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Mr. Guan Haiqing (*Chairman*)
Mr. Sie Tak Kwan (*Chief Executive Officer*)
Mr. Shi Zhimin (*appointed on 16 March 2022*)
Mr. Yue Yong (*Chief Technology Officer*)
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Non-executive Director

Mr. Liang Judong (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Yeung Man Simon (*appointed on 7 April 2022*)
Mr. Hu Jianjun (*appointed on 7 April 2022*)
Ms. Ru Tingting (*appointed on 7 April 2022*)
Mr. Cheung Hon Fai (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)
Professor Lam Kin Man (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)
Mr. Shen Qi (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Cheung Kai Cheong Willie (*FCPA, FCCA*)

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Ms. Ru Tingting (*appointed on 7 April 2022*)
Mr. Cheung Hon Fai (*Chairman*) (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)
Professor Lam Kin Man (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)
Mr. Shen Qi (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Hu Jianjun (*Chairman*) (*appointed on 7 April 2022*)
Mr. Shi Zhimin (*appointed as a member of the*
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Mr. Yeung Man Simon (*appointed on 7 April 2022*)
Ms. Ru Tingting (*appointed on 7 April 2022*)
Professor Lam Kin Man (*Chairman*)
(*resigned on 7 April 2022*)
Mr. Cheung Hon Fai (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)
Mr. Shen Qi (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)
Mr. Sie Tak Kwan (*resigned as a member of the*
Remuneration Committee on 7 April 2022)

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Ms. Ru Tingting (*Chairlady*) (*appointed on 7 April 2022*)
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Mr. Yeung Man Simon (*appointed on 7 April 2022*)
Mr. Hu Jianjun (*appointed on 7 April 2022*)
Mr. Cheung Hon Fai (*Chairman*) (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)
Professor Lam Kin Man (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)
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Dear Shareholders,

2021 was an extremely challenging year. Vixel Technologies Holdings Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “Group”) took solid steps to realize its business upgrade and transformation strategy and had achieved initial results.

In 2021, the impact of novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic (“COVID-19” or the “Pandemic”) on the Chinese economy and society will continue. In the meantime, the Pandemic has completely changed the production, lifestyle, economic system, and governance model, which were formed and developed throughout the century after the industrialization. Due to the rapid increase in the demand for digitalization and internet connection, the rapid growth of the digital economy in the face of adversity has accelerated the trend of digital transformation, and driven the demand for real-time and interactivity of digital services, resulting in posed higher requirements for application performance management (APM), providing broader room for expansion and improvement of the Group’s APM software tools and system solutions.

Compared with 2020, the overall business performance of the Group grew steadily. We will continue to explore development opportunities derived from the Chinese government’s new digital infrastructure strategy which aims at developing infrastructure that is digital, smart and innovative, to meet the twin goals of stimulating job creation and preparing for the changes in the global economy, particularly in the realm of technology and sustainable development.

OVERALL PERFORMANCE

The Group’s revenue in 2021 was approximately RMB99.1 million, representing an increase of 22.3% from approximately RMB81.0 million in 2020. The annual net profit in 2021 was approximately RMB3.5 million, representing an increase of 218.2% from approximately RMB1.1 million in 2020.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Through proactive deployment of our resources in 2020, the Group has achieved considerable business expansion in several major strategic directions.

Rapid expansion of intelligent 5G network operation and management solutions

Under the guidance of the Chinese government, operators strove to re-position as information service providers with technological innovation by making every effort to build a new information service system of “connection + computing power + capability” to create a new value-added model. Taking China Mobile Communications Group Co., Ltd., a 5G network provider, as an example, it has launched more than one million 5G base stations, increased the quantity of 5G network customers to over 330 million households, and provided more than 10,000 5G commercial use cases. From a macro perspective, 5G business has quickly expanded and created opportunities for the Group to enhance its position as an operator in the industry, thereby enabling the Group to seize the arising opportunities in the aspects of digital transformation for government affairs and enterprise informatization and intelligent digital transformation.

Intelligent 5G network operation and management enabled the conversion of 5G to B private network products to allow the vertical industries to grow on a significant scale. This business segment of the Group began to take shape in 2021, and has taken root in many key industries, such as the education, metallurgical, shipping and mining industries. Particularly, in the coal mining and port industries, the Group's solutions have been successfully deployed by the largest leading enterprises in China. The Group's APM 5G+ system is applied in multiple 5G intelligent mine scenarios such as 4K video surveillance, 5G video calls, downhole automatic driving, and remote monitoring of working face. Through all-rounded situational awareness data collection, management and analysis, the system provides dynamic guarantees and facilitates the operation of 5G network and the services it supports maintain at the best condition, facilitating the digital transformation and upgrade of enterprises' production facilities. It has become an important operational support and guaranteed means for operators to build a benchmark project of "5G+Industrial Internet" in the mining industry. According to Ministry of Industry and Information Technology and the relevant units, the innovation and breakthrough in "5G+Industrial Internet" will continue. The replication and promotion of "5G+Industrial Internet" will be accelerated to further empower thousands of industries in various scenarios. This trend has greatly benefited the Group's business development and revenue growth.

Expansion of 5G messaging platform into innovation ecosystem

The commercial trial of 5G messaging began in mid-2020, and it has currently been utilised in many fields, such as government affairs, education, medical care, travel, express delivery, media, cultural tourism, finance, and consumption. 5G messaging service integrates multiple media and message formats and can be seamlessly integrated with traditional Short Message Services (SMS). 5G messaging business, based on artificial intelligence, cloud computing and big data capabilities, provides users with efficient intelligent services to meet users' needs for large amount of information communication and diversified service. The Group completed the delivery of the first provincial-level 5G messaging platform in 2021. 5G messaging supports rich media formats, including text, pictures, audio and video, emoticons, location and contacts, supports online and offline messages, and includes interactive experiences such as Augmented Reality (AR)/ Virtual Reality (VR), coupons and conversational robots, with broad application scenarios. The Group entered the industry value chain of 5G messaging and provided innovative services. The upstream and downstream of the industry chain co-operate to create a 5G messaging ecosystem with network interoperability, business interconnection, terminal sharing, and consistent experience.

Video user experience management leadership solidified by 5G+ video products

As of 2021, the number of Chinese household users served by the Group's video-centric digital home performance and security solutions will continue to grow, with a total of over 100 million users. The Group continues to be in the leading position in terms of market share and technological innovation capabilities in this field.

Network bandwidth and response time are the basis for networking of video services. In the 5G era, the large bandwidth of 5G can help popularize ultra-high-definition (UHD) video content and the low latency of 5G can improve the interactive experience of video services. As 5G technology is gradually promoted and applied, the audio-visual information technology industry will usher in major changes. The Group will closely monitor the development trend and vigorously promote 5G+ video integration business products.

We assisted operators to apply the "Dual Optimization" technology of 5G dual-frequency multi-slice subscriber resources allocation in this year's major security activities, which effectively reduced video signal jitter and time delay. Meanwhile, we built a dedicated performance monitoring system for 5G+4K services, realizing end-to-end monitoring of video service streams in terminals, wireless, transmission and bearer networks, and guaranteeing foolproof video transmission. This application proved the potential of 5G network in high-level communication guarantee and high-definition live broadcast of important events, promoted the application of 5G slicing technology in vertical industries in the video field, and provided strong support for ensuring the first-mover advantage of the Group's products.

A breakthrough in the capability of intelligent digital platform

It is an indispensable part of intelligent digital transformation for operators and enterprises to build an open and shared intelligent platform to render “capability services” after unified encapsulation and flexible invocation. In 2021, we fully participated in the construction of the new infrastructure of operators’ intelligent platform, leveraging our traditional strengths in data governance and data analysis, empowering intelligent operation in all areas and links such as precise marketing, fine service, precise management, lean operation and maintenance, and product innovation and providing Loglyst® agile development and low code solutions. We have successfully completed the delivery of the Group’s first provincial-level operator intelligent platform project and become part of the new ecology of coexisting operator’s intelligent platforms, which will provide strong support for the subsequent creation of communications artificial intelligence solutions and become a new growth point for the Group’s products.

OUTLOOK

Looking forward to 2022, the Group’s business will maintain the current momentum of sound development of 2021, and the performance is expected to be further improved.

We will increase investment in technology research and development. By making use of our rich technical reserves and forward-looking research in 5G, Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence and smart business platform, and with 5G taking the lead, we will conduct video operation and maintenance business as well as network intelligence business, keep our leading position and enhance creativity.

We will actively integrate into ecosystem construction with operators and industry partners, and closely follow China’s new infrastructure strategy in the directions of promoting business digital transformation and enhancing digital security capabilities.

On behalf of the board (the “Board”) of directors (the “Directors”) of the Company, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all shareholders (the “Shareholders”) of the Company, customers, business partners for their support and trust, as well as the efforts made by all our staff!

Vixtel Technologies Holdings Limited

Guan Haiqing

Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 25 March 2022

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	2021	2020	CHANGE
	RMB'000	RMB'000	%
Revenue	99,120	80,999	22.4%
Gross profit amount	54,811	43,590	25.7%
Gross profit margin (%)	55.3%	53.8%	2.8%
Profit for the year	3,481	1,099	216.7%
Net profit margin (%)	3.5%	1.4%	150.0%
Profit attributable to owners	3,643	1,104	230.0%
Margin of profit attributable to owners (%)	3.7%	1.4%	164.3%
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Total equity	183,655	180,675	1.6%

BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

Looking back on 2021, the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the Chinese economy and society will continue. Digital economy achieved rapid growth in the adverse environment. The popularization of operators' services, especially 5G services, across the industries, posed strong and diverse demands for application performance management (APM). During the year ended 31 December 2021 (the "Reporting Period"), the Group's business faced both challenges and opportunities. The digital home APM field kept abreast of technological advancement and developed steadily. We were poised to forge ahead with 5G+ application performance management field. We successfully developed product lines, such as intelligent 5G network operation and management, 5G messaging platform, 5G+ video and intelligent digital platform, and actively tapped into the relevant markets. The Group achieved business performance marked by steady growth, representing the Group's success in realising the Group's business upgrade and transformation strategy, and secured the corresponding benefits preliminarily.

In the field of digital home, the Group continued to promote the video-centric performance management system covering all home attributes and devices. The central digital home performance management platform enables the multi-screen application performance management of TVs, mobile phones, PADs and PCs and it now serves a total of over 100 million households, thus further enhancing the user experience of digital home in the gigabit era. During the Reporting Period, the video-centric digital home performance management platform, together with the expansion of operators' gigabit broadband and high-definition video services, played a cardinal role in guaranteeing a number of major national events, and continuously improved the experience and satisfaction of household users. While providing products and services to household customers of several provincial branches of China Mobile, it also expanded the business to more than ten provincial branches of China Telecom and China Unicom. The product business in digital home field maintained a steady upward trend.

As the field expanded and satisfactory outcomes were achieved, 5G business has enabled the Group to become part of the operator ecological chain, thereby participating in the transformation of government affairs, enterprise informatization and digital intelligence. 5G+ video products have pioneered the organic combination of the Group's superior video technology and the trend of the 5G era, providing a strong performance guarantee for the new media technology in 5G business and consolidating the Group's leading position in video user experience management. We expanded our products and markets, such as intelligent 5G network operation and management, 5G messaging platform, and intelligent digital platform in an innovative way, and developed application performance management based on 5G vertical industries, intelligent 5G network operation and management, which enabled the conversion of 5G to B private network products to empower vertical industries. This business began to take shape in 2021 and has taken root in many key industries such as the education, metallurgical, shipping, and mining industries. In 2021, the Group delivered the first provincial-level 5G messaging platform, creating huge business potential for the Group to enter the industry value chain of 5G messaging, provide innovative services, and build a 5G messaging ecosystem. In 2021, we fully participated in the new infrastructure of operators' intelligent platform, and successfully completed the delivery of the Group's first provincial-level operator intelligent platform project, started the comprehensive intelligent, agile and low-code transformation of the Group's products, and integrated into the new ecology of coexisting operator's intelligent platforms. During the Reporting Period, we have built a robust product base and developed a solid market foundation in 5G business field.

OUTLOOK

Looking forward to 2022, the Group will build on its past achievements and press ahead to consolidate business in digital home field and make every effort to expand our business into the 5G field.

As the operators in the digital home business field have shifted its focus from large-scale operation to intelligent operation and quality operation, a large number of smart home products have been put into commercial use. The Group will continue to invest in research and development of and market expansion of video-centric digital home experience and security products, and strengthen its efforts in application performance technology innovation and product research and development including cloud VR, cloud gaming, pan-screen TV, multi-screen interaction, whole house intelligence, whole house smart connect, home security and remote education, to maintain our leading position in technological advancement as well as market share and provide more business revenue growth points.

In 2022, on the premise that both products and markets in the 5G field have achieved breakthroughs, the Group will, based on 5G intelligent operation platform, 5G messaging platform and other products, focusing on intelligent operation and maintenance and SLA guarantee in 5G vertical industries, continue to make persistent efforts to deeply cultivate digital security capabilities in 5G+ pan-video, industrial Internet, Internet of Things (IoT), telemedicine, autonomous driving, intelligent security, etc., empower the Company's full range of product lines with intelligent digital platform, integrate into the new ecology of coexisting operator's intelligent platforms, and increase product flexibility and AI capabilities to support various market demands. The business is expected to develop rapidly.

In 2022, both the Beijing Winter Olympics and the Hangzhou Asian Games were held in China. Technologies such as 8K, ultra-low-latency live broadcast, and holographic AR will be put into use on a large scale. As forward-looking and leading technologies rely on strong performance guarantees, based on years of experience of video performance management technology and rich technical reserves in 5G, IoT, artificial intelligence, blockchain and intelligent business platform, etc., the Group will forge ahead to conduct in-depth research on intelligent application performance management of cutting-edge technologies and on intelligent application of the Group's products in scenarios such as large-scale sports games and major national events to ensure technological leadership and innovation, safeguard existing business revenue and expand business in pan-video industry.

We will actively participate in the ecosystem construction with operators and industry partners, and closely follow China's new infrastructure and "East Data Computing in West" (東數西算) strategies in the directions of promoting business digital transformation and enhancing digital security capabilities, and closely follow up the corresponding application performance management requirements and smart operation and maintenance (Artificial Intelligence for IT Operations) requirements of telecommunication operators' self-intellectual network, and continue related product and business expansion.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

The Group's revenue for the year ended 31 December 2021 amounted to approximately RMB99.1 million, representing an increase of approximately RMB18.1 million or 22.3% as compared with that for the year ended 31 December 2020 (2020: approximately RMB81.0 million). The increase was mainly attributable to the combined effect of: (i) the increase in revenue generated from provision of integrated APM system solutions of approximately RMB10.7 million; (ii) the increase in revenue generated from provision of software development services of approximately RMB8.6 million; (iii) the decrease in revenue generated from provision of technical services of approximately RMB2.8 million; and (iv) the increase in revenue generated from sales of embedded hardware and standard APM software of approximately RMB1.6 million.

The following analysis sets forth a breakdown of the Group's revenue by service type for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2021 respectively:

INTEGRATED APM SYSTEM SOLUTIONS

This segment provides integrated APM system solutions by tailor-making our APM products to allow our customers to better manage and monitor their applications and networks. The Group has recorded an increment in the revenue generated from integrated APM system solutions of approximately 29.2% from approximately RMB36.6 million for the year ended 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB47.3 million for the year ended 31 December 2021. The increase was mainly due to projects that were delayed attributable to the pandemic in 2020 are now being resumed gradually in 2021, and at the same time we have expanded the scope of our customer projects to cover performance analysis of more new networks applications.

The demands for integrated APM system solutions are mainly from: (i) various new mobile applications in the market, such as video applications, instant messaging applications, games applications and e-Bank applications etc.; (ii) relocation from traditional applications like websites, email system, enterprise resources planning and customer relation management system etc. to newly-built cloud platform; and (iii) the digital experience management brought by the rapid increase in the number of IoT household users equipped with smart home applications and internet TV/video applications. Those new web applications, newly-built cloud platform and the home application of the IoT require the customers to have stable network with excellent performance to realize its commercial purposes.

Software development services

The Group's software development services typically involve developing customized supporting software for upgrade and expansion of the APM products which are already integrated with our customers' systems and networks. Our revenue derived from the provision of software development services has increased by approximately 44.8% from approximately RMB19.4 million for the year ended 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB28.1 million for the year ended 31 December 2021. Such increase was mainly due to the fact that the APM system customer base which had expanded over the past few years needed more customized software development services for upgrading and expanding their existing APM systems to cover various new applications (such as mobile phone application, household IoT application, internet TV/video application), and due to the expansion of user group.

Technical services

This segment provides operational support, system maintenance, network analysis and optimization of full-chain of internet application and research study of specific topics on application and network performance. Our revenue derived from the provision of technical services has decreased by approximately 14.7% from approximately RMB19.1 million for the year ended 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB16.3 million for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Sales of embedded hardware and standard APM software

We have from time to time sold embedded hardware and standard APM software to customers who do not require tailor-making services. Our revenue generated from the sales of embedded hardware and standard APM software has increased by approximately 27.1% from approximately RMB5.9 million for the year ended 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB7.5 million for the year ended 31 December 2021. Such increase was primarily due to the fact that our existing customers require increased deployment of hardware agents for the Internet application performance monitoring and management with full coverage.

Cost of sales

The Group's cost of sales has increased by approximately 18.4% from approximately RMB37.4 million for the year ended 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB44.3 million for the year ended 31 December 2021, such increase was primarily due to the increase in sales contract and revenue increased the cost of sales.

Gross profit and gross profit margin

The Group's gross profit has increased by approximately 25.7% from approximately RMB43.6 million for the year ended 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB54.8 million for the year ended 31 December 2021, mainly due to the increase in the business volume of integrated APM system solutions. The gross profit margin of the Group has increased from approximately 53.8% for the year ended 31 December 2020 to approximately 55.3% for the year ended 31 December 2021. The increase was mainly due to the gradual reduction of the pressure of pandemic on the Company's operating costs.

Other income and gains

The Group recorded other income and gains of approximately RMB5.1 million and approximately RMB5.4 million for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2021, respectively. Such increase was mainly due to the increase in the government subsidy income.

Selling and distribution expenses

The Group's selling and distribution expenses has increased by approximately 60.6% from approximately RMB9.4 million for the year ended 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB15.1 million for the year ended 31 December 2021. Such increase was primarily due to our enhanced efforts in marketing our 5G APM services and products to enhance broader customers' awareness.

Research and development costs

The Group's research and development ("R&D") costs has increased by approximately 10.6% from approximately RMB21.7 million for the year ended 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB24.0 million for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Administrative expenses

The Group's administrative expenses has increased by approximately 10.5% from approximately RMB15.2 million for the year ended 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB16.8 million for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Profit before tax

The Group's profit before tax has increased by approximately 172.7% from approximately RMB1.1 million for the year ended 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB3.0 million for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Income tax expenses

The Group's income tax expenses have decreased by approximately 5,100% from approximately RMB0.01 million for the year ended 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB-0.5 million for the year ended 31 December 2021, which was mainly due to the reversal of deferred tax liabilities.

Net profit for the year

As a result of the foregoing reasons, the Group's net profit has increased by approximately 218.2% from approximately RMB1.1 million for the year ended 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB3.5 million for the year ended 31 December 2021. The Group's net profit margin increased from approximately 1.4% for the year ended 31 December 2020 to approximately 3.7% for the year ended 31 December 2021, which was mainly due to the increase in the operating revenue of the Group.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

For the year ended 31 December 2021, the Group's cash and cash equivalents, together with available credit facilities and expected cash flow from operations, were sufficient to satisfy the current operational requirements and the capital expenditures of the Group.

The Group's net current assets decreased from approximately RMB165.7 million as at 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB165.6 million as at 31 December 2021. Our cash and cash equivalents were approximately RMB64.1 million as at 31 December 2021 (as at 31 December 2020: approximately RMB85.9 million).

As at 31 December 2021, the Group's short-term bank loan was RMB10.0 million (31 December 2020: RMB10.0 million).

As at 31 December 2021, the gearing ratio of the Group was 5.4% (31 December 2020: 5.5%). The calculation of gearing ratio is based on the total borrowings divided by total equity and multiplied by 100%.

EXPOSURE TO EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATION

The Group's main operations are in China with most of its transactions being settled in RMB. Some of the Group's cash and bank deposits are denominated in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$"). The Group did not experience any impact or difficulties in liquidity on its operations resulting from currency exchange and no hedging transaction or forward contract arrangement was made by the Group during the year ended 31 December 2021. In this respect, the Group is not exposed to any significant foreign currency exchange risk. However, the management of the Company will closely monitor foreign exchange risk to ensure that appropriate measures are implemented in a timely and effective manner.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

As at 31 December 2021, the Company's issued share capital was HK\$5,080,000 and the number of its issued ordinary shares (the "Shares") was 508,000,000 of HK\$0.01 each. As at the date of this annual report, the share capital of the Company only comprises ordinary shares.

MATERIAL COMMITMENTS OR CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2021, the future lease payments for the Groups' non-cancellable lease contracts are RMB204,000 (2020: RMB1,510,000) due within one year.

FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS AND CAPITAL ASSETS

Save as disclosed in the prospectus (the “Prospectus”) of the Company dated 30 November 2016, the Group did not have other substantial future plans for material investments and capital assets.

MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES

For the year ended 31 December 2021, the Group did not have any material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries and affiliated companies.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS AND ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL ASSETS

For the year ended 31 December 2021, the Group did not hold any significant investments nor made any significant acquisition of capital assets.

CHARGE ON GROUP’S ASSETS

As at 31 December 2021, apart from bank deposits amounting to RMB5.5 million (31 December 2020: RMB7.0 million) that were pledged to banks mainly in relation to working capital loans and bank deposits amounting to approximately RMB0.6 million (31 December 2020: nil) that were pledged to banks mainly in relation to bills payables, no other Group’s assets were charged to any financial institutions.

EMPLOYEES, TRAINING AND REMUNERATION POLICIES

As of 31 December 2021, the Group had 263 employees (2020: 235). The staff costs including Directors’ emoluments were approximately RMB56.3 million for the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: approximately RMB44.7 million).

The employees’ compensation of the Group includes basic salary, bonuses and cash subsidies. The Group determines employees’ compensation based on each employee’s performance, qualifications, position and seniority.

The Company adopted a share option scheme (the “Share Option Scheme”) on 21 November 2016 to provide incentives and rewards to eligible persons for their contribution to, and continuing efforts to promote the interest of, the Group.

The Company also adopted a share award scheme (the “Share Award Scheme”) on 10 January 2020 (i) to recognize and motivate the contributions of the eligible persons; (ii) to provide them with incentives in order to retain such persons for continual operation and development of the Group; and (iii) to recruit suitable personnel in the interest of further development of the Group. For further information, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 10 January 2020.

The Company recognizes the importance of keeping the Directors updated with the latest information of duties and obligations of a director of a company whose shares are listed on the Stock Exchange and the general regulatory and environmental requirements for such listed company. To meet this goal, the Group is committed to our employees’ continuing education and development.

The Group provides various training programs to the employees, such as corporate culture training and initial training for new employees with a view to improving staff knowledge in a number of important areas of our services, on a quarterly basis. Internal training programs of our Group are also dynamic and tailored in accordance with the particular stage of the Group’s development.

USE OF PROCEEDS

On 12 June 2018, 21,255,000 Shares were allotted and issued by the Group on GEM, at the price of HK\$1.08 per share (market price on 6 June 2018: HK\$1.26 per share). For further information, please refer to the announcements of the Company under stock code 8342 dated 6 June 2018 and 12 June 2018.

The Company's net proceeds from the allotment and issuance of additional Shares (the "Placing") (after deducting the underwriting fees and other related expenses) were approximately HK\$22.4 million. Such proceeds from the Placing were used to fund general corporate purposes. As at 31 December 2019, the remainder of HK\$8.6 million from such proceeds was not used, the remainder was used in 2020 as a general working capital for the Company to provide APM products and service solutions for telecommunication operators and large enterprises. As at 31 December 2020, among such proceeds from the Placing, HK\$22.4 million was used by the Group, which has been fully utilized.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

- A substantial amount of our revenue is derived from the contracts entered into with the subsidiaries of China's largest telecom group and any decrease or loss of business from them could adversely and substantially affect our business, results of operations and financial conditions.

