if the dividend exceeds the total comprehensive income of the subsidiary in the period the dividend is declared or if the carrying amount of the investment in the Company's statement of financial position exceeds the carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements of the investee's net assets including goodwill.

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### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (d) Foreign currency translation

#### (i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars, which is the Company's functional and the Group's presentation currency.

#### (ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions during the year are translated at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the end of the reporting period. Exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss, except those arising from foreign currency borrowings used to hedge a net investment in foreign operation which are recognised in other comprehensive income (see note 2(n)).

Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. The transaction date is the date on which the Group initially recognises such non-monetary assets or liabilities. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are translated using the foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was measured.

#### (iii) Group companies

The results and financial position of all the group entities (none of which has the currency of a hyperinflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- assets and liabilities for each statement of financial position presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that statement of financial position;
- income and expenses for each statement of profit or loss are translated at average exchange rates (unless this average is not a reasonable approximation of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the dates of the transactions); and
- all resulting currency translation differences are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated separately in equity in the exchange reserve.

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#### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (d) Foreign currency translation (Continued)

#### (iii) Group companies (Continued)

Goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on the acquisition of a foreign entity are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign entity and translated at the closing rate. Currency translation differences arising are recognised in the other comprehensive income.

#### (e) Property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets

Property, plant and equipment, including right-of-use assets arising from leases of property, plant and equipment (see note 2(g)), are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets are calculated using the straight-line basis to allocate cost less estimated residual values, if any, over their estimated useful lives. The principal annual rates are as follows:

-	Buildings	2.5% to 5%
_	Leasehold land	Over the lease term
_	Properties leased for own use	Over the lease term
_	Leasehold improvements	20% to 33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> %
_	Motor vehicles and yacht	10% to 30%
_	Machinery	10% to 30%
_	Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	20%
_	Computer system	20% to 33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> %

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### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (e) Property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets (Continued)

The assets' residual values, if any, and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (note 2(h)).

On the transfer of owner occupied property to investment property, increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation are credited to other comprehensive income and accumulated in property revaluation reserve in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged in other comprehensive income and debited against property revaluation reserve directly in equity whereas all other decreases are charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised within "other net gains/losses" in the consolidated statement of profit or loss on the date of retirement or disposal. Any related revaluation surplus is transferred from the property revaluation reserve to retained profits and is not reclassified to profit or loss.

#### (f) Investment properties

Investment property is held for long-term rental yields or for capital appreciation or both, and that is not occupied by the Group. Investment property is initially measured at cost, including related transaction costs and where applicable borrowing costs. After initial recognition, investment properties are carried at fair value, representing open market value determined at each reporting date by external valuers. Fair value is based on active market prices, adjusted, if necessary, for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset.

If an investment property becomes owner-occupied, it is reclassified as property, plant and equipment and its fair value at the date of reclassification becomes its deemed cost for accounting purposes. The deemed cost of property, plant and equipment is used as the basis for the carrying amount and depreciation of the asset.

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#### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (g) Leased assets

At inception of a contract, the Group assesses whether the contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Control is conveyed where the customer has both the right to direct the use of the identified asset and to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from that use.

#### (i) As a lessee

At the lease commencement date, the Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability, except for short-term leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less. When the Group enters into a lease in respect of a low-value asset, the Group decides whether to capitalise the lease on a lease-by-lease basis. The lease payments associated with those leases which are not capitalised are recognised as an expense on a systematic basis over the lease term.

Where the lease is capitalised, the lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments payable over the lease term, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, using a relevant incremental borrowing rate. After initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost and interest expense is calculated using the effective interest method. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate are not included in the measurement of the lease liability and hence are charged to profit or loss in the accounting period in which they are incurred.

The right-of-use asset recognised when a lease is capitalised is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability plus any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, and any initial direct costs incurred. Where applicable, the cost of the right-of-use assets also includes an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, discounted to their present value, less any lease incentives received. The right-of-use asset is subsequently stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses (see notes 2(e) and 2(h)).

The lease liability is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, or there is a change in the Group's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or there is a change arising from the reassessment of whether the Group will be reasonably certain to exercise a purchase, extension or termination option. When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero. The Group presents right-of-use assets that do not meet the definition of investment property in "other property, plant and equipment" and presents lease liabilities separately in the consolidated statement of financial position.

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### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (g) Leased assets (Continued)

#### (i) As a lessee (Continued)

The lease liability is also remeasured when there is a change in the scope of a lease or the consideration for a lease that is not originally provided for in the lease contract ("lease modification") that is not accounted for as a separate lease. In this case the lease liability is remeasured based on the revised lease payments and lease term using a revised discount rate at the effective date of the modification. The only exceptions are any rent concessions which arose as a direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic and which satisfied the conditions set out in paragraph 46B of HKFRS 16 Leases. In such cases, the Group took advantage of the practical expedient set out in paragraph 46A of HKFRS 16 and recognised the change in consideration as if it were not a lease modification.

In the consolidated statement of financial position, the current portion of long-term lease liabilities is determined as the principal portion of contractual payments that are due to be settled within twelve months after the reporting period.

#### (ii) As a lessor

When the Group acts as a lessor, it determines at lease inception whether each lease is a finance lease or an operating lease. A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to the ownership of an underlying assets to the lessee. If this is not the case, the lease is classified as an operating lease.

When a contract contains lease and non-lease components, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each component on a relative stand-alone selling price basis. The rental income from operating leases is recognised in accordance with note 2(v).

#### (h) Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

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#### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (h) Impairment of non-financial assets (Continued)

Where an impairment loss is subsequently reversed, the carrying amount of the asset (cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount to the extent that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

#### (i) Other investments in equity securities

The Group's policies for investments in equity securities, other than investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures, are set out below. Investments in equity securities are recognised/ derecognised on the date the Group commits to purchase/sell the investment. The investments are initially stated at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs, except for those investments measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL") for which transaction costs are recognised directly in profit or loss. These investments are subsequently accounted for as follows, depending on their classification.

An investment in equity securities is classified as FVPL unless the equity investment is not held for trading purposes and on initial recognition of the investment the Group makes an irrevocable election to designate the investment at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") (non-recycling) such that subsequent changes in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income. Such elections are made on an instrument-by-instrument basis, but may only be made if the investment meets the definition of equity from the issuer's perspective. Where such an election is made, the amount accumulated in other comprehensive income remains in the fair value reserve (non-recycling) until the investment is disposed of. At the time of disposal, the amount accumulated in the fair value reserve (non-recycling) is transferred to retained profits. It is not recycled through profit or loss. Dividends from an investment in equity securities, irrespective of whether classified as at FVPL or FVOCI, are recognised in profit or loss as other income in accordance with the policy set out in note 2(v).

#### (j) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

When inventories are sold, the carrying amount of those inventories is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised. The amount of any write-down of inventories to net realisable value and all losses of inventories are recognised as an expense in the period the write-down or loss occurs. The amount of any reversal of any write-down of inventories is recognised as a reduction in the amount of inventories recognised as an expense in the period in which the reversal occurs.

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#### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (k) Credit losses from financial instruments

The Group requires a loss allowance for expected credit losses ("ECLs") on financial assets measured at amortised cost (including cash and cash equivalents, cash held on behalf of customers and trade and other receivables).

Financial assets measured at fair value, including equity securities measured at FVOCI (non-recycling) and derivative financial assets, are not subject to the ECL assessment.

#### Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all expected cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the Group in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive).

The expected cash shortfalls of trade and other receivables are discounted using the effective interest rate determined at initial recognition or an approximation thereof where the effect of discounting is material.

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk.

In measuring ECLs, the Group takes into account reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort. This includes information about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

ECLs are measured on either of the following bases:

- 12-month ECLs: these are losses that are expected to result from possible default events within the
   12 months after the reporting date; and
- lifetime ECLs: these are losses that are expected to result from all possible default events over the expected lives of the items to which the ECL model applies.

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### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (k) Credit losses from financial instruments (Continued)

#### Measurement of ECLs (Continued)

Loss allowances for trade receivables are always measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs. ECLs on these financial assets are estimated using a provision matrix based on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors and an assessment of both the current and forecast general economic conditions at the reporting date.

For all other financial instruments, the Group recognises a loss allowance equal to 12-month ECLs unless there has been a significant increase in credit risk of the financial instrument since initial recognition, in which case the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs.

#### Significant increases in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk of a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group compares the risk of default occurring on the financial instrument assessed at the reporting date with that assessed at the date of initial recognition. In making this assessment, the Group considers that a default event occurs when the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Group in full, without recourse by the Group to actions such as realising security (if any is held). The Group considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort.

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

- failure to make payments of principal or interest on their contractually due dates;
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in a financial instrument's external or internal credit rating (if available);
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor; and
- existing or forecast changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment that have a significant adverse effect on the debtor's ability to meet its obligation to the Group.

