



佐力科創小額貸款股份有限公司
Zuoli Kechuang Micro-finance Company Limited

(A joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)
Stock code: 6866

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DEFINITIONS

In this report, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the meanings set out below.

“Acting in Concert Agreement”	an agreement entered into by Mr. Yu Youqiang, Mr. Yu Yin, Mr. Shen Haiying, Mr. Zhang Jianming and Puhua Energy dated 28 April 2014
“AFR (三農)”	customers engaged in agricultural business and/or rural development activities, and/or customers residing in rural areas
“Bangni Fiber”	浙江邦尼耐火纖維有限公司 (Zhejiang Bangni Refractory Fiber Co., Ltd.)
“Board” or “Board of Directors”	the board of Directors
“CG Code”	the Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules
“Company”, “we”, “us” or “our”	佐力科創小額貸款股份有限公司 (Zuoli Kechuang Micro-finance Company Limited*), a joint stock company incorporated in the PRC with limited liability on 18 August 2011 and converted from our Predecessor Company on 28 April 2014, the H Shares of which are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (stock code: 6866)
“Controlling Shareholder(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
“Deqing Yintian”	德清銀天股權投資管理有限公司 (Deqing Yintian Equity Investment and Management Company Limited*)
“Dingsheng Investment”	德清鼎盛股權投資管理有限公司 (Deqing Dingsheng Equity Investment and Management Company Limited*)
“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company
“Domestic Share(s)”	ordinary shares in the share capital of the Company with a nominal value of RMB1.00 each, which are subscribed for and paid up in RMB by PRC nationals and/or PRC-established entities
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“H Share(s)”	overseas listed foreign shares in the share capital of the Company with nominal value of RMB1.00 each, which are subscribed for and traded in Hong Kong dollars and are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
“HKD” or “HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“Hong Kong Stock Exchange” or “Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“Jinhui Micro-finance”	德清金匯小額貸款有限公司 (Deqing Jinhui Micro-finance Company Limited*), a non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company

“Listing Rules”	The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
“Model Code”	the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules
“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China, but for the purpose of this interim report and for geographical reference only and except where the context requires, otherwise references in this interim report to “China” and the “PRC” do not apply to Taiwan, Macau Special Administrative Region and Hong Kong
“Predecessor Company” or “our Predecessor Company”	德清佐力科創小額貸款有限公司 (Deqing Zuoli Kechuang Micro-finance Company Limited*), a limited liability company established in the PRC on 18 August 2011 and the predecessor of the Company
“Puhua Energy”	德清普華能源股份有限公司 (Deqing Puhua Energy Company Limited*)
“RMB”	Renminbi, the lawful currency for the time being of the PRC
“SFO”	the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
“Shareholder(s)”	shareholder(s) of the Company
“SME(s)”	small and medium-sized enterprise(s), as defined in the Notice on the Provisions for Classification Standards of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (關於印發中小企業劃型標準規定的通知)
“Supervisor(s)”	the supervisor(s) of the Company
“VAT”	value-added tax
“Xingyao Micro-finance”	杭州市高新區(濱江)興耀普匯小額貸款有限公司 (Hangzhou High-tech District (Binjiang) Xingyao Pu Hui Micro-finance Co. Ltd.*), a non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company
“Zheli Financial Service”	浙江浙里金融信息服務有限公司 (Zhejiang Zheli Financial Information Service Co., Ltd.*)
“Zuoli Holdings”	佐力控股集團有限公司 (Zuoli Holdings Group Company Limited*)

* For identification purpose only

CORPORATE INFORMATION

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Mr. Zheng Xuegen (*Vice-Chairman*)
Mr. Yang Sheng (*Vice-Chairman*)
Ms. Hu Fangfang

Non-executive Director

Mr. Pan Zhongmin (formerly known as Pan Zhongming)

Independent non-executive Directors

Mr. Chan Kin Man
Mr. Zhao Xuqiang
Ms. Yang Jie

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Mr. Wang Peijun
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Mr. Chan Kin Man (*Chairman*)
Mr. Zhao Xuqiang
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Mr. Zhao Xuqiang (*Chairman*)
Mr. Yu Yin
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NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Yang Jie (*Chairman*)
Mr. Yu Yin
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Mr. Yang Sheng (*Chairman*)
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COMPANY SECRETARY

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PRC

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

We carried out our microfinance business in the PRC, and our business is mainly conducted in Deqing County, Huzhou City and Binjiang District, Hangzhou City, the Zhejiang Province, where the main market share comes from Deqing County. Zhejiang province is the important birthplace of President Xi Jinping's thought on ecological civilisation, and according to the Opinion on Supporting the High Quality Development and the Construction of a Common Prosperity Demonstration Zone in Zhejiang (《關於支持浙江高質量發展建設共同富裕示範區的意見》) ("Opinion") issued by the State Council in May 2021, Zhejiang Province was endowed an important demonstration reform task of realizing common prosperity and a series of important decisions and deployment were proposed, which will be more favorable for the overall coordinated development of Zhejiang Province in terms of economy, society, culture, ecology, etc. Besides, Huzhou is the birthplace of the important thought that "lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets" and the experimental area of the national green finance reform and innovation, and is one of the best cities in Zhejiang Province and even the country in respect of financial ecological environment, which bring us a better opportunity to explore green development. Deqing has experienced robust economic development and growth in recent years, and is placed among the national top one hundred counties in terms of comprehensive strength in economic, social condition, environmental and government management aspects (綜合實力百強縣). Deqing has been designated as a "technological outstanding county (科技強縣)", a "financial innovation demonstration county (金融創新示範縣)" as well as the "financial back-office base in Yangtze River Delta (長三角金融後台基地)" by Zhejiang provincial government of the PRC. A number of new high-technology, bio-pharmaceutical and innovative enterprises have either selected Deqing as their headquarters or conducted business in Deqing, which has promoted the development of the local financial services industry.

Competition within the microfinance industry in Zhejiang remains intense. As of 30 June 2021, the number of microfinance companies in Zhejiang reached 298 in total. The average registered capital per microfinance company amounted to RMB0.17 billion. The average loan balance per microfinance company amounted to RMB0.19 billion.

As of 30 June 2021, apart from the Group, there were three other microfinance companies in Deqing. The accumulated aggregate amount of loans granted by the Group and the three microfinance companies for the six months ended 30 June 2021 reached RMB1.79 billion, out of which the accumulated aggregate amount of loans granted by the Group accounted for approximately 84.2%. As of 30 June 2021, the balance of loans (excluding accrued interest) of the Group and these three microfinance companies reached RMB3.21 billion, out of which the balance of loans (excluding accrued interest) of the Group accounted for approximately 83.1%.

BUSINESS OVERVIEW

As at 30 June 2021, we were the largest licensed microfinance company in Zhejiang in terms of registered capital, according to the Financial Work Office of the People's Government of Zhejiang Province* (浙江省人民政府金融工作辦公室) (now known as Zhejiang Provincial Financial Regulatory Bureau* (浙江省地方金融監督管理局)). We have been providing financing solutions and loan services to customers with flexible terms through quick and comprehensive loan assessment and approval processes.

Our customer base primarily consists of customers engaged in AFR (三農), the SMEs, micro enterprises and online retailers engaging in the businesses of lifestyle products, agricultural products, cultural supplies and industrial products, etc.

Our gross loan balance (excluding accrued interest) increased from RMB2,557.7 million as at 31 December 2020 to RMB2,666.6 million as at 30 June 2021.

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The following table sets out our registered capital, gross loans and advances to customers and leverage ratio as at the dates indicated:

	As at 30 June 2021	As at 31 December 2020
Registered capital (RMB'000)	1,180,000	1,180,000
Gross loans and advances to customers (excluding accrued interest, RMB'000)	2,666,573	2,557,669
Leverage ratio ⁽¹⁾	2.26	2.17

Note:

(1) Represents the gross loans and advances to customers (excluding accrued interest) divided by registered capital.

For the six months ended 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2021, our average interest rates for loans were 12.2% and 10.2%, respectively. Our average loan interest rate decreased during the aforesaid period, mainly due to the fact that, affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the national banks increased their support to small and micro enterprises in respond to the policy requirements, and at the same time, the average interest rate for loans granted by the same industry decreased. Therefore, in order to ensure assets quality and market share, maintain industry competitiveness, we lowered our average interest rates for loans.

As at 31 December 2020 and 30 June 2021, approximately 73.8% and 75.4% of loan contracts were with maximum amount limited to RMB1 million, respectively. Among our loan contracts, the higher proportion of loans with amount up to RMB1 million was mainly due to the fact that we mainly target to serve SMEs and micro enterprises, individuals in the agricultural, industrial and service sectors in Huzhou City and Hangzhou City and online retailers engaging in the business of lifestyle products, agricultural products, cultural supplies and industrial products, etc., the loan amounts granted to whom are generally lower.

Loans and Advances to Customers by Security

The following table sets out our loans and advances to customers by security as at the dates indicated:

	As at 30 June 2021		As at 31 December 2020	
	RMB'000	%	RMB'000	%
Unsecured loans ⁽¹⁾	32,609	1.2	32,154	1.3
Guaranteed loans	2,614,234	98.1	2,495,163	97.5
Collateralized loans	10,662	0.4	22,352	0.9
Pledged loans	9,068	0.3	8,000	0.3
Sub-total	2,666,573	100.0	2,557,669	100.0
Accrued interest	33,106		29,982	
Gross loans and advances to customers	2,699,679		2,587,651	

Note:

(1) Our unsecured loans are generally of small amounts, with short terms, and granted to customers who have good credit history upon assessing the risks involved in the loans during our credit evaluation process.

