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中邦园林环境股份有限公司

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Corporate Information

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Directors

Mr. Liu Haitao (劉海濤)
(Chairman and Chief Executive Officer)
Mr. Wang Xudong (王旭東)
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Non-executive Directors

Mr. Sun Juqing (孫舉慶)
Ms. Lyu Hongyan (呂鴻雁)
Mr. Shao Zhanguang (邵占廣)

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Gao Xiangnong (高向農)
Mr. Yin Jun (尹軍)
Mr. Lee Kwok Tung Louis (李國棟)

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Tsui Hin Chi⁽¹⁾

AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Liu Haitao
Mr. Tsui Hin Chi⁽¹⁾

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Lee Kwok Tung Louis (Chairman)
Mr. Gao Xiangnong
Mr. Yin Jun

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Yin Jun (Chairman)
Mr. Gao Xiangnong
Mr. Lee Kwok Tung Louis

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

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Corporate Information

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6 January 2021

Note:

- (1) Ms. Chu Wing Yin resigned as the company secretary and the authorised representative of the Company under Rule 3.05 of the Listing Rules with effect from 21 July 2021. Mr. Tsui Hin Chi has been appointed as the company secretary and the authorised representative of the Company in place of Ms. Chu Wing Yin with effect from 21 July 2021.

Financial Highlights

FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA HIGHLIGHTS

	For the year ended 31 December			
	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>	Change <i>RMB'000</i>	Change (%)
Revenue	896,747	1,001,427	(104,680)	(10.5%)
Gross profit	191,798	238,432	(46,634)	(19.6%)
Other net income	22,714	9,957	12,757	128.1%
Selling expenses	(23,841)	(13,113)	(10,728)	81.8%
Administrative expenses	(66,904)	(67,841)	937	(1.4%)
Finance costs	(37,909)	(38,065)	156	(0.4%)
Profit before taxation	31,415	99,352	(67,937)	(68.4%)
Income tax	(3,033)	(30,411)	27,378	(90.0%)
Profit for the year	28,382	68,941	(40,559)	(58.8%)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	31,219	71,381	(40,162)	(56.3%)
Profit for the year attributable to:				
— Equity shareholders of the Company	28,530	68,505	(39,975)	(58.4%)
— Non-controlling interests	(148)	436	(584)	(133.9%)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year attributable to:				
— Equity shareholders of the Company	31,344	70,939	(39,595)	(55.8%)
— Non-controlling interests	(125)	442	(567)	(128.3%)
Earnings per share	<i>RMB</i>	<i>RMB</i>		
— Basic and diluted	0.10	0.31		
	As at 31 December			
	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>	Change <i>RMB'000</i>	Change (%)
Non-current assets	383,441	366,237	17,204	4.7%
Current assets	1,869,412	1,699,903	169,509	10.0%
Current liabilities	1,621,095	1,523,553	97,542	6.4%
Net current assets	248,317	176,350	71,967	40.8%
Non-current liabilities	36,997	58,777	(21,780)	(37.1%)
Net assets	594,761	483,810	110,951	22.9%

Chairman's Statement

Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the Board of ZONBONG LANDSCAPE Environmental Limited, I am pleased to present the audited consolidated results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2021 (the "FY2021" or "Reporting Period").

The overall domestic construction market entered a period of steady development in 2021. Overall, the contract value growth rate slowed, construction companies increased in number, the industry's average profit margin declined and winning bids at low prices became a common occurrence. The ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic further complicates the overall development of the industry.

Even though the Group's operating results suffered a considerable impact due to the difficult external environment in 2021, it leveraged its resourcefulness and was still able to rise to the challenge. As a result of its efforts to expand outside the Jilin Province, the Group has gained positive traction. Further to the newly awarded projects in Liaoning, Inner Mongolia, Tianjin, and Chongqing that the Group has been developing for years, it has won new tenders for projects in Sichuan Province and also new tenders for projects in Zhejiang Province, which it entered in 2020, consolidating its presence in East China. Aside from strengthening its established business, the Group is also developing new products based on smart infrastructure and cultural tourism, which will lay the foundation for these projects to flourish. An intermediary was engaged by the Group to upgrade its operational management system, resulting in more efficient operations. The year 2021 also marked the first year that the Group's entire business process was computerised, allowing for tighter cost control and enhanced lean management of the Group. In 2022, the Group plans to continue to increase the number of different types of qualifications through acquisitions and qualification upgrades, with an emphasis on acquiring First-Grade Qualification of Main Contractor for Municipal Public Works (市政公用工程施工總承包壹級) and Grade A Qualification in Engineering Design and Construction Industry (Construction Engineering) (工程設計建築行業(建築工程)甲級資質), thereby improving its overall competitive strength.

"Bamboo limbs bend low in downpours, but immediately straighten when it stops; mountain peaks are darkened by the wind and the clouds, but are immediately brightened again by the sun. (海壓竹枝低復舉·風吹山角晦還明)" The Group believes that it will sail through the turbulence with ease and emerge victorious when the market recovers. In addition, the Group will maintain its corporate mission of "Greening China for a Collective Future" (綠美中國·共享未來) and adhere to its corporate values of "Integrity, Responsibility, Efficiency, Innovation, Openness, and Win-Win" (誠信·責任·高效·創新·開放·共贏) to further enhance its corporate value bounce and reward its shareholders and society.

Liu Haitao

Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 20 May 2022

Management Discussion and Analysis

INDUSTRY REVIEW

For the FY2021, China's economic performance was strong at first and then grew at a slower pace, with growth domestic products ("GDP") of 8.1% over the previous year and subsequently declined to 4.9% in the third quarter and 4.0% in the fourth quarter. Various macro policy adjustments presented both opportunities and challenges to the industry, including:

(i) Room for market development in the construction industry

The overall number of employees in the industry has decreased for the third consecutive year, the number of construction companies has increased, the market capacity has decreased and the growth rate of new contracts has decreased, resulting in more intense competition.

(ii) Market size of the landscaping market

The ongoing urbanisation process is the primary driver for the landscaping industry in the PRC. The continued construction of towns and counties, as well as the expansion of cities throughout the PRC, has provided a significant increase in the demand for landscaping services, including the establishment of green spaces in both public areas and in areas zoned for real estate development. Over the past few years, the PRC government issued a series of policies and regulations to prevent the over-heat of real-estate market in megacities. In the response to the continuous pressure from the national deleverage movement for local governments in the PRC, many provinces and cities, including the Three Northeast Provinces, delayed or reduced the initiations of scaled landscaping projects. As a result, the landscaping market in the PRC witnessed a cool down period and backed to the rational, stable and sustainable growth trend, which is expected to closely correlate to the growth rate of the PRC GDP. The landscaping market in the PRC is expected to grow after 2021 on the basis that:

- (i) according to the report released by the National Academy of Economic Strategy under the Chinese Academy of Social Science, the urbanisation ratio is expected to reach approximately 70% by 2035. Massive population is expected to permanently live in cities in the PRC which indicates the necessities of cities' expansion, including both infrastructures and real estate properties. New landscaping projects are anticipated to be initiated together with the expansions of the cities;
- (ii) Central Government's promotion of urban afforestation is also a major driver for the local government to initiate new landscaping projects. The "Outline of the 14th Five-Year Plan on the Conservation and Development of Forestry and Grassland" (《「十四五」林業草原保護發展規劃綱要》) recently released by the State Forestry and Grassland Administration of China aims to complete the greening of 500 million mu of land by 2025 in order to achieve the target of reducing carbon dioxide emissions; and
- (iii) landscaping accounts for a crucial portion of the tourism projects construction in enhancing a location's overall image, attracting tourists and increasing the satisfaction rate for tourism experiences.

The total size of the landscaping market is projected to reach approximately RMB596.9 billion by 2024, representing a CAGR of approximately 2.9% from 2019 to 2024.

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(iii) The tighter regulation of the special project bond market, a slowing real estate market, and other factors have contributed to a short-term downturn in the industry

(i) *Tighter regulation on special project bonds*

In October 2021, the “List of Prohibited Projects in the Investment Area of Local Government Special Project Bonds” (《地方政府專項債券資金投向領域禁止類項目清單》) (commonly known as Document 115) was issued by the government in a non-public manner, which prohibited vanity projects and performance projects, such as large urban sculptures, landscape enhancement projects, street lighting projects as well as landscaping and greening projects.

(ii) *Traditional government budgetary investment space is limited*

In 2021, the COVID-19 outbreak is generally under control, but it has not been completely prevented and controlled. Both the Central and local governments are actively learning from their experiences and accelerating the construction of medical facilities which aims at addressing the issue of shortage in infrastructure, with medical treatment and epidemic prevention making up the bulk of short-term government investments. Investing in landscaping projects has been restricted by limited financial resources.

(iii) *Sluggish real estate market and constrained market space*

The “three red lines” policy (三道紅線) was strictly implemented, the Central Government reiterated its position that “houses are built to be lived in, not for speculation”, the centralised land supply policy was implemented, leading property companies facing stressful liquidity issues and the property industry performed poorly throughout the year, which directly resulted in a significant compression of market space and intensified market competition.

(iv) Favourable policies and emerging opportunities for the industry

In 2021, the Communist Party of China celebrated its centenary, the Sixth Plenary Session of the 19th Central Committee was held successfully and the 14th Five-Year Plan kicked off smoothly. A number of important events occurred during the year in the fields of ecological civilisation and landscape planning and design, leading to a number of changes:

- (i) The Chinese government has pledged to peak carbon emissions before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2060. In 2021, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the State Council have repeatedly stressed that comprehensive and profound economic and social systemic reforms should be incorporated into the overall framework of the construction of an ecological civilisation so as to meet the carbon peaking and carbon neutrality target on time.

On 22 September 2021, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the State Council issued the “Working Guidance for Carbon Dioxide Peaking and Carbon Neutrality in Full and Faithful Implementation of the New Development Philosophy” (《關於完整準確全面貫徹新發展理念做好碳達峰碳中和工作的意見》), proposing to promote the low-carbon transformation in urban and rural development and management modes, and to fully implement green and low-carbon requirements in all aspects of urban and rural planning and development management. On 24 October 2021, the State Council issued the “Action Plan for Carbon Dioxide Peaking Before 2030” (《2030年前碳達峰行動方案》), which calls for the integration of endeavors to peak carbon dioxide emissions and achieve carbon neutrality into the overall economic and social development framework, and urges for the vigorous, orderly and effective implementation of work and accelerating the shift to more environmentally friendly living patterns and modes of production. The landscaping industry will benefit in the long run, as the number of landscaping projects and ecological projects in general will rise gradually. Furthermore, landscaping is facing significant development opportunities and a wide scope of growth under the policy drive.

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- (ii) Promote village revitalisation and improve the living environment of rural areas

On 21 February 2021, the “No 1 Central Document” (中央一號文件) was issued, stressing efforts to comprehensively promote rural revitalisation and speed up the modernisation of agriculture and rural areas. On 25 February 2021, the National Rural Revitalisation Administration was officially established, ushering in a new era of comprehensive promotion of rural revitalisation. On 1 June 2021, the Rural Revitalisation Promotion Law (鄉村振興促進法) came into effect, providing solid legal protection for the new phase of comprehensive promotion of rural revitalisation and accelerated agricultural and rural modernisation. In early December 2021, the General Office of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the General Office of the State Council issued the “Five-Year Action Plan for the Improvement and Upgrading of Rural Living Environment (2021-2025)” (《農村人居環境整治提升五年行動方案(2021–2025年)》).

- (iii) Urban renewal was incorporated in the Government Work Report and will be implemented in eight areas

On 5 March 2021, Premier Li Keqiang delivered his Government Work Report at the National People’s Congress, specifying that in the 14th Five-Year Plan period, the government shall promote a new urbanisation strategy with people at its core, implement urban renewal actions and enhance the quality of urbanisation development; the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development indicated that urban renewal actions will be fully implemented in eight focus areas in 2021, including implementing urban ecological restoration and functional improvement projects, strengthening historical and cultural preservation, promoting the construction of new intelligent urban infrastructure, and promoting the transformation of old urban areas.

(v) The Impact of the Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) outbreak

The major impact of COVID-19 on the landscaping market has been the delay of tenders for projects and restrictions on work commencement. If the outbreak recurs in China in the future, the government may invest significant financial resources in the prevention and fight against the pandemic, which would affect the investment in landscaping projects and adversely affect the landscaping market.

BUSINESS REVIEW

During FY2021, revenue of the Group was approximately RMB896.7 million, representing a decrease of approximately 10.5% over the year ended 31 December 2020 (“FY2020”). The revenue was mainly generated from: i) landscaping, ii) ecological restoration and iii) others, and accounted for approximately 78.7%, 16.7% and 4.6%, respectively.

During FY2021, the Group is of the view that the submission of tenders allows us to keep the Company’s presence in the market and keep us abreast of latest market requirements, which benefits us in preparing for similar tenders in the future. In FY2021, we submitted 316 tenders, representing an increase of 136 tender submissions and increase of approximately 75.6%, and we recorded tender success rate of 13.6% for FY2021, representing a decrease of 15.1 percentage points on tender success rate when compared with FY2020. The decrease in tender success rate was primarily due to the increase in tender submissions nationally, and in particular to a significant increase in participation in projects outside of Jilin Province, which caused a decrease in tender success rate.

The Group won tenders for several large-scale projects, such as the first section of the Landscape Greening Project for Changchun Beihu Technology Development Zone (長春北湖科技開發區景觀綠化工程施工一標段) with a bid price of approximately RMB107.6 million. However, the number of winning bids decreased from 53 in FY2020 to 43 in FY2021 and the total value of winning bids has decreased from RMB1,539.2 million in FY2020 to RMB443.9 million in FY2021. The decrease in total value of winning bids was mainly due to the overall reduction in tender amounts for landscaping and ecological restoration projects in Changchun and the fierce competition in the market for projects outside Jilin Province, which resulted in fewer successful bids.

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During FY2021, the Group has continued to implement and advance its national business layout and expansion and has successively won the Fuchun River Changchuan Greenway (Zhongbu Bridge - Dongwu Bridge Section) Project (EPC) (Main Contracting Project) in Zhejiang Province (浙江富春江長川綠道(中埠大橋 – 東吳大橋段)工程(EPC)總承包項目) with a bid price of approximately RMB24.8 million, the Huangjinfan Ecological Landscape Project (EPC) (Main Contracting Project) (浙江黃金畝生態景觀工程(EPC)總承包項目) in Zhejiang Province with a bid price of approximately RMB36.1 million, the Beiling Infrastructure Landscape Improvement (Mid-lake Island and Surroundings) – Construction Project (遼寧北陵基礎設施景觀改造(湖心島及周邊) – 施工項目) in Liaoning Province with a bid price of approximately RMB8.5 million, Green Park Project in Jiangbeizui Central Business District, Chongqing – Landscape Engineering (重慶市江北嘴中央商務區綠園項目 – 景觀工程) with a bid price of approximately RMB7.3 million, Green Environment Project for Construction of Jingshuang Hospital Area of Shapingba District People's Hospital, Chongqing (重慶市沙坪壩區人民醫院井雙院區建設工程綠化環境工程) with a bid price of approximately RMB19.7 million, Greening Project for the Road Network in Guangyinshan Area and Supporting Branch Road Network in Guangyinshan Area, Yuegang North Road (K0+840~K1+550) Project (重慶市觀音山片區路網及觀音山片區配套支路路網·悅港北路 (K0+840~K1+550) 項目綠化工程) in Chongqing with a bid price of approximately RMB9.0 million, and has been awarded the section of the Construction Area Landscape Works of the Erjiang Temple Station Comprehensive Development Project in Chengdu, Sichuan Province (四川省成都市二江寺站綜合開發項目施工大區景觀工程標段) with a bid price of approximately RMB12.0 million, which showed an expanded bidding area.

During FY2021, the Group has had a few major projects which received positive recognition from various institutions and government authorities. For example, (i) the Dongxinkai River Range (Changchun Chengtou Sports Park) Project as part of the Ecological Treatment Project of Yitu Ula River Range in Changchun City (長春市百里伊通河水系生態治理工程 – 東新開河流域項目工程(長春城投體育公園)項目) has won the Provincial Quality Engineering Award for Construction Works in Jilin Province (吉林省建設工程“省優質工程獎”), the Jilin Province “Landscape Cup” Quality Engineering Award (吉林省“園林杯”優質工程獎), Changchun City “Clivia Miniata Cup” Award for Quality Engineering (長春市優質工程“君子蘭”杯獎); (ii) the West Lake Regional Ecological Environment Treatment Project (Phase II) (Main Contracting Project) (西湖區域生態環境治理工程(二期)(工程總承包)) has won the accolades of 2021 Provincial Construction Standardisation and Management Demonstration Site (2021年度省級施工標準化管理示範工地) and 2021 Municipal Standardisation and Management Demonstration Site (2021年度市級標準化管理示範工地); (iii) the Main Contracting Project of Dongxinkai River Range (Yangpu Park Phase II) as part of the Ecological Management and Restoration Project for Yitu Ula River Range in Changchun City (長春市百里伊通河水系生態治理工程 – 東新開河流域項目工程總承包(洋浦公園二期)) has won the accolades of 2021 Provincial Construction Standardisation and Management Demonstration Site (2021年度省級施工標準化管理示範工地) and 2021 Municipal Standardisation and Management Demonstration Site (2021年度市級標準化管理示範工地); and (iv) the Supplementary Works for Comprehensive Improvement of Black and Smelly Water Bodies in Urban Areas of Liaoyuan City (遼源市城區黑臭水體綜合整治補充工程) has won the accolade of 2021 Demonstration Site for Construction Standardisation and Management of Municipal Housing Construction and Municipal Works (2021年度市級房屋建築和市政工程施工標準化管理示範工地).

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group believes that risk management is essential to the Group's efficient and effective operation. The Group's management assists the Board in evaluating material risk exposure existing in the Group's business, including investment risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk etc., and participates in formulating appropriate risk management and internal control measures, and to ensure its implementation in daily operational management. There was no material deficiency in the Group's internal control during FY2021.

Management Discussion and Analysis

IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP

Our Employees

The Group had a total of 469 employees as at 31 December 2021, all of which were based in the PRC. For FY2021, staff costs were RMB108.1 million. Set forth below is a breakdown of the number of the Group's employees by functions as at 31 December 2021:

Functions/departments	Number of employees
Board Office	10
Marketing and Sales Department	41
Auditing and Finance Department	20
Operation Department	26
Human Resource and Administration	7
Construction and Engineering Design	213
	152
Total	469

To enlarge our talent pool and to strengthen our technical capabilities, we have been focusing on the continuous professional development of our employees. The professional qualifications possessed by our employees as at 31 December 2021 are set forth as below:

Qualification	Number of qualification holders
Registered constructor	
Class A	26
Class B	77
Registered architect	
Class B	2
Professional engineer	
Professorate senior	22
Associate senior	57
Intermediate and associate	159
Registered engineer	
Class B	2
Registered	37
	382

The Group believes that our long-term growth depends on the expertise, experience and development of our employees. The salaries and benefits of the Group's employees depend primarily on their type of work, position, length of service with us and local market conditions. In order to improve our employees' skills and technical expertise, the Group provides regular training to our employees. We have in-house training programs to train our new joiners, mainly focusing on skills like construction technique and working procedures. The goal of the training programs is to train our employees and to identify talent, with the aim of providing upward mobility within the Group, fostering employee loyalty and incorporating customised mentoring, coaching and training.