Leveraging on the Group's position as a leading provider of APM products and services in China's telecommunications industry, the Group is now expanding business to China's second and third largest telecom groups and the broadcasting and television industry. Given that the network architectures and technologies of China's telecom groups are quite similar, the Company's products and services can meet their needs. The Group has also promote our new SaaS cloud platform products to small and medium-sized enterprise customers. The Group is also actively promoting the diversification of customers which will effectively reduce the risk.

- We may be exposed to payment delays and/or defaults by our customers, particularly our largest customer, the China's largest telecom group, which would adversely affect our cash flow or financial results.

The Group has established a special team to follow up with the payment status of the customer contracts, to strictly review the terms and conditions of the contracts and to avoid and reduce the delay in payment or delinquency.

- We rely on staff in our R&D department to maintain and enhance our products and services. Failure to retain staff in our R&D department would materially and adversely affect our business, financial conditions and results of operations.

The Group has provided competitive compensation and benefits to retain the outstanding employees in our R&D department. Meanwhile, the Group has strengthened the training of our new staff in order to avoid the impact of employee turnover on our business operations. The Group has also actively considered the Share Option Scheme and Share Award Scheme to increase R&D staff loyalty and to reduce employee turnover.

- Our revenue is mainly derived from one-time projects and any decrease in the number of projects would affect our operations and financial results.

The Group is vigorously promoting products to other telecom operators and the broadcasting and television industry to increase the number of projects and to heighten the proportion of the services that can be renewed each year in these projects. The cloud-based SaaS application performance management system will provide a large number of small and medium-sized enterprise customers with long-term and sustainable services, which will effectively reduce the Group's dependence on the revenue derived from one-time projects.

- Our business may be subject to seasonal effects, and any disruption of business during the peak seasons could adversely affect our liquidity and results of operations.

The Group actively expands our customer base, including small and medium-sized enterprises and overseas markets, to lessen the seasonal impact of a single industry and strengthen our contract/order management to avoid the impact of the excessive concentration of business in a quarter on the Group's cash flow and performance.

KEY FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The key financial and business performance indicators comprise profitability growth and return on equity. Details of the Group's profitability growth are shown in the paragraph headed "Net profit for the year" in this section of this annual report.

The Group's return on equity increased from 0.6% for the year ended 31 December 2020 to 1.9% for the year ended 31 December 2021. The increase was primarily due to the increase in net profit of the Group.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. Guan Haiqing (“Mr. Guan”), aged 47, is the Chairman (the “Chairman”) of the Board and an executive Director of the Company and is primarily responsible for the overall management and corporate policy making of the Group’s business operations. Mr. Guan is also our Chief Sales Officer and is responsible for overseeing the sales and marketing activities of the Group. Mr. Guan graduated from Shanghai Jiao Tong University (上海交通大學) with a bachelor’s degree in automation in July 1995. Mr. Guan has over 21 years of sales and marketing experience in high technology software solution enterprises. Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Guan has worked in the capacity of research and development engineer and a testing engineer in Shanghai Bell Alcatel Mobile Communication System Company Limited (上海貝爾阿爾卡特移動通信系統有限公司) from April 1996 to April 2000 and the sales manager of Agilent Technologies Group (安捷倫科技集團) from June 2000 to April 2010. Mr. Guan then worked in the sales department of JDSU Photoelectric Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd (捷迪訊光電技術(北京)有限公司) from August 2010 to June 2013. Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Guan worked as a senior sales manager at JDSU Communication Technology (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd (Shanghai Branch) (捷迪訊通訊技術(深圳)有限公司(上海分公司)).

Mr. Sie Tak Kwan (“Mr. Sie”), aged 45, is an executive Director and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. He is primarily responsible for the overall planning, management and strategic development of and overseeing the operations of the Group’s business. Mr. Sie has over 20 years of experience in high-technology software solution industry. Mr. Sie graduated from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University with a bachelor’s degree in electronic engineering in November 2000. He further obtained a master’s degree of science in communication engineering from the University of Hong Kong in December 2003. Mr. Sie joined the Group as a supervisor in December 2010. Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Sie has worked as an application engineer and the Asia Business Development Manager of the Electronic Measurements Group at Agilent Technologies Hong Kong Limited (安捷倫科技香港有限公司) successively.

Mr. Shi Zhimin (“Mr. Shi”), aged 40, is an executive Director. He is primarily responsible for the overall management and strategic development of the Group. He obtained a bachelor’s degree in business administration from China University of Geosciences in 2004 and has extensive management experience in listed companies. During the period from July 2009 to October 2015, Mr. Shi was the general manager of Shenzhen Ruice Technology Company Limited* (深圳市瑞測科技有限公司), which engages in (i) technology development, sales and on-site maintenance of test instruments, meters, electronic equipment and mechanical equipment parts, chemical products (excluding dangerous goods), optoelectronic materials, insulation materials, rubber and plastic materials, heat shrinkable materials; (ii) information consulting; and (iii) import and export business. During the period from 6 April 2016 to 6 November 2017, Mr. Shi was the chairman of Guangdong Boxin Investment Holding Company Limited* (廣東博信投資控股股份有限公司), a company whose shares are listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange (600083.SH) and engages in the business of intelligent hardware and its derivative products, leasing and sales of heavy machinery and equipment, and commodity trading. Mr. Shi has been the general manager and legal representative of Shenzhen Qianhai Xuanzhuo Investment Management Company Limited (深圳前海烜卓投資管理有限公司) since November 2015. He has also been the executive affairs representative of Shenzhen Qianhai Xuanzhuo Investment Development Centre (Limited Partnership)* (深圳前海烜卓投資發展中心(有限合夥)) since November 2015. It is a company that engages in investment management, entrusted asset management (excluding trust, financial asset management, securities asset management and other restricted projects), equity investment, investment and running of corporate entities (subject to declaration of individual project), participating in setting up and providing management consultancy to venture capital enterprises, investment and corporate management consultancy services (excluding restricted business).

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. Yeung Man Simon (“Mr. Yeung”), aged 50, is an independent non-executive Director. Mr. Yeung graduated from the University of Georgia with the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration, major in accounting and finance in March 1997. Mr. Yeung was admitted as an associate member of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants (currently known as Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants) in April 2002 and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in July 2001.

Mr. Yeung has more than 24 years of experience in corporate finance, financial management and initial public offering of companies on the Stock Exchange. During the period from 1997 to 2015, Mr. Yeung had acted as the company secretary, financial controller as well as chief financial officer in a number of companies whose shares are listed on the Stock Exchange involving different industries. In May 2015, Mr. Yeung worked as a vice president of a subsidiary of Crown International Corporation Limited (stock code: 727) (“Crown International”), responsible for business development, corporate finance, financial management and control, and was later appointed as the executive director and chief financial officer of Crown International in August 2015. He was later redesignated as its chief executive officer and executive director in October 2016 and further appointed as its company secretary in March 2017. Mr. Yeung resigned from Crown International in March 2019. From May 2019 to September 2019, Mr. Yeung was the head of China market development department of Creative Property Services Consultants Limited, a company principally engaged in property management and a subsidiary of Creative Enterprise Holdings Limited, the shares of which were previously listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. Since April 2021, Mr. Yeung has acted as the chief financial officer and the company secretary of Zhong An Intelligent Living Service Limited which is an integrated property management service provider in the PRC and the shares of which are proposed to be listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange.

Mr. Hu Jianjun (“Mr. Hu”), aged 42, is an independent non-executive Director. Mr. Hu obtained a bachelor’s degree in management from Huazhong University of Technology in July 2002, and a master’s degree in economics with a major in labour economics from Renmin University of China in July 2005. Mr. Hu has extensive experience in human resources management, asset management and investment fund management. Mr. Hu started to work in China Nuclear Power Engineering Co., Ltd. and its subsidiaries focusing on human resources matters in July 2005 and left the group in February 2022 with the last position as the Deputy General Manager of Shandong Bailu Chenxi Equity Investment Fund Management Co., Ltd.* (山東白鷺晨翕股權投資基金管理有限公司).

Ms. Ru Tingting (“Ms. Ru”), aged 47, is an independent non-executive Director. Ms. Ru obtained a Bachelor of Laws from China University of Political Science and Law in July 1995 and a Master of Laws from Renmin University of China in June 2001. During the period from February 2002 to August 2018, Ms. Ru worked in the China Securities Regulatory Commission, first as the deputy director then as the director of the Department of Listed Company Division. Ms. Ru has been a managing partner of Beijing Yongxing Law Firm since September 2018. Since September 2019, Ms. Ru has acted as an independent non-executive director of Hong Kong Johnson Holdings Co., Ltd., the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 1955).

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Cheung Kai Cheong Willie (“Mr. Cheung”), is a senior manager of SWCS Corporate Services Group (Hong Kong) Limited, mainly responsible for assisting listed companies in professional company secretarial work. Prior to joining SWCS Corporate Services Group (Hong Kong) Limited, he served as the company secretary and finance controller of certain companies whose shares are listed on the Stock Exchange. He has more than 21 years of professional experiences in company secretarial, accounting and finance matters. He is a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in the United Kingdom. He obtained a Bachelor Degree of Arts (Honors) in Accounting and Finance at the University of Glamorgan in the United Kingdom.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Ms. Sie Chun Yu (“Ms. Sie”), aged 49, joined the Group as our financial controller on 4 July 2016. Ms. Sie is primarily responsible for the overall management of the finance and accounting operations and providing financial strategic planning, budgeting and forecast to the Group. Ms. Sie is a Certified Public Accountant of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and a Certified Public Accountant of the CPA Australia Ltd. She obtained a bachelor’s degree in business administration in accounting from the Hong Kong Baptist University in November 1995 and a master’s degree in corporate finance from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in December 2006. Ms. Sie has over 24 years of experience in the field of audit and financial management. Prior to joining the Group, she was a financial controller of EE Hobbies Australia Pty Ltd.

Mr. Ming Yang (“Mr. Ming”), aged 50, was appointed as the Operation Director of a wholly owned subsidiary of the Group, Vixtel Technologies Limited on 22 April 2019 and is primarily responsible for the operation management of it. Mr. Ming graduated from XiDian University (西安電子科技大學) in 1994 with a bachelor’s degree of image transmission and processing and obtained a master’s degree of Business Administration from Capital University of Economics and Business (首都經貿大學) in 2010. Mr. Ming has more than 10 years of experience in Motorola (China) Electronics Co., Ltd of service product development and BD business fields, and more than 9 years of experience in Huawei Technology Co., Ltd., with various positions of Project Delivery and Management, Service Solution Development and Quality Operation. Prior to joining the Group in 2019, he served as a Quality Operation Department Director in Huawei Technology Co., Ltd (華為技術有限公司) Angola Representative Office.

Mr. Liu Zewei (“Mr. Liu”), aged 39, was appointed as the head of the product marketing department of a wholly owned subsidiary of the Group, Vixtel Technologies Limited on 20 May 2019. He is primarily responsible for product planning and new product research. Mr. Liu joined our Group on 27 December 2007 as the director of the research and development department of our Group. Mr. Liu obtained a bachelor’s degree in computer science and technology from the Shanxi University (山西大學) in July 2004. He has over 14 years of experience in the research and development of software systems. Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Liu worked as an engineer with Shenzhen Smartcom Business Co., Ltd (慧通商務(深圳)有限公司) from December 2005 to September 2007.

Mr. Yuan Feixiong (“Mr. Yuan”), aged 37, was appointed as the research director of a wholly owned subsidiary of the Group, Vixtel Technologies Limited on 16 December 2016 and is primarily responsible for leading the research and development department. Mr. Yuan graduated from the College of Computer and Communication of Hunan University (湖南大學計算機與通信學院) (now known as the College of Computer Science and Electronic Engineering, Hunan University (湖南大學資訊科學與工程學院)) in 2006 with a bachelor’s degree in Communication Engineering. Mr. Yuan has more than 14 years of experience in research and development of communications software. Prior to joining the Group in 2016, he served as a senior research and development engineer in LeCloud Computing Co., Ltd (樂視雲計算有限公司).

Ms. Li Li (“**Ms. Li**”), aged 44, was appointed as the senior financial manager of a wholly owned subsidiary of the Group, Vixtel Technologies Limited on 26 April 2021 and is responsible for the management of accounting and financial operations of the subsidiaries of the Group. Ms. Li is a China Certified Public Accountant and Intermediate Accountant. Ms. Li graduated from the Department of Investment Economics of Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in 1998 and obtained a bachelor’s degree in economics. Ms. Li has over 23 years of experience in the field of audit and financial management. Ms. Li has worked at Beijing Yong Tuo Certified Public Accountants LLP. She also worked as the financial manager of Beijing Lanxum Technology Co., Ltd. Prior to joining the Group, she worked as the financial manager of Jusfour Big Data Information Group Co., Ltd.

Mr. Ma Xuejia (“**Mr. Ma**”), aged 39, was appointed as the technical services director of a wholly owned subsidiary of the Group, Vixtel Technologies Limited on 1 July 2017 and is mainly responsible for the management and coordination of technical departments of the Group. Mr. Ma was previously responsible for the pre-sale management and technical support of the Group’s products. Prior to joining the Group in 2009, he worked in Guangdong Eshore Technology Co., Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of China Telecom, as a System Integration Engineer.

Mr. Tang Bin (“**Mr. Tang**”), aged 55, was appointed as sales manager and the vice president of products sales in Southwestern China Region of a wholly owned subsidiary of the Group, Vixtel Technologies Limited on 16 February 2010, and is primarily responsible for sales in Sichuan, Chongqing, Yunnan, Guizhou and Tibet of the Group. In July 1989, Mr. Tang graduated from Guizhou Aerospace Vocational and Technical College and received a college diploma. Prior to joining the Group in 2010, he worked in the supply and marketing department of China Nuclear Industry Guizhou Chemical Metallurgical Company, where he worked as the deputy director of supply and marketing department of the company.

Mr. Long Jianjun (“**Mr. Long**”), aged 50, was appointed as the vice president of sales team in South China of a wholly owned subsidiary of the Group, Vixtel Technologies Limited on 16 December 2016 and is primarily responsible for the sales of products and services in South China. Mr. Long graduated from the Department of electronics and electrical technology of Xiangtan University (湘潭大學) in 1995. Mr. Long has 20 years experience in sales management in telecom industry. Prior to joining the Group in 2013, he served as the sales director of Changsha Yestuned Monitoring Technology Co., Ltd. (長沙市業通達監控技術有限公司) and was responsible for sales and management of telecom industry in China.

Mr. Xu Shijia (“**Mr. Xu**”), aged 40, was appointed as the vice president of sales team in East China of a wholly owned subsidiary of the Group, Vixtel Technologies Limited on 16 December 2016 and is primarily responsible for the sales of products and services in East China of the Group. Mr. Xu graduated from East China Institute of Technology (東華理工學院) in 2005 with a bachelor’s degree in Communication Engineering. Mr. Xu has more than 11 years of experience in sales of network communication solutions. Prior to joining the Group in 2010, he served as an instrumentation sales in Shanghai An Qi Technology CO., LTD.

The Directors are pleased to present this annual report and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2021 to the Shareholders.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the provision of Internet and Web APM products and services. Details of the principal activities of its subsidiaries are set out in note 1 to the consolidated financial statements. There were no significant changes in the nature of the principal activities of the Group during the year ended 31 December 2021.

BUSINESS REVIEW

Part of the business review as required under Schedule 5 of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the laws of Hong Kong) is included in the sections headed “Chairman’s statement” in this annual report from pages 4 to 6, and “Management Discussion and Analysis” in this annual report from pages 8 to 15, and such discussion forms part of this directors’ report.

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND

The results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2021 and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income of the Group as at that date are set out in the consolidated financial statements on page 56 of this annual report.

The Board does not recommend the payment of a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2021 (final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2020: nil).

CLOSURE OF THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The forthcoming annual general meeting (the “AGM”) is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 19 May 2022. For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the AGM, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 16 May 2022 to Thursday, 19 May 2022, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. In order to attend and vote at the AGM, all share transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 13 May 2022.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A summary of the results and of the assets and liabilities of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2021 is set out in the financial summary on page 124 of this annual report. This summary does not form part of the audited consolidated financial statements.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Details of movements in the property and equipment of the Group during the year ended 31 December 2021 are set out in note 13 to the consolidated financial statements.

ISSUED CAPITAL

Details of movements in the share capital of the Company during the year ended 31 December 2021 are set out in note 25 to the consolidated financial statements.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's amended and restated articles of association (the "Articles") or the laws of the Cayman Islands, which would oblige the Company to offer new Shares on a pro rata basis to existing Shareholders.

PURCHASE, REDEMPTION OR SALE OF LISTED SECURITIES

Pursuant to the rules of the Share Award Scheme, the Company instructed the trustee for the scheme to purchase from the market a total of 13,000,000 Shares for awards to the relevant grantees during the year. The total cost (including related transaction costs) of HK\$5,969,000 (equivalent to RMB5,018,000) from the market out of cash contributed by the Group. Save as disclosed above, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, redeemed or sold any of the Company's listed securities during the year.

RESERVES

Details of movements in the reserves of the Group are set out in note 27 to the consolidated financial statements.

DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

Pursuant to the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands, Chapter 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised), other than share premium, no other distributable reserve is available for distribution to Shareholders by the Company as at 31 December 2021.

MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

Sales to the Group's five largest customers accounted for approximately 26.5% (2020: approximately 36.4%) of the total turnover for the year ended 31 December 2021 and sales to the largest customer for the same period amounted to approximately 6.3% (2020: approximately 10.2%).

Purchases from the Group's five largest suppliers accounted for approximately 46.8% (2020: approximately 57.3%) of the total purchases during the year ended 31 December 2021 and purchases from the largest supplier during the same period amounted to approximately 34.9% (2020: approximately 33.2%).

To the best knowledge of the Directors, none of the Directors, or any of their associates or any Shareholders (own more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital) had any beneficial interest in the share capital of any of the five largest customers or suppliers of the Group in 2021.

DIRECTORS

The Directors who held office during the year ended 31 December 2021 and up to the date of this annual report were as follows:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. Guan Haiqing (*Chairman*)

Mr. Sie Tak Kwan (*Chief Executive Officer*)

Mr. Shi Zhimin (*appointed on 16 March 2022*)

Mr. Yue Yong (*Chief Technology Officer*) (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Liang Judong (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. Yeung Man Simon (*appointed on 7 April 2022*)

Mr. Hu Jianjun (*appointed on 7 April 2022*)

Ms. Ru Tingting (*appointed on 7 April 2022*)

Mr. Cheung Hon Fai (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)

Professor Lam Kin Man (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)

Mr. Shen Qi (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)

Pursuant to Article 108 of the Articles, at each annual general meeting, one-third of the Directors for the time being or, if their number is not a multiple of three (3), the number nearest to but not less than one-third shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director, including those appointed for a specific term, shall be subject to retirement at least once every three years. Therefore, Mr. Guan Haiqing will retire from office by rotation and, being eligible, shall offer himself for re-election at the forthcoming AGM.

Pursuant to Article 112 of the Articles, any Director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only until the first general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall be subject to re-election at such meeting and any Director appointed by the Board as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election. Therefore, Mr. Shi Zhimin, Mr. Yeung Man Simon, Mr. Hu Jianjun and Ms. Ru Tingting being appointed on 16 March 2022, 7 April 2022, 7 April 2022 and 7 April 2022, respectively, will retire from office and, being eligible, shall offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming AGM.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Biographic details of the Directors and senior management of the Group are set out from pages 16 to 19 of this annual report.

DIRECTOR'S SERVICE CONTRACTS/LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT

Each of the executive Directors (except for Mr. Shi Zhimin) has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three (3) years commencing from 15 December 2019 which may only be terminated in accordance with the provision of the service contract. Mr. Shi Zhimin has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three (3) years commencing from 16 March 2022 which may only be terminated in accordance with the provision of the service contract. Each of the independent non-executive Directors has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three (3) years commencing from 7 April 2022 which may only be terminated in accordance with the provision of the letter of appointment.

None of the Directors proposed for re-election at the forthcoming AGM has entered into any service contracts or letters of appointment with the Company which is not determinable by the Group within one year without payment of compensation other than the statutory compensation.

DIRECTORS' MATERIAL INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS, ARRANGEMENTS OR CONTRACTS

No Director nor his/her connected person(s) had material interest, either directly or indirectly, in any transaction, arrangement or contract of significance to the business of the Group to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party during the year ended 31 December 2021.

COMPETING INTERESTS

During the year ended 31 December 2021, none of the Directors or the Controlling Shareholders (defined hereunder) or their respective associates (as defined in the Rules Governing the Listing of the Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “Listing Rules”)) had an interest in any business which competes or may compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group nor any conflicts of interest which has or may have with the Group.

DEED OF NON-COMPETITION BY CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDERS

On 21 November 2016, Cohort Investments Limited, Copious Link Investments Limited, Hugemind Investments Limited, Worldgate Ventures Limited, Mr. Yue Yong, Mr. Sie Tak Kwan, Mr. Guan Haiqing and Mr. Liang Judong (the “Controlling Shareholders”) entered into a deed of non-competition (“Deed of Non-Competition”) in favour of the Company (for itself and as trustee for each of its subsidiaries), pursuant to which each Controlling Shareholder, jointly and severally, warrants and undertakes to the Company that, from the Listing Date, he/it shall not, and shall procure his/its close associates or any company directly or indirectly controlled by him/it (other than members of the Group) not to directly or indirectly, carry on, participate, engage or otherwise be interested in any business in anywhere or place which is or may be in competition with the business of any members of the Group from time to time. For details of the Deed of Non-Competition, please refer to the section headed “Relationship with Our Controlling Shareholders” in the Prospectus.

On 15 November 2019, Ms. Ma Chunru (“Ms. Ma”) has executed a supplemental deed (the “Supplemental Deed”) to the Deed of Concert Parties dated 11 August 2016 (as amended and supplemented by a supplemental deed dated 10 November 2016) (collectively, the “Deed of Concert Parties”) with Mr. Sie Tak Kwan (“Mr. Sie”), Mr. Yue Yong (“Mr. Yue”), Mr. Guan Haiqing (“Mr. Guan”) and Mr. Liang Judong (“Mr. Liang”). Pursuant to the Supplemental Deed, Ms. Ma agrees and undertakes to act in concert with Mr. Sie, Mr. Yue, Mr. Guan and Mr. Liang in the operations, management and all significant matters relating to the Company and its subsidiaries. Accordingly, with effect from 15 November 2019, Mr. Sie, Mr. Yue, Mr. Guan, Ms. Ma and Mr. Liang are parties in concert and each of them is deemed to be interested in the shares of the Company indirectly held by the others pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the laws of Hong Kong) (the “SFO”). Mr. Sie remained as the leader of the concert parties group until 12 January 2022 (the “Disposed Date”), the date on which each of them disposed the respective Shares held by them through the corporation controlled by them.

Each Controlling Shareholder has confirmed to the Company of its/his compliance with the Deed of Non-Competition from the Listing Date up to the Disposal Date. The independent non-executive Directors have also reviewed the status of compliance and confirmed that all the undertakings under the Deed of Non-Competition and the Supplement Deed have been complied by each of the Controlling Shareholders since the Listing Date and up to the Disposal Date.

EMOLUMENT POLICY

The Remuneration Committee of the Company was set up for reviewing and determining the Group’s emolument policy and structure for all remuneration of the Directors and senior management based on the Group’s operating results, individual performance and comparable market practices.

REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS AND FIVE INDIVIDUALS WITH HIGHEST EMOLUMENTS

Details of the emoluments of the Directors and five highest paid individuals during the year ended 31 December 2021 are set out in notes 8 to 9 to the consolidated financial statements, respectively.

MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

No contract concerning the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Company was entered into or was subsisting during the year ended 31 December 2021.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company adopted the Share Option Scheme on 21 November 2016 to provide incentives and rewards to eligible persons for their contribution to, and continuing efforts to promote the interest of, the Group.