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The following table sets out the breakdown of our loans and advances to customers analysed by methods for assessing allowances for impairment losses as at the dates indicated:

	As at 30 June 2021			Total RMB'000
	12-month ECLs RMB'000	Lifetime ECLs non credit- impaired RMB'000	Lifetime ECLs credit-impaired RMB'000	
Gross loans and advances to customers	2,531,113	37,427	131,139	2,699,679
Less: Allowances for impairment losses	(68,710)	(10,297)	(122,129)	(201,136)
Net loans and advances to customers	2,462,403	27,130	9,010	2,498,543

	As at 31 December 2020			Total RMB'000
	12-month ECLs RMB'000	Lifetime ECLs non credit- impaired RMB'000	Lifetime ECLs credit-impaired RMB'000	
Gross loans and advances to customers	2,416,654	47,774	123,223	2,587,651
Less: Allowances for impairment losses	(59,336)	(18,134)	(110,067)	(187,537)
Net loans and advances to customers	2,357,318	29,640	13,156	2,400,114

The following table sets out our key operating data as at the dates indicated:

	As at 30 June 2021	As at 31 December 2020
Impaired loan ratio⁽¹⁾	4.9%	4.8%
Balance of impaired loans (RMB'000)	131,139	123,223
Gross loans and advances to customers (RMB'000)	2,699,679	2,587,651
Allowance coverage ratio⁽²⁾	153%	152%
Allowances for impairment losses ⁽³⁾ (RMB'000)	201,136	187,537
Balance of impaired loans (RMB'000)	131,139	123,223
Provision for impairment losses ratio⁽⁴⁾	7.5%	7.2%
Balance of overdue loans (RMB'000)	131,244	123,532
Gross loans and advances to customers (RMB'000)	2,699,679	2,587,651
Overdue loan ratio⁽⁵⁾	4.9%	4.8%

Notes:

(1) Represents the balance of impaired loans divided by the gross loans and advances to customers. Impaired loan ratio indicates the quality of our loan portfolio.

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- (2) Represents the allowances for impairment losses on all loans divided by the balance of impaired loans. Allowance coverage ratio indicates the level of provisions we set aside to cover probable loss in our loan portfolio.
- (3) Allowances for impairment losses reflect our management's estimate of the probable losses in our loan portfolio.
- (4) Represents the allowances for impairment losses divided by the gross loans and advances to customers. Provision for impairment losses ratio measures the cumulative level of provisions.
- (5) Represents the balance of overdue loans divided by the gross loans and advances to customers.

Total impaired loans

Our balance of impaired loans increased from RMB123.2 million as of 31 December 2020 to RMB131.1 million as of 30 June 2021, which was mainly due to the increase of loan balance and the deterioration of the operating environment of some of our loan customers as at 30 June 2021.

Total overdue loans

The following table sets out the breakdown of our overdue loans by security as at the dates indicated:

	As at 30 June 2021 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Unsecured loans	12,736	12,844
Guaranteed loans	114,496	90,686
Collateralized loans	4,012	20,002
Total overdue loans	131,244	123,532

We had overdue loans of RMB123.5 million and RMB131.2 million as at 31 December 2020 and 30 June 2021, respectively, accounting for 4.8% and 4.9% of our gross loan balance as at the same dates. As at 20 August 2021, RMB2.7 million out of the overdue loans as of 30 June 2021 was recovered.

Save for disclosed in this report, there has been no material change in the development of the Group's business and financial position and no important events affecting the Group has occurred since the publication of the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Net interest income

We generate interest income from loans we provide to customers and from our cash at banks. Our net interest income is net of interest and commission expenses. We incur interest and commission expenses on bank and other borrowings, which are principally used to expand our business and meet working capital requirements, as well as bank charges.

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The following table sets out the breakdown of our net interest income by source for the period indicated:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Interest income from		
Loans and advances to customers	137,260	156,325
Cash at banks	215	203
Total interest income	137,475	156,528
Interest and commission expenses from		
Borrowings from banks	(3,149)	(3,959)
Borrowings from non-bank institutions	(21,649)	(23,601)
Lease liabilities	(225)	(10)
Bank charges	(54)	(50)
Total interest and commission expenses	(25,077)	(27,620)
Net interest income	112,398	128,908

Our interest income from loans and advances to customers is primarily affected by the size of our loan portfolio and the average interest rate that we charge on loans and advances to our customers. During the six months ended 30 June 2021, our loan balance increased, which was generally in line with the size of our capital base, which is in turn affected by the size of our net assets and scale of financing. As at 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2021, our loan balance (excluding accrued interest) were RMB2,497.3 million and RMB2,666.6 million, respectively, and for the six months ended 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2021, mainly due to the fact that, affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the national banks increased their support to small and micro enterprises in respond to the policy requirements, and at the same time, the average interest rate for loans granted by the same industry decreased. In order to ensure assets quality and market share, maintain industry competitiveness, we lowered our average interest rates for loans.

Our interest and commission expenses, comprising interests on borrowings from banks and non-bank institutions as well as bank charges, were RMB27.6 million and RMB25.1 million for the six months ended 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2021, respectively. Our incurred interest expenses were primarily attributable to the interest payment on bank borrowings and non-bank institutions borrowings, including borrowings from third parties, convertible bonds and borrowings from Euro zone, which were principally applied to expand our loan business.

Our balance of bank borrowings (excluding accrued interest) as at 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2021 amounted to RMB150 million and RMB140 million, respectively. Our balance of borrowings from non-bank institutions (excluding accrued interest) amounted to RMB433.2 million and RMB532.5 million as at 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2021, respectively.

Our net interest income for the six months ended 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2021 were RMB128.9 million and RMB112.4 million, respectively.

Other net income

Our other net income for the six months ended 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2021 were RMB7.9 million and RMB20.3 million, respectively. Our other net income increased during the period compared with the same period last year, mainly due to the increase of RMB3.7 million in government subsidy during the period compared with the same period last year and increase of foreign exchange gains of RMB6.7 million compared with the same period last year.

Impairment losses

Impairment losses include provisions in relation to loans and advances to our customers and interests receivables, etc. We review our portfolios of loans and advances and interests receivables, etc. regularly to assess whether any impairment losses exist and the amount of impairment losses if there is any indication of impairment. Our management reviews the methodology and assumptions used in estimating future cash flows regularly to reduce any deviation between estimated loss and the actual loss.

For the six months ended 30 June 2020 and 2021, our impairment losses were RMB21.6 million and RMB12.9 million, respectively.

Administrative expenses

Our administrative expenses mainly include: (i) tax and surcharge; (ii) staff costs, such as salaries, bonuses and allowances paid to employees, social insurance and other benefits; (iii) office expenditures and travel expenses; (iv) operating lease charges; (v) depreciation and amortization expenses; (vi) consulting and professional service fees; and (vii) other expenses, including business development expenses, advertising expenses and other miscellaneous expenses, such as stamp duty, conference fees and labor protection fees. The table below sets out the components of our administrative expenses by nature for the periods indicated:

	For the six months ended	
	30 June	
	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Tax and surcharge	744	983
Staff costs	9,814	8,197
Office expenditures and travel expenses	2,012	2,774
Operating lease charges	51	17
Depreciation and amortization expenses	4,174	3,861
Consulting and professional service fees	4,592	3,356
Business development expenses	4,780	2,247
Advertising expenses	2,008	1,931
Others	773	1,195
Total administrative expenses	28,948	24,561

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Our staff costs accounted for approximately 33.4% and 33.9% of the total administrative expenses for the six months ended 30 June 2020 and 2021, respectively. Our staff costs increased from RMB8.2 million for the six months ended 30 June 2020 to RMB9.8 million for the six months ended 30 June 2021, which was mainly due to the fact that during the period from February to June 2020, we were exempted from paying premiums on pension insurance, unemployment insurance and work-related injury insurance as well as our payment on basic medical insurance was reduced by half for period from February to June 2020, in accordance with provisions of the Notice on Phased Reduction or Exemption of Corporate Social Insurance Premiums (Zhe Ren She Fa [2020] No. 13) 《關於階段性減免企業社會保險費有關問題的通知(浙人社發[2020]13號)》 and the Notice on the Extension of the Implementation Period of the Social Insurance Policies for Enterprises in Stages (Ren She Bu [2020] No. 49) 《關於延長階段性減免企業社會保險費政策實施期限等問題的通知(人社部[2020]49號)》, and such policies were discontinued in 2021.

Income tax

Our income taxes for the six months ended 30 June 2020 and 2021 were RMB23.1 million and RMB23.9 million, respectively, and our effective tax rates were 25.5% and 26.2%, respectively.

Profit and total comprehensive income for the period

We had profit and total comprehensive income for the period of RMB67.6 million and RMB67.0 million for the six months ended 30 June 2020 and 2021, respectively.

Liquidity and capital resources

Our working capital and other capital requirements are mainly financed by equity investments from the Shareholders, interest-bearing borrowings, and cash flows from operations. Our working capital and capital requirements are primarily related to extending loans and other working capital requirements. We monitor our cash flows and cash balance on a regular basis and strive to maintain an optimal liquidity level that can meet our working capital needs while supporting a healthy level of business scale and expansion. Other than the bank borrowings obtained from commercial banks, we may also consider conducting financing on the platform of 浙江股權交易中心 (Zhejiang Equity Exchange Centre*) and financing on the platform of 浙江金融資產交易中心 (Zhejiang Financial Assets Exchange Centre*), foreign borrowings or other investments plans or choices. Nevertheless, as at the date of this report, we did not have any firm intention or formulate any specific plan on material external debt financing in the short term.

As at 30 June 2021, our balance of interest-bearing borrowings was approximately RMB677.1 million (31 December 2020: RMB656.2 million).

WORKING CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

Cash flows

Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities

Our cash generated from operating activities primarily consists of interest income from our loans granted to customers. Our cash used in operating activities primarily consists of our loans and advances to customers and various taxes.

We account equity investments from the Shareholders and interest-bearing borrowings as cash generated from financing activities, while we utilize such cash for granting new loans to customers and classify it as cash used in operating activities. Due to the loan granting nature of our business and the accounting treatment that such deployment of cash for granting loans is accounted for as operating cash outflow, we typically experience net cash outflows from operating activities when we expand our loan portfolio, which is generally in line with the industry norm.

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Our net cash used in operating activities for the six months ended 30 June 2021 was RMB16.1 million. Our net cash used in operating activities reflect: (i) our profit before tax of RMB90.9 million, adjusted for non-cash and non-operating items, primarily including impairment losses of RMB12.9 million, depreciation and amortization of RMB4.2 million, interest expenses of RMB25.0 million, exchange gains of RMB5.0 million, gains from disposal of assets of RMB0.1 million; (ii) the effect of changes in working capital, primarily including an increase in gross loans and advances to customers of RMB110.8 million, an increase in interest receivables and other assets of RMB0.1 million, and an increase in accruals and other payables of RMB14.9 million; and (iii) income tax paid of RMB48.0 million.

Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities

For the six months ended 30 June 2021, our net cash generated from investing activities was RMB0.2 million. Our net cash generated from investing activities mainly consisted of: (i) receipt of RMB1.0 million for the redemption of wealth management products; (ii) payment for the purchase of fixed assets of RMB1.1 million, partially offset by gains from disposal of fixed assets of RMB0.3 million.