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During the FY2021, the Group did not experience any material labour disputes, strikes or other material labour conflicts, receive any complaints, notices or orders from relevant government authorities or third parties, or receive any claims from our employees relating to social insurance or housing provident funds that could materially impaired our business operation or reputation. The Group made contributions to social insurance and housing provident funds in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations. The details in relation to retirement benefit scheme are disclosed in note 7(b) to the consolidated financial statements.

Our Suppliers and Subcontractors

For FY2021, the Group made procurement from and outsourced professional subcontracting services to approximately 719 suppliers across the PRC. The Group's suppliers are corporate entities or sole proprietors who are principally engaged in the supply and trading of plants and construction materials (such as cement, steels, timbers, stones and gravel) and subcontracting of ancillary construction works in the PRC. The Group has implemented a suppliers and subcontractors diversity policy, improved its supplier evaluation system, utilised the evaluation results to achieve mutually beneficial and win-win partnerships and optimised the procurement procedures. The Group also seeks quotations from no less than three suppliers or subcontractors to continuously improve the quantity and quality of its supplier base and to avoid over-reliance on any single supplier or subcontractors. The Group's Procurement and Engineering Departments have established a pool of qualified suppliers and subcontractors through collaboration and call for expressions of interest. The selection of qualified suppliers and subcontractors is based on a combination of criteria including price, quality and delivery time, supply capability and customer service.

Our Customers

The Group's customers comprise state-invested enterprises, local government invested enterprises, public institutions, property owners and developers in the private market, management or entities of construction projects and construction companies. During FY2021, the Group had approximately 119 customers, of which 99 were state-owned enterprises, public institutions and government-invested enterprises and 20 were private enterprises.

PROSPECTS

Currently, international economies are adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, there are uncertainties in business and economic development, and the global economies are still facing downside risk.

The Company has been committed to provide the whole industry chain services of landscape design, ecological and landscape construction, landscape maintenance and cultural and tourism project operation, focusing on urban municipal road greening, park landscape greening, beautiful village ecological construction, as well as design, construction, operation, maintenance, and ecological treatment and restoration of cultural and tourism scenic area. In recent years, the Central Government and relevant departments have issued a series of favourable policies, which have created ample room for the development of the ecological treatment and landscaping industry.

In addition, from the perspective of the Central Government's strategic deployment, the Central Economic Work Conference in December 2021 has laid out planning for the economic work in 2022, and the most important policy direction this year is to stabilise growth and this is also the first priority for both macro and structural policies, therefore it is expected that infrastructure investment would become the focus to stabilise growth in the short-term. From the perspective of the investment direction of special purpose bonds, municipalities, industrial parks and transport infrastructure will remain the focus, and there will be an increase in the number of affordable housing projects and key national strategic projects; meanwhile, the Ministry of Finance of the PRC has granted advanced approval for the new issuance of RMB1.46 trillion of special purpose bonds for 2022, with a distinct focus on digital transformation and green transformation. From the 14th Five-Year Plan, it is stated that 102 major construction projects will be implemented by the PRC government, with "two new and one important (兩新一重)" as the focus. Combining our business characteristics with other policy directions, huge market opportunities is expected in the following three areas: firstly, new infrastructure (focusing on smart urban construction, smart cultural and tourism, smart water and charging infrastructure construction projects); secondly, new urbanisation (focusing on affordable housing projects); and thirdly, major infrastructure (focusing on transportation, water conservancy and rural habitat treatment projects).

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Furthermore, pilot Ecology-Oriented Development projects (生態環境導向發展模式項目) will be launched by the PRC government in the ecology sector to encourage and support the participation of social capital in the area of ecological protection and restoration, and it is expected that new opportunities will arise for ecology projects in 2022.

Meanwhile, with the continued implementation of large-scale greening of national land space, the issue of the “Beautiful China Construction Evaluation Index System and Implementation Plan” (《美麗中國建設評估指標體系及實施方案》) and the promotion of the “Dual-Carbon” strategy (「雙碳」戰略), it is expected that the landscaping sector will continue its favourable development.

In 2022, the Group will continue to adhere to its corporate mission of “Greening China to share the future (綠美中國、共享未來)” and its corporate values of “Integrity, Responsibility, Efficiency, Innovation, Openness and Win-win (誠信、責任、高效、創新、開放、共贏)” to keep up with the latest market trend, so as to strive for a steady increase in tender success rate and the value of winning bids. The Group will continue to adhere to the two-pronged development strategies of full consultation and main contracting for projects, focusing on planning and design while ensuring quality and safety, continue to promote technological innovation and strengthen its core competitiveness, further expand the Group’s technological development in the field of environmental protection and ecological governance through technological innovation, and lay a good foundation for continued expansion of the business in the field of ecological governance in the future; adhere to the go-global strategy to improve the strategic placement in the national market and thus enhance the corporate profitability. The Group will also strengthen the safety awareness and requirement and continue to provide training to personnel for the enterprises. In the coming year, the Group will strive for better operating performance and continue to enhance the Group’s corporate value.

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Revenue

Revenue of the Group decreased by approximately 10.5% or approximately RMB104.7 million from approximately RMB1,001.4 million for FY2020 to approximately RMB896.7 million for FY2021. The decrease in revenue was mainly due to the drop in revenue recognised from newly awarded projects during FY2021.

The revenue; the number of projects completed during FY2021; and the number of projects in progress as at 31 December 2021 as compared with that of FY2020 are tabulated as follows:

	FY2021			FY2020		
	Revenue RMB'000	No. of projects completed during the year	No. of projects in progress as at the year end	Revenue RMB'000	No. of projects completed during the year	No. of projects in progress as at the year end
Business segments						
Landscaping	705,368	21	72	621,208	15	67
Ecological restoration	149,938	11	31	302,737	4	37
Others	41,441	43	92	77,482	55	79
Total	896,747	75	195	1,001,427	74	183

Compared with FY2020, the increase in the overall number of projects for FY2021, including projects completed during FY2021 and projects in progress as at 31 December 2021, was mainly due to an increase in the numbers of relevant smaller size contract amount projects.

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Landscaping

The Group recorded an increase in revenue from the landscaping segment, from approximately RMB621.2 million for FY2020 to approximately RMB705.4 million for FY2021, representing an increase of approximately 13.6% or approximately RMB84.2 million. The increase was mainly due to the increase in the amount of landscaping construction works undertaken and revenue recognised in FY2021.

Ecological restoration

The Group recorded a decrease in revenue from the ecological restoration segment, from approximately RMB302.7 million for FY2020 to approximately RMB149.9 million for FY2021, representing a decrease of approximately 50.5% or approximately RMB152.8 million. The decrease was mainly due to the decrease in the value of winning bids of ecological restoration projects in FY2021.

Others

The Group's revenue from the others segment was mainly derived from investigation, survey, design and technical consultancy for municipal construction projects, and it recorded a decrease of approximately 46.6% or approximately RMB36.1 million from approximately RMB77.5 million for FY2020 to approximately RMB41.4 million for FY2021. The decrease was mainly due to the newly awarded projects on others segment were relatively smaller as compared with FY2020 and also a decrease in the value of winning bids of projects under the others segment.

Gross profit and gross profit margin

As a result of the foregoing, the Group's gross profit decreased by approximately 19.6% or approximately RMB46.6 million from approximately RMB238.4 million for FY2020 to approximately RMB191.8 million for FY2021. The decrease in gross profit was mainly due to the decrease in overall revenue. Gross profit margin of the Group decreased from approximately 23.8% for FY2020 to approximately 21.4% for FY2021. The decrease in gross profit margin was mainly due to: (i) the decrease in gross profit contribution from projects outside of the Jilin Province, Liaoning Province and Heilongjiang Province in the PRC; (ii) the increase in the wage level of workers in 2021, subcontracting cost increased; and (iii) the increase in cost of transportation of raw materials due to the continuing epidemic preventive measures and prolonged transportation cycles due to the travel restrictions, while national policy restrictions on electricity resulted in lower production capacity, resulting in a higher production costs and rise in material prices, especially for projects in areas outside of the Jilin Province, Liaoning Province and Heilongjiang Province in FY2021.

Other income and gains

The Group's other income and gains increased by approximately 127% or approximately RMB12.7 million from approximately RMB10.0 million for FY2020 to approximately RMB22.7 million for FY2021, which was mainly due to the grants by local government in Jilin to support enterprises which have entered into capital market by listing in Hong Kong in 2021.

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Selling expenses

The Group's selling expenses primarily comprised of expenses incurred in relation to sales support and marketing activities of the Group.

	For the year ended 31 December	
	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Staff costs	15,334	8,567
Intermediaries engagement fees	1,914	301
Travelling expenses	1,037	1,283
Promotion expenses	1,008	96
Tender fees	1,002	528
Others	3,546	2,338
	23,841	13,113

The selling expenses increased from approximately RMB13.1 million for FY2020 to approximately RMB23.8 million for FY2021, representing an increase of approximately 81.7% or approximately RMB10.7 million. The increase in expenses was due to the Group's expansion into external markets, the increase in marketing and bidding efforts for projects outside of the Northeast China region, the increase in market development talents and the opening of local offices.

Administrative expenses

	For the year ended 31 December	
	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Staff costs	37,256	23,650
Depreciation and amortisation	2,161	2,537
Intermediaries engagement fees	13,482	24,606
Taxation	4,664	5,091
Rental expenses	2,780	3,700
Entertainment expenses	1,394	1,303
Travelling expenses	1,351	900
Others	3,816	6,054
	66,904	67,841

The Group's administrative expenses primarily comprised of expenses incurred in relation to the general operation of the Group.

The administrative expenses decreased from approximately RMB67.8 million for FY2020 to approximately RMB66.9 million for FY2021, representing a slight decrease of approximately 1.3% or approximately RMB0.9 million.

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Finance costs

The Group's finance costs mainly represented interest expenses on bank loans, and it decreased by approximately 0.5% or approximately RMB0.2 million from approximately RMB38.1 million for FY2020 to approximately RMB37.9 million for FY2021, which was mainly due to the decrease in average loan balances as compared with FY2020.

Share of profits of an associate

The Group's share of profits of an associate represented profits shared from our associate, namely Changchun Xianbang Municipal and Landscape Limited (長春現邦市政園林有限責任公司) ("**Changchun Xianbang**"), which was established in Changchun, the PRC, in 2017 as a project company responsible for financing, developing, operating and maintaining our Public-Private-Partnership ("**PPP**") project of Landscape and Greening Enhancement and Maintenance and Municipal Infrastructure Management and Maintenance for the Economic Development Zone (經開區綠化景觀提升維護及市政設施管理維護PPP項目) ("**EDZ Project**"), which commenced in 2017. The Group has been holding 50.0% equity interest in Changchun Xianbang since its establishment and it was accounted as our associate given that the Group did not have the power to control its financial and operating policies. During FY2021, profits of an associate attributable to the Group decreased by approximately 7.1% or approximately RMB0.1 million from approximately RMB1.4 million for FY2020 to approximately RMB1.3 million for FY2021.

Share of profits of a joint venture

The Group's share of profits of a joint venture represents profits shared from our jointly controlled project company, namely Ulanhot Tianjiao Tianjun Tourism Development Limited (烏蘭浩特市天驕天駿旅遊開發有限公司) ("**Tianjun Tourism**"), which was registered in Inner Mongolia, the PRC, as a project company responsible for financing, developing, operating and maintaining our PPP project, the Shenjunshan Ecological Restoration and Landscaping Project (神駿山生態修復及景觀項目) ("**Shenjunshan Project**"), which commenced in 2017. The Group has been holding 75.0% equity interest in Tianjun Tourism since its incorporation and it was accounted as our joint venture given that the power to control its financial and operating policies was jointly held by the Group and another shareholder. During FY2021, profits of Tianjun Tourism attributable to the Group decreased by approximately 27.0% or approximately RMB2.4 million from approximately RMB8.9 million for FY2020 to approximately RMB6.5 million for FY2021. The fluctuation is due to the impact of the reduction in scale of the Shenjunshan Phase II Project.

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Income tax

The Group is subject to taxation on profit earning in or derived from the tax jurisdictions where our subsidiaries are domiciled and operated in the PRC. The subsidiaries of the Group established in the PRC are subject to corporate income tax in the PRC at 25% according to the Corporate Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China (中華人民共和國企業所得稅法) and the Implementation Regulation for the Corporate Income Tax Law of the People's Republic of China (中華人民共和國企業所得稅法實施條例).

Two subsidiaries of the Group established in the PRC have obtained approval from the tax bureau to be taxed as enterprises with advanced and new technologies for the calendar years from 2019 to 2021 and from 2020 to 2022, and therefore enjoy a preferential PRC Corporate Income Tax rate of 15% for FY2021 (2020: 15%). In addition to the preferential PRC Corporate Income Tax rate, these subsidiaries are also entitled to additional tax deductible allowance amounted to 75% of qualified research and development costs for FY2021 (2020: 75%).

The Group's income tax expense decreased by approximately 90.1% or approximately RMB27.4 million from approximately RMB30.4 million for FY2020 to approximately RMB3.0 million for FY2021, which was mainly due to the decrease in taxable profit as well as increase in research and development costs.

Impairment losses under the expected credit loss ("ECL") model

The impairment losses on trade and other receivables and contract assets under the ECL model for FY2021 was approximately RMB62.2 million (FY2020: approximately RMB40.4 million). The increase was mainly driven by the slow turnaround of trade and other receivables and contract assets at the end of FY2021.

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Net current assets

The Group's net current assets increased by approximately 40.8% or approximately RMB71.9 million from approximately RMB176.4 million as at 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB248.3 million as at 31 December 2021. The increase was mainly attributable to the proceeds raised from the listing of the Group which leads to an increased net current assets during FY2021.

The table below sets forth selected information for current assets and current liabilities as at 31 December 2021 and 2020:

	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>
Current assets		
Inventories and other contract costs	30,046	37,185
Contract assets	732,484	813,448
Trade and bills receivables	979,887	653,600
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	68,212	51,071
Restricted bank deposits	12,110	602
Cash and cash equivalents	46,673	143,997
	<u>1,869,412</u>	<u>1,699,903</u>
Current liabilities		
Trade and bills payables	838,448	703,415
Accrued expenses and other payables	139,579	182,949
Contract liabilities	148,726	191,274
Derivative financial instrument	1,170	—
Bank and other loans	479,565	430,000
Lease liabilities	3,005	635
Income tax payable	10,602	15,280
	<u>1,621,095</u>	<u>1,523,553</u>
	<u>248,317</u>	<u>176,350</u>

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Inventories and other contract costs

The following table sets out a breakdown of inventories and other contract costs of the Group as at 31 December 2021 and 2020:

	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>
Construction materials	25,585	20,693
Other contract costs	4,461	16,492
	30,046	37,185

The Group's inventories principally consisted of construction materials and other contract costs, including costs that the Group incurred in relation to fulfilling a contract or an identifiable anticipated contract. Such costs include direct labour costs, direct material costs and subcontracting fees, etc..

The lower balance of inventories and contract costs as at 31 December 2021 as compared with 31 December 2020 was mainly due to the decrease of the expense incurred for projects without formal project contracts after winning the tenders.

Contract assets/contract liabilities

The following table sets forth an analysis of contract assets/contract liabilities as at 31 December 2021 and 2020:

	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>
Contract assets	732,484	813,448
Contract liabilities	(148,726)	(191,274)
	583,758	622,174

The Group's contract assets decreased by approximately 9.95% or approximately RMB80.9 million from approximately RMB813.4 million as at 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB732.5 million as at 31 December 2021. The decrease in contract assets is mainly due to the carrying forward to trade receivables upon obtaining settlement and other documents for individual projects.

The Group's contract liabilities decreased by approximately 22.3% or approximately RMB42.6 million from approximately RMB191.3 million as at 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB148.7 million as at 31 December 2021.

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Trade and bills receivables

The Group's trade and bills receivables increased by approximately 45.6% or approximately RMB317.5 million from approximately RMB697.0 million as at 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB1,014.5 million as at 31 December 2021. The increase was primarily due to contract assets transferred to trade receivables upon obtaining settlement and other documents for certain projects, and the decrease in payment collection.

	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>
Non-current	34,627	43,402
Current	<u>979,887</u>	<u>653,600</u>
	<u>1,014,514</u>	<u>697,002</u>

	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>
Trade receivables		
Gross carrying amount of trade receivables	1,100,109	756,211
Loss allowance	<u>(85,595)</u>	<u>(59,209)</u>
	<u>1,014,514</u>	<u>697,002</u>

The following table sets forth the ageing analysis of trade receivables, based on the invoice date and net of loss allowance, as at 31 December 2021 and 2020:

	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>
Within 1 year	631,477	340,653
1 to 2 years	175,554	141,379
2 to 3 years	50,391	76,378
3 to 4 years	61,185	41,554
4 to 5 years	41,292	97,038
Over 5 years	<u>54,615</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>1,014,514</u>	<u>697,002</u>

The table below sets forth a summary of average turnover days of trade receivables for the years indicated:

	2021	2020
Average turnover days of trade receivables ⁽¹⁾	<u>377.7</u>	<u>249.9</u>

Note (1) Average turnover days of trade receivables for the year is derived by dividing the arithmetic mean of the opening and closing balances of gross amount of trade receivables for the relevant period by revenue and multiplying by 365 days.

The average turnover days of trade receivables were 377.7 days, which increased for approximately 51.1% as compared with that of 249.9 days as compared at 31 December 2020.

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The table below sets forth a summary of average turnover days of the aggregate amount of gross amount of contract assets and trade receivables for the years indicated:

	2021	2020
Average turnover days of contract assets and trade receivables ⁽¹⁾	<u><u>739.1</u></u>	<u><u>550.5</u></u>

Note (1) Average turnover days of the aggregate amount of contract assets and trade receivables for the year is derived by dividing the arithmetic mean of the opening and closing balances of the aggregate amount of gross amount of contract assets and trade receivables for the relevant period by revenue and multiplying by 365 days.

The average turnover days of the aggregate amount of contract assets and trade receivables increased from 550.5 days in FY2020 to 739.1 days in FY2021. The customers together with the project supervisor will evaluate our completed construction works on a regular basis (usually monthly) and sign on the progress completion report confirming the results of such evaluation. Upon our receipt of the progress completion report, certain amount of contract assets relating to the certified construction works will be recognised as trade receivables (including current and non-current trade receivables).

Prepayments, deposits and other receivables

The following table sets forth an analysis of prepayments, deposits and other receivables as at 31 December 2021 and 2020:

	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>
Amounts due from an associate	13,430	—
Advances to third parties	12,487	306
Advances to staff	125	163
Tax recoverable	14,417	14,015
Prepayments for costs incurred in connection with the proposed initial listing of the Company's shares	—	8,148
Prepayments for purchase of raw materials	8,174	4,379
Deposits of bidding and performance for construction and design contracts	3,911	5,842
Deposits to secure the guarantees by third parties	8,900	9,550
Others	<u>7,109</u>	<u>8,796</u>
	68,553	51,199
Less: loss allowance	<u>(341)</u>	<u>(128)</u>
	<u><u>68,212</u></u>	<u><u>51,071</u></u>

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All of the prepayments, deposits, and other receivables are expected to be recovered, recognised as expenses or transferred to equity within one year.

Restricted bank deposits

The Group's restricted bank deposits increased by approximately 1,916.7% or approximately RMB11.5 million from approximately RMB0.6 million as at 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB12.1 million as at 31 December 2021, which was mainly due to the increase in deposits arising from the issuance of bank acceptance draft and the bank deposit secured by the loan by the Group.