Details of the Share Option Scheme are as follows:

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| 1. | Purpose of the Share Option Scheme | The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to enable the Company to grant options to eligible persons as incentives or rewards for their contribution to the Group. |
| 2. | Who may join | Any eligible employee (full time or part-time), executive Director, non-executive Director and independent non-executive Director, advisor and consultant of the Group. |
| 3. | Total number of shares available for issue under the Share Option Scheme | 48,674,500 Shares (representing 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the Listing Date) |
| 4. | Subscription Price | <p>The Subscription price shall be a price determined by the Board, but in any case shall not be less than the highest of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the closing price of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheet on the date of the grant, which must be a trading day; (ii) the average closing price per share as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheets for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of the grant; and (iii) the nominal value of a share on such date of grant. |
| 5. | Maximum entitlement of each participant | The total number of Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of options granted in any 12-month period to a participant under this Share Option Scheme and other schemes must not exceed 1% of the Shares in issue. |
| 6. | Time of acceptance | An offer of the grant of option may be accepted by the eligible person within 28 days from the date of the offer of grant of options. |
| 7. | Option period | A period which may not expire later than 10 years from the date of the offer of to be determined and notified by Directors to the grantee thereof. |
| 8. | Rights are personal to grantee | An option shall be personal to the grantee and shall not be transferable or assignable and no grantee shall in any way sell, transfer, charge, mortgage, encumber, or create any interest in favour of any third party over or in relation to any option. |
| 9. | Duration of the Share Option Scheme | The Share Option shall be valid and effective for a period of 10 years commencing on 21 November 2016 and has not expired as at the date of this annual report. |

Since the adoption of the Share Option Scheme and up to the date of this annual report, no share options have been granted pursuant to the Share Option Scheme. On 31 December 2021 and as of the date of this annual report, the Company does not have any outstanding share options, warranties, derivatives or securities that are convertible into or exchangeable for shares.

SHARE AWARD SCHEME

The Company adopted the Share Award Scheme on 10 January 2020.

Details of the Share Award Scheme are as follows:

1. Purpose of the Share Award Scheme The purposes are (i) to recognize and motivate the contributions of the eligible persons; (ii) to provide them with incentives in order to retain such persons for continual operation and development of the Group; and (iii) to recruit suitable personnel in the interest of further development of the Group.
2. Who may join Any Director(s) (including, without limitation, any executive, non-executive or independent non-executive Directors), senior manager(s) and employee(s) of the Group.
3. Duration Unless terminated earlier by the Board in accordance with the Share Award Scheme rules ("Scheme Rules"), the Scheme shall be valid and effective for a term of ten years commencing on the adoption date.
4. Vesting The Board may at its absolute discretion either:
 - (i) direct and procure the trustee to release the award shares to the selected participants by transferring the number of award shares to the selected participants;
 - (ii) or to the extent where it is in the reasonable opinion of the Board not practicable (on the basis stated in the award letter) for the selected participants to receive the award shares and provided that the trading of the shares has not been suspended, direct and procure the trustee to sell the number of award shares within any time as stipulated in the Share Award Scheme rules and pay the selected participants the proceeds arising from such sale.
5. Lapse/Forfeiture If a selected participant is unable to meet the vesting conditions as set out in the award letter issued to such selected participant, the relevant award shares shall lapse.
6. Transferability Any award granted under the Share Award Scheme but not yet vested shall not be assignable or transferable and no selected participant shall in any way sell, transfer, charge, mortgage, encumber or create any interest in favour of any other person over or in relation to any Share Award, or enter into any agreement to do so.

7. Scheme Limit
- The total number of Shares to be awarded under the Share Award Scheme shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued Shares from time to time.
- The maximum number of award shares which may be granted to a selected participant but unvested under the Share Award Scheme shall not exceed 1% of the total number of issued shares from time to time.
8. Termination
- The Share Award Scheme shall terminate on the earlier of: (i) the tenth anniversary of the adoption date; and (ii) such date of early termination as determined by the Board provided that such termination shall not affect any subsisting rights of any selected participant under the Share Award Scheme.

On 16 July 2021, the Company granted a total of 13 million award shares to 15 selected participants according to the Scheme Rules. None of them was a Director or a director of a subsidiary of the Company or a connected person of the Company. The award shares vested in two tranches as follows: (i) 50% of the award shares vested on 1 September 2021; and (ii) the remaining 50% of the award shares which were originally scheduled to vest on 31 December 2022 had become vested on 17 February 2022. For further information, please refer to (i) the announcement of the Company dated 16 July 2021; and (ii) the announcement of the Company dated 25 March 2022.

On 25 March 2022, the Board reviewed the Company's overall policies and the cost and benefit for maintaining the Share Award Scheme and approved the termination of the Shares Award Scheme. For further details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 25 March 2022.

EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENTS

Other than the Share Option Scheme and Share Award Scheme of the Company as described above, no equity-linked agreements that will or may result in the Company issuing Shares or that require the Company to enter into any agreements that will or may result in the Company issuing Shares were entered into by the Company during the year ended 31 December 2021 or subsisted at the end of that period.

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS IN SHARES

As at 31 December 2021, the interests or short positions of the Directors and chief executives of the Company in the Shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the laws of Hong Kong) (the "SFO")), which are required (a) 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 they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (b) pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or (c) have to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers contained in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules (the "Model Code") were as follows:

Long Positions in Shares

Name of Directors	Capacity/nature of interests	Number of Shares held	Approximate percentage of shareholding
Mr. Yue Yong (<i>Notes 1, 2 and 3</i>)	Interest in a controlled corporation; interest held jointly with another person	310,040,000.00	61.03%
Mr. Sie Tak Kwan (<i>Notes 1 and 4</i>)	Interest in a controlled corporation; interest held jointly with another person	310,040,000.00	61.03%
Mr. Guan Haiqing (<i>Notes 1 and 5</i>)	Interest in a controlled corporation; interest held jointly with another person	310,040,000.00	61.03%
Mr. Liang Judong (<i>Notes 1, 6 and 7</i>)	Interest in a controlled corporation; interest held jointly with another person	310,040,000.00	61.03%

Notes:

- Pursuant to the Deed of Concert Parties, Mr. Yue Yong, Mr. Sie Tak Kwan, Mr. Guan Haiqing, Mr. Liang Judong and Ms. Ma Chunru, a substantial shareholder of the Company confirm, agree and acknowledge, among other things, that they are parties acting in concert in respect of the Group since 15 November 2019. As such, pursuant to the Deed of Concert Parties, each of Mr. Yue Yong, Mr. Sie Tak Kwan, Mr. Guan Haiqing, Mr. Liang Judong and Ms. Ma Chunru is deemed to be interested in 61.03% of the issued share capital of the Company.
- Shares in which Mr. Yue Yong is interested consist of (i) 55,070,000 Shares held by Worldgate Ventures Limited, a company wholly-owned by him, in which Mr. Yue Yong is deemed to be interested under the SFO; and (ii) 254,970,000 Shares in which Mr. Yue Yong is deemed to be interested as a result of being a party acting-in-concert with Mr. Sie Tak Kwan, Mr. Guan Haiqing, Mr. Liang Judong and Ms. Ma Chunru.
- Mr. Yue Yong resigned as an executive Director with effect from 7 April 2022.
- Shares in which Mr. Sie Tak Kwan is interested consist of (i) 103,335,000 Shares held by Cohort Investments Limited, a company wholly-owned by him, in which Mr. Sie Tak Kwan is deemed to be interested under the SFO; and (ii) 206,705,000 Shares in which Mr. Sie Tak Kwan is deemed to be interested as a result of being a party acting-in-concert with Mr. Yue Yong, Mr. Guan Haiqing, Mr. Liang Judong and Ms. Ma Chunru.
- Shares in which Mr. Guan Haiqing is interested consist of (i) 72,365,000 Shares held by Copious Link Investments Limited, a company wholly-owned by him, in which Mr. Guan Haiqing is deemed to be interested under the SFO; and (ii) 237,675,000 Shares in which Mr. Guan Haiqing is deemed to be interested as a result of being a party acting-in-concert with Mr. Sie Tak Kwan, Mr. Yue Yong, Mr. Guan Haiqing and Ms. Ma Chunru.
- Shares in which Mr. Liang Judong is interested consist of (i) 31,005,000 Shares held by Hugemind Investments Limited, a company wholly-owned by him, in which Mr. Liang Judong is deemed to be interested under the SFO; and (ii) 279,035,000 Shares in which Mr. Liang Judong is deemed to be interested as a result of being a party acting-in-concert with Mr. Sie Tak Kwan, Mr. Yue Yong, Mr. Guan Haiqing and Ms. Ma Chunru.
- Mr. Liang Judong resigned as the non-executive Director with effect from 7 April 2022.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2021, none of the Directors and chief executives of the Company had an interest or short position in the Shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which was required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO, or was required to be recorded pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, or required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES DISCLOSEABLE UNDER THE SFO

As at 31 December 2021, the Shareholders (other than Directors and the chief executives of the Company) who had interests or short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

Long Positions in Shares

Name of Shareholder	Capacity/Nature of Interest	Number of Shares held	Approximate percentage of shareholding (Note 1)
Worldgate Ventures Limited (Note 2)	Beneficial owner	55,070,000	10.84%
Ms. Li Duan (Note 3)	Interest of spouse	310,040,000	61.03%
Cohort Investments Limited (Note 4)	Beneficial owner	103,335,000	20.34%
Ms. Chen Baozhu (Note 5)	Interest of spouse	310,040,000	61.03%
Copious Link Investments Limited (Note 6)	Beneficial owner	72,365,000	14.25%
Ms. Gu Wei (Note 7)	Interest of spouse	310,040,000	61.03%
Hugemind Investments Limited (Note 8)	Beneficial owner	31,005,000	6.10%
Ms. Bai Xiaoqian (Note 9)	Interest of spouse	310,040,000	61.03%
Silver Coral Developments Limited (Note 10)	Beneficial owner	48,265,000	9.50%
Ms. Ma Chunru (Notes 10 and 11)	Interest in a controlled corporation; interest held jointly with another person	310,040,000	61.03%
Sino Impact Limited	Beneficial owner	54,710,000	10.77%
Mr. Kwan Shan (Note 12)	Interest in a controlled corporation; Interest of spouse	54,710,000	10.77%
Ms. Tam Suk Fan Sindy (Note 12)	Interest in a controlled corporation; Interest of spouse	54,710,000	10.77%

Notes:

- As at 31 December 2021, the Company had 508,000,000 Shares in issue.
- Worldgate Ventures Limited is wholly-owned by Mr. Yue Yong. Under the SFO, Mr. Yue Yong is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Worldgate Ventures Limited.
- Ms. Li Duan is the spouse of Mr. Yue Yong. Under the SFO, Ms. Li Duan is deemed to be interested in the same number of Shares in which Mr. Yue Yong is interested.
- Cohort Investments Limited is wholly-owned by Mr. Sie Tak Kwan. Under the SFO, Mr. Sie Tak Kwan is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Cohort Investments Limited.
- Ms. Chen Baozhu is the spouse of Mr. Sie Tak Kwan. Under the SFO, Ms. Chen Baozhu is deemed to be interested in the same number of Shares in which Mr. Sie Tak Kwan is interested.
- Copious Link Investments Limited is wholly-owned by Mr. Guan Haiqing. Under the SFO, Mr. Guan Haiqing is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Copious Link Investments Limited.
- Ms. Gu Wei is the spouse of Mr. Guan Haiqing. Under the SFO, Ms. Gu Wei is deemed to be interested in the same number of Shares in which Mr. Guan Haiqing is interested.

8. Hugemind Investments Limited is wholly-owned by Mr. Liang Judong. Under the SFO, Mr. Liang Judong is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Hugemind Investments Limited.
9. Ms. Bai Xiaoqian is the spouse of Mr. Liang Judong. Under the SFO, Ms. Bai Xiaoqian is deemed to be interested in the same number of Shares in which Mr. Liang Judong is interested.
10. Silver Coral Developments Limited is wholly-owned by Ms. Ma Chunru. Under the SFO, Ms. Ma Chunru is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Silver Coral Developments Limited.
11. Shares in which Ms. Ma Chunru is interested consist of (i) 48,265,000 Shares held by Silver Coral Developments Limited, a company wholly-owned by her, in which Ms. Ma Chunru is deemed to be interested under the SFO; and (ii) 261,775,000 Shares in which Ms. Ma Chunru is deemed to be interested as a result of being a party acting-in-concert with Mr. Yue Yong, Mr. Sie Tak Kwan, Mr. Guan Haiqing, and Mr. Liang Judong, pursuant to the Deed of Concert Parties.
12. Mr. Kwan Shan and Ms. Tam Suk Fan Sindy, each holds 50% of Sino Impact Limited, which directly holds 54,710,000 Shares. By virtue of the SFO, Mr. Kwan Shan and Ms. Tam Suk Fan Sindy are deemed to be interested in the 54,710,000 Shares in which Sino Impact Limited is interested.

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2021, the Company has not been notified by any persons (other than the Directors and chief executives of the Company) who held an interest or short positions in the Shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept under section 336 of the SFO.

DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Save as disclosed in the sections headed "Share Option Scheme", "Share Award Scheme" and "Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests in Shares" above, at the time during the year ended 31 December 2021 and up to the date of this annual report, none of the Directors and chief executives of the Company and their respective close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) had any interest in, or had been granted or exercised any rights to subscribe for shares or underlying shares of the Company and/or its associated corporations (within the meaning of the SFO).

CONFIRMATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The Company has received from each of the independent non-executive Directors an annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules during the year ended 31 December 2021 and up to the date of this annual report and considers all the independent non-executive Directors to be independent.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has complied with all the code provisions of Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules and was not aware of any non-compliance relating thereto.

SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on information that is publicly available to the Company and to the best knowledge of the Directors, the Directors confirm that at least 25% of the Company's total issued share capital was held by the public as at the date of this annual report.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Employees

Talent has always been regarded as one of the most important and precious assets of the Group. The Group is committed to providing talented people with safe and comfortable working environment. The Group has also set up a sound management system, which provides reasonable salary and social welfare to attract and retain outstanding personnel with rich knowledge and experience to join us. In addition, the Group also provides regular training for technical staff. During the year ended 31 December 2021, there were no material labour disputes between the Group and the employees, and the Group has maintained good relations with its employees.

Customers

The Group has maintained long-term and stable business relationships with large and reputable customers, including subsidiaries of China's largest telecom group. The Group has established our business relationship with the subsidiaries of China's largest telecom group for more than 14 years, since 2007. To optimize the quality of its products, the Group constantly collects feedback from its customers. During the year ended 31 December 2021, the Group did not have any material disputes with its customers and has maintained good relationship with them.

Suppliers

The Group procures hardware and installation engineering services from various suppliers to minimize the risk of disruption of our operations. In particular, the Group has maintained over 10 years of business relationship with its largest supplier. During the year ended 31 December 2021, the Group did not have any material disputes with its suppliers and has maintained good relationship with them.

Dividend Policy

1. The Company intends to pay dividends semi-annually to the Shareholders, subject to the capacity of the Company to pay from accumulated and future earnings, liquidity position and future commitments and the dividend policy at the time of declaration of dividends. Save for the aforesaid regular semi-annual dividends, the dividend policy allows the Company to declare special dividends from time to time but no dividends shall exceed the amount recommended by the board of directors.
2. It is the policy of the Board, in recommending dividends, to allow Shareholders to share the profits of the Company and for the Company to retain adequate reserves for the Company's future growth. The capacity of the Company to pay dividends (including but not limited to the above-mentioned semi-annual dividends) will depend upon the Company's current and future operations, liquidity position and capital requirements. The payment of dividend is also subject to any restrictions under the laws of the Cayman Islands, the Articles requirements and applicable laws and regulations. Whilst the dividend policy reflects the current views of the board of directors on the financial and cash-flow position of the Group, such dividend policy will continue to be reviewed from time to time, and there can be no assurance that dividends will be paid in any particular amount for any given period. Even if the Board decides to recommend and pay dividends, the form, frequency and amount will depend upon the operations and earnings, capital requirements and surplus, general financial position, contractual restrictions and other factors of and affecting the Group.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND PERFORMANCE

The Group's business does not involve any natural resources emissions. However, the Group is committed to implement policies and measures to minimise the Group's operational impact on the environment. During the year ended 31 December 2021, the Group adopted the following policies to improve the environmental quality:

- The use of electricity in office must comply with the principles of power saving, high efficiency and low consumption.
- Lights and electronic appliances in workplace must be turned off when not in use.
- Every member of the staff and management must turn off the power of computers, photocopiers, facsimile machines and other electronic equipment when they are off duty or on leave.
- Adjusting the heat supply system to low settings during the winter period and strictly implementing the rule that "the office air conditioning temperature setting shall not be lower than 26°C in summer and not higher than 16°C in winter".
- Strengthening the management of office resources consumption, making full use of e-government functions, reducing the amount of paper printing and promoting the reuse of double-sided papers, envelopes and duplicating papers.
- Improving material utilization and promoting the recycling of waste and renewable resources.

COMPLIANCE WITH RELEVANT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Group recognises the importance of compliance with regulatory requirements and the risk of non-compliance with relevant requirements which could lead to adverse impact on the business operation and financial position of the Group. The Board is responsible for ensuring that the Group is in compliance with the relevant laws and regulations. The laws and regulations which have a significant impact on the Group include, among others, the Copyright Law of the PRC, the Regulations on Computer Software Protection, the Patent Law of the PRC, the Trademark Law of the PRC and the provisions on protection of personal Information of Telecommunication and Internet User. To the best knowledge of the Board, the Group has complied with relevant laws and regulations during the year ended 31 December 2021.

PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISION

A permitted indemnity provision for the benefit of the Directors is currently in force and was in force throughout the Year. The Company has taken out and maintained appropriate insurance cover in respect of potential legal actions against its Directors.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

Significant related party transactions entered into by the Group during the year ended 31 December 2021 are disclosed in note 31 to the consolidated financial statements. The related party transactions did not fall within the definition of "connected transaction" or "continuing connected transaction" in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

1. On 12 January 2022, (i) Cohort Investments Limited, Copious Link Investments Limited, Worldgate Ventures Limited, Sino Impact Limited, Silver Coral Developments Limited and Hugemind Investments Limited (as sellers) (collectively, the “Sellers”); (ii) Mr. Sie Tak Kwan, Mr. Guan Haiqing, Mr. Yue Yong, Mr. Kwan Shan, Ms. Ma Chunru and Mr. Liang Judong (as guarantors); and (iii) Phoenix Wealth (Cayman) Asset Management Limited (as purchaser) (the “Offeror”) entered into a sale and purchase agreement, and the Offeror intended to acquire 364,750,000 Shares held by the Sellers, representing approximately 71.80% of the total issued share capital of the Company, for a total cash consideration of HK\$248,431,225 (equivalent to HK\$0.6811 per share). Upon completion, the Offeror will hold approximately 71.80% equity interest in the Company and the remaining 28.20% of the Shares will be held by the independent shareholders of the Company, who are the holders of the Shares other than the Offeror and parties acting in concert with it. Pursuant to Rule 26.1 of the Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs, the Offeror made a mandatory unconditional cash offer (the “Offer”) for all issued Shares (other than those already owned or agreed to be acquired by the Offeror and parties acting in concert with it).

The Offer was closed at 4:00 p.m. on 10 March 2022 and was not revised or extended by the Offeror. Upon the close of the Offer, the Offeror held 379,810,000 Shares, representing approximately 74.77% of the total issued share capital of the Company and 128,190,000 Shares, representing approximately 25.23% of the total issued share capital of the Company were held by the public (as defined under the Listing Rules).

For more details, please refer to (i) the announcement of the Company dated 14 January 2022; (ii) the composite offer and response document dated 17 February 2022; and (iii) the announcement of the Company dated 10 March 2022 jointly issued by the Offeror and the Company in relation to the Offer.

2. On 16 July 2021, the Company granted a total of 13 million award shares to 15 selected participants according to the Share Award Scheme. 50% of the award shares have been vested on 1 September 2021. The remaining 50% of the award shares, which were originally scheduled to be vested on 31 December 2022, had become vested on 17 February 2022, as a result of the Offer made by Rainbow Capital (HK) Limited on behalf of the Offeror with its parties acting in concert, thus 6,500,000 outstanding award shares have been vested in the relevant selected participants according to the scheme rules. For further details, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated 16 July 2021, 17 February 2022 and 25 March 2022.
3. On 25 March 2022, the Board has reviewed the Company’s overall policies and the cost and benefit for maintaining the Share Award Scheme and approved the termination of the Share Award Scheme. For further details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 25 March 2022.

Save as disclosed above, the Group did not have any significant events after 31 December 2021 and up to the date of this annual report.

CORPORATE AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Group recognised that social responsibility of a company is not only the requirement of social civilization and progress but also the need of enterprise survival and development. The Group places great importance to and conscientiously fulfill its social responsibilities by promoting the harmony and interaction of the Group and society; achieving sustainable development; setting up a good corporate image; providing employment opportunities for the society in accordance with the laws and regulations, having a passion for the public welfare undertaking, creating a better social atmosphere for the Group and achieving long term sustainable development. The Group vigorously promotes independent innovation to enhance the core competitiveness of enterprises by actively safeguarding the interests of workers, protecting the health of employees and enhancing the welfare treatment of workers by improving employee happiness index and building a harmonious atmosphere between enterprises and workers. These activities include travelling abroad, organizing Halloween party, Christmas party, staff birthday party etc. On the other hand, the Group establishes and maintains a good corporate image of integrity, law-abiding and justice, by paying taxes according to the law and taking the initiative to assume responsibility for the natural environment, social and economic development. The Group has integrated the corporate social responsibility with the Group's business development, unremittingly pursue the common progress and development of the Company and our customers, employees, Shareholders and society.

AUDITOR

Ernst & Young was appointed by the Directors as the auditor of the Company and there was no change in the auditor of the Company in the past three financial years. The consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2021 have been audited by Ernst & Young whose term of office will expire upon the forthcoming AGM. A resolution to re-appoint Ernst & Young as auditor of the Company will be proposed at the forthcoming AGM.

On behalf of the Board

Guan Haiqing

Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 25 March 2022

* *For identification purpose only*

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Group's corporate governance practices are based on the principles and the code provisions in the Corporate Governance Code (the "Code") as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules.

The Board recognizes the value and importance of achieving high corporate governance standards and is committed to upholding good corporate standards and procedures for the best interest of its shareholders.

During the year ended 31 December 2021, the Group has complied with all the code provisions of the Code as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules and was not aware of any non-compliance relating thereto during the year ended 31 December 2021.

DIRECTORS' SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Group has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as the code of conduct for dealing in securities of the Company by the Directors.

During the year ended 31 December 2021, the Group has made specific enquiry to all Directors, who have confirmed that, each of them was in compliance with the Model Code.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Composition of the Board of Directors

Up to the date of this annual report, the Board comprises three executive Directors and three independent non-executive Directors, details of which are set out below:

Executive Directors

Mr. Guan Haiqing (*Chairman*)

Mr. Sie Tak Kwan (*Chief Executive Officer*)

Mr. Shi Zhimin (*appointed on 16 March 2022*)

Mr. Yue Yong (*Chief Technology Officer*) (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)

Non-executive Director

Mr. Liang Judong (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)

Independent non-executive Directors

Mr. Yeung Man Simon (*appointed on 7 April 2022*)

Mr. Hu Jianjun (*appointed on 7 April 2022*)

Ms. Ru Tingting (*appointed on 7 April 2022*)

Mr. Cheung Hon Fai (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)

Professor Lam Kin Man (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)

Mr. Shen Qi (*resigned on 7 April 2022*)

From the Listing Date up to the date of this annual report, save for (i) the appointment of Mr. Shi Zhimin on 16 March 2022; (ii) the resignation of Mr. Cheung Hon Fai, Professor Lam Kin Man and Mr. Shen Qi on 7 April 2022; and (iii) the appointment of Mr. Yeung Man Simon, Mr. Hu Jianjun and Ms. Ru Tingting on 7 April 2022, there was no change in the composition of the Board.

Mr. Sie Tak Kwan is the younger brother of Ms. Sie Chun Yu, the financial controller of the Company. Save as disclosed herein, no Board member has any relationship with the other Board members and the chief executive officer of the Company.

The biographic details of each of the Directors are set out in the section headed “Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management” from pages 16 to 19 of this annual report.

Functions of the Board

The primary duty of the Board is to ensure the viability of the Company and to ensure that it is managed in the best interests of the Shareholders while taking into account the interests of other stakeholders. Apart from its statutory responsibilities, the Board also considers and approves the overall business plans and strategies of the Group, develops and implements the corporate governance functions in accordance with the code provision A.2.1 to the Code, monitors the implementation of these policies and strategies and the management of the Company and to review the Company’s compliance with the Code and disclosure in the Corporate Governance Report. Daily business operations and administrative functions of the Group are delegated to the executive Directors and the senior management of the Company.