Net cash used in financing activities

For the six months ended 30 June 2021, our net cash used in financing activities was RMB50.9 million. Our net cash used in financing activities mainly consisted of (i) repayment of interest-bearing borrowings amounted to RMB165.2 million, partially offset by the financing from interest-bearing borrowings received of RMB166.3 million; (ii) payment of dividend to non-controlling Shareholders of RMB10.4 million and capital withdrawal of RMB40.0 million; (iii) payment of lease charges amounted to RMB1.6 million.

Cash management

As our business primarily relies on our available cash, we normally set aside a sufficient amount of cash for meeting general working capital needs, such as administrative expenses and payment of interests on borrowings from banks and other non-bank institutions, and use the remainder for granting loans to our customers. As at 31 December 2020 and 30 June 2021, total cash and cash equivalents amounted to RMB78.2 million and RMB11.5 million, respectively.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are primarily our cash at banks. The following table sets out our cash and cash equivalents as at the dates indicated:

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Cash in hand	1	3
Cash at banks	11,338	77,498
Other currencies in cash	119	728
Cash and cash equivalents	11,458	78,229

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Loans and advances to customers

Our loans and advances to customers reflect the total balance of our loan portfolio. The following table sets out our gross loans and advances to customers by customer types as at the dates indicated:

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Corporate loans	1,050,832	994,721
Retail loans	1,584,587	1,535,190
Internet loans	31,154	27,758
Sub-total	2,666,573	2,557,669
Accrued interest	33,106	29,982
Gross loans and advances to customers	2,699,679	2,587,651
Total allowances for impairment losses	(201,136)	(187,537)
Net loans and advances to customers	2,498,543	2,400,114

We focus on providing short-term loans to minimise our risk exposure and, as a result, a substantial majority of our loans and advances to customers have a term of less than one year.

As at 31 December 2020 and 30 June 2021, our overdue loan amounted to RMB123.5 million and RMB131.2 million, respectively, accounting for approximately 4.8% and 4.9% of our gross loans and advances to customers as at the same dates.

The following table sets out our loan portfolio by security as at the dates indicated:

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Unsecured loans ⁽¹⁾	32,609	32,154
Guaranteed loans	2,614,234	2,495,163
Collateralized loans	10,662	22,352
Pledged loans	9,068	8,000
Sub-total	2,666,573	2,557,669
Accrued interest	33,106	29,982
Gross loans and advances to customers	2,699,679	2,587,651

Note:

- (1) Our unsecured loans are generally of small amounts, with short terms, and granted to customers who have good credit history upon assessing the risks involved in the loans during our credit evaluation process.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The majority of our loans were guaranteed loans, which accounted for approximately 97.6% and 98.0% of our gross loans and advances to customers (excluding accrued interest) as at 31 December 2020 and 30 June 2021, respectively.

Other Assets

The following table sets out the breakdown of other assets by their nature as at the dates indicated:

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Prepayment	1,463	687
Others	1,057	1,442
Total other assets	2,520	2,129

Accruals and other payables

The following table sets out the breakdown of our accruals and other payables by nature as at the dates indicated:

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Security deposits payable	5,000	5,000
Financing expenses payable	3,222	3,235
Accrued staff costs	2,877	4,382
Value-added tax payable	2,654	1,655
Tax and surcharges and other taxation payable	755	439
Dividend payable to non-controlling interests	—	7,164
Other payables	39,426	24,442
Total accruals and other payables	53,934	46,317

During the aforementioned period, our accrued expenses and other payables increased by RMB7.6 million, mainly due to the increase of other temporary payables.

Current taxation

Our current taxation refers to our income tax payable, amounted to RMB46.1 million and RMB23.9 million, respectively as at 31 December 2020 and 30 June 2021, respectively.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Capital commitments

As of 30 June 2021, there was no capital commitment of the Group (31 December 2020: Nil).

Key Financial Indicators

The following tables set out certain key financial ratios as at the dates indicated:

	For the six months ended 30 June 2021	For the year ended 31 December 2020
Return on weighted average equity (%)	6.6 ⁽²⁾	6.5
Average return on assets (%) ⁽¹⁾	5.1 ⁽²⁾	4.6

Notes:

(1) Represents profit for the period/year divided by average balance of total assets as at the beginning of the year and end of the period/year.

(2) Derived by dividing the actual number by 6 and multiplying by 12 on the annualised basis.

Gearing Ratio

	As of 30 June 2021	As of 31 December 2020
Gearing Ratio (%) ⁽¹⁾	36.9	33.1

Note:

(1) Represents the interest-bearing borrowings less cash and cash equivalents, divided by total equity attributable to equity Shareholders as at the end of the period/year.

Our gearing ratio increased from 31 December 2020 as of 30 June 2021, mainly due to the increase in the interest-bearing borrowings of the Company during the six months ended 30 June 2021 compared with last year, and the size of interest-bearing borrowings was in line with the size of loans of the Company.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

For the six months ended 30 June 2021, Mr. Yu Yin, an executive Director and the chairman of the Board, and other related parties had guaranteed some of our interest-bearing borrowings. As at 30 June 2021, the amount of guarantee provided by Mr. Yu Yin and other related parties amounted to RMB466.0 million. Such related party transactions constituted the continuing connected transactions under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules on the Stock Exchange. As the guarantees were provided on normal commercial terms where no security over the assets of the Group was granted to Mr. Yu Yin and other related parties, the said provision of guarantees was fully exempted from Shareholders' approval, annual review and all disclosure requirements.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The independent non-executive Directors have reviewed all the above continuing connected transactions and confirmed that these transactions have been entered into in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group, on normal commercial terms or better and conducted in accordance with the relevant agreements governing them on terms which are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Shareholders as a whole.

For the six months ended 30 June 2021, the Company and Jinhui Micro-finance (a non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company) leased properties from Zuoli Holdings with a depreciation on right-of-use assets and interest expense of RMB1.6 million. The entering into of the lease agreements allows the Company and Jinhui Micro-finance to maintain their operational needs. Puhua Energy is a Controlling Shareholder and thus a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. Zuoli Holdings, being the holding company of Puhua Energy, is an associate of Puhua Energy and thus also a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules. Such related party transactions constituted connected transactions under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Since one or more of the applicable percentage ratios (as set out in Rule 14.07 of the Listing Rules) calculated with reference to the annual caps under the lease exceed 0.1% but are less than 5%, the transaction contemplated under the lease is subject to the reporting, report and annual review requirements but exempt from the circular and independent Shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. The Company had duly announced the said transaction on 7 July 2020 and 10 July 2020.

Save as disclosed above, for the six months ended 30 June 2021, there was no other connected transaction of the Company that required for the reporting, annual reviews, report and independent Shareholders' approval under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. The Company confirmed that it has complied with the disclosure requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

INDEBTEDNESS

The following table sets forth our outstanding borrowings as at the dates indicated:

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Interest-bearing borrowings	677,101	656,197

Our interest-bearing borrowings were the borrowings and interests required for our business operations.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

As at 30 June 2021, we did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements (31 December 2020: nil).

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

EMPLOYMENT AND EMOLUMENTS

As at 30 June 2021, the Group had approximately 113 employees (31 December 2020: 121). Employees' remuneration has been paid in accordance with relevant policies in the PRC. Appropriate salaries and bonuses were paid, which are commensurate with the actual practices of the Company. Other corresponding benefits include pension, unemployment insurance and housing allowance, etc.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT

Save and except for the wealth management products issued by banks in the PRC, the Group had no significant investments held during the six months ended 30 June 2021.

MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURES

The Group had no acquisition or disposal of subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures for the six months ended 30 June 2021.

CHARGE ON THE GROUP'S ASSETS

As at 30 June 2021, the Group has pledged 35% (31 December 2020: 35%) of the equity interest in Jinhui Micro-finance held by the Company as a guarantee for the financing of Jinhui Micro-finance.

FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS AND EXPECTED SOURCES OF FUNDING

Other than the bank loans we obtain from commercial banks, we may also consider conducting financing on the platform of 浙江股權交易中心 (Zhejiang Equity Exchange Centre*) and financing, transfer and repurchase financing of certain loans on the platform of 浙江金融資產交易中心 (Zhejiang Financial Assets Exchange Centre*), foreign borrowings or other investments plans or choices. Nevertheless, as at the date of this report, we did not have any firm intention or formulate any specific plan on material external debt financing in the short term.

FOREIGN CURRENCY RISK

Foreign exchange risk arises when business transaction or recognised assets or liabilities are denominated in a currency that is not the entity's functional currency.

The Group operates in the PRC. The exposure to foreign exchange risk mainly arises from bank deposits in EUR and foreign borrowings in EUR. The Group was not exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from any other currency risk. The management will continue to monitor the exposure to foreign exchange and adopt prudent measures to minimize exchange risk.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 30 June 2021, the Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities (31 December 2020: nil).

PROSPECTS

With the establishment of China Micro-credit Companies Association (中國小額貸款公司協會) and promulgation of the Classification Standards of Financial Enterprises (《金融業企業劃型標準規定》), the role played by micro-finance companies in the PRC is being increasingly recognized by the relevant authorities. General Secretary Xi Jinping delivered an important speech at the symposium on private enterprises, proposing to solve the financing problem of private enterprises and broaden the financing channels for private enterprises, among which micro-finance companies and other financing channels should be brought into play.

In terms of our major market of offline business, Zhejiang province is the important birthplace of President Xi Jinping's thought on ecological civilization, and according to the Opinion on Supporting the High Quality Development and the Construction of a Common Prosperity Demonstration Zone in Zhejiang (《關於支持浙江高質量發展建設共同富裕示範區的意見》) ("Opinion") issued by the State Council in May 2021, Zhejiang Province was endowed an important demonstration reform task of realizing common prosperity and a series of important decisions and deployment were proposed, which will be more favorable for the overall coordinated development of Zhejiang Province in terms of economy, society, culture, ecology, etc.

Meanwhile, Huzhou is the birthplace of the important thought that "lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets" and the experimental area of the national green finance reform and innovation, and is one of the best cities in Zhejiang Province and even the country in respect of financial ecological environment, which bring us a better opportunity to explore green development. Deqing was placed among the nation's top one hundred counties in terms of comprehensive strength in economic, social condition, environmental and government management aspects (綜合實力百強縣). A number of high-technology, bio-pharmaceutical and innovative enterprises have either selected Deqing as their headquarters or conducted business in Deqing, thus help cultivating local financial services industry. In addition, Deqing has been designated as a "technological outstanding county (科技強縣)" as well as a "financial innovation demonstration county (金融創新示範縣)" by the Zhejiang provincial government. Therefore, we expect that Deqing will continue to enjoy economic stability and provide us with a relatively conducive market environment.