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### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (k) Credit losses from financial instruments (Continued)

#### Significant increases in credit risk (Continued)

Depending on the nature of the financial instruments, the assessment of a significant increase in credit risk is performed on either an individual basis or a collective basis. When the assessment is performed on a collective basis, the financial instruments are grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics, such as past due status and credit risk ratings.

ECLs are remeasured at each reporting date to reflect changes in the financial instrument credit risk since initial recognition. Any change in the ECL amount is recognised as an impairment gain or loss in profit or loss. The Group recognises an impairment gain or loss for all financial instruments with a corresponding adjustment to their carrying amount through a loss allowance account.

#### Basis of calculation of interest income

Interest income recognised in accordance with note 2(v) is calculated based on the gross carrying amount of the financial asset unless the financial asset is credit-impaired, in which case interest income is calculated based on the amortised cost (i.e. the gross carrying amount less loss allowance) of the financial asset.

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether a financial asset is credit-impaired. A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable events:

- significant financial difficulties of the debtor;
- a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- it becoming probable that the borrower will enter into bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
- significant changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment that have an adverse effect on the debtor.

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### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (k) Credit losses from financial instruments (Continued)

#### Write-off policy (Continued)

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off (either partially or in full) to the extent that there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Group determines that the debtor does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off.

Subsequent recoveries of an asset that was previously written off are recognised as a reversal of impairment in profit or loss in the period in which the recovery occurs.

#### (I) Trade and other receivables

A receivable is recognised when the Group has an unconditional right to receive consideration. A right to receive consideration is unconditional if only the passage of time is required before payment of that consideration is due. If revenue has been recognised before the Group has an unconditional right to receive consideration, the amount is presented as contract assets.

Receivables are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method less allowance for credit losses (see note 2(k)).

#### (m) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand, demand deposits with banks and other financial institutions, and short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, having been within three months of maturity at acquisition. Cash and cash equivalents are assessed for ECL in accordance with the policy set out in note 2(k).

#### (n) Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments are used solely to manage exposures to fluctuations in foreign currency rates in accordance with the Group's risk management policies. The Group does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for proprietary trading purposes.

Derivative financial instruments are recognised at fair value. At the end of each reporting period the fair value is remeasured. The gain or loss on remeasurement to fair value is recognised immediately in profit or loss, except where the derivatives qualify for cash flow hedge accounting.

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#### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (n) Derivative financial instruments (Continued)

Where a derivative financial instrument is designated as a hedging instrument in a cash flow hedge, the effective portion of any gain or loss on the derivative financial instrument is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated separately in equity in the hedging reserve. The ineffective portion of any gain or loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss. The amount accumulated in the hedging reserve is reclassified from equity to profit or loss in the same period or periods during which the hedge cash flows affect profit or loss.

If a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting (including when the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised), then hedge accounting is discontinued prospectively. When hedge accounting is discontinued, but the hedged forecast transaction is still expected to occur, the amount that has been accumulated in the hedging reserve remains in equity until the transaction occurs and it is recognised in accordance with the above policy. If the hedged transaction is no longer expected to take place, the amount that has been accumulated in the hedging reserve is reclassified from equity to profit or loss immediately.

#### (o) Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

#### (p) Trade and other payables

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Trade payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade and other payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### (q) Contract liabilities

A contract liability is recognised when the customer pays non-refundable consideration before the Group recognises the related revenue (see note 2(v)). A contract liability would also be recognised if the Group has an unconditional right to receive non-refundable consideration before the Group recognises the related revenue. In such cases, a corresponding receivable would also be recognised (see note 2(l)).

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#### 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (r) Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down. In this case, the fee is deferred until the draw-down occurs. To the extent there is no evidence that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down, the fee is capitalised as a pre-payment for liquidity services and amortised over the period of the facility to which it relates.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

#### (s) Income tax

Income tax for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case the relevant amounts of tax are also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Current tax is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period in the countries where the Group operates and generates taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred tax is recognised, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, the deferred tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled.

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# 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (s) Income tax (Continued)

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred tax liabilities are provided on taxable temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries, except for deferred tax liability where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Group and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognised on deductible temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries only to the extent that it is probable the temporary difference will reverse in the future and there is sufficient taxable profit available against which the temporary difference can be utilised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

## (t) Employee benefits

#### (i) Pension obligation

The Group participates in mandatory provident fund schemes ("MPF Schemes") for all employees in Hong Kong pursuant to the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance. The contributions to the MPF Schemes are based on a minimum statutory contribution requirement of 5% of eligible employees' relevant aggregate income (with a current cap of \$1,500). The assets of the MPF Schemes are held in separate trustee-administered funds.

The Group's contributions to the MPF Schemes are expensed as incurred.

The employees of the Group's operations in Mainland China are required to participate in a central pension scheme operated by the local municipal government. The Group's relevant entities are required to contribute a specified percentage of its payroll costs to the central pension scheme. The contributions are expensed in the consolidated statement of profit or loss as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the central pension scheme.

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## 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

### (t) Employee benefits (Continued)

#### (ii) Employee leave entitlements

Employee entitlements to annual leave and long service payments are recognised when they accrue to employees. Provisions are made for the estimated liability for annual leave and long service payments as a result of services rendered by employees up to the end of the reporting period.

Employee entitlements to sick leave and maternity leave are not recognised until the time of leave.

#### (iii) Bonus plan

The expected cost of bonus payments is recognised as a liability when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of services rendered by employees and a reliable estimate of the obligation can be made. Liabilities of the bonus plan are expected to be settled within twelve months and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when they are settled.

#### (iv) Employee retirement benefit obligations

The Group's net obligation in respect of lump sum long service amounts payable on cessation of employment in certain circumstances under the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance is the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods. The obligation is calculated using the projected unit credit method by a qualified actuary, discounted to its present value, and the fair value of any related plan assets is deducted. The discount rate is the Hong Kong government zero coupon bond yields as at the date of statement of financial position.

#### (u) Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

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# 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (u) Provisions and contingent liabilities (Continued)

Where it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required, or the amount cannot be estimated reliably, the obligation is disclosed as a contingent liability, unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote. Possible obligations, whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more future events are also disclosed as contingent liabilities unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote.

### (v) Revenue and income recognition

Income is classified by the Group as revenue when it arises from the sale of goods in the ordinary course of the Group's business.

Revenue is recognised when control over a product or service is transferred to the customer at the amount of promised consideration to which the Group is expected to be entitled, excluding those amounts collected on behalf of third parties. Revenue excludes value added tax or other sales taxes and is after deduction of any trade discounts.

Revenue from sale of goods is recognised when the customer take possession of and accepts the products, which generally coincides with the time when the goods are delivered to customers and title has passed.

Interest income is recognised on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest method.

Management fee income is recognised when services are rendered.

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

Technical consultancy service income is recognised when services are rendered.

Rental income receivable under operating leases is recognised in profit or loss in equal instalments over the periods covered by the lease term, except where an alternative basis is more representative of the pattern of benefits to be derived from the use of the leased asset.

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## 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (w) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset which necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale are capitalised as part of the cost of that asset. Other borrowing costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

#### (x) Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the Group's senior executive management, including executive directors, chief executive officer, chief operation officer and chief financial officer, who collectively review the Group's internal reporting in order to make strategic decisions.

Individually material operating segments are not aggregated for financial reporting purposes unless the segments have similar economic characteristics and are similar in respect of the nature of products and services, the nature of production processes, the type or class of customers, the methods used to distribute the products or provide the services, and the nature of the regulatory environment. Operating segments which are not individually material may be aggregated if they share a majority of these criteria.

# (y) Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution to the Company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the Group's and the Company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's shareholders.

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## 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## (z) Related parties

- (i) A person, or close member of that person's family, is related to the Group if that person:
  - (1) has control or joint control over the Group;
  - (2) has significant influence over the Group; or
  - (3) is a member of the key management personnel of the Group or the Group's parent.
- (ii) An entity is related to the Group if any of the following conditions applies:
  - (1) the entity and the Group are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidiary and follow subsidiary is related to the others).
  - (2) one entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member).
  - (3) both entities are joint ventures of the same third party.
  - (4) one entity is a joint venture of a third party and the other entity is an associate of the third entity.
  - (5) the entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Group or an entity related to the Group.
  - (6) the entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (i).
  - (7) a person identified in (i)(1) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity).
  - (8) the entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the Group or to the Group's parent.

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

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## 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

#### (a) Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign exchange risk, cash flow and fair value interest rate risks and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Group's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance.