Board Meetings and Attendance Record of Directors

The code provision C.5.1 of the Code states that at least four regular Board meetings should be held each year at approximately quarterly intervals with active participation of a majority of Directors, either in person or through other electronic means of communication.

During the year ended 31 December 2021, the Company has convened five Board meetings and has convened one general meeting. The individual attendance records of each Director at the general meeting and the meetings of the Board are set out below:

	Number of Attendance of the general meeting/ Number of the general meeting	Number of Attendance of Board meetings/ Number of Board meetings
Executive Directors		
Mr. Guan Haiqing	1/1	5/5
Mr. Sie Tak Kwan	1/1	5/5
Mr. Shi Zhimin (<i>appointed on 16 March 2022</i>)	N/A	N/A
Mr. Yue Yong (<i>resigned on 7 April 2022</i>)	1/1	5/5
Non-executive Director		
Mr. Liang Judong (<i>resigned on 7 April 2022</i>)	1/1	5/5
Independent non-executive Directors		
Mr. Yeung Man Simon (<i>appointed on 7 April 2022</i>)	N/A	N/A
Mr. Hu Jianjun (<i>appointed on 7 April 2022</i>)	N/A	N/A
Ms. Ru Tingting (<i>appointed on 7 April 2022</i>)	N/A	N/A
Mr. Cheung Hon Fai (<i>resigned on 7 April 2022</i>)	1/1	5/5
Professor Lam Kin Man (<i>resigned on 7 April 2022</i>)	1/1	5/5
Mr. Shen Qi (<i>resigned on 7 April 2022</i>)	1/1	5/5

Directors' Appointment, Re-election and Removal

During the year ended 31 December 2021, among the executive Directors, each of Mr. Guan Haiqing, Mr. Sie Tak Kwan and Mr. Yue Yong has entered into a service agreement with the Company on 21 November 2019 for a term of three years commencing from 15 December 2019, which may be terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other expiring at the end of the initial term or any time thereafter. Mr. Yue Yong resigned as an executive Director with effect from 7 April 2022.

Mr. Shi Zhimin has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 16 March 2022, which may be terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other.

During the year ended 31 December 2021, the non-executive Director, Mr. Liang Judong, and each of the independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Cheung Hon Fai, Professor Lam Kin Man and Mr. Shen Qi, has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company on 21 November 2019 for a term of three years commencing from 15 December 2019, which may be terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other expiring at the end of the initial term or any time thereafter. Mr. Liang Judong has resigned as non-executive Director with effect from 7 April 2022 and Mr. Cheung Hon Fai, Professor Lam Kin Man and Mr. Shen Qi have resigned as independent non-executive Directors with effect from 7 April 2022.

As at the date of this annual report, each of the independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Yeung Man Simon, Mr. Hu Jianjun and Ms. Ru Tingting, has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company on 7 April 2022 for a term of three years commencing from 7 April 2022, which may be terminated by not less than two months' notice in writing served by either party on the other.

Pursuant to the Articles, the Directors shall hold office subject to retirement by rotation at the annual general meetings of the Company at least once every three years. In addition, any Director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only until the first general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall be subject to re-election at such meeting and any Director appointed by the Board as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election. Therefore, Mr. Guan Haiqing, Mr. Shi Zhimin, Mr. Yeung Man Simon, Mr. Hu Jianjun and Ms. Ru Tingting will retire from office by rotation and, being eligible, shall offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming AGM.

Independent non-executive Directors

During the year ended 31 December 2021 and up to the date of this annual report, the Company at all times has three independent non-executive Directors to comply with Rule 3.10(1) of the Listing Rules. Furthermore, Mr. Cheung Hon Fai and Mr. Yeung Man Simon have appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise as required by Rule 3.10(2) of the Listing Rules during the period ended 31 December 2021 and up to the date of this annual report, respectively. In accordance with Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules, the Company has received from each of its independent non-executive Directors during the year ended 31 December 2021 and up to the date of this annual report the written confirmation of his/her independence. The Company, based on such confirmations, considers Mr. Cheung Hon Fai, Professor Lam Kin Man, Mr. Shen Qi, Mr. Yeung Man Simon, Mr. Hu Jianjun and Ms. Ru Tingting to be independent.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

According to the code provision C.2.1 of the Code, the roles of chairman and chief executive shall be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. During the year ended 31 December 2021, the role of the Chairman of the Company was performed by Mr. Guan Haiqing and the role of the Chief Executive Officer of the Company was performed by Mr. Sie Tak Kwan. The code provision C.2.1 of the Code has therefore been complied with.

Company Secretary

Mr. Cheung Kai Cheong Willie has been appointed as the company secretary of the Company (the “Company Secretary”) on 9 February 2018. He is a senior manager of SWCS Corporate Services Group (Hong Kong) Limited. His primary corporate contact person at the Company is Mr. Sie Tak Kwan, the executive Director and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. During the year ended 31 December 2021, Mr. Cheung Kai Cheong Willie has taken not less than 15 hours of relevant professional training in accordance with Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules.

Training for Directors and Continuing Professional Development

Each of the Directors should keep abreast of the responsibilities as a Director and of the conduct, business activities and developments of the Company.

According to the code provision C.1.4 of the Code, all directors shall participate in continuous professional development to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills to ensure their contribution to the Board remains informed and relevant. For the year ended 31 December 2021, all Directors namely, Mr. Guan Haiqing, Mr. Sie Tak Kwan, Mr. Yue Yong, Mr. Liang Judong, Mr. Cheung Hon Fai, Professor Lam Kin Man and Mr. Shen Qi have participated in the training regarding director responsibilities and duties to ensure that he has appropriate understanding of his responsibilities and obligations under the Listing Rules and relevant regulatory requirements. There are also arrangements in place for providing continuing briefing and professional development to Directors where necessary.

Upon appointing a new Director, each new Director receives an induction package covering business operations, policy and procedures of the Company as well as the general, statutory and regulatory obligations of being a Director to ensure that he/she is sufficiently aware of his/her responsibilities under the Listing Rules and other relevant regulatory requirements.

Directors’ and Officers’ Liabilities

The Company has arranged appropriate insurance to cover the liabilities in respect of legal action against the Directors and officers of the Company that may arise out of the corporate activities. The insurance coverage is reviewed on an annual basis.

BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board established three committees, namely the audit, remuneration and nomination committees, to oversee particular aspects of the Group’s affairs. Each of the three committees has its specific terms of reference relating to authority and duties.

All members of the audit committee and the majority of members of the remuneration and nomination committees are independent non-executive Directors.

The Board committees are provided with sufficient resources to perform their duties and, upon reasonable request, they are able to seek independent professional advice in appropriate circumstances at the Company’s expense. The Board committees will report back to the Board on their decisions or recommendations.

Audit Committee

The audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") was established on 21 November 2016 with written terms of reference revised by the Board with effect from 29 November 2018 in compliance with Rules 3.21 and 3.22 of the Listing Rules and the code provision D.3.3 of the Code. During the year ended 31 December 2021, the Audit Committee comprised three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Cheung Hon Fai, Professor Lam Kin Man and Mr. Shen Qi. The chairman of the Audit Committee was Mr. Cheung Hon Fai, who holds the appropriate professional qualifications as required under Rules 3.10(2) and 3.21 of the Listing Rules. None of the members of the Audit Committee are former partners of the Company's existing external auditors.

Mr. Cheung Hon Fai resigned as an independent non-executive Director on 7 April 2022 and he ceased to be the chairman of the Audit Committee with effect from 7 April 2022 accordingly. Professor Lam Kin Man and Mr. Shen Qi resigned as independent non-executive Directors on 7 April 2022 and both of them ceased to be a member of the Audit Committee with effect from 7 April 2022 accordingly.

Mr. Yeung Man Simon, Mr. Hu Jianjun and Ms. Ru Tingting were appointed as independent non-executive Directors on 7 April 2022. Mr. Yeung Man Simon was also appointed as the chairman of the Audit Committee with effect from 7 April 2022 and both Mr. Hu Jianjun and Ms. Ru Tingting were also appointed as a member of the Audit Committee with effect from 7 April 2022.

The Audit Committee had reviewed the Group's financial results for the six months ended 30 June 2021 and for the year ended 31 December 2021 with the management and is of the view that such results complied with the applicable accounting standards, the requirements under the Listing Rules and other applicable legal requirements, and that adequate disclosures had been made.

The main duties of the Audit Committee include the following:

- (a) to assist the Board by providing an independent view on the effectiveness of the financial reporting process, internal control and risk management system of the Group;
- (b) to review the financial information and disclosures;
- (c) to oversee the audit process; and
- (d) to perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Board.

The Audit Committee is required to meet at least twice a year. During the year ended 31 December 2021, two Audit Committee meetings were held.

Details of the attendance of the members of the Audit Committee are set out below:

	Number of Attendance of meetings/ Number of meetings
Mr. Yeung Man Simon (<i>Chairman</i>) (<i>appointed on 7 April 2022</i>)	N/A
Mr. Hu Jianjun (<i>appointed on 7 April 2022</i>)	N/A
Ms. Ru Tingting (<i>appointed on 7 April 2022</i>)	N/A
Mr. Cheung Hon Fai (<i>Chairman</i>) (<i>resigned on 7 April 2022</i>)	2/2
Professor Lam Kin Man (<i>resigned on 7 April 2022</i>)	2/2
Mr. Shen Qi (<i>resigned on 7 April 2022</i>)	2/2

Minutes of the Audit Committee meetings are kept by the Company Secretary. The draft and final version of the minutes of the meeting are sent to all committee members for comments and records respectively within a reasonable time after the meeting. There are no material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Sufficient resources are provided by the Company for the Audit Committee to perform its duties.

Remuneration Committee

The remuneration committee of the Company (the "Remuneration Committee") was established by the Board on 21 November 2016 with written terms of reference revised by the Board with effect from 29 November 2018 in compliance with the code provisions of the Code. During the year ended 31 December 2021, the Remuneration Committee comprised three independent non-executive Directors, namely Professor Lam Kin Man, Mr. Cheung Hon Fai and Mr. Shen Qi, and one executive Director, namely Mr. Sie Tak Kwan. The chairman of the Remuneration Committee was Professor Lam Kin Man.

Professor Lam Kin Man resigned as an independent non-executive Director on 7 April 2022 and he ceased to be the chairman of the Remuneration Committee with effect from 7 April 2022 accordingly. Mr. Cheung Hon Fai and Mr. Shen Qi resigned as independent non-executive Directors on 7 April 2022 and both of them ceased to be a member of the Remuneration Committee with effect from 7 April 2022 accordingly. Mr. Sie Tak Kwan, an executive Director, resigned as a member of the Remuneration Committee with effect from 7 April 2022.

Mr. Hu Jianjun was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 7 April 2022 and he was also appointed as the chairman of the Remuneration Committee with effect from 7 April 2022. Mr. Yeung Man Simon and Ms. Ru Tingting were appointed as independent non-executive Directors on 7 April 2022 and both of them were also appointed as a member of the Remuneration Committee with effect from 7 April 2022. Mr. Shi Zhimin, an executive Director, was appointed as a member of the Remuneration Committee with effect from 7 April 2022.

The main duties of the Remuneration Committee include the following:

- (a) to review and make recommendations to the Board on the overall remuneration policy and structure relating to all Directors and senior management of the Group;
- (b) to review and make recommendations to the Board on the establishment of a formal and transparent procedure for developing policy in relation to remuneration;
- (c) to review and approve the management's remuneration proposals with reference to the Board's corporate goals and objectives;
- (d) to consider and approve the grant of share options to eligible participants pursuant to the share option scheme; and
- (e) to evaluate the performance of the executive Directors and approve the terms of the executive Director's service contract.

The Remuneration Committee is required to meet at least once a year. During the year ended 31 December 2021, one Remuneration Committee meeting was held. Details of the attendance of the members of the Remuneration Committee are set out below:

	Number of Attendance of meetings/ Number of meetings
Mr. Hu Jianjun (<i>Chairman</i>) (<i>appointed on 7 April 2022</i>)	N/A
Mr. Shi Zhimin (<i>appointed as a member of the Remuneration Committee on 7 April 2022</i>)	N/A
Mr. Yeung Man Simon (<i>appointed on 7 April 2022</i>)	N/A
Ms. Ru Tingting (<i>appointed on 7 April 2022</i>)	N/A
Professor Lam Kin Man (<i>Chairman</i>) (<i>resigned on 7 April 2022</i>)	1/1
Mr. Cheung Hon Fai (<i>resigned on 7 April 2022</i>)	1/1
Mr. Shen Qi (<i>resigned on 7 April 2022</i>)	1/1
Mr. Sie Tak Kwan (<i>resigned as a member of the Remuneration Committee on 7 April 2022</i>)	1/1

Nomination Committee

The nomination committee of the Company (the "Nomination Committee") was established on 21 November 2016, with written terms of reference revised by the Board with effect from 29 November 2018 in compliance with the Listing Rules and the Code. During the year ended 31 December 2021, the Nomination Committee comprised three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Cheung Hon Fai, Professor Lam Kin Man and Mr. Shen Qi and one executive Director, namely Mr. Sie Tak Kwan. The chairman of the Nomination Committee was Mr. Cheung Hon Fai.

Mr. Cheung Hon Fai resigned as an independent non-executive Director on 7 April 2022 and he ceased to be the chairman of the Nomination Committee with effect from 7 April 2022 accordingly. Professor Lam Kin Man and Mr. Shen Qi resigned as independent non-executive Directors on 7 April 2022 and both of them ceased to be a member of the Nomination Committee with effect from 7 April 2022 accordingly. Mr. Sie Tak Kwan, an executive Director, resigned as a member of the Nomination Committee with effect from 7 April 2022.

Ms. Ru Tingting was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on 7 April 2022 and she was also appointed as the chairman of the Nomination Committee with effect from 7 April 2022. Mr. Yeung Man Simon and Mr. Hu Jianjun were appointed as independent non-executive Directors on 7 April 2022 and both of them were also appointed as a member of the Nomination Committee with effect from 7 April 2022. Mr. Shi Zhimin, an executive Director, was appointed as a member of the Nomination Committee with effect from 7 April 2022.

The main duties of the Nomination Committee include the following:

- (a) to review the structure, size and composition of the Board annually;
- (b) to identify individuals suitably qualified to become Board members;
- (c) to assess the independence of independent non-executive Directors; and
- (d) to make recommendations to the Board on the relevant matters relating to the appointment or re-appointment of Directors.

The Nomination Committee is required to meet at least once a year. During the year ended 31 December 2021, two Nomination Committee meetings were held. Details of the attendance of the members of the Nomination Committee are set out below:

	Number of Attendance of meetings/ Number of meetings
Ms. Ru Tingting (<i>Chairlady</i>) (<i>appointed on 7 April 2022</i>)	N/A
Mr. Shi Zhimin (<i>appointed as a member of the Nomination Committee on 7 April 2022 2022</i>)	N/A
Mr. Yeung Man Simon (<i>appointed on 7 April 2022</i>)	N/A
Mr. Hu Jianjun (<i>appointed on 7 April 2022</i>)	N/A
Mr. Cheung Hon Fai (<i>Chairman</i>) (<i>resigned on 7 April 2022</i>)	2/2
Professor Lam Kin Man (<i>resigned on 7 April 2022</i>)	2/2
Mr. Shen Qi (<i>resigned on 7 April 2022</i>)	2/2
Mr. Sie Tak Kwan (<i>resigned as a member of the Nomination Committee on 7 April 2022</i>)	2/2

Board Diversity Policy

The Company adopted a board diversity policy and aims to achieve diversity on the Board through the consideration of a number of aspects, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and ethnic background, professional qualification, skills, knowledge and length of service.

The Nomination Committee will review the board diversity policy as appropriate, to ensure the effectiveness of the board diversity policy. The Nomination Committee will discuss any revisions that may be required, and recommend any such revisions to the Board for consideration and approval.

During the year ended 31 December 2021 and up to the date of this annual report, our Directors are from diverse and complementary backgrounds. Their valuable experience and expertise are critical for the long-term growth of the Company. The Board's composition under diversified perspectives is summarized as follows:

Name	Guan Haiqing	Sie Tak Kwan	Yue Yong	Shi Zhimin	Liang Judong	Yeung Man Simon	Hu Jianjun	Ru Tingting	Cheung Hon Fai	Lam Kin Man	Shen Qi
Gender	Male	Male	Male	Male	Male	Male	Male	Female	Male	Male	Male
Age	47	45	49 (Note 1)	40 (Note 2)	52 (Note 3)	50 (Note 4)	42 (Note 4)	47 (Note 4)	48 (Note 5)	59 (Note 5)	47 (Note 5)
Academic Background	Bachelor of Automation	Bachelor of Electronic Engineering/ Master of Science in Communication Engineering	Bachelor of Information Engineering/ Master of Engineering	Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration	Bachelor of Industrial Electronics and Automation	Bachelor of Business Administration	Bachelor's degree in management/ Master's degree in economics	Bachelor of Laws/ Master of Laws	Bachelor of Accountancy/ Master of Science in Risk Management	Master of Science in Communication Engineering/ Doctorate of Philosophy	Bachelor of Information engineering/ Bachelor of Economics Law
(a) Accounting & Finance		√				√	√	√	√	√	√
(b) Corporate Responsibility/ Sustainability	√	√	√	√	√	√		√	√		
(c) Executive management and leadership skills	√	√	√	√	√		√				
Skills, knowledge & professional experience		√				√	√	√	√	√	√
(d) Financial Service		√				√	√	√	√	√	√
(e) Human Resources		√				√	√	√	√	√	√
(f) Information Technology	√	√	√	√	√		√			√	√
(g) Investor Relations	√	√		√			√				
(h) Legal						√		√	√		√
(i) Risk Management	√	√	√	√			√		√	√	
(j) Strategic Planning	√	√	√	√			√			√	
(k) Marketing	√	√		√	√						

Notes:

- (1) Mr. Yue Yong resigned as executive Director with effect from 7 April 2022.
- (2) Mr. Shi Zhimin was appointed as executive Director with effect from 16 March 2022.
- (3) Mr. Liang Judong resigned as non-executive Director with effect from 7 April 2022.
- (4) Mr. Yeung Man Simon, Mr. Hu Jianjun and Ms. Ru Tingting were appointed as independent non-executive Director with effect from 7 April 2022.
- (5) Mr. Cheung Hon Fai, Professor Lam Kin Man and Mr. Shen Qi resigned as independent non-executive Director with effect from 7 April 2022.

The Nomination Committee reviewed the composition of the Board under diversified perspectives and monitored the implementation of the Board Diversity Policy and considered that the said policy is effective. It is currently not required to set any measurable objectives for implementing the policy.

Nomination Policy

1 Objective

- 1.1 The Nomination Committee shall nominate suitable candidates to the Board for it to consider and make recommendations to Shareholders for election as the Directors at general meetings or appoint as Directors to fill casual vacancies.
- 1.2 The Nomination Committee may, as it considers appropriate, nominate a number of candidates more than the number of Directors to be appointed or re-appointed at a general meeting, or the number of casual vacancies to be filled.

2 Selection Criteria

- 2.1 The factors listed below would be used as reference by the Nomination Committee in assessing the suitability of a proposed candidate.
 - Reputation for integrity;
 - Accomplishment and experience;
 - Commitment in respect of available time and relevant interest;
 - Diversity in all its aspects, including but not limited to gender, age (18 years or above), cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of service; and
 - In the case of independent non-executive Directors, the independence of the candidate.

These factors are for reference only, and not meant to be exhaustive and decisive. The Nomination Committee has the discretion to nominate any person, as it considers appropriate.

- 2.2 Subject to the provisions of the Articles, retiring Directors are eligible for nomination by the Board to stand for re-election at a general meeting.
- 2.3 Proposed candidates will be asked to submit the necessary personal information in a prescribed form, together with their written consent to be appointed as a Director and to the public disclosure of their personal data on any documents or the relevant websites for the purpose of or in relation to their standing for election as a Director.
- 2.4 The Nomination Committee may request candidates to provide additional information and documents, if considered necessary.

3 Nomination Procedures

- 3.1 The secretary of the Nomination Committee shall call a meeting of the Nomination Committee, and invite nominations of candidates from the Board members if any, for consideration by the Nomination Committee prior to its meeting. The Nomination Committee may also put forward candidates who are not nominated by the Board members.
- 3.2 For filling a casual vacancy, the Nomination Committee shall make recommendations for the Board's consideration and approval. For proposing candidates to stand for election at a general meeting, the Nomination Committee shall make nominations to the Board for its consideration and recommendation.
- 3.3 Until the issue of the Shareholders circular, the nominated persons shall not assume that they have been proposed by the Board to stand for election at the general meeting.
- 3.4 In order to provide information of the candidates nominated by the Board to stand for election at a general meeting, and to invite nominations from Shareholders, a circular will be sent to the Shareholders. The circular will set out the lodgment period for Shareholders to make the nominations. The names, brief biographies (including qualifications and relevant experience), independence, proposed remuneration and any other information, as required pursuant to the applicable laws, rules and regulations, of the proposed candidates will be included in the circular to Shareholders.
- 3.5 A Shareholder can serve a notice to the Company Secretary within the lodgment period of its intention to propose a resolution to elect a certain person as a Director, without the Board's recommendation or the Nomination Committee's nomination, other than those candidates set out in the shareholder circular. The particulars of the candidates so proposed will be sent to all Shareholders for information by a supplementary circular.
- 3.6 A candidate is allowed to withdraw his candidature at any time before the general meeting by serving a notice in writing to the Company Secretary.
- 3.7 The Board shall have the final decision on all matters relating to its recommendation of candidates to stand for election at any general meeting.

4 Confidentiality

- 4.1 Unless required by law or any regulatory authority, under no circumstances shall a member of the Nomination Committee or a staff member of the Company disclose any information to or entertain any enquiries from the public with regard to any nomination or candidature before the circular to Shareholders, as the case may be, is issued. Following the issue of the circular, the Nomination Committee or Company Secretary or other staff member of the Company approved by the Nomination Committee may answer enquiries from the regulatory authorities or the public but confidential information regarding nominations and candidates should not be disclosed.

Remuneration policy for Directors and Senior Management

Particulars of the Directors' remuneration for the year ended 31 December 2021 are set out in note 8 to the consolidated financial statements of this annual report.

Pursuant to the code provision E.1.5 of the Code, the remuneration of the members of the senior management (other than the Directors) whose particulars are set out in the section headed "Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Management" in this annual report for the year ended 31 December 2021 by band is as follows:

Remuneration Band (in HK\$)	Number of individuals
Nil to 500,000	2
500,001 to 1,000,000	4
1,000,001 to 1,500,000	3

ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT

Auditors' Remuneration

The remuneration paid or payable to the Company's auditor, Ernst & Young, in respect of their audit services and non-auditing services for the year ended 31 December 2021 is set out below:

Items of auditor's services	Amount RMB'000
Audit services:	
Annual audit service	1,060
Total	1,060

Directors' and auditor's responsibilities for the consolidated financial statements

All Directors acknowledge their responsibilities to prepare the Group's consolidated financial statements for each financial year to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2021. In preparing the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021, the Board has selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently, made and prepared the consolidated financial statements on a going concern basis. The Directors are responsible for taking all reasonable and necessary steps to safeguard the assets of the Group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

As at 31 December 2021, the Board was not aware of any material misstatement or uncertainties that might be relating to events or conditions which may cast significant doubt upon the Group's ability to continue as a going concern.

The statement of auditor regarding their reporting responsibility for the financial statements is set out in the section headed "Independent Auditor's Report" on pages 49 to 55 of this annual report.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board acknowledges its responsibility for and has conducted a review of the effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems during the year ended 31 December 2021. The risk management process includes risk identification, risk evaluation, risk management and risk control and review. It should be acknowledged that such systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The management of the Company is entrusted with duties to identify, analyze, evaluate, respond, monitor and communicate risks associated with any activity, function or process within its scope of responsibility and authority.

The Group has conducted a review of the implemented system and procedures, including areas covering financial, operational, legal compliance controls and risk management functions during the year ended 31 December 2021. The systems are implemented to minimize the risk to which the Group is exposed and is used as a management tool for the day-to day operation of business. The system can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against misstatement or losses.

The Group does not have an internal audit function as the Board has reviewed the effectiveness of the internal control system of the Company and is currently of the view that there is no immediate need to set up an internal audit function within the Group in light of the size, nature and complexity of the Group's business. The situation will be reviewed from time to time.