Under the opportunity of constructing a common prosperity demonstration zone in Zhejiang province and led by the concept of "lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets", we seize the opportunity of reform and innovation to actively explore a sustainable development road of green credit and continue to introduce innovative loan products, broaden business channels, enhance our market penetration and increase our competitive advantages by utilizing the advantage of our capital base. Currently, we have been officially listed as the first pilot unit of green micro-finance company in Huzhou since April 2020. In addition, as the main drafter, we participated in the formulation of "Green Micro-finance Company Construction and Evaluation Standard" (Zhejiang Province Huzhou Local Standard) (《綠色小額貸款公司建設與評價規範》(浙江省湖州市地方標準)), which has been officially issued and implemented in June 2020. The pilot construction of green micro-finance and implementation of its standards will help the Group to (i) further discover the potential customers of green micro-finance; (ii) better serve the growth of AFR (三農), as well as small and micro enterprises which are low-carbon and environmental friendly; and (iii) further increase the market share.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



Review report to the board of directors of Zuoli Kechuang Micro-finance Company Limited
(a joint stock Company incorporated in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") with limited liability)

INTRODUCTION

We have reviewed the interim financial report set out on pages 21 to 51 which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position of Zuoli Kechuang Micro-finance Company Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (together "the Group") as of 30 June 2021 and the related consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and condensed consolidated cash flow statement for the six month period then ended and explanatory notes. The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of an interim financial report to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof and Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34, *Interim financial reporting*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the interim financial report in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34.

Our responsibility is to form a conclusion, based on our review, on the interim financial report and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

SCOPE OF REVIEW

We conducted our review in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, *Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of the interim financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion.

CONCLUSION

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial report as at 30 June 2021 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34, *Interim financial reporting*.

KPMG

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20 August 2021

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2021 — unaudited
(Expressed in RMB'000, unless otherwise stated)

	Note	Six months ended 30 June	
		2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Interest income		137,475	156,528
Interest and commission expenses		(25,077)	(27,620)
Net interest income	3	112,398	128,908
Other net income	4	20,342	7,894
Charge of impairment losses	5	(12,893)	(21,570)
Administrative expenses		(28,948)	(24,561)
Profit before taxation	6	90,899	90,671
Income tax	7	(23,860)	(23,108)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period		67,039	67,563
Attributable to:			
Equity shareholders of the Company		58,875	65,108
Non-controlling interests		8,164	2,455
Profit for the period		67,039	67,563
Earnings per share			
Basic and diluted (RMB)	8	0.05	0.06

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 June 2021 — unaudited

(Expressed in RMB'000, unless otherwise stated)

	Note	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	11,458	78,229
Interest receivables		216	988
Loans and advances to customers	10	2,498,543	2,400,114
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	11	10	1,010
Intangible assets	12	827	1,136
Goodwill		20,940	20,940
Fixed assets	14	47,922	50,888
Deferred tax assets	15	50,834	48,945
Other assets		2,520	2,129
Total assets		2,633,270	2,604,379
Liabilities			
Interest-bearing borrowings	16	677,101	656,197
Accruals and other payables	17	53,934	46,317
Lease liabilities		5,594	6,859
Current taxation		23,874	46,078
Total liabilities		760,503	755,451
NET ASSETS		1,872,767	1,848,928
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	18	1,180,000	1,180,000
Reserves		626,087	567,212
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company		1,806,087	1,747,212
Non-controlling interests		66,680	101,716
TOTAL EQUITY		1,872,767	1,848,928

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 June 2021 — unaudited
(Expressed in RMB'000, unless otherwise stated)

	Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company						Non-controlling interests RMB'000	Total equity RMB'000
	Share capital	Capital reserve	Surplus reserve	General reserve	Retained profits	Total		
	RMB'000 Note 18(b)	RMB'000 Note 18(c)(i)	RMB'000 Note 18(c)(ii)	RMB'000 Note 18(c)(iii)	RMB'000	RMB'000		
Balance at 31 December 2019 and 1 January 2020	1,180,000	980	44,048	58,727	353,213	1,636,968	109,337	1,746,305
Changes in equity for the six months ended 30 June 2020:								
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	—	—	—	—	65,108	65,108	2,455	67,563
Dividends to non-controlling interests approved in respect of the previous year	—	—	—	—	—	—	(8,000)	(8,000)
Balance at 30 June 2020	1,180,000	980	44,048	58,727	418,321	1,702,076	103,792	1,805,868
Balance at 30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020	1,180,000	980	44,048	58,727	418,321	1,702,076	103,792	1,805,868
Changes in equity for the six months ended 31 December 2020:								
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	—	—	—	—	45,136	45,136	5,124	50,260
Appropriation to surplus reserve	—	—	1,885	—	(1,885)	—	—	—
Appropriation to general reserve	—	—	—	2,908	(2,908)	—	—	—
Dividends to non-controlling interests approved in respect of the previous year	—	—	—	—	—	—	(7,200)	(7,200)
Balance at 31 December 2020	1,180,000	980	45,933	61,635	458,664	1,747,212	101,716	1,848,928
Balance at 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021	1,180,000	980	45,933	61,635	458,664	1,747,212	101,716	1,848,928
Changes in equity for the six months ended 30 June 2021:								
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	—	—	—	—	58,875	58,875	8,164	67,039
Dividends to non-controlling interests approved in respect of the previous year	—	—	—	—	—	—	(3,200)	(3,200)
Capital withdrawal by non-controlling shareholders	—	—	—	—	—	—	(40,000)	(40,000)
Balance at 30 June 2021	1,180,000	980	45,933	61,635	517,539	1,806,087	66,680	1,872,767

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 June 2021 — unaudited
(Expressed in RMB'000, unless otherwise stated)

	Note	Six months ended 30 June	
		2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Operating activities			
Cash generated from operations		31,830	177,787
PRC income tax paid		(47,953)	(47,940)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities		(16,123)	129,847
Investing activities			
Proceeds from disposal of investments		1,000	3,000
Proceeds from disposal of fixed assets		282	—
Payment for the purchase of fixed assets and intangible assets		(1,058)	(248)
Payments on acquisition of investments		—	(3,499)
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities		224	(747)
Financing activities			
Proceeds from third parties borrowings		141,860	108,053
Proceeds from Euro zone borrowings		24,461	—
Repayment of third parties borrowings		(146,870)	(239,770)
Interest paid		(18,335)	(19,066)
Capital element of lease rentals paid		(1,399)	(1,390)
Interest element of lease rentals paid		(225)	(10)
Dividends paid to non-controlling shareholders		(10,364)	—
Capital withdrawal paid to non-controlling shareholders		(40,000)	(8,000)
Net cash used in financing activities		(50,872)	(160,183)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(66,771)	(31,083)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	9	78,229	55,310
Effect of foreign exchange rates changes		—	(61)
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	9	11,458	24,166

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

(Expressed in RMB'000, unless otherwise stated)

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

This interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, including compliance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard (HKAS) 34, *Interim financial reporting*, issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA). It was authorised for issue on 20 August 2021.

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2020 annual financial statements, except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the 2021 annual financial statements. Details of any changes in accounting policies are set out in Note 2.

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

This interim financial report contains condensed consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group since the 2020 annual financial statements. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes thereon do not include all of the information required for a full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (HKFRSs).

The interim financial report is unaudited, but has been reviewed by KPMG in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, *Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity*, issued by the HKICPA. KPMG's independent review report to the Board of Directors is included on page 20.

2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA to this interim financial report for the current accounting period:

- Amendment to HKFRS 16, *Covid-19-related rent concessions beyond 30 June 2021*
- Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16, *Interest rate benchmark reform — phase 2*

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 adoption of the amended HKFRS are disclosed below:

Amendment to HKFRS 16, *Covid-19-related rent concessions beyond 30 June 2021 (2021 amendment)*

The Group previously applied the practical expedient in HKFRS 16 such that as lessee it was not required to assess whether rent concessions occurring as a direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic were lease modifications, if the eligibility conditions are met. One of these conditions requires the reduction in lease payments affect only payments originally due on or before a specified time limit. The 2021 amendment extends this time limit from 30 June 2021 to 30 June 2022.

As there is no rent concession granted to the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2021, the amendment has no impact on the Group's interim financial report.

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2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16, *Interest rate benchmark reform – phase 2*

The amendments provide targeted reliefs from (i) accounting for changes in the basis for determining contractual cash flows of financial assets, financial liabilities and lease liabilities as modifications, and (ii) discontinuing hedge accounting when an interest rate benchmark is replaced by an alternative benchmark rate as a result of the reform of interbank offered rates (“IBOR reform”).

The amendments do not have an impact on this interim financial report as the Group does not have contracts that are indexed to benchmark interest rates which are subject to the IBOR reform.

3 NET INTEREST INCOME

The principal activity of the Group is the provision of loans to customers in Zhejiang Province, the PRC. The amount of each significant category of revenue recognised is as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Interest income arising from		
Loans and advances to customers	137,260	156,325
Cash at banks	215	203
	137,475	156,528
Interest and commission expenses arising from		
Borrowings from banks	(3,149)	(3,959)
Borrowings from non-bank institutions	(21,649)	(23,601)
Lease liabilities	(225)	(10)
Bank charges	(54)	(50)
	(25,077)	(27,620)
Net interest income	112,398	128,908

The Group's customer base is diversified and no customer with whom transactions have exceeded 10% of the Group's net interest income during the period. Details of credit risk management are set out in Note 19(a).

For the period, the directors have determined that the Group has only one single business component/reportable segment as the Group is principally engaged in providing lending services which is the basis to allocate resources and assess performance of the Group.

The principal place of the Group's operation is in Zhejiang Province in the PRC. For the purpose of segment information disclosures under HKFRS 8, the Group regarded Zhejiang Province as its place of domicile. All the Group's revenue and assets are principally attributable to Zhejiang Province, being the main operating region.