Trade and bills payables

The Group's trade and bills payables increased by approximately 19.2% or approximately RMB135.0 million from approximately RMB703.4 million as at 31 December 2020 to approximately RMB838.4 million as at 31 December 2021, which was due to the extended time of payment by the Group.

The table below sets forth, as at 31 December 2021 and 2020, the ageing analysis of trade and bills payables based on the invoice date:

	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>
Within 1 year	339,953	519,450
1 to 3 years	424,767	141,447
Over 3 years	73,728	42,518
	838,448	703,415

The table below sets forth a summary of average turnover days of trade and bills payables for the years indicated:

	2021	2020
Average turnover days of trade and bills payables ⁽¹⁾	399.1	288.5

Note (1) Average turnover days of trade and bills payables for the year is derived by dividing the arithmetic mean of the opening and closing balances of trade and bills payables for the relevant period by cost of service rendered, and multiplying by 365 days.

The average turnover days of trade and bills payables increased from 288.5 days in FY2020 to 399.1 days in FY2021, mainly due to slower payment to trade creditors.

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CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS

Capital expenditures

The table below sets forth our capital expenditures for the years indicated:

	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>
Construction equipment and motor vehicles	—	170
Investment to a joint venture	—	26,914
Investment to an associate	—	—
Others	<u>1,963</u>	<u>2,134</u>
	<u>1,963</u>	<u>29,218</u>

The Group expects to fund our planned capital expenditures with our internal resources and bank loans. Our planned capital expenditures may be subject to alterations due to variations in our future cash flows, results of operations and financial conditions, changes in the PRC and world economy, the availability of financing on terms acceptable to us, technical and other problems obtaining and installing equipment, changes in the regulatory environment in the PRC and other factors.

Lease commitments

The table below sets out the amount of payments due for future aggregate minimum lease payments under noncancellable short-term leases as committed by the Group as at 31 December 2021 and 2020:

	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>
Within 1 year	<u>1,315</u>	<u>1,771</u>

Capital commitments

The table below sets out the amount of the capital commitments of the Group as at 31 December 2021 and 2020:

	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>
Authorised but not contracted for	<u>4,504</u>	<u>15,425</u>

As at 31 December 2021, the capital commitments authorised but not contracted for are mainly used for information technology systems and construction equipment and office equipment.

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INDEBTEDNESS

Debts

	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>
Bank loans:		
Guaranteed by related parties	5,000	40,000
Guaranteed by third parties	178,485	215,000
Guaranteed by related parties and third parties	75,383	—
Guaranteed by related parties and secured by trade and bills receivables and contract assets of the Group	—	90,000
Guaranteed by a third party and secured by trade and bills receivables and contract assets of the Group	47,723	—
Guaranteed by a third party and secured by bank deposits of the Group	49,974	—
Secured by trade and bills receivables and contract assets of the Group	128,000	115,000
	484,565	460,000
Other loan:		
Unguaranteed and unsecured	20,000	20,000
	504,565	480,000
Amount due to related parties	4,135	2,612
Amount due to third party	21,239	81,239
Lease liabilities	4,666	905
	30,040	84,756
Contingent liabilities	503,850	542,700
Financial guarantees issued	35,303	38,805

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As at 31 December 2021, the Group had borrowings of approximately RMB504.6 million (31 December 2020: approximately RMB480.0 million). Based on the scheduled repayment terms set out in the loan agreements, approximately RMB479.6 million (31 December 2020: approximately RMB430.0 million) of the borrowings are payable within 1 year. Some of the borrowings were secured and guaranteed by trade and bills receivables and contract assets and bank deposits of the Group, related parties or third-party guarantee companies.

As at 31 December 2021, the Group had utilised all of the banking facilities of RMB128.0 million.

As at 31 December 2021, none of the covenants relating to the bank loans had been breached.

KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS

The following table sets forth key financial ratios for the years/as at each of the dates indicated:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2021	2020
Gross profit margin (%) ⁽¹⁾	21.4	23.8
Net profit margin (%) ⁽²⁾	3.1	6.9
Return on equity (%) ⁽³⁾	5.4	15.6
Return on total assets (%) ⁽⁴⁾	1.3	3.7

	As at 31 December	
	2021	2020
Current ratio ⁽⁵⁾	1.2	1.1
Gearing ratio ⁽⁶⁾	0.9	1.0
Net debt to equity ratio ⁽⁷⁾	0.8	0.7

Notes:

- (1) Gross profit margin for the year was calculated based on gross profit divided by total revenue for the respective year and multiplied by 100%.
- (2) Net profit margin for the year was calculated based on profit for the year divided by total revenue for the respective year and multiplied by 100%.
- (3) Return on equity for the year was calculated based on the profit for the year attributable to equity shareholders of the Company for the respective year divided by the average of the beginning and ending balance of total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company as at the respective year end and multiplied by 100%.
- (4) Return on total assets for the year was calculated based on the net profit for the year divided by the average of the beginning and ending balance of total assets as at the respective year end and multiplied by 100%.

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- (5) Current ratio was calculated based on the total current assets as at the respective year end divided by the total current liabilities as at the respective year end.
- (6) Gearing ratio was calculated based on the total borrowings as at the respective year end divided by total equity as at the respective year end.
- (7) Net debt to equity ratio was calculated based on net borrowings (being total borrowings net of cash and cash equivalents) as at the respective year end divided by total equity as at the respective year end.

Return on equity

The return on equity decreased from 15.6% for FY2020 to 5.4% for FY2021, primarily due to decrease in profit for FY2021.

Return on total assets

The return on total assets decreased from 3.7% for FY2020 to 1.3% for FY2021, primarily due to decrease in profit for FY2021.

Current ratio

The current ratio increased from 1.1 for FY2020 to 1.2 for FY2021.

Gearing ratio

The gearing ratio decreased from 1.0 as at 31 December 2020 to 0.9 as at 31 December 2021 due to the increase in net current assets mainly attributable to the proceeds raised from listing of the Company.

Net debt to equity ratio

The net debt to equity ratio increased from 0.7 as at 31 December 2020 to 0.8 as at 31 December 2021 due to the decrease in cash balance.

MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS

The Group had no material acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures for FY2021.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS HELD

As at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020, except for the associate and joint venture of the Group as disclosed in this report, the Group did not hold any significant investments.

For discussion of the performance of the Group's associate and joint venture, please refer to the paragraphs headed "Share of profits of an associate" and "Share of profits of a joint venture" in this report above.

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CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2021, the Group has issued a guarantee in respect of a bank loan of Tianjun Tourism, a joint venture of the Group. In May 2019, Tianjun Tourism signed a long-term bank loan contract with the principal amounting to RMB410,000,000, among which RMB310,000,000 (including principal and interest) is to be guaranteed by the Group. As at 31 December 2021, the balance of the bank loan is RMB360,000,000 (31 December 2020: RMB390,000,000). The fair value of the financial guarantee provided by the Group was initially estimated as RMB28,015,000 and was recognised as “accrued expenses and other payables – financial guarantees issued”. While no consideration was received for the financial guarantee granted, the fair value of the guarantee granted was accounted for as contributions to the investment in a joint venture and recognised as part of the cost of investment in a joint venture during the year ended 31 December 2019. The amounts of financial guarantee issued in “accrued expenses and other payables” will be amortised in profit or loss as “other net income” over the guarantee period. As at 31 December 2021, the unamortised balance of financial guarantee issued by the Group included in “accrued expenses and other payables” amounted to RMB23,051,000 (31 December 2020: RMB24,971,000).

As at 31 December 2021, the Group has issued a guarantee in respect of a bank loan of Changchun Xianbang, an associate of the Group. In November 2019, Changchun Xianbang signed a long-term bank loan contract with the principal amounting to RMB300,000,000, among which RMB330,000,000 (including principal and interest) is to be guaranteed by the Group. As at 31 December 2021, the balance of the bank loan is RMB193,850,000 (31 December 2020: RMB232,700,000). The fair value of the financial guarantee provided by the Group was initially estimated RMB12,685,000 and RMB2,692,000 was recognised as “accrued expenses and other payables – financial guarantees issued”. While no consideration was received for the financial guarantee granted, the fair value of the guarantee granted was accounted for as contributions to the investment in an associate and recognised as part of the cost of investment in an associate during the year ended 31 December 2019 and 2020. The amounts of financial guarantee issued in “accrued expenses and other payables” will be amortised in profit or loss as “other net income” over the guarantee period. As at 31 December 2021, the unamortised balance of financial guarantee issued by the Group included in “accrued expenses and other payables” amounted to RMB12,252,000 (31 December 2020: RMB13,834,000).

FINANCIAL GUARANTEES ISSUED

The Group's financial guarantees issued amounted to approximately RMB35.3 million and RMB38.8 million as at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020, respectively, which was provided for the guarantees provided by the Group for the bank loans borrowed by an associate of the Group and the project company of the EDZ Project, namely Changchun Xianbang, and a joint venture of the Group and the project company of the Shenjunshan Project, namely Tianjun Tourism, for the purpose of supporting the financing for the two projects, and initially recognised with reference to fees charged in an arm's length transaction for similar services and amortised in profit or loss over the term of the guarantees subsequent to initial recognition. Such financial guarantees issued by the Group are expected to be released upon the maturity and full repayment of the bank loans borrowed by the associate and the joint venture in 2029 and 2033, respectively.

FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS OR CAPITAL ASSETS

The Group is listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange on 6 January 2021. Save as disclosed in the part headed “USE OF PROCEEDS FROM THE LISTING” in this report, the Group had no future plan for material investments or capital assets.

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QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISKS

Business risks

The Group's business operates in an industry that is subject to changes in market conditions, changing industry standards, environmental regulations, industry competition and changing customers' needs. It is important for the Group to timely respond to these changes which may adversely affect the Group's business and financial results. The followings are the principal business risks of the Group:

Performance of the Group's core business may be affected by various factors, including but not limited to economic conditions which would not be completely mitigated even with strict operational procedures

- the business and operations of the Group are conducted in the PRC. Any material change in the PRC's laws, regulations and policies, social or economic conditions in the PRC may have material adverse impacts on the Group;
- local economic growth may slow down which could lead to significant contraction of public expenditure and decline in demand for landscape and ecological restoration works; and
- natural disasters, climate changes or other unpredictable weather hazards which may cause difficulties in obtaining plants supply and completing the projects.

The Group generates its revenue mainly on project-basis which is not recurring in nature

The business relationships with the customers are governed by the contracts for particular project(s). The maintenance of the Group's current major customers base would depend on the competitiveness of its business, including the track records of its performance and delivery of the past projects. The business performance hinges on the Group's ability to secure projects by winning tenders. The Group cannot assure that the Group is able to successfully procure projects by tendering, as it may be affected by factors including but not limited to its bidding strategies, its competitiveness compared other tenderers, its capabilities identified from its past performance, financial position as well as social influence. If for any reason the customers' financial position significantly deteriorates, or the demand for landscaping and ecological restoration services in their respective cities or regions reduces, they may reduce the number and/or scale of new projects, thereby reducing business opportunities for the Group. Any material difficulty in securing projects from the customers, or significant reduction in the number and/or contract sum of the projects secured from them could result in a significant decrease in revenue and/or profits. If any of the foregoing events occurs, the financial position and business performance may be materially and adversely affected.

Risks associated with the long time span of the projects of the Group

The Group is engaged in landscaping and ecological restoration projects, which usually require a long time span. Such long time span tends to associate with more uncertainties and uncontrollable alterations which may affect the delivery of projects. Such risks are beyond the Group's control and may materially and adversely affect the Group's results of operations. Events that may prevent the Group from carrying out the works in the way the Group has planned at the outset.

Risks associated with the accuracy of costs estimation

The Group makes costs estimation at such an early stage solely based on information and documentation provided by the customers which may not always be the same as the information at the later stage of the project. As a result, the Group may incur costs more than expected due to unforeseeable factors attributable to the complexity of the project, the experience and capability of the Group's technical staff and variations in supply prices. If the cost estimates fail to cover all costs incurred, the Group may suffer from financial losses and its profitability would be adversely affected.

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Financial risks

The Group is exposed to various types of financial risks including credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk and foreign exchange risk. The Group's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance. Given the Group's operation is mainly in the PRC in RMB, the currency risk is insignificant.

Credit risk

The Group's credit risk is primarily attributable to the carrying amounts of trade receivables and contract assets, and financial guarantees issued by the Group.

At 31 December 2021, approximately 10.8% of the total trade receivables and contract assets, respectively, were due from the Group's largest debtor, and approximately 43.8% of the total trade receivables and contract assets, respectively, were due from the Group's five largest debtors. The Group has policies in place to ensure that sales are made to customers with an appropriate credit history. The Group has limited credit risk on cash and cash equivalents because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

Our customers are primarily entities in the public sector. The Group generally requires customers to settle progress billings in accordance with the relevant contracted terms and other debts in accordance with their relevant agreements. Thus, we believe that the Group has limited exposure to credit risk.

The Group has issued a guarantee in respect of a bank loan of Tianjun Tourism, i.e. a joint venture of the Group, and Changchun Xianbang i.e. an associate of the Group, respectively. The directors do not believe it probable that Tianjun Tourism and Changchun Xianbang will default on the contract and fail to make payment when due, and the Group will make specified payments to reimburse the beneficiary of the guarantee for a loss the bank incurs.

Liquidity risk

The liquidity of the Group depends primarily on its ability to maintain adequate cash inflows from business operations to meet debt repayment obligations as they fall due and our ability to obtain external financing to meet committed future capital expenditures. Our policy is to regularly monitor our liquidity status and compliance with lending covenants, to ensure that we maintain sufficient reserves of cash and adequate committed lines of funding from major financial institutions to meet our liquidity requirements in the short and long term.

Interest rate risk

The Group's exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to our interest-bearing borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates and at fixed rates exposed the Group to cash flow interest rate risk and fair value interest rate risk respectively. As at 31 December 2021, fixed rate borrowings accounted for 82.3% of total borrowings of the Group whereas variable rate borrowings accounted for 17.7% of total borrowings of the Group.

Foreign Exchange Risk

Foreign exchange risk arises when business transaction or recognised assets or liabilities are denominated in a currency that is not the entity's functional currency. The Group operates in the PRC with most of the Group's transactions denominated and settled in RMB, except for the loan in June 2021 which was denominated in United States Dollar ("USD"). The Group is therefore exposed to foreign currency translation risk. The Group has entered into forward foreign exchange contracts of RMB against USD in an aggregate value of approximately USD7.59 million in July 2021 to mitigate foreign exchange risk, including the potential exchange loss as a result of the depreciation of RMB against USD. The Group will continue to monitor foreign exchange changes to best preserve cash value.

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Events after the Reporting Period

Events occurred subsequent to the end of 31 December 2021 are as follow.

- (a) On 24 January 2022, the Board resolved to change the use of the net proceeds. The Board resolved that i) the change in use of proceeds – establishment of regional design office from Shanghai to Beijing; and ii) the change in use of proceeds – from Investment in Ulanhot Tianjiao Tianjun Tourism Development Limited (烏蘭浩特市天驕天駿旅遊開發有限公司) to investment in the Construction Project for Changchun New District Beihu Cultural and Tourism Industry Integration and Upgrade (Phase I).

For details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 24 January 2022.

- (b) On 18 February 2022, Zonbong Shanshui, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into the acquisition agreement dated 18 February 2022 with ZIHG and Jilin Province Jinghe Design Engineering Co., Ltd.* (吉林省境和設計工程有限公司) ("**Jilin Jinghe Design**"), in relation to the acquisition of 100% of the entire equity interest in Jilin Jinghe Design (the "**Sale Interest**"), pursuant to which Zonbong Shanshui has conditionally agreed to acquire the Sale Interest.

For details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 18 February 2022.

- (c) In March 2022, Blue Bird Advisory Limited ("**Blue Bird**"), an independent third party of the Company, expressed its interest in a capital injection in Jilin Jinghe Design, representing 3% equity interest in Jilin Jinghe Design prior to the acquisition of the Sale Interest in Jilin Jinghe Design (the "**Acquisition**"), with a view to conduct future business cooperation with the Company. After commercial negotiation among the parties to the Acquisition Agreement, the parties mutually agreed to enter into an amended and restated agreement relating to the original acquisition agreement for the acquisition of the Sale Interest on 10 March 2022, pursuant to which, Zonbong Shanshui would acquire 97% equity interest in Jilin Jinghe Design from ZIHG following completion of the Capital Injection in Jilin Jinghe Design by Blue Bird.

For details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated 10 March 2022.

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USE OF PROCEEDS FROM THE LISTING

On 6 January 2021, the shares of the Company were subsequently listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. The shares were issued to the public at HKD2.00 per share, and the Group received net proceeds of approximately HKD54.7 million from the global offering of its shares (the “**Global Offering**”) after deduction of the underwriting fees and commissions and other expenses payable by the Group in connection with the Global Offering.

On 24 January 2022, the Board announced that it has resolved to change the use of the net proceeds. The Board resolved that i) the change in use of proceeds to reallocate the net proceeds originally intended for the establishment of the regional design office in Shanghai to the regional office in Beijing; and ii) the change in use of proceeds – from investment in Ulanhot Tianjiao Tianjun Tourism Development Limited (烏蘭浩特市天驕天駿旅遊開發有限公司) to investment in the Construction Project for Changchun New District Beihu Cultural and Tourism Industry Integration and Upgrade (Phase I).

For details, please refer to the Company’s announcement dated 24 January 2022 (the “**Change in Use of Proceeds Announcement**”).

Up to the date of this report, the amount of net proceeds has remaining unutilised amounted to approximately HKD14.9 million. Set out below are details of the allocation of the net proceeds, the utilised and unutilised amount of the net proceeds as at the date of this report:

	Allocation of the net proceeds <i>HKD million</i>	Utilised amount (as at the date of this report) <i>HKD million</i>	Unutilised amount (as at the date of this report) <i>HKD million</i>
Establishment of regional design offices in Beijing and Chongqing	8.1	8.1	—
Upfront costs of the construction work of the Changchun Zoo Project	13.0	13.0	—
Investment in Construction Project for Changchun New District Beihu Cultural and Tourism Industry Integration and Upgrade (Phase I) (長春新區北湖文旅產業融合提升一期工程建設項目)	14.3	—	14.3
Acquisition of a centralised ERP system	4.0	4.0	—
Repayment of bank loan	9.8	9.8	—
General working capital of the Group	5.5	4.9	0.6
	<u>54.7</u>	<u>39.8</u>	<u>14.9</u>

Up to the date of this report, the Group has used approximately HKD39.8 million of the net proceeds, and such used proceeds were allocated and used in accordance with the use of proceeds as set out in the Prospectus and the Change in Use of Proceeds Announcement.

Based on Directors’ current expectation and estimation barring unforeseen circumstances, the remaining unutilised net proceeds are expected to be utilised by the end of 2022.

Directors and Senior Management

DIRECTORS

Executive Directors

Mr. Liu Haitao (劉海濤) (“Mr. Liu”), aged 47, is the chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer and an Executive Director. He was appointed as a Director on 8 March 2019 and was redesignated as an Executive Director on 24 September 2019. He is responsible for formulating and implementing business and operation strategies of the Group, as well as making major business and operational decisions for the Group. Mr. Liu has more than 20 years of management experience in the construction industry.