#### (i) Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk primarily arises from recognised assets and liabilities, such as bank balances and cash, trade receivables, trade payables, and bank borrowings, denominated in United States Dollars ("US dollars"), Renminbi ("RMB") and New Taiwan dollars ("NTD").

Management conducts periodic reviews of exposure and requirements of various currencies, and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposures should the need arise.

## Hedges of foreign currency risk

The following table details the carrying amount and the notional amount of currency derivative contracts that have been designated as cash flow hedges of the Group's highly probable forecast sales transactions at the end of the reporting period:

	2021
	\$'000
Notional amount of currency derivative contracts – outgoing currencies	
RMB	107,986
NTD	34,357
Carrying amount of currency derivative contracts	
Asset	615
Liability	(1,448)

The Group considers the risk of movement in exchange rates between the Group's functional currency, which is Hong Kong dollars and the United States dollars to be insignificant under the existing currency peg. Correspondingly, the Group uses currency forward contracts to manage the fluctuation in exchange rates between Renminbi, New Taiwan Dollars and United States dollars. The currency forward contracts have a maturity ranging from one to twelve months from the reporting date.

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## 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

## (a) Financial risk factors (Continued)

#### (i) Foreign exchange risk (Continued)

The Group designates currency forward contracts as hedging instruments in cash flow hedges and does not separate the forward and spot element of a currency forward contract but instead designates the currency forward contract in its entirety in a hedging relationship. Correspondingly, the hedged item is measured based on the forward exchange rate.

The Group determines the existence of an economic relationship between the foreign currency borrowings and currency derivative contracts, and the highly probable forecast sales transactions based on their currency types, currency amounts and the timing of their respective cash flows.

The main sources of ineffectiveness in these hedging relationships are:

- the effect of the counterparty's and the Group's own credit risk on the fair value of the currency forward contracts which is not reflected in the fair value of the hedged cash flows attributable to the change in forward rates; and
- changes in the timing of the hedged transactions.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the hedging reserve in respect of foreign currency risk and shows the effectiveness of the hedging relationships:

	\$'000
Balance at 1 April 2020	-
Effective portion of the cash flow hedge recognised in	202
other comprehensive income	380
Net deferred tax credited to other comprehensive income	(63)
Balance at 31 March 2021*	317

<sup>\*</sup> The entire balance in the hedging reserve relates to continuing hedges.

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## 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

## (a) Financial risk factors (Continued)

### (i) Foreign exchange risk (Continued)

In respect of US dollars, the Group considers that minimal risk arises as the rate of exchange between HK dollars and US dollars is controlled within a tight range under the Hong Kong's Linked Exchange Rate System.

In respect of RMB, at 31 March 2021, if RMB had weakened/strengthened by 5% (2020: 5%) against the Hong Kong dollars with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit for the year would have been decreased/increased by approximately \$1,389,000 (2020: post tax loss would have been increased/decreased by \$1,553,000) and other components of equity would have been decreased/increased by approximately \$4,508,000 (2020: Nil).

#### (ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risks

The Group has certain bank borrowings at floating interest rates with maturities of less than 120 days in general, which subject the Group to cash flow interest rate risk.

At 31 March 2021, if interest rates on bank borrowings had been 50 basis points higher/lower with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit for the year would have been decreased/increased by approximately \$92,000 (2020: post-tax loss would have been increased/decreased by approximately \$115,000).

The Group's bank deposits were at fixed rates and expose the Group to fair value interest risk. As all the Group's bank deposits were short-term in nature, any change in the interest rate from time to time is not considered to have significant impact to the Group's financial performance.

## (iii) Price risk

The Group is exposed to equity securities price risk mainly because of the investment in listed equity instrument in Hong Kong, classified on the consolidated statement of financial position as financial assets at FVOCI.

At 31 March 2021, if the fair value of the listed equity instrument increased or decreased by 5%, the Group's equity would have been increased or decreased by approximately \$626,000 (2020: \$233,000).

The Group is also exposed to commodity price risk in relation to its metal products which is largely dependent on the material price of the relevant commodity. The Group closely monitors the price of its products in order to determine its pricing strategies.

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## 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

## (a) Financial risk factors (Continued)

#### (iv) Credit risk

Credit risk is managed on a group basis. Credit risk arises from deposits with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to customers and other counter parties, including outstanding trade and other receivables and committed transactions.

The carrying amounts of bank deposits and trade and other receivables included in the consolidated financial statements represent the Group's maximum exposure of credit risk in relation to its financial assets.

All bank deposits are placed with highly reputable and sizable banks and financial institutions without significant credit risk.

The Group has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of customers and the exposure over a large number of customers and other counter parties.

Individual credit evaluations are performed on all customers requiring credit over a certain amount. These evaluations focus on the customer's past history of making payments when due and current ability to pay, and take into account information specific to the customer as well as pertaining to the economic environment in which the customer operates. The Group offers credit terms to customers ranging from cash on delivery to 90 days. Normally, the Group does not obtain collateral from customers.

The Group measures loss allowances for trade receivables at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, which is calculated using a provision matrix. As the Group's historical credit loss experience does not indicate significantly different loss patterns for different customer segments, the loss allowance based on past due status is not further distinguished between the Group's different customer bases.

Expected loss rates are based on actual loss experience over the past twelve months. These rates are adjusted to reflect differences between economic conditions during the period over which the historic data has been collected, current conditions and the Group's view of economic conditions over the expected lives of the receivables.

The Group assessed that there is no significant loss recognised and therefore, no provision matrix has been disclosed.

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## 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

# (a) Financial risk factors (Continued)

## (iv) Credit risk (Continued)

Movement in the loss allowance account in respect of trade receivables during the year is as follows:

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
A. L	444	077
At beginning of the year	444	277
(Reversal of)/provision for credit losses during the year	(151)	167
At end of year	293	444

## (v) Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management includes maintaining sufficient cash and the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities. The Group aims to maintain flexibility in funding by keeping committed credit lines available.

Management monitors the Group's liquidity on the basis of availability of bank balances and cash and unutilised committed credit lines. Available bank and cash balances and committed credit lines as of 31 March 2021 are as follows:

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Bank balances and cash	288,218	306,115
Committed credit lines available (Note) Less: Utilised credit lines for bank borrowings	500,000 (88,559)	526,180 (119,651)
	411,441	406,529

Note: Credit lines available were guaranteed by the Company (note 22).

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# 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

# (a) Financial risk factors (Continued)

## (v) Liquidity risk (Continued)

The following table shows the remaining contractual maturities at the end of the reporting periods of the Group's non-derivative financial liabilities and net-settled derivative financial instruments, which are based on contractual undiscounted cash flows (including interest payments computed using contractual rates or, if floating, based on rates current at the end of the reporting period) and the earliest date the Group can be required to pay.

	Contractual undiscounted cash flow					
	On demand or within one year \$'000	Between 1-2 years \$'000	Between 2-5 years \$'000	Over 5 years \$'000	Total \$'000	Carrying amount \$'000
At 31 March 2021						
Trade payables, accrued expenses and other payables	26,469				26,469	26,469
Lease liabilities	1,425	9	_	_	1,434	1,415
Bank borrowings	89,070	_	_	_	89,070	88,559
Derivative financial instruments	1,523	_	-	_	1,523	1,523
	118,487	9	-	_	118,496	117,966
At 31 March 2020						
Trade payables, accrued						
expenses and other payables	52,877	_	_	_	52,877	52,877
Lease liabilities	1,168	574	8	_	1,750	1,685
Bank borrowings	108,716	1,437	4,330	7,533	122,016	119,651
Derivative financial instruments	1,043	_	-	-	1,043	1,043
	163,804	2,011	4,338	7,533	177,686	175,256

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## 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

## (b) Capital risk management

The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders, issue new shares, draw down or repay bank borrowings.

Management monitors the utilisation of borrowings and ensures full compliance with loan covenants during the period and at the end of each reporting period.

The Group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. This ratio is calculated as total bank borrowings and lease liabilities divided by total equity.

The gearing ratios at of 31 March 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Total bank borrowings (note 22)	88,559	119,651
Total lease liabilities (note 24)	1,415	1,685
	89,974	121,336
Total equity	901,938	862,813
Gearing ratio	10.0%	14.1%

# (c) Fair value measurement

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial assets including trade and other receivables and bank balances and cash; and financial liabilities including trade and other payables and bank borrowings approximate their fair values.

The fair values of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market are determined by using valuation techniques.