The Group has engaged external auditor to conduct independent internal control review for the year ended 31 December 2021 and the review was completed as at the date of this annual report.

For the year ended 31 December 2021, the Board considered the Group's internal control system as adequate and effective and that the Company has complied with the code provisions on internal control of the Code.

Disclosure of inside information

The Group acknowledges its responsibilities under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the laws of Hong Kong) and the Listing Rules that inside information should be announced immediately when it is the subject of a decision. The procedures and internal controls for the handling and disseminating inside information are as follows:

- the Group conducts its affairs with strict compliance with the disclosure requirement under the Listing Rules and the "Guideline on Disclosure of Inside Information" published by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong;
- the Group has implemented its policy on fair disclosure by pursuing broad, non-exclusive distribution of information to the public through channels such as financial reporting, public announcement and its website; and
- the Group has strictly prohibited any unauthorized use of confidential or inside information.

INVESTOR RELATIONS

The Company is committed to maintain an open and effective investor relations policy and to update investors on relevant information and developments in a timely manner, subject to relevant regulatory requirements. The Company uses a range of formal communications channel, such as the annual general meeting; the publication of interim and annual reports, notices, announcements and circulars, to update Shareholders and investors with the latest business development and financial performance of the Group. The corporate website of the Company at www.vixtel.com provides a communication platform through which the public and investor community can access up-to-date information regarding the Company.

Shareholders may at any time send their enquiries and concerns to the Board in writing. Contact details are as follows:

Address: 40th Floor, Dah Sing Financial Centre, No. 248 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong
 Tel: +86 10 6298 2318
 Fax: +86 10 6298 1015
 Email: ir@vixtel.com

Shareholders' enquiries and concerns will be forwarded to the Board and/or relevant Board committees of the Company, where appropriate, to answer the Shareholders' questions.

SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS

Right to convene extraordinary general meeting

Pursuant to the Articles, any Shareholder(s) holding at the date of the deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid-up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company shall have the right to submit a written requisition requiring an extraordinary general meeting to be called by the Board. The written requisition (i) must state the purpose(s) of the extraordinary general meeting, and (ii) must be signed by the requisitioner(s) and deposited at the registered office of the Company for attention of the Company Secretary, and may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more requisitioner(s). Such requisitions will be verified with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong and upon their confirmation that the requisition is proper and in order, the Company Secretary will ask the Board to convene an extraordinary general meeting by serving sufficient notice to all Shareholders. On the contrary, if the requisition has been verified as not in order, the requisitioner(s) will be advised of this outcome and accordingly, the extraordinary general meeting will not be convened as requested.

If the Board does not within 21 days from the date of the deposit of the requisition proceed duly to convene the extraordinary general meeting, the requisitioner(s) or any of them representing more than one-half of the total voting rights of all of them may convene an extraordinary general meeting, but any extraordinary general meeting so convened shall not be held after expiration of two months from the said date of deposit of the requisition. An extraordinary general meeting convened by the requisitioner(s) shall be convened in the same manner, as nearly as possible, as that in any extraordinary general meeting to be convened by the Board.

Right to put forward proposals at general meeting

To put forward proposals at a general meeting of the Company, a Shareholder should lodge a written notice of his/her proposal with his/her detailed contact information at the Company's principal place of business in Hong Kong.

The request will be verified with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong and upon their confirmation that the request is proper and in order, the Board will be asked to include the proposal in the agenda for the general meeting.

Right to make enquiries to the Board

Shareholders may send their enquiries and concerns, in written form, to the Board by addressing them to the Company Secretary at 40th Floor, Dah Sing Financial Centre, No. 248 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong. Shareholders may also make enquiries to the Board at the general meeting of the Company. In addition, Shareholders can contact Tricor Investor Services Limited, the branch share registrar of the Company in Hong Kong, if they have any enquiries about their shareholdings and entitlements to dividend.

SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATION POLICY

The Company has established a Shareholders Communication Policy to set out the Company's procedures in providing the Shareholders and the investment community with ready, equal and timely access to balanced and understandable information about the Company, in order to enable the Shareholders to exercise their rights in an informed manner and to allow the Shareholders and the investment community to engage actively with the Company.

CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS

The Board has passed a resolution on 15 March 2019 to propose amendments to the Articles to (i) reflect the corresponding changes after the transfer of listing of its shares from GEM to the Main Board on 29 November 2018; and (ii) delete the requirement for the Company to seek its Shareholders' approval prior to the declaration of dividends out of the share premium account.

The amended and restated Articles was adopted by a special resolution passed on 17 May 2019.



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To the shareholders of Vixtel Technologies Holdings Limited

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OPINION

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Vixtel Technologies Holdings Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) set out on pages 56 to 123, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

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

BASIS FOR OPINION

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

KEY AUDIT MATTERS

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

KEY AUDIT MATTERS (continued)

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Key audit matters

Revenue recognition

Revenue from integrated application performance management (“APM”) system solutions and software development service contracts is recognised over time based on the progress towards complete satisfaction of the services, and therefore requires management judgements and estimates.

The progress of completion is measured using an input method by reference to the proportion of costs incurred to date to the estimated total cost of the relevant contract. Contract costs incurred comprise direct material costs, the costs of subcontracting, direct labour costs and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overheads.

Revenue arising from contracts for integrated APM system solutions and software development services accounted for approximately 76% of the Group's total revenue. The contract assets derived from these revenue contracts accounted for approximately 43% of the Group's total assets as at 31 December 2021.

Significant management judgements are involved in the estimation of the total contract cost including the assessment of the remaining contingencies that a project is or could be facing until completion.

Relevant disclosures are made in note 2.4 “Summary of significant accounting policies”, note 3 “Significant accounting judgements and estimates”, note 5 “Revenue, other income and gains” and note 19 “Contract assets” to the financial statements.

How our audit addressed the key audit matters

Our audit procedures included, among others, the following:

- Testing the controls designed and implemented by the Group over its process to record contract revenue, contract costs and the calculation of the progress;
- Evaluating the significant estimates made by management by examining project documentation including the project budget together with related supporting documents such as quotations from suppliers and subcontractors, planned labour resource allocation and discussing the status of selected projects with management, finance staff and technical staff of the Group;
- Assessing the reliability of management's estimates by comparing the gross profit margin with previously completed projects which were of similar nature;
- Discussing the rationality of any modification of estimated contract costs with management and checking the related documents such as new quotations from suppliers and the change requests approved by management;
- Performing tests of details on costs incurred, including checking invoices and timesheets to ensure that the costs were directly attributable to the contracts tested;
- Performing confirmation procedures for the invoiced contract amount and the total contract amount;
- Performing substantive analytical procedures; and
- Performing cut-off procedures at the period-end date to determine whether transactions were recorded in the proper period and in the proper accounts.

KEY AUDIT MATTERS (continued)

Key audit matters

Collectability of trade receivables and contract assets

Trade receivables and contract assets accounted for approximately 12% and 43% of total assets in the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, respectively.

The Group adopted a forward-looking model for the assessment of expected credit losses provision for trade receivables and contract assets. The loss rates are based on groupings of various customer segments with similar loss patterns.

This involves judgements as the expected credit losses reflect information about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future conditions, as well as the time value of money.

Due to the significance of trade receivables and contract assets, and the related estimation uncertainty, this is considered a key audit matter.

Relevant disclosures are made in note 3 “Significant accounting judgements and estimates”, note 17 “Trade and bills receivables”, and note 19 “Contract assets” to the financial statements.

How our audit addressed the key audit matters

Our audit procedures included, among others, the following:

- Testing on a sampling basis the grouping of trade receivables and contract assets at the end of the year;
- Test checking receipts after the year-end to determine any remaining exposure as at 31 December 2021;
- Assessing whether the expected credit losses were determined in accordance with HKFRS 9;
- Evaluating the loss-rate statistics of the trade receivables and contract assets by checking to published credit ratings of customers by credit agents;
- Evaluating the forward-looking data used in the impairment models by considering the customers’ expected payment patterns along with macroeconomic information;
- Assessing whether the time value of money was considered in the expected credit loss impairment model and checking the mathematical accuracy of the calculations; and
- Assessing the adequacy of the Group’s disclosures in relation to expected credit loss provision for trade receivables and contract assets included in the financial statements.

KEY AUDIT MATTERS (continued)

Key audit matters

Capitalisation of development costs

During the year ended 31 December 2021, the Group capitalised development costs of RMB5,350,000 and the Group had deferred development costs of RMB14,626,000 as at 31 December 2021, which are material to the consolidated financial statements.

The specific criteria that need to be met for the capitalisation of development costs involve significant management judgements and estimates, such as technical feasibility, the intention and ability to complete the development, the ability to use or sell the assets, the ability to generate future economic benefits and the ability to measure the costs reliably.

Relevant disclosures are made in note 2.4 “Summary of significant accounting policies”, note 3 “Significant accounting judgements and estimates”, and note 15 “Other intangible assets” to the financial statements.

How our audit addressed the key audit matters

Our audit procedures included, among others, the following:

- Testing the controls designed and implemented by the Group over its process to capitalise development costs;
- Evaluating the nature of development costs incurred that were capitalised into intangible assets;
- Assessing the reasonableness of the capitalisation by reviewing the related documents such as the project plan, the feasibility report, market analysis report and approval from management;
- Discussing the key assumptions used and estimates made in the capitalisation of development costs with management; and
- Considering whether the capitalised projects could generate future economic benefits by examining the relevant sales contracts signed with the customers and the estimated contract costs.

OTHER INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT

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

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is M.L. Chau.

Ernst & Young

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong

25 March 2022

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
REVENUE	5	99,120	80,999
Cost of sales		(44,309)	(37,409)
Gross profit		54,811	43,590
Other income and gains	5	5,368	5,148
Selling and distribution expenses		(15,069)	(9,435)
Research and development costs	6	(23,974)	(21,681)
Administrative expenses		(16,822)	(15,192)
Impairment losses on financial and contract assets, net	6	(657)	(55)
Other expenses		(199)	(973)
Finance costs	7	(474)	(291)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	6	2,984	1,111
Income tax expense	10	497	(12)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		3,481	1,099
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		–	–
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		3,481	1,099
Attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		3,643	1,104
Non-controlling interest		(162)	(5)
EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT	12		
Basis			
– For profit for the year		RMB0.73 cents	RMB0.22 cents
Diluted			
– For profit for the year		RMB0.73 cents	N/A

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property and equipment	13	552	431
Right-of-use assets	14	1,864	2,439
Other intangible assets	15	14,626	12,800
Contract assets	19	3,036	2,108
Long term deposit	18	276	–
Total non-current assets		20,354	17,778
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories	16	3,384	1,353
Trade and bills receivables	17	25,593	16,142
Contract assets	19	92,374	89,661
Prepayments, other receivables and other assets	18	8,436	3,755
Pledged deposits	20	6,100	7,000
Cash and cash equivalents	20	64,061	85,912
Total current assets		199,948	203,823
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and bills payables	21	2,111	5,257
Other payables and accruals	22	20,173	19,889
Interest-bearing bank borrowings	23	10,000	10,000
Lease liabilities	14	1,718	1,886
Tax payable		396	1,052
Total current liabilities		34,398	38,084
NET CURRENT ASSETS		165,550	165,739
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		185,904	183,517

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31 December 2021

	<i>Notes</i>	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Deferred tax liabilities	<i>24</i>	2,058	2,314
Other payables and accruals	<i>22</i>	119	–
Lease liabilities	<i>14</i>	72	528
Total non-current liabilities		2,249	2,842
Net assets		183,655	180,675
EQUITY			
Share capital	<i>25</i>	4,514	4,514
Treasury shares	<i>26</i>	(2,509)	–
Reserves	<i>27</i>	179,853	175,113
		181,858	179,627
Non-controlling interests		1,797	1,048
Total equity		183,655	180,675

Guan Haiqing
Director

Sie Tak Kwan
Director

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Year ended 31 December 2021

	Attributable to owners of the parent									
	Share capital	Treasury shares	Share award reserve	Share premium	Capital reserve	Statutory surplus reserve	Retained profits	Total	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
	RMB'000 (note 25)	RMB'000 (note 26)	RMB'000 (note 27(c))	RMB'000 (note 27(d))	RMB'000 (note 27(a))	RMB'000 (note 27(b))	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January 2020	4,514	-	-	76,581	30,674	11,706	55,101	178,576	-	178,576
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,104	1,104	(5)	1,099
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,104	1,104	(5)	1,099
Transfer from retained profits	-	-	-	-	-	1,052	(1,052)	-	-	-
Capital contribution from a non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Deemed disposal of interest to non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-	(53)	-	-	(53)	53	-
At 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021	4,514	-	-*	76,581*	30,621*	12,758*	55,153*	179,627	1,048	180,675
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,643	3,643	(162)	3,481
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,643	3,643	(162)	3,481
Shares repurchased for the share award scheme	-	(5,018)	-	-	-	-	-	(5,018)	-	(5,018)
Equity settled share award scheme	-	2,509	1,008	-	-	-	-	3,517	-	3,517
Transfer from retained profits	-	-	-	-	-	1,135	(1,135)	-	-	-
Capital contribution from a non-controlling shareholder of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Deemed disposal of interest to non-controlling shareholder	-	-	-	-	89	-	-	89	(89)	-
At 31 December 2021	4,514	(2,509)	1,008*	76,581*	30,710*	13,893*	57,661*	181,858	1,797	183,655

* These reserve accounts comprise the consolidated reserves of RMB179,853,000 (2020: RMB175,113,000) in the consolidated statement of financial position.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended 31 December 2021

	<i>Notes</i>	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit before tax		2,984	1,111
Adjustments for:			
Finance costs	7	474	291
Bank Interest income	5	(209)	(70)
Interest income arising from revenue contracts	5	(56)	–
Depreciation of property and equipment	13	327	444
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	14	1,819	1,744
Amortisation of other intangible assets	15	3,524	2,381
Impairment of trade receivables, net	6	603	(307)
Impairment of contract assets, net	6	54	362
Investment income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	(969)	(1,074)
Net foreign exchange differences	6	154	930
Equity-settled share award expense	6	3,517	–
		12,222	5,812
(Increase)/decrease in inventories		(2,031)	505
(Increase)/decrease in contract assets		(4,188)	1,007
(Increase)/decrease in trade and bill receivables		(9,505)	1,698
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments, other receivables and other assets		(4,681)	1,123
Decrease in trade and bills payables		(3,146)	(1,260)
Increase in pledged deposit for bills payable		(600)	–
Increase in other payables and accruals		404	1,004
Cash generated from/(used in) operations		(11,525)	9,889
Interest received		209	70
Income tax paid		(416)	(695)
Net cash flows from/(use in) operating activities		(11,732)	9,264

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended 31 December 2021

	<i>Notes</i>	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of items of property and equipment		(448)	(393)
Additions to other intangible assets		(5,350)	(5,973)
Purchases of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(440,160)	(99,400)
Receipt of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		441,129	100,474
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(4,829)	(5,292)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
New bank loans	<i>23</i>	10,000	10,000
Repayment of bank loans	<i>23</i>	(10,000)	–
Interest paid		(474)	(186)
Capital contribution from non-controlling shareholders		1,000	1,000
(Increase)/decrease in pledged deposit for a short-term bank loan	<i>20</i>	(5,500)	(7,000)
Decrease in pledged deposit for a short term bank loan	<i>20</i>	7,000	–
Purchase of shares held under the share award scheme		(5,018)	–
Principal portion of lease payments		(1,868)	(1,816)
Increase in rental deposit		(276)	–
Net cash flows from/(used in) financing activities		(5,136)	1,998
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		85,912	80,873
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes, net		(154)	(930)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		64,061	85,912
ANALYSIS OF BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash and bank balances	<i>20</i>	70,161	92,912
Pledged time deposit for bills payable	<i>20</i>	(600)	–
Pledged time deposit for a short-term bank loan	<i>20</i>	(5,500)	(7,000)
Cash and cash equivalents as stated in the statement of cash flows		64,061	85,912

1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

Vixtel Technologies Holdings Limited (the “Company”) was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 10 November 2015 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law (2013 Revision) of the Cayman Islands. The address of the registered office of the Company is Windward 3, Regatta Office Park PO Box 1350, Grand Cayman KY1-1108 Cayman Islands. The shares of the Company were listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) on 15 December 2016.

The Company has successfully transferred listing from GEM to the Main Board of the Stock Exchange on 29 November 2018 (the “Listing Date”).

The Company is an investment holding company. The Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) are principally engaged in providing application performance management (“APM”) solution in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC” or “China”). There has been no significant change in the Group’s principal activity during the year.

As of the date of approval of the financial statements, the Company has direct and indirect interests in the following entities:

Company name	Place of incorporation/ registration and business	Issued ordinary/ registered share capital	Percentage of equity interests attributable to the Company		Principal activities
			Direct	Indirect	
Vixtel Systems Limited	British Virgin Islands	US\$13,000,000	100	–	Investment holding
Vixtel Networks Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000	–	100	Investment holding
Sino Impact Company Holding Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000	–	100	Investment holding
Vixtel Technologies Limited*	PRC/Mainland China	RMB50,500,000	–	100	Provision of APM solutions
Vixtel Software Limited**	PRC/Mainland China	RMB10,500,000***	–	100	Provision of APM solutions
Depuda (Wuxi) Technologies Limited**	PRC/Mainland China	RMB10,000,000***	–	77.7	Provision of APM solutions
Vixtel Yunwang (Beijing) Technologies Limited**	PRC/Mainland China	RMB100,000,000***	–	100	Provision of APM solutions

* Vixtel Technologies Limited is registered as a wholly-foreign-owned enterprise under PRC law.

** Vixtel Software Limited, Depuda (Wuxi) Technologies Limited and Vixtel Yunwang (Beijing) Technologies Limited are registered as limited liability companies under PRC law. The English names of these companies represent the best effort made by the management of the Company to directly translate the Chinese names as they do not register any official English names.

*** As at 31 December 2021, the registered share capital of Vixtel Software Limited was RMB10,500,000 and the paid-in capital of Vixtel Software Limited was RMB100,000. As at 31 December 2021, the registered share capital of Depuda (Wuxi) Technologies Limited was RMB10,000,000 and the paid-in capital of Depuda (Wuxi) Technologies Limited was RMB9,000,000, with RMB2,000,000 from non-controlling shareholders. As at 31 December 2021, the registered share capital of Vixtel Yunwang (Beijing) Technologies Limited was RMB100,000,000 and the paid-in capital of Vixtel Yunwang (Beijing) Technologies Limited was RMB3,050,000.

2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) (which include all Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“HKASs”) and Interpretations) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the “HKICPA”), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention. These financial statements are presented in Renminbi (“RMB”) and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand except when otherwise indicated.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the “Group”) for the year ended 31 December 2021. A subsidiary is an entity (including a structured entity), directly or indirectly, controlled by the Company. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee (i.e., existing rights that give the Group the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee).

When the Company has, directly or indirectly, less than a majority of the voting or similar rights of an investee, the Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

- (a) the contractual arrangement with the other vote holders of the investee;
- (b) rights arising from other contractual arrangements; and
- (c) the Group’s voting rights and potential voting rights.

The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the Company, using consistent accounting policies. The results of subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which the Group obtains control and continue to be consolidated until the date that such control ceases.

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income are attributed to the owners of the parent of the Group and to the non-controlling interests, even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance. All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

The Group reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control described above. A change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary, without a loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction.

If the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises (i) the assets (including goodwill) and liabilities of the subsidiary, (ii) the carrying amount of any non-controlling interest and (iii) the cumulative translation differences recorded in equity; and recognises (i) the fair value of the consideration received, (ii) the fair value of any investment retained and (iii) any resulting surplus or deficit in profit or loss. The Group’s share of components previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss or retained profits, as appropriate, on the same basis as would be required if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities.

2.2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND DISCLOSURES

The Group has adopted the following revised HKFRSs for the first time for the current year's financial statements.

Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16	<i>Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2</i>
Amendment to HKFRS 16	<i>COVID-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021 (early adopted)</i>

The nature and the impact of the revised HKFRSs are described below:

- (a) Amendments to HKFRS 9, HKAS 39, HKFRS 7, HKFRS 4 and HKFRS 16 are not relevant to the preparation of the Group's financial statements.
- (b) Amendment to HKFRS 16 issued in April 2021 extends the availability of the practical expedient for lessees to elect not to apply lease modification accounting for rent concessions arising as a direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic by 12 months. Accordingly, the practical expedient applies to rent concessions for which any reduction in lease payments affects only payments originally due on or before 30 June 2022, provided the other conditions for applying the practical expedient are met. The amendment is effective retrospectively for annual periods beginning on or after 1 April 2021 with any cumulative effect of initially applying the amendment recognised as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained profits at the beginning of the current accounting period. Earlier application is permitted.

The Group has early adopted the amendment on 1 January 2021. However, the Group has not received COVID-19-related rent concessions and plans to apply the practical expedient when it becomes applicable within the allowed period of application.

2.3 ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

The Group has not applied the following revised HKFRSs, that have been issued but are not yet effective, in the consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to HKFRS 3	<i>Reference to the Conceptual Framework¹</i>
Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 (2011)	<i>Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture³</i>
HKFRS 17	<i>Insurance Contracts²</i>
Amendments to HKFRS 17	<i>Insurance Contract^{2,5}</i>
Amendments to HKAS 1	<i>Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current^{2,4}</i>
Amendments to HKAS 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2	<i>Disclosure of Accounting Policies²</i>
Amendments to HKAS 8	<i>Definition of Accounting Estimates²</i>
Amendments to HKAS 12	<i>Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction²</i>
Amendments to HKAS 16	<i>Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use¹</i>
Amendments to HKAS 37	<i>Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract¹</i>
<i>Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018-2020</i>	Amendments to HKFRS 1, HKFRS 9, Illustrative Examples accompanying HKFRS 16, and HKAS 41 ¹

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

² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

³ No mandatory effective date yet determined but available for adoption

⁴ As a consequence of the amendments to HKAS 1, Hong Kong Interpretation 5 *Presentation of Financial Statements – Classification by the Borrower of a Term Loan that Contains a Repayment on Demand Clause* was revised in October 2020 to align the corresponding wording with no change in conclusion

⁵ As a consequence of the amendments to HKFRS 17 issued in October 2020, HKFRS 4 was amended to extend the temporary exemption that permits insurers to apply HKAS 39 rather than HKFRS 9 for annual periods beginning before 1 January 2023

2.3 ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (continued)

Further information about those HKFRSs that are expected to be applicable to the Group is described below.

Amendments to HKFRS 3 are intended to replace a reference to the previous *Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements* with a reference to the *Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting* issued in June 2018 without significantly changing its requirements. The amendments also add to HKFRS 3 an exception to its recognition principle for an entity to refer to the Conceptual Framework to determine what constitutes an asset or a liability. The exception specifies that, for liabilities and contingent liabilities that would be within the scope of HKAS 37 or HK(IFRIC)-Int 21 if they were incurred separately rather than assumed in a business combination, an entity applying HKFRS 3 should refer to HKAS 37 or HK(IFRIC)-Int 21 respectively instead of the Conceptual Framework. Furthermore, the amendments clarify that contingent assets do not qualify for recognition at the acquisition date. The Group expects to adopt the amendments prospectively from 1 January 2022. Since the amendments apply prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the date of first application, the Group will not be affected by these amendments on the date of transition.

Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 (2011) address an inconsistency between the requirements in HKFRS 10 and in HKAS 28 (2011) in dealing with the sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture. The amendments require a full recognition of a gain or loss resulting from a downstream transaction when the sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture constitutes a business. For a transaction involving assets that do not constitute a business, a gain or loss resulting from the transaction is recognised in the investor's profit or loss only to the extent of the unrelated investor's interest in that associate or joint venture. The amendments are to be applied prospectively. The previous mandatory effective date of amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 (2011) was removed by the HKICPA in January 2016 and a new mandatory effective date will be determined after the completion of a broader review of accounting for associates and joint ventures. However, the amendments are available for adoption now.

Amendments to HKAS 1 *Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current* clarify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments specify that if an entity's right to defer settlement of a liability is subject to the entity complying with specified conditions, the entity has a right to defer settlement of the liability at the end of the reporting period if it complies with those conditions at that date. Classification of a liability is unaffected by the likelihood that the entity will exercise its right to defer settlement of the liability. The amendments also clarify the situations that are considered a settlement of a liability. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023 and shall be applied retrospectively. Earlier application is permitted. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial statements.