Mr. Liu currently holds directorships in the following members of the Group:

- Zonbong Landscape as a director since April 2010 and as the chairman of the board since December 2012;
- Zhongke Zonbong as an executive director since April 2016;
- Jilin Zonbong as a director and the chairman of the board since September 2018; and
- Zonbong Environment as a director since April 2019.

Prior to joining the Group, from July 1996 to December 2002, he served as the head of the procurement department at Changchun Chengjian Road and Bridge Limited (長春市城建路橋有限公司), a company providing construction services for municipal projects and sculpture engineering. From January 2003 to December 2008, he worked as the deputy general manager at ZCLLC and was mainly responsible for procurement management. He was assigned to Zonbong Landscape by ZCLLC as the general manager from December 2008 to April 2010, and has served as its director since April 2010.

Mr. Liu graduated from Changchun University (長春大學) in July 1996 with a bachelor's degree in computer science. He also received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering by way of correspondence education from the Jilin Architecture and Civil Engineering Institute (吉林建築工程學院) (now known as the Jilin Jianzhu University (吉林建築大學)) in July 2004 and his EMBA (Executive Master of Business Administration) degree from Jilin University (吉林大學) in December 2015.

Mr. Liu obtained the qualification certificate of senior engineer in road and bridge engineering issued by the Jilin Provincial Personnel Department (吉林省人事廳) on 1 January 2007 and that of chief senior engineer in road and bridge engineering from the Human Resources and Social Security Department of Jilin Province (吉林省人力資源和社會保障廳) on 1 January 2017.

Mr. Wang Xudong (王旭東) (“Mr. Wang”), aged 48, was appointed as an Executive Director and chief operating officer of the Company on 18 March 2020 and 14 December 2020, respectively. He has been the general manager of the Group since 1 January 2015. Mr. Wang has more than 20 years of management experience in the construction industry. Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Wang worked in the planning department from September 1992 to March 1996 at Changchun Municipal Construction (Group) Co. Ltd (長春市政建設(集團)有限公司), a company providing municipal construction services. From April 1996 to March 2009, he worked as the manager of the planning department and subsequently the manager of the Sixth Engineering Department at Changchun Chengjian Road and Bridge Limited (長春市城建路橋有限公司), a company providing construction services for municipal projects and sculpture engineering. He then worked at ZCLLC as a project manager from March 2009 to March 2012 and as the deputy general manager (mainly responsible for the management of the production department) from March 2012 to March 2014. In January 2015, he joined Zonbong Landscape and has served as its general manager responsible for its overall management and operation since then.

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Mr. Wang graduated at the Changchun City Direct Institution Amateur University (長春市直屬機關業餘大學) with a programme in administrative management in July 1997. He obtained a bachelor's degree in civil engineering by way of correspondence education from Heilongjiang Institute of Education (黑龍江省教育學院) in July 2016. Mr. Wang was granted the qualification of senior engineer in road and bridge engineering by the Jilin Provincial Personnel Department (吉林省人事廳) on 1 January 2008, and the qualification of certified chief senior engineer in road and bridge engineering by the Human Resources and Social Security of Jilin Province (吉林省人力資源和社會保障廳) on 1 January 2017, as well as the qualification of constructor of municipal works by the Construction Department of Jilin Province (吉林省建設廳) (now known as the Department of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of Jilin Province (吉林省住房和城鄉建設廳)) on 17 July 2008.

Ms. Wang Yan (王彥) ("Ms. Wang"), aged 41, was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company on 18 March 2020. She was appointed as the chief financial officer of the Company and the deputy general manager of the Group on 14 December 2020 and 26 September 2014, respectively. Ms. Wang has more than 14 years of financial management experience in the construction industry. She worked at ZCLLC from March 2006 to September 2014, with her last position held as finance manager. Since September 2014, she has become the chief financial officer of Zonbong Landscape.

Ms. Wang received a bachelor's degree in finance from Jilin University in July 2019 by way of distance learning. Ms. Wang obtained the qualification of senior accountant from the Finance Department of Jilin Province (吉林省財政廳) on 10 September 2017. In June 2019, Ms. Wang was admitted as a Certified Management Accountant by the Institute of Certified Management Accountants, the United States of America.

Non-executive Directors

Mr. Sun Juqing (孫舉慶) ("Mr. Sun"), aged 51, was appointed as a Non-executive Director of the Company on 24 September 2019. He has more than 20 years of experience in the construction industry. Mr. Sun has held directorships in Zonbong Landscape since December 2012 and in Jilin Zonbong since September 2018.

Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Sun served as the deputy general manager of Changchun Chengjian Road and Bridge Limited (長春市城建路橋有限公司), a company providing construction services for municipal projects and sculpture engineering, from June 1992 to December 2005. He successively served in several positions with ZCLLC, including deputy general manager from January 2006 to September 2010 and the chairman of the board from July 2010 to February 2017. He has also been the chairman of the board of ZIHG from November 2014 to May 2016 and since February 2017.

Mr. Sun received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering by way of correspondence education in July 2005 from the Jilin Architecture and Civil Engineering Institute (吉林建築工程學院) (now known as the Jilin Jianzhu University (吉林建築大學)). Mr. Sun obtained the qualification certificate of senior engineer in road and bridge engineering issued by the Jilin Provincial Personnel Department (吉林省人事廳) on 1 January 2005.

Ms. Lyu Hongyan (呂鴻雁) ("Ms. Lyu"), aged 45, was appointed as a Non-executive Director of the Company on 24 September 2019. She has more than 17 years of experience in accounting and financial management. Ms. Lyu has held directorships in Zonbong Landscape since December 2014 and Jilin Zonbong since September 2018.

Prior to joining the Group, Ms. Lyu worked as an accountant at Jilin Shengxiang Accounting Limited (吉林聖祥會計師事務所有限公司), an accounting firm, from October 2003 to October 2007. From October 2007 to January 2015, she served as the chief financial officer at ZCLLC. From December 2013 to December 2018, she was a director of Jilin Province Zhongsheng Municipal Engineering and Design Limited (吉林省中盛市政工程設計有限公司) (now known as Zonbong Shanshui). Since February 2015, she has worked as the vice president of finance at Changchun Mingju Commerce Limited (長春市銘聚商貿有限責任公司) (now known as ZIHG).

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Ms. Lyu graduated from Changchun Taxation College (長春稅務學院) (now known as the Jilin University of Finance and Economics (吉林財經大學)) with a bachelor's degree in accounting through self education examination in June 1999. Ms. Lyu was granted the qualification of senior accountant by the Jilin Provincial Personnel Department (吉林省人事廳) on 1 January 2008.

Mr. Shao Zhanguang (邵占廣) (“Mr. Shao”), aged 43, was appointed as a Non-executive Director of the Company on 24 September 2019. He has 15 years of experience in the construction industry. He has held directorships from December 2012 to February 2021 in Zonbong Landscape and Zonbong Shanshui from December 2013 to February 2021. He was appointed as Supervisor in Zonbong Landscape since February 2021.

From October 2004 to December 2010, Mr. Shao served as a marketing manager at Changchun Chengda Road and Bridge Limited Liability Company (長春市成達路橋有限責任公司) (now known as ZCLLC). From December 2010 to July 2015, he served as an executive director of Dalian Hengji Road and Bridge Construction Limited (大連恒吉路橋建設有限公司), a company providing construction services for roads, bridges and other municipal infrastructure. From February 2015 to January 2017, he was the vice president of marketing of ZIHG.

Mr. Shao graduated from Jilin University (吉林大學) with a bachelor's degree in surveying and mapping engineering by way of correspondence education in June 2005. Mr. Shao was granted the qualification of certified constructor in municipal projects by the Ministry of Development of the PRC (now known as the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development of the PRC) on 12 June 2010, and that of senior engineer in road and bridge engineering by the Human Resources and Social Security of Jilin Province (吉林省人力資源和社會保障廳) on 1 January 2016.

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Gao Xiangnong (高向農) (“Mr. Gao”), aged 53, was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company on 14 December 2020. Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Gao served as the chief financial officer from September 2003 to December 2005 and then as an executive director and the Chief Executive Officer since January 2006 at NutryFarm International Limited (formerly known as MultiVision Intelligent Surveillance Limited), a company listed on the Main Board of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (stock code: AZT). From February 2004 to July 2018, he also served as an Independent Non-executive director of Shenzhen Mingwah Aohan High Technology Corporation Limited (深圳市明華澳漢科技股份有限公司), a company listed on GEM of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 8301).

Mr. Gao graduated from California State University, Long Beach, with a bachelor's degree in accounting in December 1996, and with a master's degree in business administration in December 1998. Mr. Gao was certified as a Certified Public Accountant in Colorado, the United States, in May 2003.

Mr. Yin Jun (尹軍) (“Mr. Yin”), aged 67, was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company on 14 December 2020. Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Yin successively served as a lecturer, associate professor and professor in municipal and environmental engineering at the Jilin Architecture and Civil Engineering Institute (吉林建築工程學院) (now known as Jilin Jianzhu University (吉林建築大學)) from December 1982 to April 2008. From April 2008 to September 2014, he worked as the deputy chairman of Jilin Province Science and Technology Association (吉林省科學技術協會). He has served as an external director since January 2018 at Changchun Water (Group) Co., Ltd (長春水務(集團)有限責任公司), a state-owned company engaged in the operation of city water supply.

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Mr. Yin graduated from the Harbin Architecture and Civil Engineering Institute (哈爾濱建築工程學院) (now known as Harbin Institute of Technology (哈爾濱工業大學)) with a bachelor's degree in water supply and sewage engineering in September 1977, and with a master's degree in municipal works in December 1982. He received a doctoral degree in construction works from Waseda University, Japan, in July 1992, and worked as a post-doctoral researcher at the Harbin University of Civil Engineering and Architecture (哈爾濱建築大學) (now known as Harbin Institute of Technology (哈爾濱工業大學)) from December 1992 to March 1995.

In August 2005, Mr. Yin received a certificate issued by the State Council of the PRC in recognition of his contributions to the construction and engineering sector. In December 2008, Mr. Yin was accredited as a senior expert in Jilin Province (吉林省高級專家) by the Jilin Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of the PRC (中共吉林省委) and the Jilin Provincial People's Government (吉林省人民政府). Mr. Yin has also been granted the qualification of registered municipal facilities engineer (water supply and drainage) by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Rural Development of the PRC) in March 2011.

Mr. Lee Kwok Tung Louis (李國棟) ("Mr. Lee"), aged 54, was appointed as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company on 14 December 2020.

Mr. Lee has accumulated and possessed extensive experience in accounting and financial management with various types of companies, including unlisted groups, listed groups and professional firms in finance, accounting and auditing since 1993.

Mr. Lee is currently an Independent Non-executive Director of CGN Mining Company Limited (中廣核礦業有限公司) (stock code: 1164), Redsun Properties Group Limited (弘陽地產集團有限公司) (stock code: 1996), Fusen Pharmaceutical Company Limited (福森藥業有限公司) (stock code: 1652) and Tus International Limited (啟迪國際有限公司) (stock code: 872), all of which are listed on the Stock Exchange.

Mr. Lee was awarded a Bachelor of Economics by Macquarie University, Australia in April 1993. Mr. Lee was admitted as a Certified Practising Accountant by the CPA Australia in June 1996 and a Certified Public Accountant by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants (now known as the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants) (the "HKICPA") in October 1999. Mr. Lee is currently a Fellow Certified Practising Accountant of the CPA Australia and a Fellow Certified Public Accountant of the HKICPA.

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SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Wang Shiwei (王世威), aged 40, was appointed as the deputy general manager of the engineering department in January 2018. He is primarily responsible for the production management of Zonbong Landscape. From July 2016 to December 2017, he was the director of the engineering department of Zonbong Landscape. Mr. Wang Shiwei joined Zonbong Landscape in April 2008 as a construction team leader and was promoted to chief engineer and project manager in January 2010 and January 2014 respectively, and subsequently to deputy director of the engineering department in January 2015, responsible for its production management.

Mr. Wang Shiwei was awarded a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering by Jilin Architecture and Civil Engineering Institute (吉林建築工程學院) (now known as the Jilin Jianzhu University (吉林建築大學)) in July 2005, and received his intermediate level engineer qualification from Jilin Human Resources and Social Security Department in January 2009.

Mr. Wang Peng (王棚), aged 39, has been the regional deputy general manager of the Group since January 2019. He is primarily responsible for the management of projects of Zonbong Landscape in East Inner Mongolia, Shandong and Beijing. Mr. Wang Peng joined Zonbong Landscape in February 2008 and worked as a technician till January 2009. From February 2009 to February 2010, he was the project manager of Zonbong Landscape. From March 2010 to August 2010, Mr. Wang Peng was the manager of the engineering department of Zonbong Landscape. From September 2010 to January 2014, he was the deputy chief production manager of Zonbong Landscape. He was then promoted to be the project director and project manager of Zonbong Landscape, responsible for the production management of Zonbong Landscape from February 2014 to December 2018.

Mr. Wang Peng received a bachelor's degree in Landscaping from Jilin Agricultural University (吉林農業大學) in June 2005.

Mr. Wang Xuesong (王雪松), aged 47, has been the chief engineer of Zonbong Shanshui since January 2019. He is primarily responsible for overseeing the Company's project design quality and technology research and development. Prior to that, he was the manager of the ecological department of Zonbong Landscape from February 2018 to December 2018. Before Mr. Wang Xuesong joined the Group, he worked for Changchun Municipal Engineering Design and Research Institute as a designer responsible for the water supply and drainage engineering design from August 2014 to August 2017.

Mr. Wang Xuesong obtained his bachelor's degree in Water Supply and Drainage from Wuhan Industrial University (武漢工業大學) (now known as the Wuhan University of Technology (武漢理工大學)) in June 1997, a Master of Science and a Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from Jilin University in July 2003 and June 2008, respectively.

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COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Tsui Hin Chi (崔獻之) (“**Mr. Tsui**”), aged 35, was appointed as the company secretary of the Company; the authorised representative of the Company (the “**Authorised Representative**”) under Rule 3.05 of the Listing Rules; and the authorized representative of the Company for the acceptance of service of process and notices on behalf of the Company in Hong Kong under Part 16 of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the “**Process Agent**”) with effect from 21 July 2021. He is primarily responsible for overseeing the company secretarial and compliance and corporate governance of the Group.

Mr. Tsui graduated from the Hong Kong Baptist University with a Master of Science degree in Corporate Governance and Compliance. Mr. Tsui is a Chartered Secretary, a Chartered Governance Professional, and an associate member of both The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries and The Chartered Governance Institute (formerly known as The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators) in the United Kingdom. Mr. Tsui has extensive experience in company secretarial, corporate governance and compliance matters.

Corporate Governance Report

The Company is committed to maintain high level corporate governance standard and procedures to ensure the integrity, transparency and effective internal management measures.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Directors recognise the importance of incorporating elements of good corporate governance in the management structures and internal control procedures of the Company so as to achieve effective accountability.

The Company has adopted the code provisions as set out in Corporate Governance Code in force during FY2021 (the “**CG Code**”) as contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules as its own code of corporate governance. Under Provision A.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be segregated and performed by different individuals. As at the date of this report, the positions of the Chairman of the Board (“**Chairman**”) and the chief executive officer have been held by the same individual, namely, Mr. Liu Haitao. Although the positions of the Chairman and the chief executive officer are not separately held, the Board is of the view that this is the most appropriate arrangement in the interest of the shareholders of the Company as a whole at present. All major decisions will, in accordance with current practice, be continued to be made in consultation with members of the Board and relevant board committees and key personnel of the Group after thorough discussions. The Board comprises of three independent non-executive Directors who will continue to provide their views and comments to Mr. Liu Haitao as the Chairman and the chief executive officer of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, the Company complied with the requirements under all provisions of the CG Code. The Company will continue to review and enhance its corporate governance to ensure compliance with the CG Code.

SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted a code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors on terms in accordance to the required standard of dealings as set out in the Model Code. The Company, having made specific enquiry of all the Directors, is not aware of any non-compliance with the required standard of dealings and its code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors since the Listing Date.

Corporate Governance Report

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board assumes responsibility for the leadership and control of the Company and its members are collectively responsible for promoting the business of the Company by formulating the Group's overall strategies and policies, approving the business plans, evaluating the performance of the Group in pursuit of the Group's overall strategies and overseeing the management of the Group. It also decides and approves on matters such as annual and interim results, major capital transactions, remunerations on Director's appointments or re-appointments and other significant operational and financial matters.

All Directors have acted in good faith for the best interests of the Company and the stakeholders of the Company. The Directors are aware of their collective and individual responsibilities to all shareholders for the manner which the affairs of the Company are managed, controlled and operated. All of the Directors have exercised due care in monitoring the corporate matters of the Company and have provided grave concern, sufficient time and attention to all the significant issues and affairs of the Group.

The management was delegated the authority and responsibility by the Board for the daily management of the Group. In addition, the Board has also delegated various responsibilities to the Board committees. Further details of these committees are set out in this Report.

The Board currently consists of nine Directors including three Executive Directors, three Non-executive Directors and three Independent Non-executive Directors. The biographical information of the Directors is set out under the section headed "Directors and Senior Management" in this Report.

Pursuant to Code Provision A.6.5 of the CG Code, all Directors should participate in continuous professional development to develop and update their knowledge and skills to ensure that their contribution to the Board remains fully informed and relevant. All directors and senior management attended induction trainings upon their appointment.

Confirmation of Independence of Independent Non-Executive Directors

The Company has received a confirmation of independence from each of the Independent Non-executive Directors pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Board has assessed their independence and concluded that all the Independent Non-executive Directors are considered to be independent pursuant to the Listing Rules.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Under Provision A.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of Chairman and chief executive officer should be separated and performed by different individuals. As at the date of this Report, the roles of chairman and chief executive officer of the Company are not separated.

Mr. Liu Haitao is appointed as the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. He is responsible for formulating and implementing business and operation strategies of the Group, as well as making major business and operational decisions for the Group.

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The Board considers that vesting the roles of both Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer in Mr. Liu Haitao is beneficial to the management of the Group. The balance of power and authority is ensured by the operation of the Board and the senior management, which comprises of experienced and high-caliber individuals. The Board currently comprises three Independent Non-executive Directors, and therefore has a fairly strong independence element in its composition.

For more details on the overlapping chairman and chief executive officer, please refer to “Corporate Governance Report — Corporate Governance Practices” section of this Report.

Non-executive Directors and Independent Non-executive Directors

Non-executive directors provided the Group with a wide range of expertise and experience. Their active participation in Board meetings brought independent judgement on issues relating to the Group’s strategy, performance and management process, at the same time taken into account the interests of all shareholders of the Company.

The Independent Non-executive Directors are appointed for a specific term and they are also subject to the retirement by rotation at least once every three years in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company.

The three Independent Non-executive Directors are persons of high caliber, with academic and professional qualifications in the fields of engineering, accounting and finance. With their experience gained from various sectors, they provide strong support towards the effective discharge of the duties and responsibilities of the Board.

For the biographical details of the Non-executive Directors and Independent Non-executive Directors are set out in the section headed “Directors and Senior Management” of this Report.

Board Diversity Policy

The Board adopted a board diversity policy on 6 January 2021 (the “**Board Diversity Policy**”) which sets out the objective and approach to achieve and maintain diversity of the Board. The Company believes that it will help strengthen the business development of the Company and enhance the effectiveness and performance of the Board. Pursuant to the Board Diversity Policy, we seek to achieve Board diversity through the consideration of a number of factors when selecting the candidates to our Board, including but not limited to gender, skills, age, professional experience, knowledge, cultural and education background, ethnicity, and length of service. The ultimate decision of the appointment will be based on merit and the contribution which the selected candidates will bring to the Board.