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# 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

#### (c) Fair value measurement (Continued)

The following table presents the fair value of the Group's financial instruments measured at the end of the reporting period on a recurring basis, categorised into three-level fair value hierarchy as defined in HKFRS 13, Fair value measurement. The level into which a fair value measurement is classified is determined with reference to the observability and significance of inputs used in the valuation technique as follows:

- Level 1 valuations: Fair value measured using only Level 1 inputs i.e. unadjusted quoted prices in

active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date

Level 2 valuations: Fair value measured using Level 2 inputs i.e. observable inputs which fail to

meet Level 1, and not using significant unobservable inputs. Unobservable

inputs are inputs for which market data are not available

Level 3 valuations: Fair value measured using significant unobservable inputs

	Fair value at 31 March	value at Fair value measurement as		
	2021 \$'000	Level 1 \$′000	Level 3 \$'000	
Assets				
Derivative financial instruments	828	_	828	_
Financial assets at FVOCI	12,528	12,528	_	-
	13,356	12,528	828	_
Liabilities				
Derivative financial instruments	1,523	_	1,523	_

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## 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

#### (c) Fair value measurement (Continued)

	Fair value at 31 March	Fair value measurement as at 31 March 2020 categorised into		
	2020 \$'000	Level 1 \$'000	Level 2 \$'000	Level 3 \$'000
Assets				
Derivative financial instruments	2,473	_	2,473	-
Financial assets at FVOCI	4,651 7,124	4,651 4,651	2,473	
Liabilities				
Derivative financial instruments	1,043	-	1,043	-

The fair values of financial assets at FVOCI are based on quoted market prices at the date of consolidated statement of financial position. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price. These instruments are included in level 1.

The fair value of derivative financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) is determined by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity-specific estimates. All significant inputs required to fair value the instruments are observable and accordingly, the instruments are included in level 2.

There were no transfers of financial assets between level 1 and level 2, or transfer into or out of level 3 in respect of the fair value hierarchy classifications during the year ended 31 March 2021 (2020: Nil).

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## 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

#### (c) Fair value measurement (Continued)

At 31 March 2021, the Group had outstanding future trading contracts mainly to sell zinc. The maximum notional principal amounts of these future contracts at 31 March 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
Future trading contracts		
Sell	138	1,478
Future exchange contracts		
Renminbi	107,986	48,070
New Taiwan dollars	34,357	34,061
US dollars	_	8,791

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of the derivative assets in the consolidated statement of financial position.

#### 4 ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. As the future is inherently uncertain, actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

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

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## 4 ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES (Continued)

### (a) Impairment of non-financial assets

Non-financial assets including property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. The recoverable amounts have been determined based on value-in-use calculations or fair value less costs of disposal. These calculations require the use of judgements and estimates.

Management judgement is required in the area of asset impairment particularly in assessing: (i) whether an event has occurred that may indicate that the related asset values may not be recoverable; (ii) whether the carrying value of an asset can be supported by the recoverable amount, being the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and net present value of future cash flows which are estimated based upon the continued use of the asset in the business; and (iii) the selection of the most appropriate valuation technique, e.g. the market approach, the income approach, as well as a combination of approaches, including the adjusted net asset method; and (iv) the appropriate key assumptions to be applied in preparing cash flow projections including whether these cash flow projections are discounted using an appropriate rate. Changing the assumptions selected by management in assessing impairment, including the discount rates or the growth rate assumptions in the cash flow projections, could materially affect the net present value used in the impairment test and as a result affect the Group's financial position and results of operations. If there is a significant adverse change in the projected performance and resulting future cash flow projections, it may be necessary to take an impairment charge to profit or loss.

#### (b) Net realisable value of inventories

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs necessary to make the sale. These estimates are based on current market conditions and historical experience of selling goods of a similar nature. They could change as a result of changes in market conditions. Management reassesses the estimations at the end of each reporting period.

#### (c) Credit losses of trade and other receivables

The Group performs regular review of the receivables and makes loss allowance based on various factors including the ageing of the receivables, historical write-off experience and forward looking information. The identification of credit losses of receivables requires the use of judgement and estimates. Where the expectations are different from the original estimates, such differences will impact the carrying values of receivables and the credit losses on receivable is recognised in the years in which such estimates have been changed.

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## 5 REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING

The Group is principally engaged in the trading of zinc, zinc alloy, nickel, nickel-related products, aluminium, aluminium alloy, stainless steel and other electroplating chemical products. Revenue recognised during the year are as follows:

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
Revenue		
Sales of goods	1,951,879	1,864,166

The chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the Group's senior executive management, including executive directors, chief executive officer, chief operation officer and chief financial officer, who collectively review the Group's internal reporting in order to assess performance, allocate resources and make strategic decisions.

The chief operating decision-maker reviews the performance of the Group mainly from a geographical perspective. The Group is organised into two operating segments, namely (i) Hong Kong and (ii) Mainland China. Both operating segments represent trading of different types of metal products.

#### (a) Segment information

The chief operating decision-maker assesses the performance of the operating segments based on a measure of operating results (before income tax) of each segment, which excludes the effects of other income, other net gains/losses and net finance costs.

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# 5 REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING (Continued)

## (a) Segment information (Continued)

The segment information for the reporting segments as at and for the year ended 31 March 2021 and 2020 is as follows:

	Hong	g Kong Mainland China Total		Mainland China		
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Segment revenue	959,993	1,041,736	991,886	822,430	1,951,879	1,864,166
Segment results	(11,748)	(127,061)	22,924	22,144	11,176	(104,917)
Other segment expenditure						
items included in the						
segment results:						
Cost of inventories						
recognised as expense	942,879	1,040,826	948,293	778,789	1,891,172	1,819,615
Depreciation of property,						
plant and equipment	5,423	7,889	2,184	1,190	7,607	9,079
(Reversal)/provision for						
write-down of inventories	(51,309)	42,126	(775)	545	(52,084)	42,671
Segment assets	678,593	752,211	357,469	304,315	1,036,062	1,056,526
Segment liabilities	70,693	81,397	63,431	112,316	134,124	193,713

# (b) Reconciliation of segment results

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
Segment results		
Total segment results	11,176	(104,917)
Other income	11,039	4,228
Other net gains/(losses)	1,035	(18,302)
Net finance costs	(942)	(4,403)
Profit/(loss) before taxation	22,308	(123,394)

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# 6 OTHER INCOME

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Provision of technical consultancy services	2,890	2,898
Government grants (note)	5,608	_
COVID-19-related rent concessions received	54	_
Dividend income from listed securities	_	250
Others	2,487	1,080
	11,039	4,228

Note: In 2020, the Group successfully applied for funding support from the Employment Support Scheme under the Anti-epidemic Fund, set up by the Hong Kong SAR Government. The purpose of the funding is to provide financial support to enterprises to retain their employees who would otherwise be made redundant. Under the terms of the grant, the Group is required not to make redundancies during the subsidy period and to spend all the funding on paying wages to the employees.

# 7 OTHER NET GAINS/(LOSSES)

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment (note 26(b))	62	5
Unrealised gain on metal future trading contracts and foreign		
exchange forward contracts	138	2,050
Realised loss on metal future trading contracts	(69)	(768)
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)	2,153	(2,651)
Impairment loss of property, plant and equipment (note 14)	_	(16,938)
Change in fair value of investment property (note 14)	(1,000)	_
Others	(249)	-
	1,035	(18,302)

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# 8 PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS

Profit/(loss) from operations is arrived at after charging:

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Auditor's remuneration		
– audit services	1,900	1,760
- other services	445	410
Depreciation		
- owned property, plant and equipment	5,258	6,884
- right-of-use assets	2,349	2,195
Staff costs, including directors' remuneration (note 10)	60,165	62,557
Lease payment not included in the measurement of lease liabilities	930	1,416
Cost of inventories recognised as expense	1,891,172	1,819,615
(Reversal of)/provision for write-down of inventories	(52,084)	42,671
(Reversal of)/provision for credit loss of trade receivables	(151)	167

# 9 NET FINANCE COSTS

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
Interest income	979	1,605
Interest on lease liabilities	(86)	(95)
Interest on short-term bank borrowings	(1,605)	(5,605)
Interest on mortgage loan	(230)	(308)
	(942)	(4,403)

# 10 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSE (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION)

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
Wages, salaries and allowances	58,851	61,007
Post-employment benefits – pension	1,314	1,550
	60,165	62,557

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# 11 INCOME TAX

(a) Taxation in the consolidated statement of profit or loss represents:

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Current tax		
– Hong Kong Profits Tax	395	154
– Mainland China Corporate Income Tax	5,706	4,711
Over-provision in prior years	(30)	(227)
	6,071	4,638
Deferred tax (note 23)	(605)	125
Income tax expense	5,466	4,763

The provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated by applying the tax rate of 16.5% (2020: 16.5%) for the year. Taxation for Mainland China's subsidiaries is similarly calculated using the tax rate of 25% (2020: 25%) for the year.