Amendments to HKAS 1 *Disclosure of Accounting Policies* require entities to disclose their material accounting policy information rather than their significant accounting policies. Accounting policy information is material if, when considered together with other information included in an entity's financial statements, it can reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements. Amendments to HKFRS Practice Statement 2 provide non-mandatory guidance on how to apply the concept of materiality to accounting policy disclosures. Amendments to HKAS 1 are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023 and earlier application is permitted. Since the guidance provided in the amendments to HKFRS Practice Statement 2 is non-mandatory, an effective date for these amendments is not necessary. The Group is currently assessing the impact of the amendments on the Group's accounting policy disclosures.

2.3 ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (continued)

Amendments to HKAS 8 clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies. Accounting estimates are defined as monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty. The amendments also clarify how entities use measurement techniques and inputs to develop accounting estimates. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023 and apply to changes in accounting policies and changes in accounting estimates that occur on or after the start of that period. Earlier application is permitted. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial statements.

Amendments to HKAS 12 narrow the scope of the initial recognition exception so that it no longer applies to transactions that give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences, such as leases and decommissioning obligations. Therefore, entities are required to recognise a deferred tax asset and a deferred tax liability for temporary differences arising from these transactions. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023 and shall be applied to transactions related to leases and decommissioning obligations at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented, with any cumulative effect recognised as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained profits or other component of equity as appropriate at that date. In addition, the amendments shall be applied prospectively to transactions other than leases and decommissioning obligations. Earlier application is permitted. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial statements.

Amendments to HKAS 16 prohibit an entity from deducting from the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment any proceeds from selling items produced while bringing that asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Instead, an entity recognises the proceeds from selling any such items, and the cost of those items, in profit or loss. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022 and shall be applied retrospectively only to items of property, plant and equipment made available for use on or after the beginning of the earliest period presented in the financial statements in which the entity first applies the amendments. Earlier application is permitted. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial statements.

Amendments to HKAS 37 clarify that for the purpose of assessing whether a contract is onerous under HKAS 37, the cost of fulfilling the contract comprises the costs that relate directly to the contract. Costs that relate directly to a contract include both the incremental costs of fulfilling that contract (e.g., direct labour and materials) and an allocation of other costs that relate directly to fulfilling that contract (e.g., an allocation of the depreciation charge for an item of property, plant and equipment used in fulfilling the contract as well as contract management and supervision costs). General and administrative costs do not relate directly to a contract and are excluded unless they are explicitly chargeable to the counterparty under the contract. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022 and shall be applied to contracts for which an entity has not yet fulfilled all its obligations at the beginning of the annual reporting period in which it first applies the amendments. Earlier application is permitted. Any cumulative effect of initially applying the amendments shall be recognised as an adjustment to the opening equity at the date of initial application without restating the comparative information. The amendments are not expected to have any significant impact on the Group's financial statements.

2.3 ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (continued)

Annual Improvements to HKFRSs 2018-2020 sets out amendments to HKFRS 1, HKFRS 9, Illustrative Examples accompanying HKFRS 16, and HKAS 41. Details of the amendments that are expected to be applicable to the Group are as follows:

- HKFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*: clarifies the fees that an entity includes when assessing whether the terms of a new or modified financial liability are substantially different from the terms of the original financial liability. These fees include only those paid or received between the borrower and the lender, including fees paid or received by either the borrower or lender on the other's behalf. An entity applies the amendment to financial liabilities that are modified or exchanged on or after the beginning of the annual reporting period in which the entity first applies the amendment. The amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022. Earlier application is permitted. The amendment is not expected to have a significant impact on the Group's financial statements.
- HKFRS 16 *Leases*: removes the illustration of payments from the lessor relating to leasehold improvements in Illustrative Example 13 accompanying HKFRS 16. This removes potential confusion regarding the treatment of lease incentives when applying HKFRS 16.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Business combinations and goodwill

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration transferred is measured at the acquisition date fair value which is the sum of the acquisition date fair values of assets transferred by the Group, liabilities assumed by the Group to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquiree. For each business combination, the Group elects whether to measure the non-controlling interests in the acquiree that are present ownership interests and entitle their holders to a proportionate share of net assets in the event of liquidation at fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. All other components of non-controlling interests are measured at fair value. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

The Group determines that it has acquired a business when the acquired set of activities and assets includes an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create outputs.

When the Group acquires a business, it assesses the financial assets and liabilities assumed for appropriate classification and designation in accordance with the contractual terms, economic circumstances and pertinent conditions as at the acquisition date. This includes the separation of embedded derivatives in host contracts of the acquiree.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the previously held equity interest is remeasured at its acquisition date fair value and any resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the acquirer is recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. Contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability is measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured and subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Business combinations and goodwill (continued)

Goodwill is initially measured at cost, being the excess of the aggregate of the consideration transferred, the amount recognised for non-controlling interests and any fair value of the Group's previously held equity interests in the acquiree over the identifiable net assets acquired and liabilities assumed. If the sum of this consideration and other items is lower than the fair value of the net assets acquired, the difference is, after reassessment, recognised in profit or loss as a gain on bargain purchase.

After initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired. The Group performs its annual impairment test of goodwill as at 31 December. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units, or groups of cash-generating units, that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the Group are assigned to those units or groups of units.

Impairment is determined by assessing the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit (group of cash-generating units) to which the goodwill relates. Where the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit (group of cash-generating units) is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in a subsequent period.

Where goodwill has been allocated to a cash-generating unit (or group of cash-generating units) and part of the operation within that unit is disposed of, the goodwill associated with the operation disposed of is included in the carrying amount of the operation when determining the gain or loss on the disposal. Goodwill disposed of in these circumstances is measured based on the relative value of the operation disposed of and the portion of the cash-generating unit retained.

Fair value measurement

The Group measures its financial instruments at fair value at the end of each reporting period. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either in the principal market for the asset or liability, or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Group. The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

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

The Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fair value measurement (continued)

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1 – based on quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 – based on valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is observable, either directly or indirectly
- Level 3 – based on valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Group determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by reassessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

Impairment of non-financial assets

Where an indication of impairment exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required (other than inventories, contract assets, financial assets), the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's or cash-generating unit's value in use and its fair value less costs of disposal, and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets, in which case the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. In testing a cash-generating unit for impairment, a portion of the carrying amount of a corporate asset (e.g., a headquarters building) is allocated to an individual cash-generating unit if it can be allocated on a reasonable and consistent basis or, otherwise, to the smallest group of cash-generating units.

An impairment loss is recognised only if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. An impairment loss is charged to profit or loss in the period in which it arises in those expense categories consistent with the function of the impaired asset.

An assessment is made at the end of each reporting period as to whether there is an indication that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount is estimated. A previously recognised impairment loss of an asset other than goodwill is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount of that asset, but not to an amount higher than the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of any depreciation/amortisation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of such an impairment loss is credited to profit or loss in the period in which it arises.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Related parties

A party is considered to be related to the Group if:

- (a) the party is a person or a close member of that person's family and that person
 - (i) has control or joint control over the Group;
 - (ii) has significant influence over the Group; or
 - (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the Group or of a parent of the Group;

or

- (b) the party is an entity where any of the following conditions applies:
 - (i) the entity and the Group are members of the same group;
 - (ii) one entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or of a parent, subsidiary or fellow subsidiary of the other entity);
 - (iii) the entity and the Group are joint ventures of the same third party;
 - (iv) one entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity;
 - (v) the entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Group or an entity related to the Group;
 - (vi) the entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a);
 - (vii) a person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity); and
 - (viii) the entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personal services to the Group or to the parent of the Group.

Property and equipment and depreciation

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. The cost of an item of property and equipment comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Property and equipment and depreciation (continued)

Expenditure incurred after items of property and equipment have been put into operation, such as repairs and maintenance, is normally charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the period in which it is incurred. In situations where the recognition criteria are satisfied, the expenditure for a major inspection is capitalised in the carrying amount of the asset as a replacement. Where significant parts of property and equipment are required to be replaced at intervals, the Group recognises such parts as individual assets with specific useful lives and depreciates them accordingly.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis to write off the cost of each item of property and equipment to its residual value over its estimated useful life. The principal annual rates used for this purpose are as follows:

Motor vehicles	20%
Furniture and fixtures	33%
Computer equipment	33%
Leasehold improvements	50%

Where parts of an item of property and equipment have different useful lives, the cost of that item is allocated on a reasonable basis among the parts and each part is depreciated separately. Residual values, useful lives and the depreciation method are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at least at each financial year end.

An item of property and equipment including any significant part initially recognised is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss on disposal or retirement recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the year the asset is derecognised is the difference between the net sale proceeds and the carrying amount of the relevant asset.

Intangible assets (other than goodwill)

Intangible assets acquired separately are measured on initial recognition at cost. The cost of intangible assets acquired in a business combination is the fair value at the date of acquisition. The useful lives of intangible assets are assessed to be finite. Intangible assets with finite lives are subsequently amortised over the useful economic life and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired. The amortisation period and the amortisation method for an intangible asset with a finite useful life are reviewed at least at each financial year end.

Computer software

Purchased computer software is stated at cost less any impairment losses and is amortised on the straight-line basis over its estimated useful life of 3 years.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Intangible assets (other than goodwill) (continued)

Research and development costs

All research costs are charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as incurred.

Expenditure incurred on projects to develop new products is capitalised and deferred only when the Group can demonstrate the technical feasibility of completing the intangible asset so that it will be available for use or sale, its intention to complete and its ability to use or sell the asset, how the asset will generate future economic benefits, the availability of resources to complete the project and the ability to measure reliably the expenditure during the development. Product development expenditure which does not meet these criteria is expensed when incurred.

Deferred development costs are stated at cost less any impairment losses and are amortised using the straight-line basis over the commercial lives of the underlying products not exceeding five to seven years, commencing from the date when the products are put into commercial production.

Leases

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

Group as a lessee

The Group applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Group recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

(a) *Right-of-use assets*

Right-of-use assets are recognised at the commencement date of the lease (that is the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Where applicable, the cost of a right-of-use asset also includes an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease terms and the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Office premises	2 years
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If ownership of the leased asset transfers to the Group by the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Leases (continued)

Group as a lessee (continued)

(b) *Lease liabilities*

Lease liabilities are recognised at the commencement date of the lease at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Group and payments of penalties for termination of a lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising the option to terminate the lease. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as an expense in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in lease payments (e.g., a change to future lease payments resulting from a change in an index or rate) or a change in assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

The Group's lease liabilities are included in interest-bearing bank and other borrowings.

(c) *Short-term leases*

The Group applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of office premises (that is those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option).

Lease payments on short-term leases are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Investments and other financial assets

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as subsequently measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income, and fair value through profit or loss.

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Group's business model for managing them. With the exception of trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Group has applied the practical expedient of not adjusting the effect of a significant financing component, the Group initially measures a financial asset at its fair value, plus in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Group has applied the practical expedient are measured at the transaction price determined under HKFRS 15 in accordance with the policies set out for "Revenue recognition" below.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investments and other financial assets (continued)

Initial recognition and measurement (continued)

In order for a financial asset to be classified and measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income, it needs to give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest (“SPPI”) on the principal amount outstanding. Financial assets with cash flows that are not SPPI are classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss, irrespective of the business model.

The Group’s business model for managing financial assets refers to how it manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows. The business model determines whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both. Financial assets classified and measured at amortised cost are held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows, while financial assets classified and measured at fair value through other comprehensive income are held within a business model with the objective of both holding to collect contractual cash flows and selling. Financial assets which are not held within the aforementioned business models are classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss.

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date, that is, the date that the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the period generally established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

Subsequent measurement

The subsequent measurement of financial assets depends on their classification as follows:

Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments)

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired.

Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised when:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset, or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a “pass-through” arrangement; and either (a) the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Group has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Derecognition of financial assets (continued)

When the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, it evaluates if, and to what extent, it has retained the risk and rewards of ownership of the asset. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the Group continues to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of the Group's continuing involvement. In that case, the Group also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Group has retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Group could be required to repay.

Impairment of financial assets

The Group recognises an allowance for expected credit losses ("ECLs") for all debt instruments not held at fair value through profit or loss. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.

General approach

ECLs are recognised in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12 months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition. When making the assessment, the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the date of initial recognition and considers reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort, including historical and forward-looking information.

The Group considers a financial asset in default when contractual payments are 90 days past due. However, in certain cases, the Group may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Group is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Group. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Impairment of financial assets (continued)

General approach (continued)

Debt investments at fair value through other comprehensive income and financial assets at amortised cost are subject to impairment under the general approach and they are classified within the following stages for measurement of ECLs except for trade receivables and contract assets which apply the simplified approach as detailed below.

- Stage 1 – Financial instruments for which credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition and for which the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to 12-month ECLs
- Stage 2 – Financial instruments for which credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition but that are not credit-impaired financial assets and for which the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs
- Stage 3 – Financial assets that are credit-impaired at the reporting date (but that are not purchased or originated credit-impaired) and for which the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs

Simplified approach

For trade receivables and contract assets that do not contain a significant financing component or when the Group applies the practical expedient of not adjusting the effect of a significant financing component, the Group applies the simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Under the simplified approach, the Group does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The Group has used a loss rate approach and develops loss-rate statistics on the basis of the amount expected to be written off over the life of the financial assets by reference to the credit rating of the customers, and then adjust these loss trends for current conditions and expectations about the future.

For trade receivables and contract assets that contain a significant financing component, the Group chooses as its accounting policy to adopt the simplified approach in calculating ECLs with policies as described above.

Financial liabilities

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as loans and borrowings, or payables.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The Group's financial liabilities include trade and bills payables and other payables.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial liabilities (continued)

Subsequent measurement

The subsequent measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification as follows:

Financial liabilities at amortised cost (loans and borrowings)

After initial recognition, interest-bearing bank loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost. Gains and losses are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the effective interest rate amortisation process.

Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. The effective interest rate amortisation is included in finance costs in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires.

When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and a recognition of a new liability, and the difference between the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

Shares held under the share award scheme

The Group's own equity instruments which are reacquired and held by the Group are recognised at cost and deducted from equity. No gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Group's own equity instruments. Any difference between the carrying amount and the consideration is recognised in equity.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on the first-in, first-out basis. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling prices less any estimated costs to be incurred to completion and disposal.

Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, and short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible into known amounts of cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and have a short maturity of generally within three months when acquired, less bank overdrafts which are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management.

For the purpose of the consolidated statement of financial position, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and at banks, including term deposits, and assets similar in nature to cash, which are not restricted as to use.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Income tax

Income tax comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax relating to items recognised outside profit or loss is recognised outside profit or loss, either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period, taking into consideration interpretations and practices prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

Deferred tax is provided, using the liability method, on all temporary differences at the end of each reporting period between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except:

- when the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, when the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, and the carryforward of unused tax credits and any unused tax losses. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carryforward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised, except:

- when the deferred tax asset relating to the deductible temporary differences arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at the end of each reporting period and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

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

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Income tax (continued)

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if and only if the Group has a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets and current tax liabilities and the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities which intend either to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised at their fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all attaching conditions will be complied with. When the grant relates to an expense item, it is recognised as income on a systematic basis over the periods that the costs, for which it is intended to compensate, are expensed.

Where the grant relates to an asset, the fair value is credited to a deferred income account and is released to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income over the expected useful life of the relevant asset by equal annual instalments or deducted from the carrying amount of the asset and released to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income by way of a reduced depreciation charge.

Revenue recognition

Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when control of goods or services is transferred to the customers at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Group expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

When the consideration in a contract includes a variable amount, the amount of consideration is estimated to which the Group will be entitled in exchange for transferring the goods or services to the customer. The variable consideration is estimated at contract inception and constrained until it is highly probable that a significant revenue reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur when the associated uncertainty with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved.

When the contract contains a financing component which provides the customer with a significant benefit of financing the transfer of goods or services to the customer for more than one year, revenue is measured at the present value of the amount receivable, discounted using the discount rate that would be reflected in a separate financing transaction between the Group and the customer at contract inception. When the contract contains a financing component which provides the Group with a significant financial benefit for more than one year, revenue recognised under the contract includes the interest expense accreted on the contract liability under the effective interest method. For a contract where the period between the payment by the customer and the transfer of the promised goods or services is one year or less, the transaction price is not adjusted for the effects of a significant financing component, using the practical expedient in HKFRS 15.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Revenue recognition (continued)

Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

(a) *Integrated APM system solutions and software development services*

Revenue from integrated APM system solutions and software development services is recognised over time, using an input method to measure progress towards complete satisfaction of the service, because the Group's performance creates or enhances an asset that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced. For the contracts with a fixed price, the Group uses input method, which the Group recognises revenue based on the proportion of the actual costs incurred relative to the estimated total costs for satisfaction of the services. For the contracts billed a fixed amount for each hour of service provided, the Group uses practical expedient to recognise revenue in the amount to which the Group has a right to invoice.

Contracts for bundled sales of software development service and technical and maintenance services (i.e. training, upgrade, service-type warranties) are comprised of separate performance obligations because the promises to transfer the software and provide those services are capable of being distinct and separately identifiable. Accordingly, the transaction price is allocated based on the relative stand-alone selling prices of each performance obligation.

(b) *Technical services*

Revenue from technical services is recognised over the scheduled period on a straight-line basis or based on the actual time/work incurred, because the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Group.

(c) *Sales of embedded hardware and standard APM software*

Revenue from the sales of embedded hardware and standard APM software is recognised at the point in time when control of the asset is transferred to the customer, generally on delivery of the hardware and software.

Contracts for bundled sales of embedded hardware and standard APM software, installation, technical and maintenance services (i.e., training and upgrade) are comprised of separate performance obligations because these promises are capable of being distinct and separately identifiable. Accordingly, the transaction price is allocated based on the relative stand-alone selling prices of each performance obligation.

Other income

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest method by applying the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash receipts over the expected life of the financial instrument or a shorter period, when appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Contract assets

A contract asset is the right to consideration in exchange for goods or services transferred to the customer. If the Group performs by transferring goods or services to a customer before the customer pays consideration or before payment is due, a contract asset is recognised for the earned consideration that is conditional. Contract assets are subject to impairment assessment, details of which are included in the accounting policies for impairment of financial assets.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Contract liabilities

A contract liability is recognised when a payment is received or a payment is due (whichever is earlier) from a customer before the Group transfers the related goods or services. Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the Group performs under the contract. (i.e., transfers control of the related goods or services to the customer).

Share-based payments

The Company operates a share award scheme for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to eligible participants who contribute to the success of the Group's operations. Employees (including directors) of the Group receive remuneration in the form of share-based payments, whereby employees render services as consideration for equity instruments ("equity-settled transactions").

The cost of equity-settled transactions is recognised in employee benefit expense, together with a corresponding increase in equity, over the period in which the performance and/or service conditions are fulfilled. The cumulative expense recognised for equity-settled transactions at the end of each reporting period until the vesting date reflects the extent to which the vesting period has expired and the Group's best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest. The charge or credit to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for a period represents the movement in the cumulative expense recognised as at the beginning and end of that period.

Service and non-market performance conditions are not taken into account when determining the grant date fair value of awards, but the likelihood of the conditions being met is assessed as part of the Group's best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest. Market performance conditions are reflected within the grant date fair value. Any other conditions attached to an award, but without an associated service requirement, are considered to be non-vesting conditions. Non-vesting conditions are reflected in the fair value of an award and lead to an immediate expensing of an award unless there are also service and/or performance conditions.

For awards that do not ultimately vest because non-market performance and/or service conditions have not been met, no expense is recognised. Where awards include a market or non-vesting condition, the transactions are treated as vesting irrespective of whether the market or non-vesting condition is satisfied, provided that all other performance and/or service conditions are satisfied.

Where the terms of an equity-settled award are modified, as a minimum an expense is recognised as if the terms had not been modified, if the original terms of the award are met. In addition, an expense is recognised for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share-based payments, or is otherwise beneficial to the employee as measured at the date of modification.

Where an equity-settled award is cancelled, it is treated as if it had vested on the date of cancellation, and any expense not yet recognised for the award is recognised immediately. This includes any award where non-vesting conditions within the control of either the Group or the employee are not met. However, if a new award is substituted for the cancelled award, and is designated as a replacement award on the date that it is granted, the cancelled and new awards are treated as if they were a modification of the original award, as described in the previous paragraph.

2.4 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Employee benefits

Pension scheme

The employees of the Group's subsidiary which operates in Mainland China are required to participate in a central pension scheme operated by the local municipal government. The subsidiary operating in Mainland China is required to contribute a certain percentage of its payroll costs to the central pension scheme. The contributions are charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the central pension scheme.

Borrowing costs

All the borrowing costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred. Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that an entity incurs in connection with the borrowing of funds.

Dividends

Final dividends are recognised as a liability when they are approved by the shareholders in a general meeting. Proposed final dividends are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Interim dividends are simultaneously proposed and declared, because the Company's memorandum and articles of association grant the directors the authority to declare interim dividends. Consequently, interim dividends are recognised immediately as a liability when they are proposed and declared.

Foreign currencies

These financial statements are presented in RMB, which is also the function currency of the Company. Each entity in the Group determines its own functional currency and items included in the financial statements of each entity are measured using that functional currency. Foreign currency transactions recorded by the entities in the Group are initially recorded using their respective functional currency rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the functional currency rates of exchange ruling at the end of the reporting period. Differences arising on settlement or translation of monetary items are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was measured. The gain or loss arising on translation of a non-monetary item measured at fair value is treated in line with the recognition of the gain or loss on change in fair value of the item (i.e., translation difference on the item whose fair value gain or loss is recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss is also recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss, respectively).

In determining the exchange rate on initial recognition of the related asset, expense or income on the derecognition of a non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability relating to an advance consideration, the date of initial transaction is the date on which the Group initially recognises the non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability arising from the advance consideration. If there are multiple payments or receipts in advance, the Group determines the transaction date for each payment or receipt of the advance consideration.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the Group's financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and their accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that could require a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of the assets or liabilities affected in the future.

Judgements

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has made the following judgements, apart from those involving estimations, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

Withholding tax arising from the distribution of dividends

The Group's determination as to whether to accrue for withholding taxes arising from the distributions of dividends from a subsidiary in Mainland China is subject to significant management judgement on the timing of the payment of the dividends that would be distributed in the foreseeable future. The estimation process is highly based on assumptions, which are influenced by projected future market and economic conditions and future financing requirements of the Group, and it is not probable that such subsidiary will distribute dividends in the foreseeable future.

Estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are discussed below.

Provision for expected credit losses on trade receivables and contract assets

The Group uses a loss rate approach to calculate ECLs for trade receivables and contract assets. The loss rates are based on groupings of various customer segments that have similar loss patterns (i.e., by customer type and rating).

The Group develops loss-rate statistics on the basis of the amount expected to be written off over the life of the financial assets by reference to the credit rating of the customers, and then adjust these loss trends for current conditions and expectations about the future. For instance, if forecast economic conditions (i.e., gross domestic products) are expected to deteriorate over the next year which can lead to an increased number of defaults in the telecommunications sector, the determined loss-rate will be adjusted. At each reporting date, the loss-rate statistics are updated and changes in the forward-looking estimates are analysed.

The assessment of the correlation among the loss-rate statistics, forecast economic conditions and ECLs is a significant estimate. The amount of ECLs is sensitive to changes in circumstances and forecast economic conditions. The Group's expected default data and forecast of economic conditions may also not be representative of a customer's actual default in the future. The information about the ECLs on the Group's trade receivables and contract assets is disclosed in notes 17 and 19 to the financial statements, respectively.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES *(continued)*

Estimation uncertainty *(continued)*

Revenue recognition

The Group recognises revenue from integrated APM system solutions and software development services based on the actual direct costs incurred to satisfy the performance obligation relative to the total expected costs incurred to satisfy the performance obligation of an individual contract. Total expected costs and their corresponding contract revenue require estimations from management based on the understanding of the performance of the contract, quotations from suppliers and subcontractors, and the Group's historical experience. Due to the nature of the activity undertaken in the service contracts, the date at which the activity is entered into and the date at which the activity is completed usually fall into different accounting periods. Hence, the Group reviews and revises the estimates of both contract revenue and contract costs in the budget prepared for each contract as the contract progresses. Where the actual contract revenue is less than expected or actual contract costs are more than expected, a provision for an onerous contract may arise.