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4 OTHER NET INCOME

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Government grants	15,197	11,534
Exchange gains/(losses)	5,021	(1,641)
Donations	—	(2,000)
Gains from disposal of fixed assets	123	—
Others	1	1
Total	20,342	7,894

5 CHARGE OF IMPAIRMENT LOSSES

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Impairment losses		
— loans and advances to customers	12,418	19,596
— interest receivables	(17)	1,974
— other assets	492	—
Total	12,893	21,570

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(Expressed in RMB'000, unless otherwise stated)

6 PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging:

(a) Staff costs

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Salaries, bonuses and allowance	7,793	7,143
Social insurance and other benefits	1,658	1,054
Contribution to retirement scheme	363	—
Total	9,814	8,197

The Group is required to participate in the pension scheme organised by the municipal government of Zhejiang Province whereby the Group is required to pay annual contributions for PRC based employees at certain rate of the standard wages determined by the relevant authorities in the PRC during the period. The Group has no other material obligation for payment of retirement benefits to the PRC based employees beyond the annual contributions described above.

(b) Other items

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Depreciation expenses (Note 14)		
— owned fixed assets	2,518	2,551
— right-of-use assets	1,347	1,001
Auditors' remuneration	899	899
Amortization of intangible assets	309	309
Operating lease charges	51	17

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(Expressed in RMB'000, unless otherwise stated)

7 INCOME TAX

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Current tax		
Provision for PRC income tax for the period	25,749	28,157
Deferred tax (Note 15)		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(1,889)	(5,049)
Total	23,860	23,108

Notes:

- (i) The Company and the subsidiaries of the Group incorporated in the PRC are subject to the PRC income tax at the statutory tax rate of 25% for the six months ended 30 June 2021 (six months ended 30 June 2020: 25%).
- (ii) No provision for Hong Kong profit tax has been made, as the subsidiary of the Group incorporated in Hong Kong did not have assessable profits subject to Hong Kong profit tax for the six months ended 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020.

8 EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company of approximately RMB58.9 million (six months ended 30 June 2020: RMB65.1 million) and the weighted average of 1,180,000,000 ordinary shares (six months ended 30 June 2020: 1,180,000,000) in issue during the interim period.

There were no dilutive potential ordinary shares during each of the six months ended 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2020, and therefore, diluted earnings per share are the same as the basic earnings per share.

9 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Cash in hand	1	3
Cash at banks	11,338	77,498
Others	119	728
Cash and cash equivalents in the cash flow statement	11,458	78,229

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10 LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS

(a) Analysed by nature

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Corporate loans	1,050,832	994,721
Retail loans	1,584,587	1,535,190
Micro-loans granted online	31,154	27,758
Sub-total	2,666,573	2,557,669
Accrued interest	33,106	29,982
Gross loans and advances to customers	2,699,679	2,587,651
Less: Allowances for impairment losses	(201,136)	(187,537)
Net loans and advances to customers	2,498,543	2,400,114

(b) Analysed by type of collateral

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Unsecured loans	32,609	32,154
Guaranteed loans	2,614,234	2,495,163
Collateralized loans	10,662	22,352
Pledged loans	9,068	8,000
Sub-total	2,666,573	2,557,669
Accrued interest	33,106	29,982
Gross loans and advances to customers	2,699,679	2,587,651
Less: Allowances for impairment losses	(201,136)	(187,537)
Net loans and advances to customers	2,498,543	2,400,114

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10 LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

(c) Analysed by industry sector

	At 30 June 2021		At 31 December 2020	
	RMB'000	%	RMB'000	%
Wholesale and retail	539,500	20%	496,300	19%
Manufacturing	80,068	3%	64,200	3%
Construction	124,300	4%	125,200	5%
Agriculture, forestry, animal husbandry and fishery	500	1%	22,500	1%
Others	306,464	11%	286,521	11%
Corporate loans	1,050,832	39%	994,721	39%
Retail loans	1,584,587	60%	1,535,190	60%
Micro-loans granted online	31,154	1%	27,758	1%
Sub-total	2,666,573	100%	2,557,669	100%
Accrued interest	33,106		29,982	
Gross loans and advances to customers	2,699,679		2,587,651	
Less: Allowances for impairment losses	(201,136)		(187,537)	
Net loans and advances to customers	2,498,543		2,400,114	

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10 LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

(d) Overdue loans analysed by type of collateral and overdue period

	At 30 June 2021				Total RMB'000
	Overdue within 3 months (inclusive) RMB'000	Overdue more than 3 months to 6 months (inclusive) RMB'000	Overdue more than 6 months to one year (inclusive) RMB'000	Overdue more than one year RMB'000	
Unsecured loans	185	71	689	11,791	12,736
Guaranteed loans	37,347	22,211	30,342	24,596	114,496
Collateralized loans	—	—	2,512	1,500	4,012
Total	37,532	22,282	33,543	37,887	131,244

	At 31 December 2020				Total RMB'000
	Overdue within 3 months (inclusive) RMB'000	Overdue more than 3 months to 6 months (inclusive) RMB'000	Overdue more than 6 months to one year (inclusive) RMB'000	Overdue more than one year RMB'000	
Unsecured loans	310	213	269	12,052	12,844
Guaranteed loans	50,500	12,919	19,265	8,002	90,686
Collateralized loans	4,190	—	1,800	14,012	20,002
Total	55,000	13,132	21,334	34,066	123,532

Overdue loans represent loans and advances to customers, of which the whole or part of the principal or interest was overdue for one day or more. All amounts are shown as gross amount of overdue loans and advances to customers before any allowances for impairment losses.

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10 LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

(e) Analysed by methods for assessing allowances for impairment losses

	At 30 June 2021			Total RMB'000
	12-month ECLs RMB'000	Lifetime ECLs non credit- impaired RMB'000	Lifetime ECLs credit- impaired RMB'000	
Gross loans and advances to customers	2,531,113	37,427	131,139	2,699,679
Less: Allowances for impairment losses	(68,710)	(10,297)	(122,129)	(201,136)
Net loans and advances to customers	2,462,403	27,130	9,010	2,498,543

	At 31 December 2020			Total RMB'000
	12-month ECLs RMB'000	Lifetime ECLs non credit- impaired RMB'000	Lifetime ECLs credit- impaired RMB'000	
Gross loans and advances to customers	2,416,654	47,774	123,223	2,587,651
Less: Allowances for impairment losses	(59,336)	(18,134)	(110,067)	(187,537)
Net loans and advances to customers	2,357,318	29,640	13,156	2,400,114

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10 LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

(f) Movements of allowances for impairment losses

	Six months ended 30 June 2021			Total RMB'000
	12-month ECLs RMB'000	Lifetime ECLs non credit- impaired RMB'000	Lifetime ECLs credit- impaired RMB'000	
At 1 January 2021	59,336	18,134	110,067	187,537
Transferred to				
– Lifetime ECLs non credit-impaired	(1)	1	–	–
– Lifetime ECLs credit-impaired	(1,401)	(65)	1,466	–
Charge/(reversal) for the period	10,776	(7,773)	9,415	12,418
Recoveries of loans and advances written off in previous years	–	–	1,181	1,181
At 30 June 2021	68,710	10,297	122,129	201,136

	Year ended 31 December 2020			Total RMB'000
	12-month ECLs RMB'000	Lifetime ECLs non credit- impaired RMB'000	Lifetime ECLs credit- impaired RMB'000	
At 1 January 2020	65,718	51	89,692	155,461
Transferred to				
– Lifetime ECLs non credit-impaired	(220)	220	–	–
– Lifetime ECLs credit-impaired	(2,175)	(44)	2,219	–
(Reversal)/charge for the period	(3,987)	17,907	30,072	43,992
Write off	–	–	(12,689)	(12,689)
Recoveries of loans and advances written off in previous years	–	–	773	773
At 31 December 2020	59,336	18,134	110,067	187,537

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10 LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

(g) Analysed by credit quality

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Gross balance of loans and advances to customers that are assessed for 12-month ECLs		
— Neither overdue nor credit-impaired	2,531,113	2,416,654
Sub-total	2,531,113	2,416,654
Gross balance of loans and advances to customers that are assessed for lifetime ECLs non credit-impaired		
— Overdue but not credit-impaired	105	309
— Neither overdue nor credit-impaired	37,322	47,465
Sub-total	37,427	47,774
Gross balance of loans and advances to customers that are assessed for lifetime ECLs credit-impaired		
— Overdue and credit-impaired	131,139	123,223
— Not overdue but credit-impaired	—	—
Sub-total	131,139	123,223
Less: Allowances for impairment losses	(201,136)	(187,537)
Net value	2,498,543	2,400,114

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11 FINANCIAL ASSETS MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Units in hybrid fund (Note (i))	—	1,000
Wealth management product (Note (ii))	10	10
	10	1,010

Notes:

- (i) The hybrid fund was issued by an asset management company in the PRC, which was an unlisted investment. This fund has been sold in the first half of 2021.
- (ii) Wealth management product was issued by a bank in the PRC, which was an unlisted investment.

12 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Computer software	827	1,136

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13 INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

The following list contains all the subsidiaries of the Group. The class of shares held is ordinary unless otherwise stated.

Name of Companies	Place of incorporation and business	Paid up capital	Proportion of ownership interest at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020		Principal activities
			Group's effective interest	Held by the Company	
Deqing Jinhui Micro-finance Company Limited (德清金匯小額貸款有限公司) ("Jinhui Micro-finance") (Note (i))	Deqing, Zhejiang	1,228,000,000	99.43%	99.43%	Micro-finance
Zuoli Micro-finance Hong Kong International Investment Company Limited (佐力小貸香港國際投資有限公司) ("Zuoli HK") (Note (ii))	Hong Kong	—	100.00%	100.00%	Investment, Trading
Hangzhou High-tech District (Binjiang) Xing Yao Pu Hui Micro-finance Co., Ltd. (杭州市高新區(濱江)興耀普匯小額貸款有限公司) ("Xingyao Micro-finance") (Note (iii))	Hangzhou, Zhejiang	100,000,000	60%	60%	Micro-finance

Notes:

- (i) Pursuant to the assets restructuring agreement and the capital injection agreement entered into by the Company and Jinhui Micro-finance dated 14 November 2017, the Company has injected capital of RMB1,000,000,000 in the form of transferring assets and liabilities into Jinhui Micro-finance on 25 February 2018 after obtaining approvals from relevant authorities in the PRC. Upon the completion of the aforementioned capital injection, the Company held equity interest in Jinhui Micro-finance increased from approximately 96.93% to 99.43%. The difference between the capital injection and the carrying amount of the 2.5% equity interest in Jinhui Micro-finance amounted to RMB980 thousand was recorded as capital reserve on the consolidated statement of financial position.
- (ii) On 18 August 2015 (date of incorporation), Zuoli HK's 1,000,000 shares with par value of HK\$1 was allotted and issued to its sole shareholder, the Company. As at 30 June 2021 the issued shares had not been paid by the Company.
- (iii) At the Xingyao Micro-finance's Shareholders' meeting held on 30 October 2020, the capital of RMB100 million was approved to be returned to all equity shareholders by the same proportion. After obtaining approvals from relevant authorities in the PRC, the capital was paid during the six months period ended 30 June 2021.