(b) Reconciliation between tax expense and accounting profit/(loss) at applicable tax rates:

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Profit/(loss) before taxation	22,308	(123,394)
Notional tax on loss before taxation, calculated at rates		
applicable to profits in the jurisdictions concerned	4,195	(17,083)
Income not subject to tax	(1,814)	(1,081)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	4,733	4,716
Tax losses not recognised	4,710	18,824
Utilisation of previously unrecognised tax losses	(6,328)	(386)
Over-provision in prior years	(30)	(227)
Income tax expense	5,466	4,763

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## 12 EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE

## (a) Basic earnings/(loss) per share

Basic earnings/(loss) per share is calculated by dividing the profit/(loss) attributable to equity shareholders of the Company by the average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.

	2021	2020
Profit/(loss) attributable to equity shareholders of		
the Company (\$'000)	16,882	(128,057)
Average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	828,750	828,750
Basic earnings/(loss) per share (Hong Kong cents)	2.04	(15.45)

## (b) Diluted earnings/(loss) per share

Diluted earnings/(loss) per share for the years ended 31 March 2021 and 2020 are the same as basic earnings/(loss) per share as there were no potential dilutive ordinary shares outstanding during the years.

## 13 DIVIDENDS

Dividend payable to equity shareholders of the Company attributable to the previous financial year, approved and paid during the year

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
Final dividend proposed after the end of the reporting period of \$0.01 (2020: \$Nil) per ordinary share	8,288	_

The final dividend proposed after the end of the reporting period has not been recognised as a liability at the end of the reporting period.

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# 14 INVESTMENT PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Right-of-use assets – leasehold land held for own use \$'000	Right-of-use assets – properties held for own use \$'000	Buildings \$'000	Leasehold improvements \$'000	Motor vehicles and yacht \$'000	Machinery \$'000	Furniture, fixtures and office equipment \$'000	Computer system \$'000	Sub-total \$'000	Investment property \$'000	Total \$'000
Cost or valuation:											
At 1 April 2020	30,056	3,255	19,061	37,238	37,187	33,237	7,506	11,612	179,152	64,600	243,752
Exchange difference	119	103	1,155	-	26	959	183	172	2,717	-	2,717
Additions	-	1,609	-	41	-	484	239	314	2,687	-	2,687
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(510)	-	-	(101)	(611)	-	(611)
Fair value change	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
At 31 March 2021	30,175	4,967	20,216	37,279	36,703	34,680	7,928	11,997	183,945	63,600	247,545
Representing: Cost Valuation – 2021	30,175	4,967 	20,216	37,279 	36,703	34,680	7,928 	11,997	183,945	63,600	183,945 63,600
At 31 March 2021	30,175	4,967	20,216	37,279	36,703	34,680	7,928	11,997	183,945	63,600	247,545
Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses:											
At 1 April 2020	17,759	1,480	15,051	33,478	33,837	24,578	6,495	9,771	142,449	_	142,449
Exchange difference	39	4	657	-	18	753	150	123	1,744	-	1,744
Depreciation charge for the year	358	1,991	740	1,047	1,397	1,038	322	714	7,607	-	7,607
Written back on disposals	-	-	-	-	(510)	-	-	(89)	(599)	-	(599)
At 31 March 2021	18,156	3,475	16,448	34,525	34,742	26,369	6,967	10,519	151,201		151,201
Net book value:											
At 31 March 2021	12,019	1,492	3,768	2,754	1,961	8,311	961	1,478	32,744	63,600	96,344

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# 14 INVESTMENT PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

	Right-of-use assets – leasehold land held for own use \$'000	Right-of-use assets – properties held for own use \$'000	Buildings \$'000	Leasehold improvements \$'000	Motor vehicles and yacht \$'000	Machinery \$'000	Furniture, fixtures and office equipment \$'000	Computer system \$'000	Sub-total \$'000	Investment property \$'000	Total \$'000
Cost or valuation:											
At 1 April 2019	30,142	1,334	19,880	35,553	38,207	32,208	7,570	10,807	175,701	64,600	240,301
Exchange difference	(86)	(42)	(955)	-	(8)	(777)	(134)	(98)	(2,100)	-	(2,100)
Additions	-	1,963	136	1,685	691	2,677	126	976	8,254	-	8,254
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(1,703)	(871)	(56)	(73)	(2,703)	-	(2,703)
At 31 March 2020	30,056	3,255	19,061	37,238	37,187	33,237	7,506	11,612	179,152	64,600	243,752
Representing:											
Cost	30,056	3,255	19,061	37,238	37,187	33,237	7,506	11,612	179,152	-	179,152
Valuation – 2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,600	64,600
At 31 March 2020	30,056	3,255	19,061	37,238	37,187	33,237	7,506	11,612	179,152	64,600	243,752
Accumulated depreciation and impairment losses:											
At 1 April 2019	8,655	_	6,323	32,361	33,843	23,826	6,312	9,327	120,647	-	120,647
Exchange difference	(31)	(24)	(627)	-	(6)	(669)	(116)	(94)	(1,567)	-	(1,567)
Depreciation charge for the year	691	1,504	861	1,117	1,703	2,256	349	598	9,079	-	9,079
Impairment loss recognised during the year	8,444	-	8,494	-	-	-	-	-	16,938	-	16,938
Written back on disposals	-	-	-	-	(1,703)	(835)	(50)	(60)	(2,648)	-	(2,648)
At 31 March 2020	17,759	1,480	15,051	33,478	33,837	24,578	6,495	9,771	142,449		142,449
Net book value:											
At 31 March 2020	12,297	1,775	4,010	3,760	3,350	8,659	1,011	1,841	36,703	64,600	101,303

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# 14 INVESTMENT PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

#### Fair value measurement

#### Fair value hierarchy

The following table presents the fair value of the Group's property measured at the end of the reporting period on a recurring basis, categorised into the three-level fair value hierarchy as defined in HKFRS 13, Fair value measurement. The level into which a fair value measurement is classified is determined with reference to the observability and significance of the inputs used in the valuation technique as follows:

- Level 1 valuations: Fair value measured using only Level 1 inputs i.e. unadjusted quoted prices in active

markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date

Level 2 valuations: Fair value measured using Level 2 inputs i.e. observable inputs which fail to meet

Level 1, and not using significant unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs are

inputs for which market data are not available

Level 3 valuations: Fair value measured using significant unobservable inputs

The fair value measurement of the investment property as at 31 March 2021 and 2020 was categorised into level 3.

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2, or transfers into or out of Level 3 during the year ended 31 March 2021 (2020: Nil). The Group's policy is to recognise transfers between levels of fair value hierarchy as at the end of the reporting period in which they occur.

The valuation of the investment property at fair value as at 31 March 2021 were performed by the Group's independent valuer, Ascent Partners, who have among their staff Fellows of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors with recent experience in the location and category of property being valued, using the market comparison method. The Group's management has reviewed the valuation results performed by the independent valuer for financial reporting purposes by verifying all major inputs and assumptions, and assessing the reasonableness of property valuation. Such valuation is performed at each interim and annual reporting date and is reviewed and approved by senior management.

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# 14 INVESTMENT PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

#### Fair value measurement (Continued)

#### Fair value hierarchy (Continued)

The unobservable input used for the Level 3 fair value measurements is as follows:

	2021	2020
Discount on quality of the property	2%	5%

The fair value of investment property is determined using market comparison approach by reference to recent sales price of comparable properties on a price per square foot basis, adjusted for a premium or a discount specific to the quality of the Group's property compared to the recent sales. Higher premium for higher quality property will result in a higher fair value measurement.

The movements during the year in the balance of these level 3 fair value measurements are disclosed in note 14. Change in fair value of investment property of \$1,000,000 is recognised in profit or loss during the year ended 31 March 2021 (2020: Nil).

#### Impairment losses

During the year ended 31 March 2020, certain cash-generating-units ("CGUs") as identified based on geographical perspective of the Group, were incurring loss, which indicated the property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets of the CGUs may be impaired. The Group assessed the recoverable amounts of these property, plant and equipment and accordingly impairment losses of \$16,938,000 was recognised to reduce the carrying amounts of these assets to their recoverable amount of \$3,500,000 respectively.

The recoverable amounts of these assets are determined based on a market comparison approach mainly by reference to quoted selling price of similar assets, acquisition costs and estimated replacement cost of these assets.

The above impairment losses were recognised in profit or loss during the year ended 31 March 2020 (see note 7). No impairment losses were recognised during the year ended 31 March 2021.

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# 14 INVESTMENT PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

## **Right-of-use assets**

The analysis of the net book value of right-of-use assets by class of underlying asset is as follows:

		2021	2020
	Note	\$'000	\$'000
Leasehold land held for own use	(i)	12,019	12,297
Properties held for own use	(ii)	1,492	1,775
		13,511	14,072

The analysis of expense items in relation to leases recognised in profit or loss is as follows:

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Depreciation charge of right-of-use assets by class of underlying asset, with remaining lease term between 10 and 50 years:		
Leasehold land held for own use	358	691
Properties held for own use	1,991	1,504
	2,349	2,195
Interest on lease liabilities (note 9)	86	95
Impairment losses	_	8,444
COVID-19-related rent concessions received (note 6)	(54)	_

During the year, additions to right-of-use assets were \$1,609,000 (2020: \$1,963,000). This amount primarily related to the capitalise lease payments payable under new tenancy agreements.