In addition, when the Group determines the transaction price, the Group considers factors such as whether there is any financing component. The Group considers whether the payment schedule is commensurate with the Group's performance and whether the delayed payment is for financing purposes.

Leases – Estimating the incremental borrowing rate

The Group cannot readily determine the interest rate implicit in a lease, and therefore, it uses an incremental borrowing rate ("IBR") to measure lease liabilities. The IBR is the rate of interest that the Group would have to pay to borrow over a similar term, and with a similar security, the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment. The IBR therefore reflects what the Group "would have to pay", which requires estimation when no observable rates are available (such as for subsidiaries that do not enter into financing transactions) or when it needs to be adjusted to reflect the terms and conditions of the lease (for example, when leases are not in the subsidiary's functional currency). The Group estimates the IBR using observable inputs (such as market interest rates) when available and is required to make certain entity-specific estimates (such as the subsidiary's stand-alone credit rating).

Development costs

Development costs are capitalised in accordance with the accounting policy for research and development costs in note 2.4 to the financial statements. Determining the amounts to be capitalised requires management to make assumptions regarding the expected future cash generation of the assets, discount rates to be applied and the expected period of benefits. At the end of the reporting period, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. As at 31 December 2021, the carrying amount of deferred development costs included in intangible assets was RMB14,646,000 (2020: RMB12,780,000).

Amortisation of intangible assets

The Group calculates the amortisation of intangible assets on the straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives commencing from the date when the items of intangible assets are placed into use. The estimated useful lives reflect the estimates of the directors for the period that the Group intends to derive future economic benefits from the use of the Group's items of intangible assets.

4. OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group is principally engaged in the provision of APM solutions in Mainland China.

Under HKFRS 8 *Operating Segments*, it is required that operating segments be identified on the basis of internal reporting about components of the Group that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision-maker in order to allocate resources to segments and to assess their performance. The information reported to the directors of the Company, who are the chief operating decision-makers, for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of performance does not contain discrete operating segment financial information and the directors reviewed the financial results of the Group as a whole. Therefore, no further information about the operating segment is presented.

Geographical information

(a) Revenue from external customers

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Mainland China	96,884	80,269
Taiwan	1,291	–
Hong Kong	945	730
	99,120	80,999

The revenue information above is based on the locations of the customers.

(b) Non-current assets

During the year, all non-current assets/capital expenditure of the Group were located/incurred in the PRC.

Information about major customers

Revenue of approximately RMB75,836,000 (2020: RMB66,130,000) was derived from sales to a single state-owned telecommunication operator group, including sales to a group of entities which are known to be under common control with that group.

5. REVENUE, OTHER INCOME AND GAINS

An analysis of revenue is as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
<i>Revenue from contracts with customers</i>		
Integrated APM system solutions	47,275	36,563
Software development services	28,084	19,422
Technical services	16,271	19,107
Sales of embedded hardware and standard APM software	7,490	5,907
	99,120	80,999

5. REVENUE, OTHER INCOME AND GAINS (continued)**Revenue from contracts with customers****(a) Disaggregated revenue information**

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Types of customers		
State-owned telecommunication operator groups	85,631	67,207
Other customers	13,489	13,792
Total revenue from contracts with customers	99,120	80,999
Timing of revenue recognition		
Goods transferred at a point in time	7,490	5,907
Services transferred over time	91,630	75,092
Total revenue from contracts with customers	99,120	80,999

The following table shows the amounts of revenue recognised in the current reporting period that were included in the contract liabilities at the beginning of the reporting period:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Revenue recognised that was included in contract liabilities at the beginning of the reporting period:		
Technical services	452	215

(b) Performance obligations

Information about the Group's performance obligations is summarised below:

Integrated APM system solutions and software development services

The performance obligation is satisfied over time as services are rendered and payment is generally due within 30 days to 60 days upon issuance of invoice and receipt of certain forms of acceptance. A certain percentage of payment is retained by customers until the end of the retention period.

Technical services

The performance obligation is satisfied over time as services are rendered and the credit period granted to the customers is normally due upon completion of the service. Technical service contracts are for periods of one year or less, or are billed based on the time incurred, except for one contract where payment in advance was received.

5. REVENUE, OTHER INCOME AND GAINS (continued)

Revenue from contracts with customers (continued)

(b) Performance obligations (continued)

Sales of embedded hardware and standard APM software

The performance obligation is satisfied upon acceptance of the hardware and software and payment is generally due within 30 to 60 days from acceptance by customers, except for new customers where payment in advance is normally required.

The amounts of transaction prices allocated to the remaining performance obligations (unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied) as at 31 December are as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Amounts expected to be recognised as revenue :		
Within one year	22,852	25,975
After one year	1,526	131
	24,378	26,106

The amount of transaction prices allocated to remaining performance obligations which are expected to be recognised as revenue after one year relate to integrated APM system solutions, software development services and technical services, of which the performance obligations are to be satisfied within two years. All the other amounts of transaction prices allocated to the remaining performance obligations are expected to be recognised as revenue within one year. The amounts disclosed above do not include variable consideration which is constrained.

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Other income and gains		
Bank interest income	209	70
Interest income arising from revenue contracts	56	17
Investment income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	969	1,074
Government grants – related to income*	4,134	3,987
	5,368	5,148

* Government grants received from the government of the PRC mainly represent the refund of the value added tax previously paid. There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies relating to the grants.

6. PROFIT BEFORE TAX

The Group's profit before tax is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	<i>Notes</i>	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Cost of inventories sold		3,603	2,868
Cost of services rendered		40,706	34,541
Depreciation of property and equipment	<i>13</i>	327	444
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	<i>14</i>	1,819	1,744
Amortisation of other intangible assets	<i>15</i>	3,524	2,381
Research and development costs:			
Deferred expenditure amortised*	<i>15</i>	3,524	2,340
Current year expenditure		23,974	21,681
		27,498	24,021
Lease payments not included in the measurement of lease liabilities	<i>14(c)</i>	1,697	168
Auditor's remuneration		1,060	1,060
Employee benefit expense (excluding directors' and chief executive's remuneration):			
Wages and salaries		52,431	43,404
Pension scheme contributions (defined contribution scheme)**		1,102	328
Equity-settled share award expense		3,517	–
		57,050	43,732
Foreign exchange differences, net		154	930
Impairment of financial and contract assets, net:			
Impairment of trade and bills receivables, net	<i>17</i>	54	362
Impairment of contract assets, net	<i>19</i>	603	(307)
		657	55
Investment income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(969)	(1,074)
Bank interest income	<i>5</i>	(209)	(70)

* The amortisation of patents and licences and the amortisation of deferred development costs for the year are included in "Cost of sales" in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

** There are no forfeited contributions that may be used by the employer to reduce the existing level of contributions.

7. FINANCE COSTS

An analysis of finance costs from continuing operations is as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Interest on bank loans	363	186
Interest on lease liabilities (note 14)	111	105
	474	291

8. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REMUNERATION

The Company consists of seven directors, including three executive directors, one non-executive director and three independent non-executive directors, all of whom were appointed in the board meeting on 28 July 2016. According to the articles of association, at the end of the one-year term, one-third of the directors need to be reappointed. As a result, Mr. Yue Yong, Mr. Liang Judong and Professor Lam Kin Man were reappointed on 19 June 2020.

Directors' and chief executive's remuneration for the year, disclosed pursuant to the Listing Rules, section 383(1) (a), (b), (c) and (f) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and Part 2 of the Companies (Disclosure of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation, is as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Fees	485	468
Other emoluments:		
Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind	3,362	3,480
Pension scheme contributions	176	162
	3,538	3,642
	4,023	4,110

8. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REMUNERATION (continued)**(a) Independent non-executive directors**

The fees paid to independent non-executive directors during the year were as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Mr. Cheung Hon Fai	161	156
Professor Lam Kin Man	108	104
Mr. Shen Qi	108	104
	377	364

There were no other emoluments payable to the independent non-executive directors during the year (2020: nil).

(b) Executive directors, a non-executive director and the chief executive

2021	Fees RMB'000	Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind RMB'000	Pension scheme contributions RMB'000	Total remuneration RMB'000
Executive directors:				
Mr. Yue Yong	–	1,147	58	1,205
Mr. Guan Haiqing	–	1,147	60	1,207
	–	2,294	118	2,412
Executive director and the chief executive:				
Mr. Sie Tak Kwan	–	1,068	58	1,126
Non-executive director:				
Mr. Liang Judong	108	–	–	108
	108	3,362	176	3,646

8. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REMUNERATION (continued)**(b) Executive directors, a non-executive director and the chief executive** (continued)

2020	Fees RMB'000	Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind RMB'000	Pension scheme contributions RMB'000	Total remuneration RMB'000
Executive directors:				
Mr. Yue Yong	–	1,106	54	1,160
Mr. Guan Haiqing	–	1,268	54	1,322
	–	2,374	108	2,482
Executive director and the chief executive:				
Mr. Sie Tak Kwan	–	1,106	54	1,160
Non-executive director:				
Mr. Liang Judong	104	–	–	104
	104	3,480	162	3,746

There was no arrangement under which a director or the chief executive waived or agreed to waive any remuneration during the year.

9. FIVE HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES

The five highest paid employees of the Group during the year included three directors (2020: three), details of whose remuneration are set out in note 8 above. Details of the remuneration of the remaining two (2020: two) highest paid employees who are neither a director nor chief executive of the Group are as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind	1,195	1,164
Pension scheme contributions	61	7
Equity-settled share award expense	448	–
	1,704	1,171

9. FIVE HIGHEST PAID EMPLOYEES (continued)

The number of non-director and non-chief executive highest paid employees whose remuneration fell within the following band is as follows:

	Number of employees	
	2021	2020
Nil to HK\$1,000,000	1	2
HK\$1,000,001 to HK\$1,500,000	1	–
	2	2

During the year, no highest paid employees waived or agreed to waive any remuneration and no remuneration was paid by the Group to any of the five highest paid employees as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office.

10. INCOME TAX

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability under the Company Law of the Cayman Islands and is not subject to income tax.

No Hong Kong profits tax has been provided since no assessable profit arose in Hong Kong during the year.

Pursuant to the PRC Corporate Income Tax Law and the respective regulations, Vixtel Technologies Limited, Vixtel Software Limited, Depuda (Wuxi) Technologies Limited and Vixtel Yunwang Technologies Limited are subject to corporate income tax at a rate of 25% on the taxable profit. A preferential tax treatment is available to Vixtel Technologies Limited, which was recognised as a High and New Technology Enterprise in 2010 in Mainland China, and a lower corporate income tax of 15% has been applied since then. The certificate of High and New Technology Enterprise must be renewed every three years and Vixtel Technologies Limited must re-apply for it every six years. Vixtel Technologies Limited has re-applied for and obtained the certificate of High and New Technology Enterprise on 15 October 2019. A preferential tax treatment is available to Vixtel Yunwang Technologies Limited, which was recognised as a software enterprise in 2021 in Mainland China, that it can be exempted from the income taxation in the first year and the second year; it should only pay half of the income taxation from the third year to the fifth year.

	2021	2020
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Current – Mainland China	(341)	412
Deferred (note 24)	(156)	(400)
Total tax (credit)/charge for the year	(497)	12

10. INCOME TAX (continued)

A reconciliation of the tax expense applicable to profit before tax at the statutory rate of Mainland China (i.e., 25%) where the main operating entity is domiciled to the tax expense at the effective tax rate, and a reconciliation of the applicable rate (i.e., the statutory tax rate) to the effective tax rate, are as follows:

	2021		2020	
	RMB'000	%	RMB'000	%
Profit before tax	2,984		1,111	
Tax at the statutory tax rate	746	25	278	25
Lower tax rate for a specific entity in the PRC	(1,245)	(42)	(1,115)	(100)
Tax losses not recognised	1,250	42	747	67
Expenses not deductible for tax	1,590	53	2,157	194
Additional deductible allowance for research and development costs	(2,838)	(95)	(2,055)	(185)
Tax charge at the Group's effective rate	(497)	(17)	12	1

Pursuant to the PRC Corporate Income Tax Law, a 10% withholding tax is levied on dividends declared to foreign investors from the foreign investment enterprises established in Mainland China. The requirement is effective from 1 January 2008 and applies to earnings after 31 December 2007. A lower withholding tax rate may be applied if there is a tax treaty between PRC and the jurisdiction of the foreign investors.

For the Group, the applicable rate is 5% under the "Arrangement between the Mainland of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income". The Group is therefore liable for withholding taxes on dividends distributed by those subsidiaries established in the PRC in respect of earnings generated from 1 January 2008.

No withholding tax had been provided for the earnings retained by Vixtel Technologies Limited and not yet remitted to the shareholders. Based on management's judgement and assumptions, which are influenced by projected future market and economic conditions and future financing requirements of the Group, the fund of Vixtel Technologies Limited will be retained in Mainland China for the expansion of the Group's operation, so it is not probable that Vixtel Technologies Limited will distribute such earnings in the foreseeable future. The aggregate amount of temporary differences associated with investment in Vixtel Technologies Limited for which deferred tax liabilities have not been recognised totalled approximately RMB86,062,000 at 31 December 2021 (2020: RMB77,142,000).

11. DIVIDENDS

No dividends had been paid or declared by the Group during the year (2020: nil).

12. EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT

The calculation of the basic earnings per share amount for the year is based on the profit for the year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent, and the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (excluding shares reserved for the share award scheme) during the year.

The Group had no potentially diluted ordinary shares in issue in 2020. In 2021, the calculation of the diluted earnings per share amounts is based on the profit for the year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent, and the weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation is the number of ordinary shares in issue during the year, as used in the basic earnings per share calculation, and the weighted average number of ordinary shares assumed to have been issued at no consideration on the deemed exercise or conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares.

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Earnings		
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent, used in the basic and diluted earnings per share calculations	3,643	1,104
	Number of shares	
	2021	2020
Shares		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue less shares held for the share award scheme during the year used in the basic earnings per share calculation	500,986,000	508,000,000
Effect of dilution – weighted average number of shares held for the share award scheme	231,154	–
	501,217,154	508,000,000

13. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Motor vehicles RMB'000	Furniture and fixtures RMB'000	Computer equipment RMB'000	Leasehold improvements RMB'000	Total RMB'000
31 December 2021					
At 1 January 2021:					
Cost	317	288	2,708	832	4,145
Accumulated depreciation	(317)	(232)	(2,596)	(569)	(3,714)
Net carrying amount	–	56	112	263	431
At 1 January 2021, net of accumulated depreciation					
Additions	–	9	267	172	448
Depreciation provided during the year	–	(13)	(123)	(191)	(327)
At 31 December 2021, net of accumulated depreciation	–	52	256	244	552
At 31 December 2021:					
Cost	317	297	2,975	1,004	4,593
Accumulated depreciation	(317)	(245)	(2,719)	(760)	(4,041)
Net carrying amount	–	52	256	244	552

13. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (continued)

	Motor vehicles RMB'000	Furniture and fixtures RMB'000	Computer equipment RMB'000	Leasehold improvements RMB'000	Total RMB'000
31 December 2020					
At 1 January 2020:					
Cost	317	229	2,682	524	3,752
Accumulated depreciation	(317)	(227)	(2,232)	(494)	(3,270)
Net carrying amount	–	2	450	30	482
At 1 January 2020, net of accumulated depreciation					
Additions	–	59	26	308	393
Depreciation provided during the year	–	(5)	(364)	(75)	(444)
At 31 December 2020, net of accumulated depreciation	–	56	112	263	431
At 31 December 2020:					
Cost	317	288	2,708	832	4,145
Accumulated depreciation	(317)	(232)	(2,596)	(569)	(3,714)
Net carrying amount	–	56	112	263	431

14. LEASES

The Group as a lessee

The Group has lease contracts for office premises used in its operations. The leases of properties generally have lease terms for 2 years, and some have lease terms for 12 months or less. Generally, the Group is restricted from assigning and subleasing the leased assets outside the Group. Additionally, the lease of the Group's main office will expire in 2023. The Group has not yet decided whether to renew the lease or not.

(a) Right-of-use assets

The carrying amounts of the Group's right-of-use assets and the movements during the year are as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
At the beginning of the year	2,439	2,684
Additions	–	1,499
Revision of a lease term arising from a change in the non-cancellable period of a lease	1,244	–
Depreciation charge (note 6)	(1,819)	(1,744)
At the end of the year	1,864	2,439

(b) Lease liabilities

The carrying amount of lease liabilities and the movements during the year are as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Carrying amount at 1 January	2,414	2,731
New leases	–	1,499
Revision of a lease term arising from a change in the non-cancellable period of a lease	1,244	–
Accretion of interest recognised during the year (note 7)	111	105
Payments	(1,979)	(1,921)
Carrying amount at 31 December	1,790	2,414
Analysed into:		
Current portion	1,718	1,886
Non-current portion	72	528

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities is disclosed in note 34 to the financial statements

14. LEASES (continued)**The Group as a lessee** (continued)

(c) The amounts recognised in profit or loss in relation to leases are as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Interest on lease liabilities	111	105
Depreciation charge of right-of-use assets	1,819	1,744
Expense relating to short-term leases (included in research development expenses, selling and distribution expenses and administrative expenses)	1,697	168
Total amounts recognised in profit or loss	3,627	2,017

(d) The total cash outflow for leases and future cash outflows relating to leases that have not yet commenced are disclosed in notes 28(c) and 30 respectively, to the financial statements.

15. OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Computer software RMB'000	Deferred development costs RMB'000	Total RMB'000
31 December 2021			
Cost at 1 January 2021, net of accumulated amortisation	–	12,800	12,800
Additions – internal development	–	5,350	5,350
Amortisation provided during the year	–	(3,524)	(3,524)
At 31 December 2021	–	14,626	14,626
At 31 December 2021:			
Cost	184	22,524	22,708
Accumulated amortisation	(184)	(7,898)	(8,082)
Net carrying amount	–	14,626	14,626
31 December 2020			
Cost at 1 January 2020, net of accumulated amortisation	41	9,167	9,208
Additions – internal development	–	5,973	5,973
Amortisation provided during the year	(41)	(2,340)	(2,381)
At 31 December 2020	–	12,800	12,800
At 31 December 2020:			
Cost	184	17,174	17,358
Accumulated amortisation	(184)	(4,374)	(4,558)
Net carrying amount	–	12,800	12,800

16. INVENTORIES

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Raw materials	3,384	1,353

17. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Trade receivables	25,300	16,584
Bills receivable	789	–
	26,089	16,584
Impairment	(496)	(442)
Trade and bills receivables	25,593	16,142

Trade receivables represented the outstanding contracted values for integrated APM system solutions, software development services, technical services and sales of embedded hardware and standard APM software receivable from the customers.

The Group's trading terms with its customers are mainly on credit. For integrated APM system solutions and software development services, the credit period granted to the customers is normally 30 to 60 days upon issuance of invoice and receipt of certain forms of acceptance from its customers during the course of contracts. The forms of acceptance evidence the satisfaction from the customers of the progress of completion. For sales of embedded hardware and standard APM software, the credit period granted to the customers is normally 30 to 60 days when the goods were accepted by the customers, except for new customers, where payment in advance is normally required. For technical services, the credit period granted to the customers is normally due upon completion of the service, except for one contract where payment in advance is received.

The Group seeks to maintain strict control over its outstanding receivables and has a credit control department to minimise credit risk. Overdue balances are reviewed regularly by senior management. In view of the aforementioned and the fact that the Group's trade receivables relate to a number of the largest state-owned telecommunication operators in the PRC and a large number of their independently-operated provincial subsidiaries, there is no significant concentration of credit risk. The Group does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements over its trade receivable balances. Trade receivables are non-interest-bearing.

17. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES (continued)

An ageing analysis of the trade receivables as at the end of the reporting period, based on the billing date and net of loss allowance, is as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Within 90 days	14,334	8,491
91 to 180 days	2,978	5,121
181 days to 1 year	5,440	963
Over 1 year	2,841	1,567
	25,593	16,142

The movements in the loss allowance for impairment of trade and bill receivables are as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
At beginning of year	442	80
Impairment losses, net (note 6)	54	362
At the end of year	496	442

An impairment analysis is performed at each reporting date using a loss rate approach to measure expected credit losses. The loss rates are based on groupings of various customer segments with similar loss patterns (i.e., customer type and rating). The Group develops loss-rate statistics on the basis of the amount expected to be written off over the life of the financial assets by reference to the credit rating of the customers, and also adjusted these loss trends for current conditions and expectations about the future. The calculation reflects the probability-weighted outcome, the time value of money and reasonable and supportable information that is available at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions. Generally, trade receivables are written off when there is information indicating that the counterparty is in severe financial difficulty and there is no realistic prospect of future recovery.

17. TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES (continued)

Set out below is the information about the credit risk exposure on the Group's trade receivables using a loss rate approach:

As at 31 December 2021	Trade receivables arising from state-owned telecommunications operator groups	Trade receivables arising from other customers	Default receivables	Total
Expected credit loss rate	0.10%	0.99%	100.00%	
Gross carrying amount (RMB'000)	19,097	6,581	411	26,089
Expected credit losses (RMB'000)	19	66	411	496
	Trade receivables arising from state-owned telecommunications operator groups	Trade receivables arising from other customers	Default receivables	Total
As at 31 December 2020				
Expected credit loss rate	0.06%	0.97%	100.00%	
Gross carrying amount (RMB'000)	13,790	2,383	411	16,584
Expected credit losses (RMB'000)	8	23	411	442

18. PREPAYMENTS, OTHER RECEIVABLES AND OTHER ASSETS

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Non-current portion		
Rental deposits	276	–
Current portion		
Prepayments	5,501	1,365
Bidding deposits	2,156	1,727
Rental deposits	291	565
Others	488	98
	8,712	3,755

Rental deposits mainly represent deposits paid to the office for leases. The financial assets included in the above balances relate to receivables for which there was no recent history of default and past due amounts. As at 31 December 2021 and 2020, the loss allowance was assessed to be minimal.

19. CONTRACT ASSETS

	31 December 2021 RMB'000	31 December 2020 RMB'000	1 January 2020 RMB'000
Contract assets arising from:			
Integrated APM system solutions	64,144	64,054	69,635
Software development services	32,416	22,521	19,532
Sales of embedded hardware and standard APM software	522	4,848	4,616
Technical services	–	1,415	62
Total contract assets	97,082	92,838	93,845
Impairment	(1,672)	(1,069)	(1,376)
	95,410	91,769	92,469
Analysed into:			
Current portion	92,374	89,661	90,510
Non-current portion	3,036	2,108	1,959

Contract assets are initially recognised for revenue earned from integrated APM system solutions and software development services as the receipt of consideration is conditional on the successful acceptance by the customers. Upon completion of the contracts and acceptance by the customers, the amounts recognised as contract assets are reclassified to trade receivables. The increase in contract assets in 2021 was the result of the increase in integrated APM system solutions and software development services at the end of the year. During the year ended 31 December 2021, RMB603,000 was recognised as an allowance for expected credit losses on contract assets, as RMB307,000 was reversed at the year ended 31 December 2020. The Group's trading terms and credit policy with customers are disclosed in note 17 to the financial statements.