The Board delegated certain duties under the Board Diversity Policy to the Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee will review the Board Diversity Policy, as appropriate, to ensure its effectiveness, and it will discuss any revisions that may be required, and recommend any such revisions to the Board for consideration and approval.

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THE BOARD

Number of meetings attended

The Board held 4 regular meetings and 1 additional meeting during the Reporting Period.

The attendance of individual Directors at the Board meetings and the general meeting held for the Reporting Period are as follows:

Name of Directors	Regular Board Meetings	Additional Board Meeting ⁽²⁾	General Meeting
<i>Executive Directors</i>			
Mr. Liu Haitao	4/4	1/1 ⁽¹⁾	1/1
Mr. Wang Xudong	4/4	1/1	1/1
Ms. Wang Yan	4/4	1/1	1/1
<i>Non-executive Directors</i>			
Mr. Sun Juqing	4/4	1/1	1/1
Ms. Lyu Hongyan	4/4	1/1	1/1
Mr. Shao Zhanguang	4/4	1/1	1/1
<i>Independent Non-executive Directors</i>			
Mr. Gao Xiangnong	4/4	1/1 ⁽¹⁾	1/1
Mr. Yin Jun	4/4	1/1 ⁽¹⁾	1/1
Mr. Lee Kwok Tung Louis	4/4	1/1 ⁽¹⁾	1/1

Notes:

- (1) In addition, the Chairman held a meeting with the independent non-executive Directors without the presence of other executive Directors during the Reporting Period in accordance with the CG Code.
- (2) Additional Board meeting are convened from time to time for the Board to discuss major matters that require the Board's timely attention.

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BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board has established three committees, namely, the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee for overseeing particular aspects of the Company's affairs. All Board committees of the Company are established with defined written terms of reference. The terms of reference of the Board committees are posted on the Company's website (www.zonbong.com) and the HKEx's website (www.hkexnews.hk) and are available to Shareholders upon request.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee operates under the terms of reference approved by the Board. It is the Committee's responsibility to assist the Board in providing an independent review of the effectiveness of the financial reporting process, risk management and internal control systems of the Company.

The Board has delegated to the Audit Committee the responsibility for the establishment and the maintenance of a framework of internal controls, risk management and ethical standards for the Group's management. The Audit Committee currently comprises three Independent Non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Lee Kwok Tung Louis, Mr. Yin Jun, and Mr. Gao Xiangnong. Mr. Lee Kwok Tung Louis is the chairman of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee meets at least twice a year to review the Company's interim and annual results and the integrity of the Group's financial statements. The Audit Committee is accountable to the Board and its primary duties include, but are not limited to, (i) assisting the Board in meeting its responsibilities in ensuring that an effective and adequate system is in place for internal control and risk management and for meeting its external financial reporting obligations and compliance with other legal and regulatory requirements; (ii) reviewing and monitoring the external auditor's independence and objectivity, and the effectiveness of the audit process in accordance with applicable standards; and (iii) making recommendations to the Board on the appointment, reappointment and removal of the external auditor.

During the Reporting Period, five Audit Committee meetings were held. The attendance record of each member of the Audit Committee is set out in the table below:

Name of members of the Audit Committee	Number of attendance
Mr. Lee Kwok Tung Louis (<i>Chairman</i>)	5/5
Mr. Yin Jun	5/5
Mr. Gao Xiangnong	5/5

Remuneration Committee

The primary duties of the Remuneration Committee are to (i) oversee the remuneration packages of the Company and its subsidiaries payable to their directors and the members of their senior management; and (ii) determine the specific remuneration packages of all executive directors and senior management of the Company and to establish a transparent procedure for developing policy on such remuneration.

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During the Reporting Period, two Remuneration Committee meetings were held. The attendance record of each member of the Remuneration Committee is set out in the table below:

Name of members of the Remuneration Committee	Number of attendance
Mr. Yin Jun (<i>Chairman</i>)	2/2
Mr. Gao Xiangnong	2/2
Mr. Lee Kwok Tung Louis	2/2

Nomination Committee

The primary functions of the Nomination Committee are to assist the Board to run effectively and the Company can go through a formal, fair and transparent process of reviewing the balance and effectiveness of the Board, identifying the skills, knowledge, experience and diversity of perspectives needed and appointing those who can provide them to the Board. Its main objectives are to lead the process for the appointment of the directors, and to identify and nominate suitable candidates for appointment to the Board. In identifying and selecting suitable candidates for directorships, the Nomination Committee would consider the Company's Board Diversity Policy, and make recommendations on any proposed changes to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy.

During the Reporting Period, one Nomination Committee meeting was held. The attendance record of each member of the Nomination Committee is set out in the table below:

Name of members of the Nomination Committee	Number of attendance
Mr. Gao Xiangnong (<i>Chairman</i>)	1/1
Mr. Lee Kwok Tung Louis	1/1
Mr. Yin Jun	1/1

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for preparing the financial statements of the Company for FY2021. The Directors are not aware of any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The statement of the independent auditor of the Company about their reporting responsibilities on the financial statements is set out in the Independent Auditor's Report on pages 109 to 114 of this Report.

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EMOLUMENTS OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Pursuant to the Code Provision B.1.5 of the CG Code, the following table sets forth the emoluments of the Directors and members of Senior Management for FY2021 categorised by bands:

Band	Total emoluments (Note) (RMB)	Number of Directors	Number of members of Senior Management
1	0 – 400,000	6	—
2	400,000 – 800,000	1	3
3	800,000 – 1,200,000	2	—

Note: Total emoluments included directors' fees, salaries, allowances and benefits in kind, discretionary bonuses and retirement scheme contributions for FY2021.

Further details of the emoluments of the Directors and the five highest paid employees for FY2021 required to be disclosed pursuant to Appendix 16 of the Listing Rules are set out in notes 9 and 10 to the consolidated financial statements.

DIVIDEND POLICY

The Company is a holding company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands. As a result, the payment and amount of any future dividend will depend on the availability of dividends received from its subsidiaries. PRC laws require that dividends be paid only out of the after-tax profit for the year calculated according to PRC accounting principles, which differ in many aspects from the generally accepted accounting principles in other jurisdictions, including the IFRS. PRC laws also require foreign-invested enterprises to set aside at least 10% of its after-tax profits as the statutory common reserve fund until the cumulative amount of the statutory common reserve fund reaches 50% or more of such enterprises' registered capital, if any, to fund its statutory common reserves. The foreign-owned enterprise may also, at its discretion, allocate a portion of its after-tax profits based on PRC accounting principles to a discretionary reserve fund. These statutory common reserve funds and discretionary funds are not available for distribution as cash dividends. Dividend distribution to Shareholders is recognized as a liability in the period in which the dividends are approved by Shareholders or Directors, where appropriate. Under Cayman law, dividends may be distributed from (a) profits (current period or retained) or (b) share premium. The Articles of Association has not determined the dividend distribution ratio.

The Board is responsible for submitting proposals for dividend payments to the Shareholders' general meeting for approval. The determination of whether to pay a dividend and in which amount is based on our results of operations, cash flow, financial condition, future business prospects, statutory and regulatory restrictions and other factors that the Board deems relevant.

Subject to the Companies Act, our Articles of Association, the Board may, by resolution, declare and authorise a distribution of dividends in the future, which, if any, however will depends on various factors such as the results of our operations, cash flow, capital requirements, general financial conditions, and other factors which they may deem relevant at such time.

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AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

An analysis of the remuneration paid or payable to the external auditor of the Company, KPMG, in respect of audit and non-audit services provided to the Group for FY2021 is set out below:

Services rendered	Service Category Fee Paid/Payable <i>RMB'000</i>
Audit service	3,270
Non-audit service	5,877

RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board monitors the risk management and internal control systems of the Group and reviews its effectiveness on an annual basis. The Board acknowledges that it is the responsibility of the Board for maintaining an adequate internal control and risk management system to safeguard Shareholder investments and Company assets. The Board has ensured the adequacy of resources, staff qualification and experience, training programmes and budget of the Group's accounting, internal audit and financial reporting functions.

The Group's internal audit department plays an important role in monitoring the internal governance of the Company. The major tasks of the internal audit department are reviewing the financial condition and internal control of the Company, as well as identifying, evaluating and managing significant risks of the Company and conducting comprehensive audits of all significant subsidiaries of the Company on a regular basis.

The Board has delegated its responsibilities (with relevant authorities) of risk management and internal control to the Audit Committee, who oversees management in the design, implementation and monitoring of the risk management and internal control systems, and the Audit Committee reports to the Board on the effectiveness of these systems for the year annually. The Board considers that the existing internal control system is reasonably effective and adequate.

INSIDE INFORMATION

The Group has also adopted an information disclosure policy which has set out guidelines in respect of handling and dissemination of inside information since the Listing Date. The Board is entrusted with the responsibility for monitoring and implementing the procedural requirements in the information disclosure policy. Release of inside information shall be approved by the Board. Unless duly authorized, all staff members of the Company shall not disseminate inside information relating to the Group to any external parties and shall not respond to media report or market speculation which may materially affect the trading price or volume of the shares of the Company.

The Group is aware of its obligation under relevant sections of the Securities and Futures Ordinance and Listing Rules, including the handling and dissemination of inside information. After making reasonable enquiry, no incident of non-compliance relating inside information has been noted until the date of this Report.

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COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Tsui Hin Chi has been appointed as the Company Secretary following the resignation of Ms. Chu Wing Yin with effect from 21 July 2021. Mr. Tsui is responsible for facilitating the Board process, as well as communications among Board members.

Mr. Tsui has taken no less than 15 hours of the relevant professional training during the Reporting Period.

COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS AND INVESTORS/INVESTOR RELATIONS

The Company considers that effective communication with Shareholders is essential for enhancing investor relations and investor understanding of the Group's business performance and strategies. The Company endeavours to maintain transparency and on-going dialogue with Shareholders.

The general meetings of the Company provide an opportunity and forum for communication between the Shareholders and the Board. An annual general meeting of the Company shall be held in each year and at the place as may be determined by the Board. Each general meeting, other than an annual general meeting, shall be called an extraordinary general meeting. Shareholders are encouraged to attend general meetings held by the Company and express their views and raise questions therein.

The Company's website (www.zonbong.com) provides up-to-date, comprehensive and accessible news and information of the Company's business operations and development, corporate governance practice and other information to the Shareholders, other stakeholders and investors.

SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

To safeguard the Shareholders' interests and rights, separate resolutions should be proposed for each substantially separate issue at general meetings, including the election of individual Directors. All resolutions put forward at general meetings will be voted on by poll pursuant to the Listing Rules and the poll results will be posted on the websites of the Company and of the Exchange after each general meeting.

Convening an Extraordinary General Meeting

Pursuant to Article 64 of the Articles of Association, any one or more Shareholders holding at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the company secretary of the Company, to require an extraordinary general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition. Such meeting shall be held within two months after the deposit of such requisition. If within 21 days of such deposit the Board shall fail to proceed to convene such meeting the requisitionist(s) himself (themselves) may do so in the same manner, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Board shall be reimbursed to the requisitionist(s) by the Company.

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Putting Forward Proposals at General Meetings

Article 113 of the Articles of Association provides that no person, other than a retiring Director, shall, unless recommended by the Board, be eligible for election to the office of the Director at any general meeting unless, during the period, which shall be at least seven days, commencing no earlier than the day after the dispatch of the notice of the meeting appointed for such election and ending no later than seven days prior to the date of such general meeting, there has been a written notice by that person of his willingness to be elected lodged at the Head Office or at the Registration Office as defined in the Articles.

Accordingly, where a Shareholder intends to nominate a person for election as a director of the Company at a general meeting, the following documents shall be validly served at the at the principal office or at the Hong Kong Share Registrar of the Company, namely: (1) his/her notice of intention to propose a resolution at the general meeting; (2) a notice signed by the nominated candidate of his/her willingness for election; (3) the nominated candidate's information as required to be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules; and (4) the nominated candidate's willingness to be elected and written consent to the publication of his/her personal information.

Contact Details

Shareholders may send their enquiries or requests as mentioned above to the following:

Address: 3/F, Zhongqing Building, No. 5888 Fuzhi Road, Jingyue High-tech Industrial Development Zone, Changchun City, Jilin Province, PRC
Email: IR@zonbong.com

For the avoidance of doubt, Shareholder(s) must deposit and send the original duly signed written requisition, notice or statement, or enquiry (as the case may be) to the above address and provide their full name, contact details and identification in order to give effect thereto. Shareholders' information may be disclosed as required by law.

CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS

The Company has not made any changes to its Memorandum and Articles of Association during FY2021. An up-to-date version of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association is also available on the websites of the Company and of the Stock Exchange.

Report of the Directors

The Directors are pleased to present their Report together with the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for FY2021.

REORGANISATION AND GLOBAL OFFERING

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability on 8 March 2019 and was registered as a non-Hong Kong company under Part 16 of the Companies Ordinance. Pursuant to the completion of the Reorganisation as detailed in the section headed “History, Reorganisation and Corporate Structure” in the Prospectus to rationalize the structure of the Group in preparation for the listing of the Company’s Shares on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange, the Company became the holding company of the subsidiaries now comprising the Group.

The Shares of the Company were listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange on 6 January 2021 (the “**Listing Date**”) through Global Offering as described in the section headed “Structure of the Global Offering” in the Prospectus.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Group is principally engaged in landscaping, ecological restoration and other related projects.

An analysis of the Group’s financial key performance, performance for the year by reportable segments is set out in note 4 to the consolidated financial statements.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

The results of the Group for the year are set out in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on pages 115 to 116 of this Report.

DIVIDEND

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for FY2021.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Company is scheduled to be held on 29 June 2022. A notice convening the 2021 Annual General Meeting will be issued and sent to the Shareholders in May 2022.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the annual general meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from 24 June 2022 to 29 June 2022 (both days inclusive), during which period no share transfers will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the annual general meeting, all transfer forms accompanied by relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company’s branch register in Hong Kong, Boardroom Share Registrars Limited at 2103B, 21/F, 148 Electric Road, North Point, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on 23 June 2022.

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BUSINESS REVIEW

A review of the business of Group during FY2021 and a discussion on the Group's future business development are set out in the section headed "Chairman's Statement" as well as the section headed "Management Discussion and Analysis" of this Report respectively. Discussions on the Group's relationships with its key stakeholders are also set out in the section headed "Chairman's Statement" of this Report.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE RELEVANT LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS

During FY2021, as far as the Board and management are aware, there was no material breach of or non-compliance with the applicable laws and regulations by the Group that has a significant impact on the businesses and operation of the Group.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND PERFORMANCE

The Group is committed to building an environmentally-friendly corporation that pays close attention to conserving natural resources. The Group strives to minimize its environmental impact by various environmentally-friendly policies.

The ESG Report of the Company for FY2021 containing the information required under Appendix 27 to the Listing Rules are included in the pages 69 to 108 of this Report.

RESULTS

The results of the Group for FY2021 are set out in the consolidated financial statements on pages 115 to 200 of this Report.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A summary of the published results and of the assets, liabilities and non-controlling interests of the Group for the past five years are set on page 201 of this Report.

SHARE CAPITAL

Details of the movement in the share capital of the Company are set out in note 30 to the consolidated financial statements.

RESERVES

Details of the movements in the reserves of the Group and the Company during FY2021 are set out in the consolidated statement of changes in equity, pages 119 to 120 and note 35 to the consolidated financial statements.

DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES

As of 31 December 2021, the Company did not have any reserves available for distribution to the Shareholders of the Company (2020: RMB Nil).

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PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There is no provision for pre-emptive rights under Articles of Association 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, SALE AND REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

Neither the Company, nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during FY2021.

SUBSIDIARIES

Details of the Company's principal subsidiaries as of 31 December 2021 are set out in note 15 to the consolidated financial statements.

DIRECTORS

The list of Directors of the Company during FY2021 and up to the date of this Report is set out below:

Executive Directors

Mr. Liu Haitao (劉海濤) (*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*)

Mr. Wang Xudong (王旭東)

Ms. Wang Yan (王彥)

Non-executive Directors

Mr. Sun Juqing (孫舉慶)

Ms. Lyu Hongyan (呂鴻雁)

Mr. Shao Zhanguang (邵占廣)

Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Gao Xiangnong (高向農)

Mr. Yin Jun (尹軍)

Mr. Lee Kwok Tung Louis (李國棟)

The biographical details of the Directors are disclosed on pages 31 to 34 in this Report.

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SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company has conditionally adopted the Share Option Scheme pursuant to the written resolutions of the Shareholders and Directors passed on 14 December 2020 which took effect upon Listing. No share option has been granted by the Company under the Share Option Scheme since Listing and up to the date of this Report. The following is a summary of the principal terms of the Share Option Scheme:

1. Purpose of the Share Option Scheme

The purpose of the Share Option Scheme is to provide an incentive or reward for the Grantees (as defined below) for their contribution or potential contribution to the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries.

2. Participants of the Share Option Scheme and the basis of determining the eligibility of the participants

The Board of the Company may, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of the Share Option Scheme and the Listing Rules, at its discretion grant options to any full-time or part-time employees, consultants or potential employees, consultants, executives or officers (including Executive, Non-executive Directors and Independent Non-executive Directors) of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, and any suppliers, clients, consultants, agents and advisers who, in the sole opinion of the Board has contributed or will contribute to the Group (collectively, the “**Eligible Participants**”) and whom the Board may in its absolute discretion select and subject to such conditions as it may think fit.

3. Life of the Share Option Scheme

(a) Conditions of the Share Option Scheme

The Share Option Scheme shall take effect conditional upon and is subject to:

- (i) the passing of the necessary resolutions by the Board and the Company’s Shareholders to approve and adopt the rules of the Share Option Scheme;
- (ii) the Listing Committee granting the listing of, and permission to deal in, the Shares to be issued pursuant to the exercise of the options which may be granted under the Share Option Scheme;
- (iii) the obligations of the underwriters (under the underwriting agreements in connection to the Listing) becoming unconditional (including, if relevant, following the waiver(s) of any conditions by the sole sponsor, acting for and on behalf of the underwriters, in relation to the Listing) and not being terminated in accordance with their terms or otherwise; and
- (iv) the commencement of dealings in the Shares on the Stock Exchange (the “**Conditions**”).

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(b) Life of the Share Option Scheme

The Share Option Scheme shall be valid and effective for a period commencing on the date on which the Share Option Scheme was conditionally adopted by an ordinary resolution of Shareholders of the Company and ending on the tenth anniversary of the Listing Date (both dates inclusive) (the “**Scheme Period**”), after which time no further option will be granted, but the provisions of the Share Option Scheme shall remain in full force and effect in all other respects to the extent necessary to give effect to the exercise of any options granted prior thereto or otherwise as may be required in accordance with the provisions of the Share Option Scheme and options granted prior thereto but not yet exercised shall continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the Share Option Scheme.

4. Grant of options

(a) Making of offer

An offer shall be made to an Eligible Participant by an offer document in such form as the Board may from time to time determine, requiring the participant to undertake to hold the option on the terms on which it is to be granted and to be bound by the provisions of the Share Option Scheme (the “**Offer Document**”).