Details of the maturity analysis of lease liabilities are set out in note 24.

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# 14 INVESTMENT PROPERTY AND OTHER PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

# Right-of-use assets (Continued)

As disclosed in note 2(b), the Group has early adopted the Amendment to HKFRS 16, *COVID-19-Related Rent Concessions*, and applied the practical expedient introduced by the Amendment to all eligible rent concessions received by the Group during the year.

#### (i) Leasehold land held for own use

The Group holds several industrial buildings for its metal trading business, where its manufacturing facilities are primarily located. The Group is the registered owner of these property interests, including the whole or part of undivided share in the underlying land. Lump sum payments were made upfront to acquire these property interests from their previous registered owners, and there are no ongoing payments to be made under the terms of the land lease, other than payments based on rateable values set by the relevant government authorities. These payments vary from time to time and are payable to the relevant government authorities.

#### (ii) Properties held for own use

The Group has obtained the right to use other properties as its warehouses and offices through tenancy agreements. The leases typically run for an initial period of one to three years.

#### 15 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Financial assets at FVOCI (non-recycling)		
Equity securities listed in Hong Kong at fair value Unlisted limited partnership, at fair value	12,528 -	4,651 -
	12,528	4,651

The Group designated its investments in Dai Ming International Holdings Limited (HKSE: 1090) and the unlisted limited partnership at FVOCI under HKFRS 9 as these investments are held for strategic purposes. Dai Ming International Holdings Limited is principally engaged in the processing, distribution and sale of stainless steel products and carbon steel products in the People's Republic of China ("PRC").

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# 15 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Continued)

The equity securities listed in Hong Kong are denominated in Hong Kong dollars while investment in the unlisted limited partnership is denominated in United Kingdom Pounds.

The investment cost of unlisted limited partnership of \$7,046,000 was fully impaired in prior years as it is expected to be irrecoverable by management as a result of the financial difficulties experienced by the investee. Accordingly, management estimated the fair value of the investment in unlisted partnership at 31 March 2020 and 2021 to be nil.

#### 16 INVENTORIES

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Finished goods	398,728	520,362
Less: Write-down of inventories	(12,030)	(63,810)
	386,698	456,552

The cost of inventories recognised as expense and included in "cost of sales" amounted to \$1,891,172,000 (2020: \$1,819,615,000) during the year ended 31 March 2021.

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# 17 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
Non-current portion		
	4.000	007
Prepayments for purchase of property, plant and equipment	1,808	307
Prepayments for purchase of investment property	5,987	_ 
	7,795	307
Current portion		
Trade receivables, net of loss allowance	176,483	128,151
Prepayments to suppliers	41,993	35,232
Deposits	1,516	1,525
Other receivables	19,758	16,748
	239,750	181,656
	247,545	181,963

All of the current portion of trade and other receivables are expected to be recovered or recognised as expense within one year. At the end of the reporting period, the ageing of trade receivables, based on invoice date and net of loss allowance, is as follows:

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
Within 1 month	146,208	113,089
Over 1 but within 2 months	15,758	8,577
Over 2 but within 3 months	11,636	4,525
Over 3 months	2,881	1,960
	176,483	128,151

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# 17 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

The carrying amounts of the trade receivables are denominated in the following currencies:

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
HK dollars	7,829	6,502
US dollars	59,151	25,079
New Taiwan dollars	13,113	8,409
Renminbi	96,389	88,150
Malaysian Ringgit	1	11
	176,483	128,151

The ageing of trade receivables, based on due date and net of loss allowance, is as follows:

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Current	134,731	93,073
Within 1 month past due	36,050	30,112
Over 1 but within 2 months past due	3,968	2,908
Over 2 but within 3 months past due	509	325
Over 3 months past due	1,225	1,733
	176,483	128,151

Further details on the Group's credit policy and credit risk arising from trade receivables are set out in note 3(a) (iv).

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# 18 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Cash at bank and on hand	197,672	235,573
Short-term bank deposits	90,546	70,542
	288,218	306,115

The weighted average effective interest rate on short-term bank deposits of the Group was 1.24% (2020: 2.73%) per annum as at 31 March 2021.

Cash at bank earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates.

The carrying amounts of bank balances and cash are denominated in the following currencies:

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
HK dollars	21,804	24,028
US dollars	160,592	190,184
New Taiwan dollars	11,418	7,992
Renminbi	92,965	82,601
Others	1,439	1,310
	288,218	306,115

# 19 SHARE CAPITAL

## Authorised and issued capital

	Number of shares ′000	Nominal amount \$'000
Authorised:		
At 1 April 2019, 31 March 2020, 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	8,000,000	800,000
Issued and fully paid – ordinary shares of \$0.1 each:		
At 1 April 2019, 31 March 2020, 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021	828,750	82,875

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#### 20 RESERVES

### Movements in components of equity

The reconciliation between the opening and closing balances of each component of the Group's consolidated equity is set out in the consolidated statement of changes in equity. Details of the changes in the Company's individual components of equity between the beginning and the end of the year are set out in note 28(a) to the financial statements.

### Nature and purpose of reserves

#### (i) Share premium

Pursuant to the Companies Law (2004 Revision) of the Cayman Islands, the share premium account is distributable to the shareholders of the Company, provided that immediately following the date on which the dividend is proposed to be distributed, the Company will be in a position to pay off its debts as and when they fall due in the ordinary course of business.

#### (ii) Merger reserve

The merger reserve arose from an adjustment to eliminate the Group's share of share capital of a then non-wholly owned subsidiary against the Group's investment cost in the subsidiary using the principle of merger accounting in respect of a business combination under common control during the year ended 31 December 2007.

#### (iii) Reserve funds

In accordance with the relevant rules and regulations, the Group's entities registered in the Mainland China are required to transfer part of its profit after income tax to reserve funds. The transfer is also subject to the approval of the respective board of directors of these entities, in accordance with their articles of association.

#### (iv) Fair value reserve (non-recycling)

The fair value reserve (non-recycling) comprises the cumulative net change in the fair value of equity investments designated at FVOCI under HKFRS 9 that are held at the end of the reporting period (see note 2(i)).

#### (v) Hedge reserve

The hedge reserve comprises the effective portion of the cumulative net change in the fair value of hedging instruments used in cash flow hedges pending subsequent recognition of the hedged cash flow in accordance with the accounting policy adopted for cash flow hedges in note 2(n).

#### (vi) Property revaluation reserve

The property revaluation reserve has been set up and is dealt with in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2(e).

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# 21 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES AND CONTRACT LIABILITIES

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
Trade and other payables		
Trade payables	10,461	44,592
Accrued expenses and other payables	16,008	8,285
	26,469	52,877
Contract liabilities	9,816	10,696
	36,285	63,573

# (a) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are expected to be settled within one year or are repayable on demand.

At the end of the reporting period, the ageing of trade payables, based on invoice date, is as follows:

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
Within 1 month	10,167	44,317
Over 1 but within 3 months	17	149
Over 3 months	277	126
	10,461	44,592

The carrying amounts of trade payables are denominated in the following currencies:

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
US dollars	9,289	39,613
Renminbi	1,172	4,979
	10,461	44,592

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# 21 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES AND CONTRACT LIABILITIES

## (b) Contract liabilities (Continued)

The Group receives deposits from customers for sale of goods. This amount is recognised as a contract liability until the sales are completed and the goods are legally assigned to the customers.

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
Movements in contract liabilities		
Balance at 1 April  Decrease in contract liabilities as a result of recognising revenue during the year that was included	10,696	9,852
in the contract liabilities at the beginning of the year Increase in contract liabilities as a result of receiving prepayments from customers during the year	(10,696)	(9,852)
in respect of sale of goods as at 31 March	9,816	10,696
Balance at 31 March	9,816	10,696

The contract liabilities are expected to be recognised as income within one year.

## 22 BANK BORROWINGS

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Non-current liabilities		
Mortgage loan	_	11,997
Current liabilities		
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Short-term bank borrowings	88,559	106,471
Mortgage loan	_	1,183
	88,559	107,654
	88,559	119,651

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## 22 BANK BORROWINGS (Continued)

As at 31 March 2021 and 2020, bank borrowings are repayable as follows:

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
Within one year	88,559	107,654
After 1 year but within 2 years	_	1,209
After 2 years but within 5 years	_	3,787
After 5 years	-	7,001
	<u>-</u>	11,997
	88,559	119,651

Mortgage loan of \$13,180,000 was secured by investment property with carrying value of \$64,600,000 as at 31 March 2020.