19. CONTRACT ASSETS (continued)

The expected timing of recovery or settlement for contract assets as at 31 December is as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Within one year	92,374	89,661
After one year	3,036	2,108
Total contract assets	95,410	91,769

The movements in the loss allowance for impairment of contract assets are as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
At beginning of year	1,069	1,376
Impairment losses, net (note 6)	603	(307)
At the end of year	1,672	1,069

An impairment analysis is performed at each reporting date using a loss rate approach to measure expected credit losses. The loss rates for the measurement of the expected credit losses for the contract assets are based on those of the trade receivables as the contract assets and the trade receivables are from the same customer bases, and groupings of various customer segments with similar loss patterns (i.e., customer type and rating). These loss trends determined by referencing to credit rating data are then adjusted for current conditions and expectations about the future. The calculation reflects the probability-weighted outcome, the time value of money and reasonable and supportable information that is available at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

19. CONTRACT ASSETS (continued)

Set out below is the information about the credit risk exposure on the Group's contract assets using a loss rate approach:

	2021			Total
	Contract assets arising from state-owned telecommunications operator groups	Contract assets arising from other customers	Default receivable	
Expected credit loss rate	1.0%	1.92%	100.00%	
Gross carrying amount (RMB'000)	84,112	12,377	593	97,082
Expected credit losses (RMB'000)	841	238	593	1,672

	2020			Total
	Contract assets arising from state-owned telecommunications operator groups	Contract assets arising from other customers	Default receivable	
Expected credit loss rate	0.3%	1.63%	100.00%	
Gross carrying amount (RMB'000)	77,273	14,972	593	92,838
Expected credit losses (RMB'000)	232	244	593	1,069

20. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND PLEDGED DEPOSITS

		2021	2020
		RMB'000	RMB'000
Cash and bank balances		70,161	92,912
Less: Restricted bank deposits			
Pledged time deposit for a bank loan	<i>(a)</i>	(5,500)	(7,000)
Pledged time deposit for a bill payable	<i>(a)</i>	(600)	–
Cash and cash equivalents	<i>(b)</i>	64,061	85,912
Denominated in:			
RMB		68,379	78,590
HK\$		1,463	12,243
US\$		319	2,079

(a) As at 31 December 2021, bank deposits of RMB5,500,000 (2020: RMB7,000,000) and RMB600,000 (2020: nil) were pledged for interest-bearing bank borrowings and bills payable, respectively.

(b) At the end of the reporting period, the cash and bank balances of the Group were denominated in Renminbi (“RMB”) amounting to RMB70,161,000 (2021: RMB92,912,000). The RMB is not freely convertible into other currencies, however, under Mainland China’s Foreign Exchange Control Regulations and Administration of Settlement, Sale and Payment of Foreign Exchange Regulations, the Group is permitted to exchange RMB for other currencies through banks authorised to conduct foreign exchange business.

Cash at banks earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates. The bank balances and pledged deposit are deposited with creditworthy banks with no recent history of default.

21. TRADE AND BILLS PAYABLES

		2021	2020
		RMB'000	RMB'000
Trade and bills payables		1,511	5,257
Bills payable	<i>(a)</i>	600	–
		2,111	5,257

(a) The Group’s bills payable is secured by the pledge of certain of the Group’s time deposit amounting to RMB600,000 (2020: nil).

21. TRADE AND BILLS PAYABLES (continued)

An ageing analysis of the trade and bills payables as at the end of the reporting period, based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Within 90 days	1,128	4,078
91 to 180 days	497	443
181 days to 1 year	177	301
Over 1 year	309	435
	2,111	5,257

The trade and bills payables are non-interest-bearing and are normally settled on 180-day terms.

22. OTHER PAYABLES AND ACCRUALS

		2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Salaries and welfare payables		6,970	6,654
Contract liabilities	(a)	821	589
Other tax payables		9,800	8,781
Other payables	(b)	2,701	3,866
		20,292	19,890

(a) Details of the contract liabilities are as follows:

	31 December 2021 RMB'000	31 December 2020 RMB'000	1 January 2020 RMB'000
<i>Contract liabilities arising from contracts with customers</i>			
Current contract liabilities			
Technical services	702	589	637
Non-current contract liabilities			
Technical services	119	–	–
	821	589	637

The contract liabilities include advances received for technical services.

(b) Other payables are non-interest-bearing and repayable on demand.

23. INTEREST-BEARING BANK BORROWINGS

	2021			2020		
	Effective interest rate (%)	Maturity	RMB'000	Effective interest rate (%)	Maturity	RMB'000
Current						
Bank loans – unsecured	3.65	2022	5,000	3.65	2021	5,000
Bank loans – secured	3.75	2022	5,000	3.65	2021	5,000
			10,000			10,000
				2021		2020
				RMB'000		RMB'000
Analysed into						
Bank loans:						
Within one year			10,000			10,000

- (a) Certain of the Group's bank loan is secured by the pledge of certain of the Group's time deposit amounting to RMB5,500,000 (2020: RMB7,000,000).

24. DEFERRED TAX

Deferred tax liabilities

	2021		
	Withholding taxes on the earnings anticipated to be remitted by subsidiaries RMB'000	Development costs RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2021	1,428	1,440	2,868
Deferred tax charged to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income during the year (note 10)	–	206	206
Transferred to tax payable	(100)	–	(100)
At 31 December 2021	1,328	1,646	2,974

24. DEFERRED TAX (continued)**Deferred tax assets**

	Book-tax difference of amortisation of intangible assets RMB'000	2021 Impairment of trade receivables and contract assets RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2021	327	227	554
Deferred tax credited to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income during the year (note 10)	265	97	362
At 31 December 2021	592	324	916

Deferred tax liabilities

	Non-taxable government grants RMB'000	2020 Withholding taxes on the earnings anticipated to be remitted by subsidiaries RMB'000	Development costs RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2020	625	1,428	1,031	3,084
Deferred tax charged/(credited) to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income during the year (note 10)	(625)	–	409	(216)
At 31 December 2020	–	1,428	1,440	2,868

24. DEFERRED TAX (continued)**Deferred tax assets**

	Book-tax difference of amortisation of intangible assets RMB'000	2020 Impairment of trade receivables and contract assets RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2020	152	218	370
Deferred tax credited to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income during the year (note 10)	175	9	184
At 31 December 2020	327	227	554

The Group has tax losses arising in Mainland China of RMB5,001,000 (2020: RMB2,989,000) that will expire in one to five years for offsetting against future taxable profits. Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of these losses as they have arisen in subsidiaries that have been loss-making for some time. Apart from the above, there were no significant unrecognised deferred tax assets at 31 December 2021.

25. SHARE CAPITAL

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Authorised: 20,000,000,000 (2020: 20,000,000,000) ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	178,630	178,630
Issued and fully paid: 508,000,000 (2020: 508,000,000) ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each	4,514	4,514

A summary of movements in the Company's share capital is as follows:

	Number of shares in issue	Share capital RMB'000
At 1 January 2020	508,000,000	4,514
At 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021	508,000,000	4,514
At 31 December 2021	508,000,000	4,514

26. SHARE AWARD SCHEME

A share award scheme was adopted on 10 January 2020 (the “Share Award Scheme”). The purposes of the Share Award Scheme are (i) to recognise and motivate the contributions of the eligible persons; (ii) to provide them with incentives in order to retain such persons for continual operation and development of the Group; and (iii) to recruit suitable personnel in the interest of further development of the Group.

The awarded shares will be acquired by an independent trustee (“the Trustee”) from the open market by utilizing the Company’s resources provided to the Trustee. The total number of shares to be awarded under the Share Award Scheme shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares from time to time. The maximum number of award shares which may be granted to a selected participant but unvested under the Share Award Scheme shall not exceed 1% of the total number of issued shares from time to time.

The Share Award Scheme shall terminate on the earlier of: (i) the tenth anniversary of the adoption date; and (ii) such date of early termination as determined by the Board of directors provided that such termination shall not affect any subsisting rights of any selected participant under the Share Award Scheme.

The Trustee was considered as an extension of the Company and the shares held for the share award scheme were presented as a component of equity in the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

From 12 April 2021 to 21 April 2021, based on the Company’s instructions, the Trustee has purchased a total of 13,000,000 ordinary shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange for future granting, at prices ranging from HK\$0.4461 to HK\$0.4906 per share at a total consideration of approximately HK\$5,969,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB5,018,000).

The Company granted a total of 13,000,000 shares to 15 selected participants on 16 July 2021. The fair value of the granted shares is calculated based on the closing market price of HK\$0.495 on the day of the grant, amounting to HK\$6,435,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB5,360,000). The Award Shares shall be vested in two tranches in accordance with the following dates: (i) 50% of the Award Shares shall be vested on 1 September 2021; and (ii) the remaining 50% will be vested on 31 December 2022. The Group recognised a share award expense of RMB3,517,000 during the year.

As of 31 December 2021, 6,500,000 shares of the Company were held by the Trustee and have yet to be vested.

27. RESERVES

The amounts of the Group's reserves and the movements therein for the year are presented in the consolidated statement of changes in equity on page 59 of this annual report.

(a) Capital reserve

The capital reserve of the Group represents the capital contribution from the shareholders of Vixtel Technologies Limited. It also includes reserves arising from equity transactions with non-controlling interests.

(b) Statutory surplus reserve

Pursuant to the relevant laws in the PRC, the Company's subsidiary in the PRC shall make appropriations from after-tax profit to non-distributable reserve funds as determined by the boards of directors of the relevant PRC subsidiary.

In accordance with the Company Law of the PRC, the domestic enterprises are required to allocate 10% of their profit after tax, as determined in accordance with the relevant PRC accounting standards, to their respective statutory surplus reserves until the reserves reach 50% of their respective registered capital. Subject to certain restrictions set out in the Company Law of the PRC, part of the statutory surplus reserve may be converted to share capital, provided that the remaining balance after the capitalisation is not less than 25% of the registered capital.

(c) Share award reserve

The share award reserve represents the difference between the fair value of the shares granted to employees of the Group and the costs paid by these employees with a corresponding increase in the share award reserve within equity, details of which were set out in note 26 to the consolidated financial statements.

(d) Share premium

The share premium represents the difference between the par value of the shares issued and the consideration received.

28. NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(a) Major non-cash transactions

During the year, the Group had non-cash additions to right-of-use assets and lease liabilities of RMB1,244,000 (2020: RMB1,499,000) and RMB1,244,000 (2020: RMB1,499,000), respectively, in respect of lease arrangements for office premises.

(b) Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities

2021

	Bank loans RMB'000	Lease liabilities RMB'000
At 1 January 2021	10,000	2,414
Changes from financing cash flows	(363)	(1,979)
Revision of a lease term arising from a change in the non-cancellable period of a lease	–	1,244
Interest expense	363	111
At 31 December 2021	10,000	1,790

2020

	Bank loans RMB'000	Lease liabilities RMB'000
At 1 January 2020	–	2,731
Changes from financing cash flows	9,814	(1,816)
New leases	–	1,499
Interest expense	186	105
Interest paid classified as operating cash flows	–	(105)
At 31 December 2020	10,000	2,414

(c) Total cash outflow for leases

The total cash outflow for leases included in the statement of cash flows is as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Within operating activities	1,697	273
Within financing activities	2,255	1,816
	3,952	2,089

29. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

Details of the Group's assets pledged for the Group's interest-bearing borrowings and bills payable are included in note 20(a) to the financial statements.

30. COMMITMENTS

The Group has various contracted, but not provided short-term lease and capital commitments at the end of 31 December 2021 and 2020. The future lease and capital payments for these non-cancellable contracts are RMB204,000 (2020: RMB1,510,000) due within one year.

31. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Compensation of key management personnel of the Group:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Fee	108	104
Other emoluments:		
Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind	7,271	7,138
Pension scheme contributions	371	195
Equity-settled share award expense	1,237	–
	8,879	7,333
	8,987	7,437

Further details of the emoluments of directors and the chief executive are included in note 8 to the financial statements.

32. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

The carrying amounts of each of the categories of financial instruments of the Group as at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

Financial assets at amortised cost	2021	2020
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Trade and bills receivables	25,593	16,142
Financial assets included in prepayments, other receivables and other assets	3,211	2,390
Pledged deposit	6,100	7,000
Cash and cash equivalents	64,061	85,912
Long term deposit	276	–
	99,241	111,444
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	2021	2020
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Trade and bills payables	2,111	5,257
Financial liabilities included in other payables and accruals	2,701	3,866
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings	10,000	10,000
Lease liabilities	1,790	2,414
	16,602	21,537

33. FAIR VALUE AND FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

There are no significant differences between the carrying amounts and the fair values of the Group's financial instruments.

Management has determined that the carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, pledged deposit, trade and bills receivables, financial assets included in prepayments, other receivables and other assets, trade and bills payables, financial liabilities included in other payables and accruals and interest-bearing bank and other borrowings reasonably approximate to their fair values because these financial instruments are mostly short term in nature.

The fair values of the non-current portion of lease liabilities has been calculated by discounting the expected future cash flows using rates currently available for instruments with similar terms, credit risk and remaining maturities. The changes in fair value as a result of the Group's own non-performance risk for lease liabilities as at the end of each of the reporting period were assessed to be insignificant.

33. FAIR VALUE AND FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(continued)

Assets for which fair values are disclosed

As at 31 December 2021

	Fair value measurement using			Total RMB'000		
	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1) RMB'000	Significant observable inputs (Level 2) RMB'000	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) RMB'000			
	Long-term deposits	-	276		-	276

During the year, there were no transfers of fair value measurements between Level 1 and Level 2 and no transfers into or out of Level 3 for both financial assets and liabilities (2020:nil).

34. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Group's principal financial instruments comprise Interest-bearing bank borrowings and cash and bank balances. The Group has various other financial assets and liabilities such as trade and bills receivables, other receivables, trade and bills payables, other payables and accruals and interest-bearing bank and other borrowings, which arise directly from its operations.

The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are foreign currency risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The board of directors reviews and agrees policies for managing all of these risks and they are summarised below.

Foreign currency risk

The Group's transactions are mainly denominated in RMB. Certain of the Group's cash and bank deposits are denominated in HK\$ and US\$. In addition, the Company will pay dividends in HK\$ in the future. Any significant exchange rate fluctuations of HK\$ against RMB may have financial impacts on the Group.

The Group did not experience any material impact or difficulties in liquidity on its operations resulting from the fluctuation in exchange rate, and no hedging transaction or forward contract arrangement was made by the Group during the reporting period. Nevertheless, the Group will from time-to-time review and adjust the Group's hedging and financing strategies based on the RMB and HK\$ exchange rate movement.

34. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)**Foreign currency risk** (continued)

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity at the end of the reporting period to a reasonably possible change in the US\$ and HK\$ exchange rates, with all other variables held constant, of the Group's profit before (or after) tax (due to changes in the fair values of monetary assets and liabilities) and the Group's equity (due to changes in the fair value of forward currency contracts).

	Increase/ (decrease) in US\$/HK\$ rate %	Increase/ (decrease) in profit before (or after) tax RMB'000
2021		
If the RMB weakens against the US\$	(5%)	16
If the RMB strengthens against the US\$	5%	(16)
If the RMB weakens against the HK\$	(5%)	73
If the RMB strengthens against the HK\$	5%	(73)
2020		
If the RMB weakens against the US\$	(5%)	104
If the RMB strengthens against the US\$	5%	(104)
If the RMB weakens against the HK\$	(5%)	612
If the RMB strengthens against the HK\$	5%	(612)

Credit risk

The credit risk of the Group's financial assets, which comprise cash and cash equivalents, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, pledged deposits, trade receivables, deposits and other receivables, arises from default of the counterparty, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amounts of these instruments. Further quantitative data in respect of the Group's exposure to credit risk arising from trade receivables and other receivables are disclosed in notes 17 and 19 to the financial statement.

34. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)**Credit risk** (continued)**Maximum exposure and year-end staging**

The tables below show the credit quality and the maximum exposure to credit risk based on the Group's credit policy, which is mainly based on past due information unless other information is available without undue cost or effort, and year-end staging classification as at 31 December. The amounts presented are gross carrying amounts for financial assets.

As at 31 December 2021	12-month ECLs	Lifetime ECLs			Total RMB'000
	Stage 1 RMB'000	Stage 2 RMB'000	Stage 3 RMB'000	Simplified approach RMB'000	
Contract assets*	-	-	-	97,082	97,082
Trade and bills receivables*	-	-	-	26,089	26,089
Financial assets included in prepayments, other receivables and other assets					
– Normal**	3,211	-	-	-	3,211
Pledged deposit					
– Not yet past due	6,100	-	-	-	6,100
Cash and cash equivalents					
– Not yet past due	64,061	-	-	-	64,061
Long term deposit					
– Not yet past due	276	-	-	-	276
	73,648	-	-	123,171	196,819

As at 31 December 2020	12-month ECLs	Lifetime ECLs			Total RMB'000
	Stage 1 RMB'000	Stage 2 RMB'000	Stage 3 RMB'000	Simplified approach RMB'000	
Contract assets*	-	-	-	92,838	92,838
Trade and bills receivables*	-	-	-	16,584	16,584
Financial assets included in prepayments, other receivables and other assets					
– Normal**	2,390	-	-	-	2,390
Pledged deposit					
– Not yet past due	7,000	-	-	-	7,000
Cash and cash equivalents					
– Not yet past due	85,912	-	-	-	85,912
	95,302	-	-	109,422	204,724

* For trade and bill receivables and contract assets to which the Group applies the simplified approach for impairment, information based on the loss rate approach is disclosed in notes 17 and 19 to the financial statements, respectively.

** The credit quality of the financial assets included in prepayments, other receivables and other assets is considered to be "normal" when they are not past due and there is no information indicating that the financial assets had a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. Otherwise, the credit quality of the financial assets is considered to be "doubtful".

*** Non-current rental deposits were paid to owners of office. The board of directors consider that the amounts are fully recoverable considering their creditworthiness.

34. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)**Credit risk** (continued)

Since the Group trades only with recognised and creditworthy third parties, there is no requirement for collateral. Concentrations of credit risk are managed by customer/counterparty, by geographical region and by product type. As detailed in note 4 to the financial statements, the Group trades with state-owned telecommunications operators and some of them are ultimately controlled by the same state-owned telecommunications operators. As the Group trades with each provincial subsidiary of the state-owned telecommunications operators and these trade receivables are settled independently, there are no significant concentrations of credit risk within the Group.

Liquidity risk

The Group's objective is to maintain a balance between continuity of funding and flexibility using bank borrowings. The Group regularly reviews its major funding positions to ensure that it has adequate financial resources in meeting its financial obligations.

The maturity profile of the Group's financial liabilities as at the end of the reporting period, based on the contractual undiscounted payments, was as follows:

	As at 31 December 2021				Total RMB'000
	On demand RMB'000	Less than 3 months RMB'000	3 to less than 12 months RMB'000	Over 12 months RMB'000	
Lease liabilities	-	417	1,342	72	1,831
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings (excluding lease liabilities)	-	-	10,154	-	10,154
Trade and bills payables	36	1,720	355	-	2,111
Financial instruments included in other payables and accruals	2,701	-	-	-	2,701
	2,737	2,137	11,851	72	16,297

34. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES (continued)**Liquidity risk** (continued)

	As at 31 December 2020				Total RMB'000
	On demand RMB'000	Less than 3 months RMB'000	3 to less than 12 months RMB'000	Over 12 months RMB'000	
Lease liabilities	–	445	1,504	540	2,489
Interest-bearing bank and other borrowings (excluding lease liabilities)	–	–	10,164	–	10,164
Trade and bills payables	–	2,994	2,263	–	5,257
Financial instruments included in other payables and accruals	3,866	–	–	–	3,866
	3,866	3,439	13,931	540	21,776

Capital management

The Group's policy is to maintain a strong capital base to maintain creditor and market confidence and to sustain future development of business. The Group's overall strategy remains unchanged from prior years.

The current capital structure of the Group includes equity comprising capital, reserves and retained profits.

The directors of the Company review the asset-liability ratio, which is total liabilities divided by total assets, on a continuous basis considering the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. The Group will balance its overall capital structure through the raising of new debts and equity as well as the redemption of the existing debts to manage the asset-liability ratio.

The asset-liability ratios as at the end of the reporting periods are as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Total assets	220,302	221,601
Total liabilities	36,647	40,926
Asset-liability ratio	17%	18%

35. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 12 January 2022, (i) Cohort Investments Limited, Copious Link Investments Limited, Worldgate Ventures Limited, Sino Impact Limited, Silver Coral Developments Limited and Hugemind Investments Limited (as sellers) (collectively, the “Sellers”); (ii) Mr. Sie Tak Kwan, Mr. Guan Haiqing, Mr. Yue Yong, Mr. Kwan Shan, Ms. Ma Chunru and Mr. Liang Judong (as guarantors); and (iii) Phoenix Wealth (Cayman) Asset Management Limited (as purchaser) (the “Offeror”) entered into a sale and purchase agreement, and the Offeror intended to acquire 364,750,000 Shares held by the Sellers in the Company, representing approximately 71.80% of the total issued share capital of the Company, for a total cash consideration of HK\$248,431,225 (equivalent to HK\$0.6811 per share). Upon completion, the Offeror will hold approximately 71.80% equity interest in the Company and the remaining 28.20% of the Shares will be held by the independent Shareholders, who are the holders of the Shares other than the Offeror and parties acting in concert with it. Pursuant to Rule 26.1 of the Takeovers Code, the Offeror made a mandatory unconditional cash offer (the “Offer”) for all issued Shares (other than those already owned or agreed to be acquired by the Offeror and parties acting in concert with it).

The Offer was closed at 4: 00 p.m. on 10 March 2022 and was not revised or extended by the Offeror. Upon the close of the Offer, the Offeror held 379,810,000 shares in the Company, representing approximately 74.77% of the total issued share capital of the Company and 128,190,000 Shares, representing approximately 25.23% of the total issued share capital of the Company are held by the public (as defined under the Listing Rules).

On 16 July 2021, the Company granted a total of 13 million award shares to 15 selected participants according to the Company’s share award scheme adopted on 10 January 2020. 50% of the award shares have been vested on 1 September 2021. The remaining 50% of the award shares which were originally scheduled to vest on 31 December 2022 have been vested on 14 January 2022.

Save as disclosed above, the Group did not have any significant events after 31 December 2021 and up to the date of this report.

36. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY

Information about the statement of financial position of the Company at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Investment in a subsidiary	87,402	–*
Property and equipment	2	5
Total non-current assets	87,404	5
CURRENT ASSETS		
Due from subsidiaries	372	97,534
Prepayments, other receivables and other assets	162	125
Cash and cash equivalents	130	277
Total current assets	664	97,936
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Due to subsidiaries	195	4,416
Other payables and accruals	–	–
Total current liabilities	195	4,416
NET CURRENT ASSETS	469	93,520
Total assets less current liabilities	87,873	93,525
Net assets	87,873	93,525
EQUITY		
Share capital	4,514	4,514
Treasury shares	(2,509)	–
Reserves	85,868	89,011
Total equity	87,873	93,525

* The amount of the investment in a subsidiary is less than RMB1,000.

36. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY (continued)

Note:

A summary of the Company's reserves is as follows:

	Share premium RMB'000	Treasury shares RMB'000	Share award reserve RMB'000	Capital reserve RMB'000	Accumulated losses RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Balance at 1 January 2020	76,581	–	–	30,674	(10,830)	96,425
Loss for the year	–	–	–	–	(7,414)	(7,414)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	–	–	–	–	(7,414)	(7,414)
At 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021	76,581	–	–	30,674	(18,244)	89,011
Loss for the year	–	–	–	–	(4,151)	(4,151)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	–	–	–	–	(4,151)	(4,151)
Shares repurchased for the share award	–	(5,018)	–	–	–	(5,018)
Equity settled share award scheme	–	2,509	1,008	–	–	3,517
At 31 December 2021	76,581	(2,509)	1,008	30,674	(22,395)	83,359

37. APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 25 March 2022.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A summary of the results, and of the assets, liabilities and non-controlling interest of the Group for the last five financial years, as extracted from the published audited consolidated financial statements or published prospectus of the Company is set out below:

	2021 RMB'000	Year ended 31 December			
		2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
RESULTS					
REVENUE	99,120	80,999	93,147	115,107	109,103
Cost of sales	(44,309)	(37,409)	(40,074)	(45,024)	(43,023)
Gross profit	54,811	43,590	53,073	70,083	66,080
Other income and gains	5,368	5,148	10,698	9,308	6,201
Selling and distribution expenses	(15,069)	(9,435)	(8,934)	(8,602)	(7,864)
Research and development expenses	(23,974)	(21,681)	(22,644)	(18,713)	(14,808)
Administrative expenses	(16,822)	(15,192)	(15,525)	(19,896)	(15,736)
Impairment losses on financial and contract assets, net	(657)	(55)	(889)	(140)	–
Other expenses	(199)	(973)	(76)	(65)	(2,914)
Financial costs	(474)	(291)	(150)	–	–
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	2,984	1,111	15,553	31,975	30,959
Income tax expense	497	(12)	(2,742)	(4,082)	(8,784)
PROFIT AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	3,481	1,099	12,811	27,893	22,175
Attributable to:					
Owners of the parent	3,643	1,104	12,811	27,893	22,175
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES					
Total assets	220,302	221,601	210,654	210,038	171,740
Total liabilities	36,647	40,926	32,078	38,925	39,065
Total equity	183,655	180,675	178,576	171,113	132,675