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14 FIXED ASSETS

(a) Reconciliation of carrying amount

	Premise	Right-of- use assets	Office and other equipment	Motor vehicles	Electronic equipment	Leasehold improvement	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Cost:							
At 1 January 2020	15,107	3,005	3,943	5,086	1,850	35,857	64,848
Additions	5,977	8,081	—	—	27	25	14,110
Disposal	—	(3,005)	—	—	—	—	(3,005)
At 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021	21,084	8,081	3,943	5,086	1,877	35,882	75,953
Additions	1,031	—	—	—	27	—	1,058
Disposal	—	—	—	(631)	—	—	(631)
At 30 June 2021	22,115	8,081	3,943	4,455	1,904	35,882	76,380
Accumulated depreciation:							
At 1 January 2020	(1,028)	(2,001)	(1,862)	(3,105)	(1,430)	(11,377)	(20,803)
Charge for the year	(493)	(2,126)	(583)	(853)	(244)	(2,968)	(7,267)
Disposal	—	3,005	—	—	—	—	3,005
At 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021	(1,521)	(1,122)	(2,445)	(3,958)	(1,674)	(14,345)	(25,065)
Charge for the period	(361)	(1,347)	(280)	(314)	(60)	(1,503)	(3,865)
Disposal	—	—	—	472	—	—	472
At 30 June 2021	(1,882)	(2,469)	(2,725)	(3,800)	(1,734)	(15,848)	(28,458)
Net book value:							
At 30 June 2021	20,233	5,612	1,218	655	170	20,034	47,922
At 31 December 2020	19,563	6,959	1,498	1,128	203	21,537	50,888

(b) Right-of-use assets

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Premises leased for own use, carried at depreciated cost	5,612	6,959

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15 DEFERRED TAX ASSETS

The components of deferred tax assets recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position and the movements during the period are as follows:

<i>Deferred tax assets arising from:</i>	Provision for impairment losses RMB'000	Accrued expenses RMB'000	Tax deductible losses RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2020	37,570	373	—	37,943
Charged to profit or loss (Note 7)	9,886	(28)	1,144	11,002
At 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021	47,456	345	1,144	48,945
Charged to profit or loss (Note 7)	3,073	(40)	(1,144)	1,889
At 30 June 2021	50,529	305	—	50,834

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16 INTEREST-BEARING BORROWINGS

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Bank loans (Note (i))		
– Amortised cost	140,000	140,000
– Accrued interest	174	192
	140,174	140,192
Borrowings from third parties (Note (ii))		
– Amortised cost	242,093	245,468
– Accrued interest	3,734	3,723
	245,827	249,191
Convertible notes (Note (iii))		
– Amortised cost	78,701	77,143
– Accrued interest	644	644
	79,345	77,787
Borrowings from Euro zone – unsecured (Note (iv))		
– Amortised cost	211,755	188,803
– Accrued interest	–	224
	211,755	189,027
Total	677,101	656,197

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16 INTEREST-BEARING BORROWINGS (CONTINUED)

Notes:

- (i) All of the Group's bank loans are subject to the fulfilment of covenants commonly found in lending arrangements with financial institutions. If the Group was to breach the covenants, the loans would become payable on demand. The Group regularly monitors its compliance with these covenants. As at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, none of the covenants relating to the bank loans had been breached.
- (ii) During the period from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021, the Group obtained financings with nominal amount totaling RMB143.4 million at an interest rate ranging from 5.4% to 5.7% per annum by issuing financing products indirectly on trading platforms located in the PRC which are due from March 2022 to July 2022. As at 30 June 2021, the remaining balance of these financial products was RMB245.8 million. The above transactions were guaranteed by certain shareholders and related parties.
- (iii) On 20 November 2019, Jinhui Micro-finance, a subsidiary of the Company, issued 5 tranches of convertible notes with a total face value of RMB80.0 million. The maturity date of each tranche is 20 November 2021. The convertible notes bear interest ranging from 6.8% to 7.2% per annum and are guaranteed by certain shareholders and related parties.

The rights of the noteholders to convert the notes into ordinary shares are as follows:

- Jinhui Micro-finance may elect to repay all the convertible notes after 6 months since its issuance,
- Conversion rights are exercisable at the maturity date of the convertible notes.
- If a holder of the five tranches exercises its conversion rights, Jinhui Micro-finance is required to deliver ordinary shares at a rate of one ordinary share for every 1.22 notes converted. The conversion price will be subject to adjustments for reasons including but not limited to (1) bonus issue; (2) share capitalisation; (3) change in registered capital (excluding the increase in registered capital as a result of the issue of the convertible notes); (4) right issue; and (5) distribution of dividends.

Each tranche of the Notes, in respect of which conversion rights have not been exercised, will be redeemed at face value on 20 November 2021.

- (iv) On 11 December 2019, the Group obtained financing with nominal amount totaling EUR7.8 million at an interest rate of 4.38% per annum from a financial institution located in Euro zone which is due on 11 December 2022. On 30 October and 16 December 2020, the Group obtained financings with nominal amount totaling EUR7.0 million at an interest rate of 4.38% per annum from the same institution which are due on 11 December and 16 December 2022 respectively. On 16 December 2020 and 26 March 2021, the Group obtained financings with nominal amount totaling CNH103.1 million at an interest rate of 6.30% per annum from the same institution which is due on 22 May 2022.

The above financings are subject to the fulfilment of covenants relating to certain of the Group's balance sheet ratio, as are commonly found in the lending arrangements with financial institutions. If the Group was to breach the covenants, the loans would become payable on demand. The Group regularly monitors its compliance with these covenants.

17 ACCRUALS AND OTHER PAYABLES

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Security deposits payable	5,000	5,000
Financing expenses payable	3,222	3,235
Accrued staff costs	2,877	4,382
Value-added tax payable	2,654	1,655
Tax and surcharges and other taxation payable	755	439
Dividend payable to non-controlling interests	—	7,164
Other payables	39,426	24,442
	53,934	46,317

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18 CAPITAL, RESERVES AND DIVIDENDS

(a) Dividends

As of 30 June 2021, the Company did not declare a final dividend for the year of 2020. (2020: nil).

At the Xingyao Micro-finance's shareholders' meeting held on 20 May 2021, the cash dividend of RMB8.0 million was approved to declare to all equity shareholders and paid during the six months period ended 30 June 2021. The dividend was attributable to the year of 2020.

At the Xingyao Micro-finance's shareholders' meetings held on 8 May 2020 and 30 December 2020, the cash dividend of RMB38.0 million in total was approved to declare to all equity shareholders and paid RMB30.8 million during the year ended 31 December 2020. The dividend was attributable to the year of 2019.

(b) Share capital

As at 30 June 2021, the share capital represented 1,180,000,000 ordinary shares of the Company at RMB1.0 each.

(c) Nature and purpose of reserves

(i) Capital reserve

The capital reserve represents the increase of equity interest in Jinhui Micro-finance arising from the capital injection. For details, please see Note 13.

(ii) Surplus reserve

The surplus reserve represents statutory surplus reserve fund. The Company is required to appropriate 10% of its net profit as determined under the Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises and other relevant requirements issued by the Ministry of Finance of the PRC ("MOF"), to the statutory surplus reserve fund until the reserve fund balance reaches 50% of its registered capital.

Subject to the approval of equity holders of the entities established in the PRC, statutory surplus reserves may be used to net off with accumulated losses, if any, and may be converted into capital, provided that the balance of statutory surplus reserve after such capitalisation is not less than 25% of the registered capital.

After making the appropriation to the statutory surplus reserve, the Company may also appropriate its net profit to the discretionary surplus reserve upon approval by shareholders. Subject to the approval of shareholders, discretionary surplus reserves may be used to offset previous years' losses, if any, and may be converted into capital.

(iii) General reserve

Pursuant to relevant regulations, the Company and its subsidiary in the PRC engaged in micro-finance business are required to set aside a general reserve through appropriations of profit after tax according to 1.5% of the ending balance of gross risk-bearing assets to cover potential losses against these assets.

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18 CAPITAL, RESERVES AND DIVIDENDS (CONTINUED)

(d) Capital management

The Group's primary objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, so that it can continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders, by pricing products and services commensurately with the level of risk and by securing access to finance at a reasonable cost.

The Group actively and regularly reviews and manages its capital structure to maintain a balance between the higher shareholder returns that might be possible with higher levels of borrowings and the advantages and security afforded by a sound capital position, and makes adjustments to the capital structure in light of changes in economic conditions.

There were no changes in the Group's approach to capital management during the period from 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020 and from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021.

Particularly for credit loan business, the Group monitors regularly the residual balance of outstanding credit loans for single customers and multiples of the total outstanding credit loans in relation to share capital of the Group, so as to keep the capital risk within an acceptable limit. The decision to manage the share capital of the Group to meet the needs of developing credit loans business rests with the directors.

19 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Exposure to credit, liquidity and interest risks arises in the normal course of the Group's business. The Group's exposure to these risks and the financial risk management policies and practice used by the Group to manage these risks are described below.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk arises from a customer's inability or unwillingness to meet its financial obligations or commitment to the Group provided. It arises primarily from the Group's micro-finance business and treasury business such as investment in wealth management products.

Credit risk arising from micro-finance business

The Group's credit risk mainly arises from micro-finance business. The Group has established relevant mechanism to cover credit risk in key operational phases of micro-finance business, including pre-lending evaluations, credit approval, and post-lending monitoring. The Group conducts customer acceptance and due diligence by business and marketing department and risk management department in pre-lending evaluations. In the credit approval phase, all loan applications are subject to the assessment and approval of the Group's deputy general manager, general manager or loan assessment committee, depending on the amount of the loans. During the post-lending monitoring, the Group conducts on-site inspections and off-site inquiries to detect potential risks by evaluating various aspects, including but not limited to the customers' operational and financial conditions, status of collaterals and other sources of repayment.

The Group adopts a loan risk classification approach to manage its loan portfolio risk. Loans are generally classified as normal, special mention, substandard, doubtful and loss according to their levels of risk. Substandard, doubtful and loss loans are considered to be impaired loans and advances. They are classified as such when one or more events demonstrate that there is objective evidence of a loss event. The impairment loss of the loan portfolio is assessed collectively or individually as appropriate.