(b) Acceptance of offer

An option shall be deemed to have been granted to (subject to certain restrictions in the Share Option Scheme), and accepted by, the Eligible Participant (the “**Grantee**”) and to have taken effect upon the issue of an option certificate after the duplicate Offer Document constituting acceptance of the option duly signed by the Grantee together with a remittance in favour of the Company of HKD1.00 by way of consideration for the grant of the option is received by the Company on or before the last day for acceptance set out in the Offer Document above. The remittance is not in any circumstances refundable and shall be deemed as part payment of the Exercise Price (as defined below). Once accepted, the option is granted as from the date on which it was offered to the Grantee (the “**Offer Date**”).

(c) Restrictions on time of grant

- (i) No grant of options shall be made after any inside information has come to the knowledge of the Company until such inside information has been announced pursuant to the requirements of the Listing Rules. In particular, no option shall be granted during the period of one month immediately preceding the earlier of:
 - (1) the date of the Board meeting as shall have been notified to the Stock Exchange for the approval of the Company's results for any year, half-year or quarterly or any other interim period (whether or not required under the Listing Rules); and
 - (2) the deadline for the Company to publish an announcement of its results for any year or half-year period under the Listing Rules or quarterly or any other interim period where the Company has elected to publish them (whether or not required under the Listing Rules),

and ending on the actual date of the results announcement for such year, half year, quarterly or interim period (as the case may be). The period during which no option may be granted will cover any period of delay in the publication of a results announcement.

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- (ii) For so long as the shares are listed on the Stock Exchange, no options may be granted to a Director on any day which financial results of the Company are published and:
 - (1) during the period of 60 days immediately preceding the publication date of the annual results or, if shorter, the period from the end of the relevant financial year up to the publication date of the results; and
 - (2) during the period of 30 days immediately preceding the publication date of the quarterly results (if any) and half-year results or, if shorter, the period from the end of the relevant quarterly or half-year period up to the publication date of the results.

(d) Grant to connected persons

Any grant of options to a connected person must be approved by all Independent Non-executive Directors (excluding any Independent Non-executive Director who is also a proposed Grantee (as defined below) of the options, the vote of such Independent Non-executive Director shall not be counted for the purposes of approving the grant).

(e) Grant to substantial Shareholders and Independent Non-executive Directors

Without prejudice to the paragraph headed 4(c) above, any grant of options to a substantial Shareholder or an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company or any of their respective associates shall be subject to, in addition to the approval of the Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company in the paragraph headed (d) above, the issue of a circular by the Company to its Shareholders and the approval of the Shareholders of the Company in general meeting if the Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of all options already granted and proposed to be granted to him (whether exercised, cancelled or outstanding) under the Share Option Scheme or any other scheme in the 12 month period up to and including the Offer Date:

- (i) would represent in aggregate more than 0.1%, or such other percentage as may from time to time be provided under the Listing Rules, of the Shares in issue on the Offer Date; and
 - (ii) would have an aggregate value, based on the official closing price of the Shares as stated in the daily quotation sheets of the Stock Exchange on the Offer Date, in excess of HKD5,000,000 (or such other amount as shall be permissible under the Listing Rules from time to time).
- (a) *Proceedings in general meeting to approve the grant of option*

At the general meeting to approve the proposed grant of options under subparagraph 4(e) above, all connected persons of the Company must abstain from voting. At such general meeting, the vote to approve the grant of such options must be taken on a poll in accordance with the Articles and the relevant provisions of the Listing Rules.

- (b) *Performance target*

The Board has the discretion to require a particular Grantee to achieve certain performance targets specified at the time of grant before any option granted under the Share Option Scheme can be exercised. There are no specific performance targets stipulated under the terms of the Share Option Scheme and the Board currently has no intention to set any specific performance targets on the exercise of any options granted or to be granted under the Share Option Scheme.

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5. Exercise price

The price per Share at which a Grantee may subscribe for Shares upon exercise of an option (the “**Exercise Price**”) shall, subject to any adjustment pursuant to paragraph 7 below, be determined by the Board in its sole discretion but in any event shall be at least the highest of:

- (i) the official closing price of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange’s daily quotations sheets on the Offer Date;
- (ii) the average of the official closing prices of the Shares as stated in the Stock Exchange’s daily quotation sheets for the five Business Days immediately preceding the Offer Date; and
- (iii) the nominal value of a Share; provided that for the purpose of determining the Exercise Price under subparagraph 5(ii) above where the Shares have been listed on the Stock Exchange for less than five Business Days preceding the Offer Date, the issue price of the Shares in connection with such listing shall be deemed to be the closing price of the Shares for each Business Day falling within the period before the listing of the Shares on the Stock Exchange.

6. Maximum number of Shares available for subscription

(a) *Scheme Limit*

Subject to subparagraphs 6(b) and 6(c) below, the maximum number of Shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Share Option Scheme, and any other share option schemes of the Company shall not in aggregate exceed the number of Shares that shall represent 10% of the total number of Shares in issue immediately upon Listing (the “**Scheme Limit**”), which is 27,500,000. For the purpose of calculating the Scheme Limit, options which have lapsed in accordance with the terms of the relevant scheme shall not be counted.

(b) *Renewal of Scheme Limit*

The Company may seek approval by the Shareholders in general meeting for increasing the Scheme Limit provided that the total number of Shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Share Option Scheme and any other schemes of the Company under the Scheme Limit as increased from time to time must not exceed 10% of the total number of Shares in issue as at the date of the Shareholders’ approval. Options previously granted under the Share Option Scheme, whether outstanding, cancelled, lapsed in accordance with its applicable rules or already exercised, will not be counted for the purpose of calculating the limit as renewed.

For the purpose of seeking the approval of the Shareholders under this the paragraph headed 6(b), a circular containing the information required under Rule 17.02(2) of the Listing Rules and the disclaimer required under Rule 17.02(4) of the Listing Rules must be sent to the Shareholders.

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(c) Grant of options beyond Scheme Limit

The Company may seek separate approval by the Shareholders in general meeting for granting options beyond the Scheme Limit provided that the options in excess of the Scheme Limit are granted only to Eligible Participants who are specifically identified by the Board before such approval is sought.

For the purpose of seeking the approval of the Shareholders under subparagraph 6(c), the Company must send a circular to the Shareholders containing a generic description of the specified Eligible Participants who may be granted such options, the number and terms of the options to be granted, the purpose of granting such options to the Grantees with an explanation as to how the terms of options serve such purpose and the information required under Rule 17.02(2)(d) of the Listing Rules and the disclaimer as required under Rule 17.02(4) of the Listing Rules.

(d) Maximum number of Shares issued pursuant to the Share Option Scheme

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Share Option Scheme, the maximum limit on the number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the Share Option Scheme and any other schemes of the Company must not in aggregate exceed such number of Shares as shall represent 30% of the Shares in issue from time to time. No options may be granted under any schemes of the Company or subsidiaries if such grant will result in this 30% limit being exceeded.

(e) Grantee's maximum holding

Unless approved by the Shareholders in general meeting in the manner prescribed in the Listing Rules, the Board shall not grant options to any Grantee if the acceptance of those options would result in the total number of Shares issued and to be issued to that Grantee on exercise of his options during any 12 month period up to the Offer Date exceed 1% of the total Shares then in issue.

Where any further grant of options to a Grantee, if exercised in full, would result in the total number of Shares already issued or to be issued upon exercise of all options granted and to be granted to such Grantee (including exercised, cancelled and outstanding options) in any 12-month period up to and including the date of such further grant exceed 1% of the total number of Shares in issue, such further grant must be separately approved by the Shareholders in general meeting with such Grantee and his close associates abstaining from voting. The Company must send a circular to the Shareholders and the circular must disclose the identity of the Grantee, the number and terms of the options to be granted and options previously granted to such Grantee and the information required under Rule 17.02(2) of the Listing Rules and the disclaimer required under Rule 17.02(4) of the Listing Rules. The number and terms (including the Exercise Price) of the options to be granted to such Grantee must be fixed before the Shareholders' approval. The date of the meeting of the Board for proposing such further grant of option should be taken as the date of grant for the purpose of calculating the Exercise Price.

(f) Adjustment

The number of Shares subject to the Share Option Scheme shall be adjusted in such manner as the Company's independent financial advisor shall certify to the Board to be appropriate, fair and reasonable in accordance with paragraph 7 below but in any event shall not result in the number of Shares which may be issued upon exercise of all outstanding options granted and yet to be exercised under the Share Option Scheme and the other schemes exceed the limit set out in the subparagraph 6(d).

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7. Capital restructuring

(a) Adjustment of options

In the event of any capitalisation issue, rights issue, open offer (if there is a price dilutive element), sub-division or consolidation of Shares, or reduction of capital of the Company in accordance with applicable laws and regulatory requirements, such corresponding alterations (if any) shall be made (except on an issue of securities of the Company as consideration in a transaction which shall not be regarded as a circumstance requiring alteration or adjustment) in:

- (i) the number of Shares subject to any outstanding option;
- (ii) the Exercise Price; and/or
- (iii) the number of Shares subject to the Share Option Scheme, as the approved independent financial adviser shall at the request of the Company or any Grantee, certify in writing either generally or as regards any particular Grantee, to be in their opinion fair and reasonable provided that any such alterations shall be made on the basis that a Grantee shall have as near as possible the same proportion of the equity capital of the Company (as interpreted in accordance with the supplementary guidance attached to the letter from the Stock Exchange dated 5 September 2005 to all the issuers relating to share option scheme) as that to which the Grantee was previously entitled to subscribe had he exercised all the options held by him immediately before such adjustments and the aggregate Exercise Price payable by a Grantee on the full exercise of any option shall remain as nearly as possible the same as (but shall not be greater than) it was before such event, but not so that the effect would be to enable any Share to be issued to a Grantee at less than its nominal value, provided that no adjustment to the Exercise Price and number of Shares should be made to the advantage of the Eligible Participants without specific prior approval of the Company's shareholders.

(b) Independent financial advisor confirmation

In respect of any adjustments required by the above the paragraph headed 7(a), other than any made on a capitalisation issue, the approved independent financial advisor shall certify in writing to the Board that the adjustments satisfy the requirements set out in Rule 17.03(13) of the Listing Rules and the note thereto and the supplementary guidance attached to the letter from the Stock Exchange dated 5 September 2005 to all issuers relating to share option scheme and/or such other requirement prescribed under the Listing Rules from time to time.

8. Cancellation of options

Any cancellation of options granted but not exercised must be approved in writing by the Grantees of the relevant options. For the avoidance of doubt, such approval is not required in the event any option is cancelled pursuant to paragraph 9. Where the Company cancels options, the grant of new options to the same Grantee may only be made under the Share Option Scheme within the limits set out in subparagraphs 6(a), 6(b) and 6(c).

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9. Assignment of options

An option is personal to the Grantee and shall not be transferable or assignable. No Grantee shall sell, transfer, charge, mortgage, encumber or create any interest (legal or beneficial) in favour of any third party over or in relation to any option held by him or attempt to do so (except that the Grantee may nominate a nominee, in whose name the Shares issued pursuant to the Share Option Scheme may be registered).

10. Rights attached to the Shares

The Shares to be allotted upon exercise of an option will be subject to all the provisions of the Articles and will rank pari passu with the fully paid Shares in issue on the date of issue.

Accordingly, the Shares will entitle the holders to have the same voting, dividend, transfer and other rights, and to participate in all dividends or other distributions paid or made on or after the date on which the allottee is registered as a member (the "**Registration Date**") other than any dividends or other distributions previously declared or recommended or resolved to be paid or made with respect to a record date which is before the Registration Date.

A Share issued upon the exercise of an option shall not carry any voting rights until completion of registration of the Grantee or his nominee as the holder of the Share on the register of members of the Company.

Shares issued on the exercise of an option shall not rank for any rights attaching to Shares by reference to a record date preceding the date of allotment.

11. Exercise of options

Unless otherwise provided in the respective Grantee's Offer Document, an option may be exercised by a Grantee at any time or times during the period notified by the Board during which the Grantee may exercise his option(s) (the "**Option Period**") provided that:

- (a) in the event of the Grantee ceasing to be an Eligible Participant for any reason other than his death, ill-health, injury, disability or the termination of his relationship with the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries on one or more of the grounds specified in the subparagraph 12(v) below, the Grantee may exercise the option up to his entitlement at the date of cessation of being an Eligible Participant (to the extent not already exercised) within the period of one month (or such longer period as the Board may determine) following the date of such cessation (which date shall be, in relation to a Grantee who is an Eligible Participant by reason of his employment with the Company or any of its subsidiaries, the last actual working day with the Company or the relevant subsidiary whether salary is paid in lieu of notice or not);
- (b) in the case of a Grantee ceasing to be an Eligible Participant by reason of death, ill-health, injury or disability (all evidenced to the satisfaction of the Board) and none of the events which would be a ground for termination of his relationship with the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries under the subparagraph 12(v) has occurred, the Grantee or the personal representative(s) of the Grantee shall be entitled within a period of 12 months (or such longer period as the Board may determine) from the date of cessation of being an Eligible Participant or death to exercise his option in full (to the extent not already exercised);

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- (c) if a general offer (whether by way of take-over offer, share repurchase offer or scheme of arrangement or otherwise in like manner) is made to all the holders of Shares (or all such holders other than the offeror and/or any person controlled by the offeror and/or any person acting in association or in concert with the offeror), the Company shall use its best endeavours to procure that such offer is extended to all the Grantees (on the same terms mutatis mutandis, and assuming that they shall become, by the exercise in full of the options granted to them as Shareholders of the Company). If such offer, having been approved in accordance with applicable laws and regulatory requirements, becomes, or is declared unconditional, the Grantee (or his legal personal representative(s)) shall be entitled to exercise his option in full (to the extent not already exercised) at any time within 14 days after the date on which such general offer becomes or is declared unconditional;
- (d) if a compromise or arrangement between the Company and its Shareholders and/or creditors is proposed for the purposes of or in connection with a scheme for the reconstruction of the Company or its amalgamation with any other company or companies pursuant to the Companies Act, the Company shall give notice thereof to all the Grantees (together with a notice of the existence of the provisions of this paragraph) on the same day as it despatches to Shareholders and/or creditors of the Company a notice summoning the meeting to consider such a compromise or arrangement, and thereupon each Grantee shall be entitled to exercise all or any of his options in whole or in part at any time prior to noon (Hong Kong time) on the Business Day immediately preceding the date of the general meeting directed to be convened by the relevant court for the purposes of considering such compromise or arrangement and if there is more than one meeting for such purpose, the date of the first meeting. With effect from the date of such meeting, the rights of all Grantees to exercise their respective options shall forthwith be suspended. Upon such compromise or arrangement becoming effective, all options shall, to the extent that they have not been exercised, lapse and determine. The Board shall endeavour to procure that the Shares issued as a result of the exercise of options in such circumstances shall for the purposes of such compromise or arrangement form part of the issued share capital of the Company on the effective date thereof and that such Shares shall in all respects be subject to such compromise or arrangement. If for any reason such compromise or arrangement is not approved by the relevant court (whether upon the terms presented to the relevant court or upon any other terms as may be approved by such court), the rights of the Grantees to exercise their respective options shall with effect from the date of the making of the order by the relevant court be restored in full as if such compromise or arrangement had not been proposed by the Company and no claim shall lie against the Company or any of its officers for any loss or damage sustained by any Grantee as a result of the aforesaid suspension; and
- (e) in the event a notice is given by the Company to its Shareholders to convene a general meeting for the purposes of considering, and if thought fit, approving a resolution to voluntarily wind-up the Company, the Company shall on the same date as or soon after it despatches such notice to each member of the Company give notice thereof to all Grantees and thereupon, each Grantee (or in the case of the death of the Grantee, his personal representative(s)) shall be entitled to exercise all or any of his options (to the extent not already lapsed or exercised) at any time not later than two Business Days prior to the proposed general meeting of the Company by giving notice in writing to the Company, accompanied by a remittance for the full amount of the aggregate Exercise Price for the Shares in respect of which the notice is given whereupon the Company shall as soon as possible and, in any event, no later than the Business Day immediately prior to the date of the proposed general meeting referred to above, allot and issue the relevant Shares to the Grantee credited as fully paid.

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12. Lapse of options

An option shall lapse automatically and not be exercisable (to the extent not already exercised) on the earliest of:

- (i) the expiry of the Option Period;
- (ii) the expiry of the periods referred to in subparagraphs 11(b) to (e) above;
- (iii) the date on which the scheme of arrangement of the Company referred to in paragraph 11(d) above becomes effective;
- (iv) the date of the commencement of the winding-up of the Company in respect of the situation contemplated in subparagraph 11(e);
- (v) the date on which the Grantee ceases to be an Eligible Participant by reason of his resignation or dismissal, or by reason of the termination of his relationship with the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries on any one or more of the grounds that he has been guilty of serious misconduct or has been convicted of any criminal offence involving his integrity or honesty or in relation to an employee or consultant of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries (if so determined by the Board) on any other ground on which an employer would be entitled to unilaterally terminate his employment or service at common law or pursuant to any applicable laws or under the Grantee's service contract with the Company or the relevant subsidiary. A resolution of the Board or the board of directors of the relevant subsidiary to the effect that the relationship of the Grantee has or has not been terminated on one or more of the grounds specified in this paragraph shall be conclusive;
- (vi) the date that is thirty (30) days after the date on which a Grantee is terminated by the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries by reasons other than termination of employment on grounds under subparagraph 12(v);
- (vii) the date on which a Grantee commits a breach of the paragraph 9 above or the options are cancelled in accordance with the paragraph 8 above; or
- (viii) the occurrence of such event or expiry of such period as may have been specifically provided for in the Offer Document, if any.

13. Alteration of the Share Option Scheme

The terms and conditions of the Share Option Scheme and the regulations for the administration and operation of the Share Option Scheme may be altered in any respect by resolution of the Board except that:

- (a) any alteration to the advantage of the Grantees or the Eligible Participants (as the case may be), in respect of matters contained in Listing Rule 17.03, including without limitation, the definitions of "**Eligible Participant**", "**Expiry Date**", "**Grantee**" and "**Option Period**" contained in the Share Option Scheme; or

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- (b) any material alteration to the terms and conditions of the Share Option Scheme or any change to the terms of options granted (except any alterations which take effect automatically under the terms of the Share Option Scheme), or any change to the authority of the Board in respect of alteration of the Share Option Scheme, must be made with the prior approval of the Shareholders in general meeting at which any persons to whom or for whose benefit the Shares may be issued under the Share Option Scheme and their respective associates shall abstain from voting provided that the amended terms of the Share Option Scheme or the options shall remain in compliance with Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules and no alteration shall operate to affect adversely the terms of issue of any option granted or agreed to be granted prior to such alteration or to reduce the proportion of the equity capital to which any person was entitled pursuant to such option prior to such alteration except with:
- (i) the consent in writing of the Grantees holding in aggregate options which if exercised in full on the date immediately preceding that on which such consent is obtained would entitle them to the issue of three-fourths in nominal value of all Shares which would fall to be issued upon the exercise of all options outstanding on that date; or
 - (ii) the sanction of a special resolution.

Written notice of any alterations made in accordance with this paragraph shall be given to all Grantees.

14. Termination

The Company may by ordinary resolution in general meeting or the Board may at any time resolve to terminate the operation of the Share Option Scheme and in such event no further option shall be offered or granted but the provisions of the Share Option Scheme shall remain in full force to the extent necessary to give effect to the exercise of any option granted prior to the termination or otherwise as may be required in accordance with the provisions of the Share Option Scheme. Options granted prior to such termination but not yet exercised at the time of termination shall continue to be valid and exercisable in accordance with the Share Option Scheme.