As at 31 March 2021 and 2020, all the remaining bank borrowings were guaranteed by the Company. None of the banking facilities as at 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2020 are subject to the fulfilment of covenant.

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

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
HK dollars	_	13,180
US dollars	88,559	106,471
	88,559	119,651

The effective interest rates (per annum) at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	2021	2020
Short-term bank borrowings	1.73%	2.73%
Mortgage loan	N/A	2.15%

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### 23 DEFERRED TAX

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income taxes relate to the same fiscal authority. The following amounts, determined after appropriate offsetting, are shown in the consolidated statement of financial position:

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
Deferred tax assets	2,751	2,643
Deferred tax liabilities	(4,005)	(4,565)
	(1,254)	(1,922)

The net movement on the deferred tax is as follows:

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
At beginning of the year	(1,922)	(1,797)
Credited/(charged) to profit or loss (note 11)	605	(125)
Credited to other comprehensive income	63	-
At end of the year	(1,254)	(1,922)

The movement in deferred tax assets and liabilities during the year, without taking into consideration the offsetting of balances within the same tax jurisdiction, is as follows:

	Deferred tax assets				Deferred tax liabilities							
	Tax lo	esses	Unrealis on inve	ed profit entories	Accele accou depred	nting	Cash flov	/ hedges	Accelera deprec		Revalua ass	
	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
At beginning of the year Credited/(charged) to profit or loss Credited to other comprehensive income	1,008 - -	1,008 - -	92 53 -	92 - -	2,551 (8) -	2,508 43 -	- - 63	- - -	(2,825) 560 -	(2,657) (168) –	(2,748) - -	(2,748) - -
At end of the year	1,008	1,008	145	92	2,543	2,551	63	-	(2,265)	(2,825)	(2,748)	(2,748)

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### 23 DEFERRED TAX (Continued)

Deferred tax assets are recognised for tax loss carried forward to the extent that the realisation of the related tax benefit through future taxable profits is probable. The Group did not recognise deferred tax assets of \$58,429,000 (2020: \$62,286,000) in respect of tax losses amounting to \$354,117,000 (2020: \$377,491,000) that can be carried forward against future taxable income. The tax losses arose in Hong Kong and have no expiry date.

### 24 LEASE LIABILITIES

The following table shows the remaining contractual maturities of the Group's lease liabilities at the end of the reporting period:

	20	)21	20:	20
	Present value of the minimum lease payments \$'000	Total minimum lease payments \$'000	Present value of the minimum lease payments \$'000	Total minimum lease payments \$'000
Within 1 year	1,406	1,425	1,112	1,168
After 1 year but within 2 years	9	9	565	574
After 2 years but within 5 years			8	8
	9	9	573	582
	1,415	1,434	1,685	1,750
Less: total future interest expenses		(19)		(65)
Present value of lease liabilities		1,415		1,685

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### 25 SUBSIDIARIES

	The Co	mpany
	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Unlisted shares, at cost	224,379	224,379
Amounts due from subsidiaries	938,700	943,364
	1,163,079	1,167,743
Less: impairment loss	(322,363)	(322,363)
	840,716	845,380

As the market capitalisation of the Company was lower than the net assets value of the Group and the Group was loss making in the prior year, there was an indication that the carrying value of the Company's interests in subsidiaries as at 31 March 2020 may be impaired. Management has therefore assessed the recoverable amount of interests in subsidiaries and an impairment loss of \$173,518,000 was recognised in the Company's profit or loss during the year ended 31 March 2020.

Based on the Group's performance and the current economic environment, management considered that no reversal or further provision of impairment losses is necessary as at 31 March 2021.

The following is a list of principal subsidiaries at 31 March 2021:

	Place of incorporation	Principal activities and	Issued capital/	Interest	held
Company name	and kind of legal entity	place of operation	paid-up capital	2021	2020
Lee Kee Group (BVI) limited	British Virgin Islands ("BVI"), limited liability company	Investment holding in BVI	2 shares of HK\$1 each	100%	100%
Lee City Asia Company Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability company	Property holding in Hong Kong	\$10,000	100%	100%
Lee Fung Metal Company Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability company	Trading of non-ferrous metal in Hong Kong	\$100,000	100%	100%
Lee Kee Group Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability company	Investment holding in Hong Kong	\$1,000	100%	100%

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Lee Kee Metal Company Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability company	Trading of zinc and zinc alloy in Hong Kong	\$5,000,000	100%	100%
Lee Kee International Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability company	Trading of non-ferrous metals in Hong Kong	\$100,000	100%	100%
Lee Yip Metal Products Company Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability company	Trading of stainless steel in Hong Kong	\$1,000,000	100%	100%
Essence Metal (Asia) Company Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability company	Manufacturing and trading of customised zinc alloy in Hong Kong	\$1	100%	100%
Promet Metals Testing Laboratory Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability company	Provision of technical consultancy services in Hong Kong	\$1	100%	100%
Silver Goal International Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability company	Property holding in Hong Kong	\$1	100%	100%
Standard Glory Management Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability company	Provision of management services in Hong Kong	\$10,000	100%	100%
Toba Company Limited	Hong Kong, limited liability company	Property holding in Hong Kong	\$10,000	100%	100%
LKG Elite (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd.	The PRC, limited liability company	Distribution of non-ferrous metals in Mainland China	RMB30,954,000	100%	100%
LKG Elite (Guangzhou) Co., Ltd.	The PRC, limited liability company	Distribution of non-ferrous metals in Mainland China	RMB5,020,000	100%	100%
LKG Elite (Wuxi) Co., Ltd.	The PRC, limited liability company	Distribution of non-ferrous metals in Mainland China	USD3,600,000	100%	100%
Genesis Recycling Technology (BVI) Limited	BVI, limited liability company	Investment holding in BVI	2,100,000 shares of USD1 each	100%	100%
Genesis Alloys (Ningbo) Limited	The PRC, limited liability company	Manufacturing and trading of zinc alloy products in Mainland China	USD9,000,000	100%	100%

Lee Kee Group (BVI) Limited is directly held by the Company. All of the other entities disclosed above are held indirectly by the Company through Lee Kee Group (BVI) Limited.

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# 25 SUBSIDIARIES (Continued)

	Place of incorporation	Principal activities and	Issued capital/	Interest held	
Company name	and kind of legal entity	place of operation	paid-up capital	2021	2020

## 26 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

## (a) Reconciliation of profit/(loss) before taxation to net cash generated from operations:

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Profit/(loss) before taxation	22,308	(123,394)
Adjustments for:	,	(120,001,
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	7,607	9,079
Interest income	(979)	(1,605)
Interest on bank borrowings	1,835	5,913
Interest on lease liabilities	86	95
Change in fair value of investment property	1,000	_
COVID-19-related rental concession received	(54)	_
Dividend income from listed securities	_	(250)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(62)	(5)
(Reversal of)/provision for employee retirement benefit	, ,	
obligations	(917)	233
(Reversal of)/provision for write-down of inventories	(52,084)	42,671
(Reversal of)/provision for credit loss of trade receivables	(151)	167
Impairment loss of property, plant and equipment	_	16,938
Unrealised loss/(gain) on derivative financial instruments	1,745	(2,050)
Effect of foreign exchange rates changes	(3,290)	71
Changes in working capital:		
Decrease in cash held on behalf of customers	_	9,605
Decrease in inventories	128,716	92,151
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(49,578)	20,114
Decrease in trade and other payables and contract liabilities	(30,984)	(20,781)
Net cash generated from operations	25,198	48,952

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### 26 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)

# (b) In the consolidated statement of cash flows, proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment comprise:

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
Disposal of property, plant and equipment:		
Net book value Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	12 62	55 5
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	74	60

### (c) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

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

	Lease liabilities \$'000 (note 24)	Bank borrowings \$'000 (note 22)	<b>Total</b> \$'000
At 1 April 2019	1,364	196,467	197,831
Changes from financing cash flows: Proceeds from new bank borrowings Repayment of bank borrowings Interest paid on mortgage loan Capital element of lease rentals paid Interest element of lease rentals paid	- - - (1,626) (95)	887,321 (964,137) (308) – –	887,321 (964,137) (308) (1,626) (95)
Total changes from financing cash flows	(1,721)	(77,124)	(78,845)
Exchange adjustment	(16)		(16)
Other changes: Interest expense (note 9) Increase in lease liabilities from entering into new leases	95	308	403
during the year	1,963	_	1,963
Total other changes	2,058	308	2,366
At 31 March 2020	1,685	119,651	121,336

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### 26 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)

### (c) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities (Continued)

	Lease liabilities \$'000 (note 24)	Bank borrowings \$'000 (note 22)	<b>Total</b> \$'000
At 1 April 2020	1,685	119,651	121,336
Changes from financing cash flows:			
		622 652	622 652
Proceeds from new bank borrowings	_	633,652	633,652
Repayment of bank borrowings	_	(664,744)	(664,744)
Interest paid on mortgage loan	- (4, 000)	(230)	(230)
Capital element of lease rentals paid	(1,996)	_	(1,996)
Interest element of lease rentals paid	(86)		(86)
Total changes from financing cash flows	(2,082)	(31,322)	(33,404)
Exchange adjustment	117		117
Other changes:			
Interest expense (note 9)	86	230	316
Increase in lease liabilities from			
entering into new leases			
during the year	1,609	_	1,609
Total other changes	1,695	230	1,925
At 31 March 2021	1,415	88,559	89,974

## (d) Total cash outflow for leases

Amounts included in the statement of cash flows for leases comprise the following:

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Within operating cash flows	930	1,416
Within financing cash flows	2,082	1,721
	3,012	3,137

The above amounts relate to lease rentals paid.