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19 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

(a) Credit risk (Continued)

Credit risk arising from micro-finance business (Continued)

After adopting HKFR 9 at 1 January 2018, loans and advances to customers are also categorised into the following stages by the Group:

Stage 1

Loans and advances to customers have not experienced a significant increase in credit risk since origination and impairment recognised on the basis of 12 months expected credit losses (12-month ECLs).

Stage 2

Loans and advances to customers have experienced a significant increase in credit risk since origination and impairment is recognised on the basis of lifetime expected credit losses (Lifetime ECLs non credit-impaired).

Stage 3

Loans and advances to customers that are in default and considered credit impaired (Lifetime ECLs credit-impaired).

The Group applies the new ECL model to measure the impairment loss of the loans and advances to customers.

When a certain number of customers undertake the same business activities, stay in the same geographical locations, or bear similar economic features for their industries, their ability to fulfil contracts will be affected by the same economic changes. Concentration of credit risk reflects the sensitivity of the Group's operating results to a particular industry or geographic location. As the Group mainly conducts micro-finance business in Zhejiang Province, a certain level of geographical concentration risk exists for its loan portfolios in that it might be affected by changes of economic conditions. At 30 June 2021, 1.59% (31 December 2020: 1.55%) and 6.58% (31 December 2020: 6.61%) of the total loans and advances to customers was due from the Group's largest customer and the five largest customers respectively.

The maximum exposure to credit risk of loans and advances to customers for each stage is represented by the net carrying amount of each type of financial assets as at the end of the reporting periods. For details, please see Note 10.

Other credit risk

The Group adopts a credit rating approach in managing the credit risk of the treasury business, counterparties' rating are evaluated before transactions with reference to major rating agencies generally recognised by the People's Bank of China.

In respect of interest receivables and other assets, individual credit evaluations are performed on all customers requiring credit over a certain amount. These evaluations focus on the customers' 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. Normally, the Group does not obtain collateral from customers.

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19 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

(b) Liquidity risk

Management regularly monitors the Group's liquidity requirements to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserves of cash to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and long term.

The following tables provide an analysis of the remaining contractual maturities, which are based on contractual undiscounted cash flows (including interest payments, computed using contractual rates) of the financial assets and liabilities of the Group at the end of the reporting periods:

	At 30 June 2021					Total RMB'000	Carrying amount RMB'000
	Overdue/ Repayment on demand	Within three months	Between three months and one year	Between one year and five years			
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000			
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	11,458	—	—	—	11,458	11,458	11,458
Interest receivables	216	—	—	—	216	216	216
Loans and advances to customers	131,244	243,770	2,472,840	1,795	2,849,649	2,498,543	2,498,543
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	10	—	—	—	10	10	10
Other assets	1,057	—	—	—	1,057	1,057	1,057
Total	143,985	243,770	2,472,840	1,795	2,862,390	2,511,284	2,511,284
Liabilities							
Interest-bearing borrowings	—	(31,841)	(535,672)	(146,067)	(713,580)	(677,101)	(677,101)
Lease liabilities	—	(1,490)	(1,490)	(2,979)	(5,959)	(5,594)	(5,594)
Accruals and other payables	(47,648)	—	—	—	(47,648)	(47,648)	(47,648)
Total	(47,648)	(33,331)	(537,162)	(149,046)	(767,187)	(730,343)	(730,343)
	96,337	210,439	1,935,678	(147,251)	2,095,203	1,780,941	1,780,941

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19 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

(b) Liquidity risk (Continued)

	At 31 December 2020					Total RMB'000	Carrying amount RMB'000
	Overdue/ Repayment on demand RMB'000	Within three months RMB'000	Between three months and one year RMB'000	Between one year and five years RMB'000			
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	78,229	—	—	—	78,229	78,229	
Interest receivables	988	—	—	—	988	988	
Loans and advances to customers	132,032	492,494	2,134,753	417	2,759,696	2,400,114	
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	10	1,000	—	—	1,010	1,010	
Other assets	1,442	—	—	—	1,442	1,442	
Total	212,701	493,494	2,134,753	417	2,841,365	2,481,783	
Liabilities							
Interest-bearing borrowings	—	(1,545)	(501,865)	(201,379)	(704,789)	(656,197)	
Lease liabilities	—	(1,490)	(1,490)	(4,469)	(7,449)	(6,859)	
Accruals and other payables	(39,841)	—	—	—	(39,841)	(39,841)	
Total	(39,841)	(3,035)	(503,355)	(205,848)	(752,079)	(702,897)	
	172,860	490,459	1,631,398	(205,431)	2,089,286	1,778,886	

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19 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

(c) Interest risk

The Group is principally engaged in the provision of micro-finance services. Its interest rate risk arises primarily from deposits with banks, loans and advances to customers and interest-bearing borrowings.

(i) Interest rate profile

The following tables details the interest rate profile of the Group's assets and liabilities as at the end of the reporting periods:

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
Fixed interest rate		
Financial assets		
— Loans and advances to customers	2,498,543	2,400,114
Financial liabilities		
— Interest-bearing borrowings	(677,101)	(656,197)
— Lease liabilities	(5,594)	(6,859)
Net	1,815,848	1,737,058
Variable interest rate		
Financial assets		
— Cash at banks	11,338	77,498
Net	11,338	77,498
Net fixed rate borrowings as a percentage of total borrowings	100.00%	100.00%

(ii) Sensitivity analysis

At 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, it is estimated that a general increase of 50 basis points in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, would have increased the Group's net profit during the next 12 months by approximately RMB43,000 and RMB291,000 respectively.

The sensitivity analysis above indicates the exposure to cash flow interest rate risk arising from floating rate non-derivative instruments held by the Group at the end of the reporting period.

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19 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

(d) Currency risk

The Group is exposed to currency risk primarily through obtaining interest-bearing borrowings that are denominated in Euros. The currencies giving rise to this risk are primarily Euros.

(i) Exposure to currency risk

The following table details the Group's exposure at the end of the reporting period to currency risk arising from recognised assets or liabilities denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the entity to which they relate. For presentation purposes, the amounts of the exposure are shown in RMB, translated using the spot rate at the period end date.

	Exposure to foreign currencies	
	At 30 June 2021 Euros RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 Euros RMB'000
Cash and cash equivalents	1	1
Interest-bearing borrowings	(113,371)	(118,447)
	(113,370)	(118,446)

(ii) Sensitivity analysis

The following table indicates the instantaneous change in the Group's profit after tax that would arise if foreign exchange rates to which the Group has significant exposure at the end of the reporting period had changed at that date, assuming all other risk variables remained constant. In this respect, it is assumed that the pegged rate between the list of foreign currency and the RMB would be materially unaffected by any changes in movement in value of the list of foreign currency against other currencies.

	At 30 June 2021		At 31 December 2020	
	Increase/ (decrease) in foreign exchange rates bps	Effect on profit after tax and retained profits RMB'000	Increase/ (decrease) in foreign exchange rates bps	Effect on profit after tax and retained profits RMB'000
Euros	100	(850)	100	(888)
	(100)	850	(100)	888

Results of the analysis as presented in the above table represent an aggregation of the instantaneous effects on the Group's profit after tax in the respective functional currencies, translated into RMB at the exchange rate ruling at the end of the reporting period for presentation purposes.

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19 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

(e) Fair value measurement

(i) *Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value*

Fair value hierarchy

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, categorized 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.

Fair value hierarchy:

	At 30 June 2021			
	Level 1 RMB'000	Level 2 RMB'000	Level 3 RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Wealth management products	—	10	—	10

	At 31 December 2020			
	Level 1 RMB'000	Level 2 RMB'000	Level 3 RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Units in hybrid fund	—	1,000	—	1,000
Wealth management products	—	10	—	10

(ii) *Valuation techniques and inputs used in Level 2 fair value measurements*

The fair value of the hybrid fund is based on the net asset value published by the asset management company and the net asset value is observable.

The fair value of wealth management products is determined with reference to the forecasted yield published by the issuing bank as at the end of the reporting period and period that the Group has held such wealth management products.

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19 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

(e) Fair value measurement (Continued)

(iii) Fair value of financial assets and liabilities carried at other than fair value

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial instruments carried at cost or amortized cost are not materially different from their fair values at 31 December 2020 and 30 June 2021.

20 COMMITMENTS

As at 30 June 2021 and 31 December 2020, there is no capital commitment of the Group.

21 MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) Transactions with key management personnel

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Key management personnel remuneration (Note (i))	1,436	1,330
Receiving guarantees for borrowings from third parties (Note (ii))	143,420	109,130
Releasing guarantees for borrowing from third parties (Note (ii))	(146,870)	(239,770)

Notes:

- (i) Remuneration of key management personnel of the Group is included in "staff cost" (see Note 6(a)).
- (ii) The guarantees for borrowings from third parties during the six months ended 30 June 2021 were provided by the Chairman of the Board without charges. For the details of other borrowings from third parties, please refer to Note 16(ii).

(b) Balances with key management personnel

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
	Guarantees received for borrowing from third parties	245,960
Guarantees received for bank loans	140,000	140,000
Guarantees received for convertible notes	80,000	80,000

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21 MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

(c) Other related party transactions

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Administrative expenses (Note (i))	708	480
Depreciation expense of right-of-use assets (Note (ii))	1,347	1,001
Interest expense of lease liabilities (Note (ii))	225	10
Receiving guarantees for borrowings from third parties (Note (iii))	143,420	109,130
Releasing guarantees for borrowings from third parties (Note (iii))	(146,870)	(239,770)

Notes:

- (i) The utilities and entertainment fees were paid to Zuoli Holdings Group Company Limited and its subsidiary.
- (ii) On 6 July 2017, the Company and Zuoli Holdings Group Company Limited entered into a lease agreement, pursuant to which Zuoli Holdings Group Company Limited agreed to lease a property to the Group for a term of 3 years commencing from 7 July 2017 and ending on 6 July 2020.
- On 7 July 2020, the Company and Zuoli Holdings Group Company Limited entered into a new lease agreement, pursuant to which Zuoli Holdings Group Company Limited agreed to lease a property to the Group for a term of 3 years commencing from 7 July 2020 and ending on 6 July 2023.
- (iii) The guarantees for borrowings from third parties during the period ended 30 June 2021 were provided by other related parties of the Group without charges. For the details of other borrowings from third parties, please refer to Note 16(ii).