EMPLOYEES AND EMOLUMENTS POLICY

As at 31 December 2021, the Group had a total of 469 employees (31 December 2020: 468). For FY2021, the Group incurred staff costs, including Directors' remuneration of approximately RMB108.1 million (2020: approximately RMB73.7 million).

The Group's Remuneration Management Policy and Fringe Benefits System has been formulated to establish a systematic remuneration system, which enabling the employees to have full vision and understanding of the Group's human resources management function, human resources management policies and system, composition and accounting of remuneration and fringe benefits etc., so as to ensure and enhance the transparency and fairness. We have established a systematic and effective talent training mechanism to enhance employees' sense of belonging through diversified employee activities and provide competitive remuneration and fringe benefits to our employees. We would ensure our employees are awarded on a performance related basis within the general framework of the Group's Remuneration Management System.

The remuneration policy of the senior employees of the Group was tabled and recommended by the Remuneration Committee to the Board. The Group remunerates its employees, including the Directors, on the basis of their merit, qualifications and competence. The Group's employees are subject to regular job performance reviews which determine their remuneration and compensation package. Subject to the Group's performance, the Group may also provide discretionary bonuses to its employees as an incentive for their contribution to the Group.

Details of the emoluments of the Directors and members of Senior Management are set out under the section headed "Corporate Governance Report — Emoluments of Directors and Senior Management" in this Report. Details of the emoluments of the Directors for FY2021 are also set out in note 9 to the consolidated financial statements.

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DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS

Each of the Executive Directors, Non-executive Directors and Independent Non-executive Directors, has entered into a service contract or an appointment letter with the Company for a term of 3 years, commencing from the Listing Date until terminated by either party giving not less than 3 months' notice in writing to the other. All of them are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles. Their emoluments were determined by the Board by reference to the market level of salaries paid by comparable companies, tenure, commitment, their responsibilities and performance with the Company and shall be reviewed annually by the Remuneration Committee.

RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEMES

The Group participated in various retirement benefit schemes in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations in the PRC. Details of the Group's retirement benefit schemes are set out in note 7(b) to the consolidated financial statements.

According to the retirement benefit schemes of the Group, there is no applicable circumstance of forfeited contributions.

PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISION

A permitted indemnity provision as defined in the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance for the benefit of the Directors is currently in force and was in force throughout this year. The Company has maintained Directors' liabilities insurance which provides appropriate cover for the Directors. Pursuant to the Articles, the applicable laws and regulations, every Director shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets and profits of the Company from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them, may incur or sustain by or by reason of any act done, concurred in or omitted in or about the execution of their duties.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The material related party transactions entered into by the Group during FY2021 are set out in note 34 to the consolidated financial statements included transactions that constitute continuing connected transactions upon the listing of the Company for which the disclosure requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules have been complied with in so far they are applicable. Joint venture, associate and key management personnel of ZIHG and a company managed by a key management personnel of ZIHG are related parties but not connected persons of the Company, and hence certain transactions entered into by the Group with the aforesaid parties in FY2021 would not constitute connected transactions under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Save for the contracts described under the section headed "Continuing Connected Transactions" in this Report, (a) no transactions, arrangements and contracts of significance in relation to the Group's business to which the Company or any of its holding company or subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries was a party and in which a Director and his/her connected party had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of this year or at any time during this Year; and (b) there is no contract of significance (i) between the Company or its subsidiaries and Company's Controlling Shareholders or its subsidiaries; and (ii) for the provision of services to the Company or any of its subsidiaries by Company's Controlling Shareholders or its subsidiaries.

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During FY2021, the Group had the following related party transactions which constituted connected transactions of the Company:

- (i) Purchase of goods of approximately RMB1,136,000 (2020: approximately RMB3,262,000, prior to the Company's listing in FY2021) from ZIHG and its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates that were conducted on terms no less favourable than terms available from independent third parties and in the ordinary course of business of the Group, which were de minimus transactions exempted under rule 14A.76 of the Listing Rules; and
- (ii) Guarantees provided by ZIHG and its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates for the Group's bank loans as at 31 December 2021 of approximately RMB80,383,000 (2020: approximately RMB130,000,000); which were not secured by any assets of the Group and is conducted on normal commercial terms or better.

CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

The followings are the connected persons of the Company:

- Mr. Sun Juqing, a non-executive Director of the Company and hence a connected person;
- Ms. Zhao Hongyu, the spouse of a non-executive Director of the Company, Mr. Sun Juqing, and hence an associate of Mr. Sun Juqing and a connected person; and
- ZIHG, a company owned as to 35% by Ms. Zhao Hongyu and 27% by Mr. Sun Juqing and hence an associate of Mr. Sun Juqing and a connected person.

During FY2021, the Group had the following transactions which constituted continuing connected transactions upon the Company's listing that took place after the reporting period:

(1) Equipment usage framework agreement ⁽¹⁾

The Group entered into an equipment usage framework agreement with ZIHG on 14 December 2020, pursuant to which ZIHG Group will use the Group's water sprinkling vehicles for the three years ending 31 December 2022. The transaction amount for FY2021 was RMB136,000, which did not exceed the annual cap of RMB139,000 for FY2021. For details, please refer to note 34(b)(i) service income.

(2) Infrastructure construction works framework agreement ⁽²⁾

The Group entered into an infrastructure construction works framework agreement with ZIHG on 14 December 2020, pursuant to which the Group agreed to engage the ZIHG Group to provide infrastructure construction works services, which shall include but are not limited to the construction of roads and bridges for the three years ending 31 December 2022. The transaction amount for FY2021 was RMBNil, which did not exceed the annual cap of RMB1,278,000 for FY2021. For details, please refer to note 34(b)(i) rendering of construction, survey, design, technical consultancy and other services.

(3) Technical consultancy services framework agreement ⁽²⁾

The Group entered into a technical consultancy services framework agreement with ZIHG on 14 December 2020, pursuant to which the Group agreed to provide technical consultancy services for municipal works to ZIHG Group for the three years ending 31 December 2022. The transaction amount for FY2021 was RMB47,000, which did not exceed the annual cap of RMB1,378,000 for FY2021. For details, please refer to note 34(b)(i) rendering of construction, survey, design, technical consultancy and other services.

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(4) Survey and design services framework agreement ⁽²⁾

The Group entered into a survey and design services framework agreement with ZIHG on 14 December 2020, pursuant to which the Group agreed to provide survey and design services to the ZIHG Group for landscaping, ecological restoration and/or municipal works projects for the three years ending 31 December 2022. The transaction amount for FY2021 was RMB12,430,000, which did not exceed the annual cap of RMB20,000,000 for FY2021. For details, please refer to note 34(b)(i) rendering of construction, survey, design, technical consultancy and other services.

(5) Property leasing framework agreement ⁽²⁾

The Group entered into a property leasing framework agreement with ZIHG on 14 December 2020, pursuant to which the Group agreed to lease properties from the ZIHG Group for office use for the three years ending 31 December 2022. The transaction amount for FY2021 was RMB2,601,000, which did not exceed the annual cap of RMB3,000,000 for FY2021. For details, please refer to note 34(b)(i) lease charges relating to short-term leases and leases of low-value assets.

(6) Landscaping and ecological restoration construction works services framework agreement ⁽³⁾

The Group entered into a landscaping and ecological restoration construction works services framework agreement with ZIHG on 14 December 2020, pursuant to which the Group agreed to provide landscaping and ecological restoration construction work services to the ZIHG Group for the three years ending 31 December 2022. The transaction amount for FY2021 was RMB112,255,000, which did not exceed the annual cap of RMB141,301,000 for FY2021. For details, please refer to note 34(b)(i) rendering of construction, survey, design, technical consultancy and other services.

Notes:

- (1) This agreement is categorised as “fully-exempt continuing connected transactions” as stated in the Prospectus. Since each of the relevant percentage ratios (other than the profit ratio) under the Listing Rules in respect of the agreement is expected to be less than 0.1%, the agreement constitutes de minimis transaction which will be exempted from the annual reporting, annual review, announcement and independent Shareholders’ approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.
- (2) These agreements are categorised as “partially-exempt continuing connected transactions” as stated in the Prospectus. These transactions are subject to the reporting, annual review and announcement requirements but are exempted from the independent Shareholders’ approval requirement under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.
- (3) This agreement is categorised as “non-exempt continuing connected transactions” as stated in the Prospectus. Each of the applicable ratios (other than the profits ratio) under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules, in respect of the agreement is, on an annual basis, expected to be more than 5%. The agreement is subject to the reporting, annual review and announcement and the independent Shareholders’ approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

The Directors (including the Independent Non-Executive Directors) have reviewed the above continuing connected transactions and confirmed that the transactions have been entered into:

- (1) in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group;
- (2) on normal commercial terms or better; and
- (3) according to the agreements governing them on terms which are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

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The Directors confirmed that the Company has complied with the requirement of Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules in relation to its continuing connected transactions in so far they are applicable.

The Company's auditor was engaged to report on the Group's continuing connected transactions in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised), *Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* and with reference to Practice Note 740. *Auditor's Letter on Continuing Connected Transactions under the Hong Kong Listing Rules* issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The auditor has issued their unmodified letter containing the auditor's findings and conclusions in respect of the continuing connected transactions disclosed above by the Group in the Annual Report in accordance with Rule 14A.56 of the Listing Rules. A copy of the auditor's letter has been provided by the Company to the Stock Exchange.

INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS OF DIRECTORS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY AND ITS ASSOCIATED CORPORATIONS

As at the date of this report, the interests or short positions of the Directors or chief executive of the Company in the Shares, underlying Shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) ("**SFO**") which will be 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) to be entered into the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 352 of the SFO, or (c) as otherwise to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "**Model Code**") contained in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules, are set out as follows:

(i) Long positions in our shares

Name of Director	Nature of interest	Relevant company	Number of shares held/interested	Approximate percentage of issued share capital
Mr. Sun Juqing	Interest of spouse	Zonqing International Investment Limited (" Zonqing International ")	181,202,166	65.89
Mr. Liu Haitao	Interest in a controlled corporation	Zonbong International Investment Limited (" Zonbong International ")	14,054,104	5.11

Notes:

1. Mr. Sun Juqing is the spouse of Ms. Zhao Hongyu. Ms. Zhao Hongyu is the beneficial owner of 35% shareholding in Zonqing International and is therefore deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Zonqing International for the purposes of the SFO. Accordingly, Mr. Sun is deemed to be interested in the Shares in which Ms. Zhao Hongyu is interested for the purpose of the SFO.
2. Given that Mr. Liu Haitao is the beneficial owner of 60.11% shareholding in Zonbong International, Mr. Liu is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Zonbong International for the purposes of the SFO.

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(ii) Long position in the ordinary shares of associated corporations

Name of Director	Name of associated corporations	Capacity	Long position/short position	Number of shares held in the associated corporation	Percentage of shareholding
Mr. Sun Juqing	Zonqing International	Beneficial owner	Long position	62	62%
Mr. Liu Haitao	Zonqing International	Beneficial owner	Long position	5	5%
Mr. Liu Haitao	Zonbong International	Beneficial owner	Long position	6,011	60.11%
Mr. Shao Zhanguang	Zonqing International	Beneficial owner	Long position	5	5%

Saved as disclosed above, none of the Directors, or chief executives of the Company or their associates had any interests or short positions in any shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations as defined in Part XV of the SFO as recorded in the register to be kept under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code as at the date of this Report.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at the date of this Report, the register of substantial Shareholders maintained by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO shows that, other than the interests of the Directors and the chief executives of the Company, the following Shareholders had notified the Company of relevant interests or short position in shares and underlying shares of Company as follows:

Name of Shareholders	Nature of interest	Long position/short position	Number of shares	Approximate percentage of issued share capital
Zonqing International	Beneficial owner	Long position	181,202,166	65.89%
Ms. Zhao Hongyu	Interest in a controlled corporation	Long position	181,202,166	65.89%
Mr. Sun Juqing	Interest of spouse	Long position	181,202,166	65.89%
Zonbong International	Beneficial owner	Long position	14,054,104	5.11%
Mr. Liu Haitao	Interest in a controlled corporation	Long position	14,054,104	5.11%
Ms. Wang Tiannv	Interest of spouse	Long position	14,054,104	5.11%

Notes:

- Ms. Zhao Hongyu is the beneficial owner of 35% shareholding in Zonqing International and is therefore deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Zonqing International for the purposes of the SFO.
- Mr. Sun Juqing is the spouse of Ms. Zhao Hongyu. Accordingly, Mr. Sun Juqing is deemed to be interested in the Shares in which Ms. Zhao Hongyu is interested for the purpose of the SFO.
- Given that Mr. Liu Haitao is the beneficial owner of 60.11% shareholding in Zonbong International, Mr. Liu Haitao is deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Zonbong International for the purposes of the SFO.
- Ms. Wang Tiannv is the spouse of Mr. Liu Haitao. Accordingly, Ms. Wang Tiannv is deemed to be interested in the Shares in which Mr. Liu Haitao is interested for the purposes of the SFO.

Saved as disclosed above, as at the date of this Report, the Directors and the chief executive of the Company were not aware of any other person (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company) who had an interest or short position in the Shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO.

Report of the Directors

ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

At no time since the Listing Date was the Company or any of its subsidiaries, a party to any arrangements to enable the Directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

No contracts concerning the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Company were entered into or existed during FY2021.

MAJOR SUPPLIERS AND CUSTOMERS

The Group's customers are primarily state-invested enterprises or local governments, private enterprises and non-profit social organisations. Revenue from the largest customer accounted for 12.7% (2020: 13.5%) of the Group's total revenue, and sales to five largest customers combined is 40.9% (2020: 46.4%) of the Group's total revenue for FY2021.

The five largest suppliers and subcontracts is less than 30% of the Group's total cost of sales for FY2021 and FY2020.

None of the Directors or any of their respective associates or any Shareholder which to the best knowledge of the Directors, who own more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital, had any interest in any of the Group's five largest customers or suppliers during FY2021 and FY2020.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Group's business operates in an industry that is subject to changes in market conditions, changing industry standards, environmental regulations, industry competition and changing customers' needs. The Group's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of the industry, business environment and financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Group's business and financial performance. It is important for the Group to timely respond to these changes which may adversely affect the Group's business and financial results.

Discussions of the principal risks and uncertainties faced by the Group are set out in the section headed "Management Discussion and Analysis — Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Principal risks and Uncertainties" of this Report and note 31 to the consolidated financial statements and such contents form part of this Directors' Report.

TAX RELIEF AND EXEMPTION

The Company is not aware of any relief from taxation available to the shareholders of the Company by reason of their holding of the shares.

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment of the Group are set out in note 12 to the consolidated financial statements of this Report. As at 31 December 2021, the Group did not hold any property for development, sold or investment.

Report of the Directors

SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information publicly available to the Company and to the best of the Directors' knowledge, information and belief, the Company has always maintained sufficient public float as required under the Listing Rules throughout the period from the Listing Date up to the date of this Report.

COMPETING BUSINESS

A deed of non-competition dated 14 December 2020 (the "**Deed of Non-competition**") was entered into between the Company and the Controlling Shareholders, who have undertaken to the Company that conditional upon Listing, he/she/it will not, and will procure his/her/its associates and any company directly or indirectly controlled by him/her/it (other than members of the Group) not to, directly or indirectly participate, acquire or hold any right or interest in or otherwise be involved in or undertake any business that directly or indirectly competes, or may compete, with the existing principal business of the Group (the "**Restricted Activity**"), or hold shares or interest (whether as a shareholder, partner, agent, employee or otherwise) in any companies or business that engage in the Restricted Activity.

As disclosed in the Prospectus, the Ultimate Controlling Shareholders, owned the entire equity interest in ZIHG. ZIHG mainly engaged in the infrastructure and municipal construction works business and other businesses, which may be in limited potential competition with the Group's business.

By reasons of the fact that (i) the Group principally engaged in the landscaping business and ecological restoration business, municipal construction works are not the business focus of the Group; (ii) the Company holds the Second-Grade Qualification of Main Contractor for Municipal Public Works (市政公用工程施工總承包貳級) and the scope of municipal construction works the Company was allowed to undertake is limited, whereas ZIHG Group holds the First-Grade Qualification of Main Contractor for Municipal Public Works (市政公用工程施工總承包壹級), which allows the ZIHG Group to undertake all kinds of municipal construction works of any scale and any contract sum, and may engage in a much wider range of municipal public works projects than the Group; (iii) the Company's involvement in municipal public works was limited to the provision of design, investigation, survey and technical consultancy services, which only made a minor contribution to the Company's revenue, the nature of the municipal public works by the Group is mostly different in nature than that of the ZIHG Group; and (iv) that the Company's Ultimate Controlling Shareholders have already given an undertaking pursuant to the Deed of Non-competition, the Group is therefore capable of carrying on its business independently of, and at arms length from, the excluded business as described above.

The Company has received written confirmation from the Controlling Shareholders in respect of his/her/its and/or his/her/its close associates' compliance with the Deed of Non-competition during the period from the Listing Date to the date of this Report. The Independent Non-executive Directors have reviewed the Deed of Non-competition and enforcement of the terms of the Deed of Non-competition by the Controlling Shareholders. The Independent Non-executive Directors confirmed that the Controlling Shareholders have not been in breach of Deed of Non-Competition during the period from the Listing Date to the date of this Report. Given the deed of Non-competition was not breached, the Independent Non-executive Directors considered that no further disclosure on the compliance with and the enforcement of the Deed of Non-competition and the decisions on matters reviewed by the independent non-executive Directors are required to be made in this Report.

Save as disclosed above, none of the Directors held any interests in any business that compete directly against the Company or any of its jointly controlled entities and subsidiaries during FY2021.

CHARITABLE DONATION

Charitable donations made by the Group amounted to RMB Nil (2020: RMB 0.9 million) for FY2021.

Report of the Directors

RELATIONSHIP WITH EMPLOYEES, CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

The Group acknowledges the importance to maintain good relationship with its employees and customers for the achievement of its short-term and long-term business objectives.

For FY2021, there was no serious and material dispute between the Group and its employees, customers and suppliers.

EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENTS

No equity-linked agreements were entered into by the Company during FY2021 or subsisted at the end of FY2021.

USE OF PROCEEDS FROM THE LISTING

Details of the use of proceeds from the Listing is set out in the section headed “Management Discussion and Analysis — Use of Proceeds from the Listing” of this Report.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Principal corporate governance practices adopted by the Company are set out in the “Corporate Governance Report” section of this Report.

REVIEW OF ANNUAL RESULTS BY AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company has established an Audit Committee with written terms of reference in compliance with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules and the CG Code. The Audit Committee consists of three members, namely Mr. Lee Kwok Tung Louis, Mr. Yin Jun, Mr. Gao Xiangnong. Mr. Lee Kwok Tung Louis is the chairman of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the audited consolidated financial statements for FY2021 and is of the view that such statements have been prepared in compliance with the applicable accounting standards, the Listing Rules and other applicable legal requirements, and that adequate disclosures have been made. The Audit Committee has recommended the same to the Board for approval.

Report of the Directors

AUDITOR

The consolidated financial statements for FY2021 have been audited by KPMG, who will retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company. A resolution for re-appointment of KPMG as the independent auditor of the Company will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

On behalf of the Board

Mr. Liu Haitao

Chairman

Hong Kong, 20 May 2022

Environmental, Social and Governance Report

ABOUT THIS REPORT

This is the second Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) Report (the “Report”) issued by ZONBONG LANDSCAPE Environmental Limited (the “Company”, together with its subsidiaries, the “Group” or “We” or “Zonbong”), which mainly focuses on the Group’s efforts and contributions in environmental, social and governance aspects as well as its outlook for the future.