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#### 27 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### (a) Transactions with related parties

In addition to those disclosed elsewhere in the consolidated financial statements, the Group had the following significant transactions with related parties:

	2021	2020
	\$'000	\$'000
Expense		
Rental paid to Sonic Gold Limited	636	636

The Group paid rental expenses for a director's quarter to Sonic Gold Limited, a company controlled by Ms Chan Yuen Shan, Clara, a director of the Company, at fixed sums as agreed by both parties.

#### (b) Key management compensation

	2021 \$'000	2020 \$'000
Salaries and other short term employee benefits Post-employment benefits-pension	12,837 144	16,520 144
	12,981	16,664

Key management has been identified as the executive directors, chief executive officer, chief operation officer, chief financial officer and senior personnel from various departments of the Group.

#### Senior management remuneration

The emoluments payable to the senior management of the Group as disclosed in section "Directors, Senior Management and Advisors" in the annual report during the year ended 31 March 2021 fell within the following emolument bands:

	2021	2020
HK\$0 to HK\$1,000,000	1	1
HK\$1,000,001 to HK\$2,000,000	1	1
HK\$2,000,001 to HK\$3,000,000	1	1
	3	3

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## 28 COMPANY'S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	- Nata	2021	2020
•	Note	\$'000	\$'000
Non-current assets			
Interests in subsidiaries	25	840,716	845,380
Current assets			
Prepayments and other receivables		4,768	155
Tax recoverable		23	65
Cash and cash equivalents		19,654	18,021
		24,445	18,241
Current liabilities			
Other payables		1,219	19
Net current assets		23,226	18,222
Total assets less current liabilities		863,942	863,602
Non-current liabilities			
Employee retirement benefit obligations		579	789
Net assets		863,363	862,813
Capital and reserves (note a)			
Share capital		82,875	82,875
Reserves		780,488	779,938
Total equity		863,363	862,813

The statement of financial position of the Company was approved by the Board of Directors on 28 May 2021 and was signed on its behalf.

**CHAN Pak Chung** 

**CHAN Yuen Shan Clara** 

Director

Director

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#### 28 COMPANY'S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Continued)

### Note (a): Changes in equity of the Company

	Share capital \$′000	Share premium \$'000	Contributed surplus (Note) \$'000	Capital redemption reserve	Accumulated losses	<b>Total</b> \$'000
At 1 April 2020 Profit and total comprehensive	82,875	424,845	640,631	125	(285,663) 550	862,813 550
At 31 March 2021	82,875	424,845	640,631	125	(285,113)	863,363
At 1 April 2019  Loss and total comprehensive	82,875	424,845	640,631	125	(99,798)	1,048,678
At 31 March 2020	- 82,875	424,845	640,631	125	(185,865)	(185,865) 862,813

Note: The contributed surplus of the Company represents the value of the one share of Lee Kee Group (BVI) Limited allotted and issued to the Company at premium of approximately \$640,631,000 at the direction of Mr Chan Pak Chung ("Mr Chan") and pursuant to a deed of gift entered into between Mr Chan and the Company in consideration of the conversion of the ordinary shares of Lee Kee Group Limited held by Mr Chan to non-voting deferred shares in 2006.

Pursuant to the Companies Law (2004 Revision) of the Cayman Islands, the contributed surplus is distributable to the shareholders of the Company, provided that immediately following the date on which the dividend is proposed to be distributed, the Company will be in a position to pay off its debts as and when they fall due in the ordinary course of business.

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29 BENEFITS AND INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS (DISCLOSURES REQUIRED BY SECTION 383 OF THE HONG KONG COMPANIES ORDINANCE (CAP. 622) AND COMPANIES (DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION ABOUT BENEFITS OF DIRECTORS) REGULATION (CAP. 622G))

The remuneration of the directors for the years ended 31 March 2021 and 2020 are set out below.

					Employer's contribution to a retirement	
			Discretionary		benefit	
Name of directors	Fees	Salary	bonuses	Other benefits	scheme	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	(Note 1) \$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Year ended 31 March 2021						
Executive directors						
Mr Chan Pak Chung	-	1,440	-	-	-	1,440
Ms Chan Yuen Shan Clara						
(Chief executive officer)	-	1,475	573	636	18	2,702
Ms Okusako Chan Pui Shan Lillian	-	1,347	296	-	18	1,661
Mr Chan Ka Chun Patrick	-	1,304	293	-	18	1,615
Independent non-executive directors						
Mr Chung Wai Kwok Jimmy	192	-	-	-	-	192
Mr Ho Kwai Ching Mark	192	-	-	-	-	192
Mr Tai Lun Paul (note 2)	192	-	-	-		192
	576	5,566	1,162	636	54	7,994
Year ended 31 March 2020						
Executive directors						
Mr Chan Pak Chung	-	2,400	-	-	-	2,400
Ms Chan Yuen Shan Clara						
(Chief executive officer)	-	2,469	-	636	18	3,123
Ms Okusako Chan Pui Shan Lillian	-	1,603	-	-	18	1,621
Mr Chan Ka Chun Patrick	-	1,553	-	-	18	1,571
Independent non-executive directors						
Mr Chung Wai Kwok Jimmy	240	-	-	_	_	240
Mr Hu Wai Kwok (note 3)	240	-	-	-	-	240
Mr Ho Kwai Ching Mark	240	-		-		240
	720	8,025	-	636	54	9,435

#### Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> Other benefits include the rental expenses paid for a director's quarter.

<sup>(2)</sup> Mr. Tai Lun, Paul was appointed as independent non-executive director with effect form 1 April 2020.

<sup>(3)</sup> Mr. Hu Wai Kwok resigned as independent non-executive director with effect from 1 April 2020.

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During the year, no payments or benefits in respect of termination of directors' services were paid or made, directly or indirectly, to the directors; nor are any payable (2020: Nil). No consideration was provided to or receivable by third parties for making available directors' services (2020: Nil). There are no loans, quasi-loans or other dealings in favour of the directors, their controlled bodies corporate and connected entities (2020: Nil).

No director of the Company had a material interest, directly or indirectly, in any significant transactions, arrangements and contracts in relation to the Company's business to which the Company was or is a party that subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year (2020: None).

No emoluments have been paid to the directors of the Company or the five highest paid individuals as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office (2020: Nil).

#### Five highest paid individuals

The five individuals whose emoluments were the highest in the Group during the year include four (2020: four) directors whose emoluments are reflected within this note above.

The emoluments payable to the remaining one (2020: one) of the five highest paid individuals during the year are as follows:

	2021 \$′000	2020 \$'000
Salaries and other allowances	1,813	2,158
Post-employment benefits – pension	18	18
	1,831	2,176

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#### Five highest paid individuals

The emoluments payable to this individual during the year fell within the following emolument bands:

	Number of individuals		
	2021	2020	
\$1,500,001 to \$2,000,000	1	_	
\$2,000,001 to \$2,500,000	_	1	
	1	1	

#### 30 COMMITMENTS

Capital commitments outstanding at 31 March 2021 not provided for in the financial statements were as follows:

	2021 \$′000
Contracted for acquisition of an investment property	37,800

The Group has entered into a provisional agreement (the "Agreement") with an independent third party and agreed to purchase an investment property at a consideration of HK\$42,000,000. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Group has paid HK\$4,200,000 as deposit during the year ended 31 March 2021 and the remaining balance shall be paid upon completion. The Group has subsequently completed the acquisition on 5 May 2021.

#### 31 ULTIMATE AND IMMEDIATE HOLDING COMPANIES

At 31 March 2021, the directors consider Gold Alliance International Management Limited and Gold Alliance Global Services Limited, both of which are incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, to be the ultimate and immediate holding companies of the Company, respectively. Neither of them produces financial statements available for public use.

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