(d) Balances with other related parties

	At 30 June 2021 RMB'000	At 31 December 2020 RMB'000
	Lease liabilities	5,594
Guarantees received for bank loans	140,000	140,000
Guarantees received for borrowing from third parties	245,960	249,410
Guarantees received for convertible notes	80,000	80,000

OTHER INFORMATION

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company is committed to maintaining a high standard of corporate governance and protecting the interests of the Shareholders in an open manner.

As of the date of this report, the Board comprises four executive Directors, one non-executive Director and three independent non-executive Directors. The Board has adopted the code provisions of the CG Code. Throughout the six months ended 30 June 2021, the Company has fully complied with the CG Code.

PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the Directors as at the date of this report, there is sufficient public float of not less than 25% of the Company's issued shares as required under the Listing Rules.

UPDATE ON INFORMATION OF DIRECTORS AND SUPERVISORS

Pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules, there is no change in the information of the Directors required to be disclosed since the Company's last published annual report.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS OF LISTED ISSUERS

The Company has adopted the Model Code as the code of conduct for carrying out securities transactions of the Company by the Directors. After specific enquiry with all members of the Board, it was confirmed that they have complied with the relevant standards stipulated in the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 June 2021.

Pursuant to Rule B.13 of the Model Code, the Directors has also requested any employee of the Company or director or employee of a subsidiary of the Company who, because of his office or employment in the Company or in a subsidiary, is likely to possess inside information in relation to the securities of the Company, not to deal in the securities of the Company when he would be prohibited from dealing by the Model Code as if he were a Director.

SHARE CAPITAL

As at 30 June 2021, the total issued share capital of the Company was RMB1,180,000,000, divided into 1,180,000,000 shares of RMB 1.00 each, of which 880,000,000 were Domestic Shares and 300,000,000 were H Shares.

DIRECTORS', SUPERVISORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS IN SECURITIES

As at 30 June 2021, the interests or short positions of the Directors, Supervisors and the chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any associated corporations of the Company (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which will have to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO) or which will be required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be recorded in the register referred to therein or which will be required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code, were as follows:

Interests of the Directors in the Shares

Name of Director	Class of shares	Number of shares ⁽⁴⁾	Nature of interest	Approximate percentage in the relevant class of shares ⁽¹⁾	Approximate percentage in the total issued shares ⁽¹⁾
Yu Yin	Domestic Shares	88,000,000 (L)	Beneficial owner ⁽²⁾	10.00%	7.46%
	Domestic Shares	320,061,040 (L)	Interests held jointly with another person ⁽²⁾	36.37%	27.12%
Zheng Xuegen	Domestic Shares	2,992,000 (L)	Beneficial owner	0.34%	0.25%
Pan Zhongmin	Domestic Shares	11,792,000 (L)	Interest of a controlled Corporation ⁽³⁾	1.34%	1.00%

Notes:

- (1) The calculation is based on the total number of 1,180,000,000 ordinary shares of the Company in issue as at 30 June 2021, which is comprised of 880,000,000 Domestic Shares and 300,000,000 H Shares.
- (2) On 28 April 2014, Mr. Yu Youqiang, Mr. Yu Yin, Mr. Shen Haiying, Mr. Zhang Jianming and Puhua Energy entered into the Acting in Concert Agreement, pursuant to which they jointly and severally undertook that they would, by themselves, together with their associates or through the companies controlled by them, adopt a consensus building approach to reach decisions on a unanimous basis, and exercise their voting rights at the meetings of the Shareholders of the Company (and of its subsidiaries, if any in the future) based on such decisions. As at 30 June 2021, Mr. Yu Youqiang (through Deqing Yintian, Zuoli Holdings and Puhua Energy), Mr. Yu Yin, Mr. Shen Haiying (by himself and through Dingsheng Investment and Zuoli Holdings), Mr. Zhang Jianming and Puhua Energy together control approximately 34.58% of the total issued shares in the Company. As a result of the Acting in Concert Agreement and by virtue of the SFO, each of Puhua Energy, Mr. Yu Youqiang, Mr. Yu Yin, Mr. Shen Haiying and Mr. Zhang Jianming are deemed to be interested in approximately 34.58% of the total issued shares in the Company.
- (3) Mr. Pan Zhongmin holds 75.50% of the equity interest of Bangni Fiber, which in turn holds approximately 1.00% of the total issued shares in the Company. By virtue of the SFO, Mr. Pan Zhongmin is deemed to be interested in approximately 1.00% of the total issued shares in the Company.
- (4) The letter "L" denotes the person's long position in such securities.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2021, none of the Directors, Supervisors nor chief executive of the Company has registered any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) (i) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (ii) which were required, pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or (iii) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

So far as the Directors are aware, as at 30 June 2021, the persons or corporations who had or deemed or taken to have an interest or short position in the shares and underlying shares of the Company which were required to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

Name of Shareholder	Class of shares	Number of shares ⁽⁶⁾	Nature of interest	Percentage in the relevant class of share capital ⁽¹⁾	Percentage in the total issued share capital ⁽¹⁾
Mr. Yu Youqiang	Domestic Shares	408,061,040 (L)	Interest of a controlled corporation ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	46.37%	34.58%
Puhua Energy	Domestic Shares	293,130,000 (L)	Beneficial owner ⁽²⁾	33.31%	24.84%
	Domestic Shares	114,931,040 (L)	Interests held jointly with another person ⁽²⁾	13.06%	9.74%
Zuoli Holdings	Domestic Shares	408,061,040 (L)	Interest of a controlled corporation ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	46.37%	34.58%
Deqing Yintian	Domestic Shares	408,061,040 (L)	Interest of a controlled corporation ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾	46.37%	34.58%
Mr. Shen Haiying	Domestic Shares	7,630,000 (L)	Beneficial owner ⁽²⁾	0.87%	0.65%
	Domestic Shares	400,431,040 (L)	Interests held jointly with another person ⁽²⁾	45.50%	33.93%
Dingsheng Investment	Domestic Shares	408,061,040 (L)	Interests held jointly with another person ⁽²⁾	46.37%	34.58%
Mr. Zhang Jianming	Domestic Shares	19,301,040 (L)	Beneficial owner ⁽²⁾	2.19%	1.64%
	Domestic Shares	388,760,000 (L)	Interests held jointly with another person ⁽²⁾	44.18%	32.95%
Mr. Peng Tao	H Shares	68,200,000 (L)	Beneficial owner	22.73%	5.78%
Gawsun (HK) International Trading Co., Limited	H Shares	65,860,000 (L)	Beneficial owner	21.95%	5.58%
Tamai Investments Corp.	H Shares	21,410,000 (L)	Trustee	7.14%	1.81%

Notes:

- (1) The calculation is based on the total number of 1,180,000,000 ordinary shares of the Company in issue as at 30 June 2021, which is comprised of 880,000,000 Domestic Shares and 300,000,000 H Shares.
- (2) On 28 April 2014, Mr. Yu Youqiang, Mr. Yu Yin, Mr. Shen Haiying, Mr. Zhang Jianming and Puhua Energy entered into an Acting in Concert Agreement, pursuant to which they jointly and severally undertook that they would, by themselves, together with their associates or through the companies controlled by them, adopt a consensus building approach to reach decisions on a unanimous basis, and exercise their voting rights at the meetings of the Shareholders (and of its subsidiaries, if any in the future) based on such decisions. As at 30 June 2021, Mr. Yu Youqiang (through Deqing Yintian, Zuoli Holdings and Puhua Energy), Mr. Yu Yin, Mr. Shen Haiying (by himself and through Dingsheng Investment and Zuoli Holdings), Mr. Zhang Jianming and Puhua Energy together control approximately 34.58% of the issued share capital in the Company. As a result of the Acting in Concert Agreement and by virtue of the SFO, each of Puhua Energy, Mr. Yu Youqiang, Mr. Yu Yin, Mr. Shen Haiying and Mr. Zhang Jianming are deemed to be interested in approximately 34.58% of the issued share capital in the Company.
- (3) As Puhua Energy is indirectly controlled by Mr. Yu Youqiang, Mr. Yu Youqiang is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Puhua Energy.
- (4) Puhua Energy is owned by Zuoli Holdings directly and indirectly as to 100% of its equity interest in aggregate. By virtue of the SFO, Zuoli Holdings is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Puhua Energy.
- (5) Deqing Yintian is wholly owned by Mr. Yu Youqiang and holds approximately 79.56% of the equity interest in Zuoli Holdings. Zuoli Holdings is controlled by Deqing Yintian and therefore Deqing Yintian is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Zuoli Holdings.
- (6) The letter "L" denotes the person's long position in such securities.

Save as disclosed above, the Directors were not aware of, as at 30 June 2021, any other person or corporations who had or deemed or taken to have an interest or short position in the shares and underlying shares of the Company which were required to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO.

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

For the six months ended 30 June 2021, the Group has not purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

INTERIM DIVIDENDS

The Board has resolved not to declare any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 June 2021 (2020: nil).

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There were no significant events after the six months ended 30 June 2021 and up to the date of this report.

OTHER INFORMATION

PLEDGE OF SHARES BY CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDERS

On 8 April 2019, Mr. Yu Yin, a Controlling Shareholder, notified the Company that he has charged 88,000,000 domestic shares, representing approximately 7.46% of the total issued share capital of the Company, in favour of Shanghai Pudong Development Bank Co., Ltd. (Huzhou Deqing Sub-branch) as security for a facility provided to Jinhui Micro-finance.

On 20 April 2020, Puhua Energy, a substantial shareholder of the Company, had pledged 264,000,000 domestic shares (the “**Previous Share Charge**”) to the Agricultural Bank of China Limited which are equivalent to 22.37% of the total issued share capital of the Company, in favour of Zheli Financial Service as security for a facility provided to Zuoli Holdings.

On 11 May 2021, Puhua Energy notified the Company that the Previous Share Charge has been fully released upon full repayment of the Loan. On the same date, Puhua Energy also notified the Company that it has charged 293,130,000 domestic shares, representing 24.84% of the total issued share capital of the Company, in favour of Zheli Financial Service as security for a facility provided to Puhua Energy.

For details of the above, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated 8 April 2019, 20 April 2020 and 11 May 2021, respectively.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The unaudited consolidated interim results of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2021 have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company.

By order of the Board of
佐力科創小額貸款股份有限公司
(Zuoli Kechuang Mirco-finance Company Limited*)
YU Yin
Chairman

Hong Kong, 20 August 2021

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