The board of directors and all directors of the Group guarantee that there are no false representations, misleading statements contained in or material omissions from the report, and severally and jointly accept full responsibility for the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of the information herein.

Reporting Period and Scope

The Report discloses the Group’s approaches, initiatives, and performance in relation to ESG management from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 (the “Year” or “Reporting Period”). Some contents of the ESG Report dates to before 2021 and into 2022, thereby increasing reference value of the ESG Report. The textual contents and environmental scope data disclosed in the Report cover all subsidiaries of the Group and there are no significant changes compared to 2020.

Main Reporting Guidelines

The Report has been prepared with reference to the Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting Guide (the “ESG Reporting Guide”) of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “HKEX”) as set out in Appendix 27 to the Listing Rules.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following reporting principles:

Materiality: We identified key ESG issues through a materiality assessment, the process and findings of which have been disclosed in the ESG report.

Quantitative: Quantitative environmental and social information with historical data is presented in the ESG report, together with a description of its purpose and impact, and comparative data will be provided in future ESG reports.

Consistency: We employ a consistent approach to statistics disclosure. In the Report, we have maintained the same statistics disclosure for information previously disclosed in the previous year’s report (which was also the first report), and for information disclosed for the first time, we will adopt a consistent approach to ESG information disclosure in subsequent years to facilitate meaningful comparisons from year to year.

Publication

The Report is published in both Chinese and English versions online. All stakeholders can access to the Report on the website of HKEX at www.hkexnews.hk. In case of any discrepancy in the ESG Report, the Chinese version shall prevail.

Contact Information

We highly value our stakeholders and the public’s opinion on the Report. Should you have any enquiries or suggestions, please contact the Group through the following means.

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STATEMENT OF THE BOARD

The Board of Zonbong takes full responsibility for the Group's environmental, social and governance strategy and reporting. It is responsible for assessing and defining the Group's environmental, social and governance risks and ensuring that the Group has an appropriate and effective environmental, social and governance risk management and internal control system in place. The Board and all Directors guarantee that there are no false representations, misleading statements contained in or material omissions from the Report, and severally and jointly accept full responsibility for the truthfulness, accuracy and completeness of the information herein.

Zonbong mainly focuses on landscaping services and it has been vigorously developing its ecological restoration related business since 2016. In our development, we uphold the spirit of craftsmanship, insist on scientific attitude and pursue humanistic characteristics. Our landscape works integrate technology, culture and art, and are committed to the harmonious integration of human and nature and Zonbong is currently regarded as the most robust ecological restoration company in the Three Northeast Provinces.

The Board of Zonbong is the highest decision-making body for ESG management, guiding the Group's sustainability direction, formulating the Group's overall vision, objectives and management strategies for sustainable development, reviewing the Group's annual ESG report and promoting the implementation of ESG work within the Group by the relevant working groups under the Board. Through the materiality assessment of ESG issues, we have identified R&D and innovation as well as staff development and training as ESG issues of greater concern. Zonbong has been upholding the development concept of people-oriented and endeavour-oriented and recruiting talents from all over the world, at the same time giving full play to the protection and motivation role of welfare, and to standardise and strengthen the welfare management of employees in the Group. The Group continues to strengthen the cultivation of talents to promote the sustainable development of the Group.

In addition, we are conscious of the opportunities and challenges that the increasing environmental regulatory requirements and the trend towards green and safe sustainable development bring to the Group's operations. In the future, we will continue to adjust our sustainability management strategies and implementation in accordance with the expectations of our stakeholders and the actual situation of the Group's operations, so as to continuously enhance our sustainable development.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Stakeholder Communication

The Group attaches importance to the communication with stakeholders and establishes an efficient stakeholder communication and feedback mechanism to seek opinions and suggestions from stakeholders such as the government authority, shareholders, customers, employees and suppliers through different channels, and identify the feedback and expectations of stakeholders on the Group, thereby enhancing the ESG performance of the Group in a targeted manner and responding effectively to the needs of all parties.

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The Group fully considers and effectively responds to the expectations and aspirations of its stakeholders and works with them to promote social development and share the fruits of development.

Stakeholders	Stakeholder Expectations	Communication and Engagement Mechanisms	Group Response
Investors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in market capitalisation and profitability of the Group Continuous improvement in the Group's environmental and social responsibility performance 	General meetings, information disclosure, official website of Zonbong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular reporting, truthful and full disclosure of information, strive to improve performance and generate profits To enhance the Group's governance and risk management, convene general meetings, strengthen investor relations management and strive to improve environmental and social responsibility management
Customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality products and services Protection of legal rights 	Signing contracts and agreements, customer satisfaction surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing high quality products and services Establishment of a comprehensive customer service system and customer feedback and complaint mechanism
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting employees' remuneration and benefits Caring for staff safety and health Provide fair promotion and development opportunities Improve communication mechanism and participate in the management of the Group 	Labour contracts, employee satisfaction surveys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strictly abide by the terms of the labour contract and improve the remuneration and benefits system Provide a safe and healthy working environment Provide career development paths for staff and organise staff training Provide equal access to communication

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Stakeholders	Stakeholder Expectations	Communication and Engagement Mechanisms	Group Response
Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comply with the law, operate in compliance with regulations and implement national policies 	Participate in government related meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strictly comply with relevant laws and regulations, continuously strengthen corporate compliance management and respond to relevant national policies
Supplier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrity, fairness and cooperation for mutual benefit and promoting industry development 	Signing contracts and agreements, holding regular tenders and suppliers' meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adhering to open and transparent business principles, we will actively honour our contracts and agreements and implement an open and transparent procurement model to create a responsible supply chain
Peers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fair competition, honest cooperation, transparent and open information Comply with industry regulations and promote industry innovation 	Communicate with industry-related research institutes, associations, mainstream media, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen communication and cooperation with peers to form healthy and orderly competition Participate in industry innovation research for mutual benefit and progress, participate in industry evaluation and provide suggestions for industry regulations

MATERIALITY ASSESSMENT

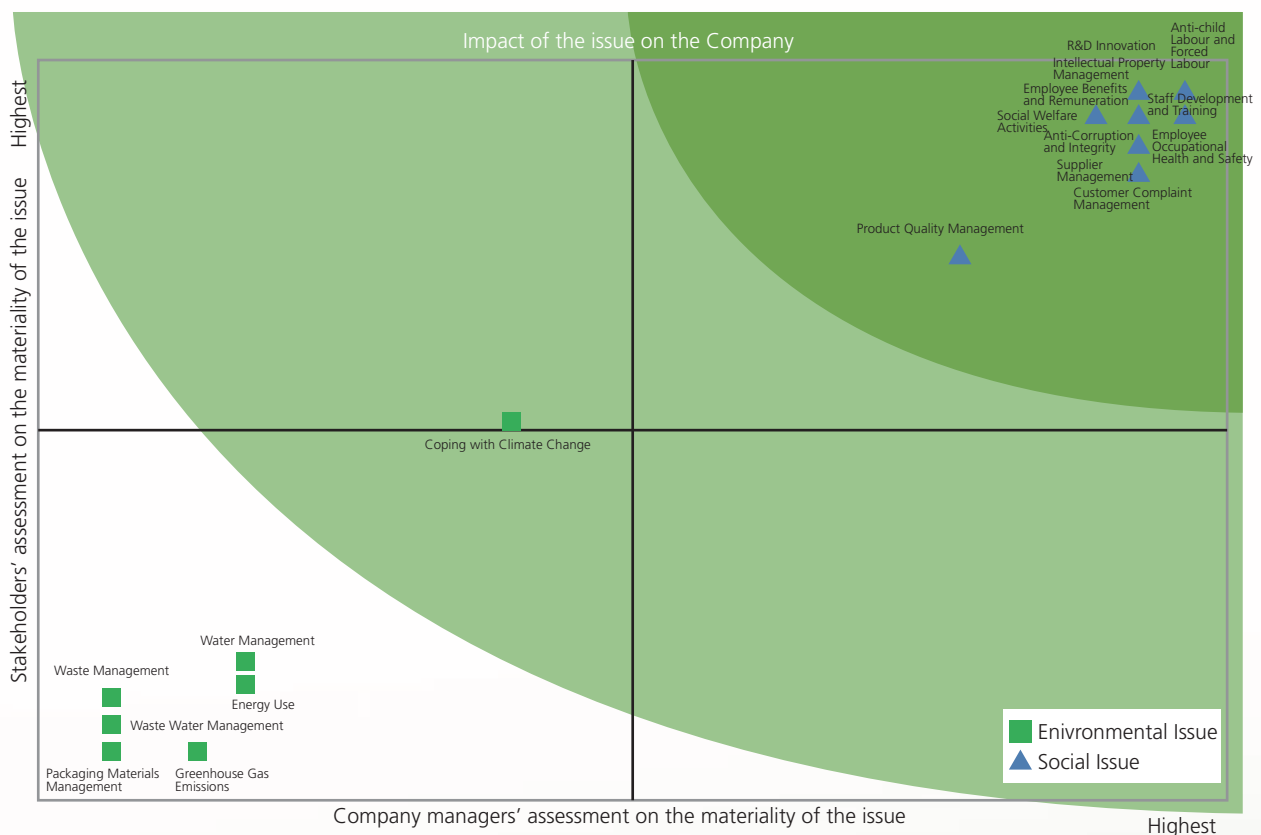
The Group identified and screened ESG issues relevant to the Group through various forms of exchanges and communications with stakeholders in all fields in accordance with the requirements of the HKEX's ESG Reporting Guide and other relevant principles and ESG issues of general concern to the industry. The Group referred to the process of the Global Reporting Initiative ("GRI") for substantive analysis, collected and recorded the issues of concern to the Group's major stakeholders and the results of the assessment of the importance of each issue through questionnaires and interviews. By prioritising the selected issues, the Group learned about the importance of ESG issues to internal and external stakeholders, and identified the substantive (important) ESG issues of the Group, and disclosed them in the Report.

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Materiality Assessment Process

- (1) Identifying ESG issues relevant to the Group through analysis of the HKEX's ESG Reporting Guide and issues disclosed by peers;
- (2) Invite important stakeholders to assess the materiality of the identified issues, including the assessment by internal stakeholders mainly from the perspective of the Group's long-term development strategy, management improvement, urgency of engagement and competitive advantage, and the assessment by external stakeholders mainly from the perspective of the degree of influence on the Group's evaluation and decision making, as well as the influence on the external stakeholders' own interests; the assessments made by internal and external stakeholders were integrated to form the preliminary version of the materiality matrix;
- (3) The prioritisation of the materiality of the issues as approved by the management of Zonbong;
- (4) After the Reporting Period, the Group will organise feedback from internal and external stakeholders on the contents of the current report in preparation for the next report.

Materiality Matrix of Issues



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01. RESPONSIBLE OPERATION

1.1 Quality Assurance of Works

With the goal of continuously improving the quality of works and building the quality brand image of Zonbong, Zonbong takes a series of measures to ensure the quality of products and services according to the Group's Quality Management System of Zonbong Huize Landscape Environmental Construction Limited (中邦匯澤園林環境建設有限公司), builds a scientific and advanced quality management system according to GB/T 19001-2016 Requirements for Quality Management System, and manage and control quality and quantity according to national regulations and industry standards. The Group implements the protection of intellectual property rights, attaches importance to good communication with customers, actively promotes information security and fulfils its product responsibilities to achieve a win-win situation with customers.

- The Quality Management System of Zonbong Huize Landscape Environmental Construction Limited (中邦匯澤園林環境建設有限公司)
The Quality Management System of Zonbong Huize Landscape Environmental Construction Limited (中邦匯澤園林環境建設有限公司) contains five chapters, namely General Provisions, Departmental Responsibilities, System Requirements, System Highlights and Implementation Rules, and Annex and Tables. The System Requirements section details the specific processes and requirements of the eight modules of quality management. The eight modules are: quality objectives and approaches, quality inspection management, process acceptance management, quality analysis and alert, quality incident handling and investigation, quality responsibility investigation, completion acceptance and quality creation management.
- Quality Management System
Based on the GB/T 19001-2016 standard, we have established a quality management system based on our previous management experience, combined with our own characteristics and management needs, and integrated the management system into the operation and management process; formulated the relevant quality management rules and regulations and implementation rules at each level according to the relevant national and industry regulations and the regulations referred therein, and organised their implementation.

We focus on process optimisation, the systematic specification and management of processes and their interactions, and the management of processes and the system as a whole through the use of the PDCA cycle and always act with a risk-based mindset, with the aim of effectively capitalising opportunities, preventing undesirable outcomes and achieving objectives. Depending on the internal and external environment, we plan, implement, maintain and continuously improve to ensure that the desired outcomes of the management system are achieved. In addition, we follow the project quality supervision and management model of "government supervision, legal person management, social supervision and enterprise self-inspection". All departments firmly establish quality awareness, establish a sound project quality assurance system, strictly strengthen the quality inspection work during the construction process, consciously monitor the quality of the project and ensure that the whole process of construction is under control. To ensure that the quality of the construction works (products) undertaken are up to the requirements of the relevant national standards and regulations, and to meet the needs of customers in accordance with the law and in good faith.

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The Group attaches great importance to the quality of products and services, for which it had established a strong technical team and set advanced technical standards, which shall be followed strictly by technical personnel. We engaged third party inspectors to conduct on-site quality assessment in accordance with the relevant requirements of national quality acceptance standards, and the acceptance rate of project quality completion achieved 100%. We considered both the requirements for high-tech enterprises and the development direction of the Group's business and products to formulate the R&D plan and to set quality standard to be improved, in particular, we formulated plans for patents, technical application methods of engineering and process, quality management achievements, demonstration projects, etc. to provide guidance for product quality improvement. If quality issue occurs during the construction of a project, it will be dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the quality management system in respect of non-conformities and quality issues. The Quality Management Department and the Project Department shall analyse the causes of quality issues raised by the construction unit or the supervisory unit, the design unit and the Quality Supervision Department, formulate corrective measures and carry out rework and repair according to the measures, and the project manager shall verify and record the results of the implementation of the corrective measures.

In 2021, the Group has divided the control process of project implementation into three stages: before, during and after. Pre-control includes controls such as identifying quality objectives, planning construction plans, producing "standard demonstration sections" and technical presentations. In-process control is carried out strictly with reference to the technical documentations compiled in accordance with the project characteristics and our existing standardised construction manuals, with data-based quality checks and acceptance conducted on a process-by-process basis and based on real measurements. The post-control stage analyses and aggregates the control data accumulated during the project implementation process for the application of quality management in subsequent works.

In 2021, 18 projects of Zonbong were completed and received completion acceptance certificates issued by the owners. Four of the projects were awarded provincial and municipal quality engineering awards and standardised management demonstration sites by the industry authorities, with a total of eight awards. Details are as follows:

1. Dongxinkai River Range (Changchun Chengtou Sports Park) Project as part of the Ecological Treatment Project of Yitu Ula River Range in Changchun City (長春市百里伊通河水系生態治理工程 – 東新開河流域項目工程(長春城投體育公園)項目) was successively awarded the Changchun City "Clivia Miniata Cup" Award for Quality Engineering (長春市君子蘭杯優質工程獎) in 2021 by Changchun Construction Industry Association, the 2021 Provincial Quality Engineering Award for Construction Works in Jilin Province (2021年吉林省建設工程省優質工程獎) by Jilin Construction Industry Association; and Landscape Cup Quality Engineering Award (園林杯優質工程獎) by Jilin Province Society of Landscape Architecture.
2. The West Lake Regional Ecological Environment Treatment Project (Phase II) (Main Contracting Project) (西湖區域生態環境治理工程(二期)(工程總承包)) won the accolades of 2021 Municipal Standardisation and Management Demonstration Site (2021年度市級標準化管理示範工地) from Changchun Urban and Rural Construction Committee and 2021 Provincial Construction Standardisation and Management Demonstration Site (2021年度省級施工標準化管理示範工地) from Jilin Provincial Department of Housing and Urban-Rural Construction.

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3. The Main Contracting Project of Dongxinkai River Range (Yangpu Park Phase II) as part of the Ecological Management and Restoration Project for Yitu Ula River Range in Changchun City (長春市百里伊通河水系生態治理工程 – 東新開河流域項目工程總承包(洋浦公園二期)) won the accolades of 2021 Municipal Standardisation and Management Demonstration Site (2021年度市級標準化管理示範工地) from Changchun Urban and Rural Construction Committee and 2021 Provincial Construction Standardisation and Management Demonstration Site (2021年度省級施工標準化管理示範工地) from Jilin Provincial Department of Housing and Urban-Rural Construction.
4. The Supplementary Works for Comprehensive Improvement of Black and Smelly Water Bodies in Urban Areas of Liaoyuan City (遼源市城區黑臭水體綜合整治補充工程) won the accolade of 2021 Demonstration Site for Construction Standardisation and Management of Municipal Housing Construction and Municipal Works (2021年度市級房屋建築和市政工程施工標準化管理示範工地) from the Liaoyuan City Bureau of Housing and Urban-Rural Construction.

In the future, the Group will establish a technology and quality standard system indexed by products to promote technology synergy and integration: for core products of Zonbong, we will summarise and establish a technical standard system with products as the main theme, refine high and cutting edge technology and improve the technical standard system covering all levels so as to support the product quality improvement technically. The integration of design, construction and maintenance is highlighted when going over the advanced technology and experience and the technical standard system was widely promoted and applied, which together formed the core competitiveness of brand quality supporting the development of Zonbong, thereby enhancing the quality of services; at the same time, the continuous improvement of quality management cannot be achieved without high quality human resources, advanced quality standards, innovative and efficient technology and techniques. The Group will take stock of the current knowledge and capability structure of its technical staff, analyse the blind spots in business knowledge, formulate targeted training programmes, further the development of more technical backbone talents, summarise and establish high quality technical standards, refine high and cutting edge technology and gradually improve the business technical standards system.

1.2 Customer Service Management

Zonbong has combined its core business and actively focused on its core customers, currently the main customers are the government and its subordinate platform companies. Zonbong always adheres to the customer-oriented corporate culture and the pursuit of zero customer complaints in the process of business cooperation. This is a fundamental part of our performance assessment to ensure the quality of customer service.

Zonbong always insists on the fundamental principle of “customer satisfaction is wholly determined by the customer”, and investigates customer satisfaction through regular return visits, face-to-face interviews, telephone interviews and continuous communication on business satisfaction during the project implementation process. In addition, the Group implemented a strict confidentiality system for customer information and established a set of approval system and approval process for customer information management and information access, which were strictly enforced. During the Year, the Group served its customers from the perspective of the customers and went above and beyond to provide customers with legitimate services within its capabilities, which greatly enhanced customer satisfaction and successfully achieved the recommendation of new projects by existing customers. Zonbong attaches great importance to product quality and customer satisfaction, with no product complaint cases in 2021.

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In terms of handling customer complaints, Zonbong has a project manager for each project who is responsible for receiving and handling on-site complaints and telephone complaints. The project manager is the chief responsible person for each project, and according to the type of complaints, feedback will be escalated, and the project manager will follow up the whole process to ensure that customer complaints are handled in a timely manner. In 2021, Zonbong took its refinement work to a new level by adopting the principle of “prevention is better than cure”, continuously carrying out self-checking and self-correction work, ensuring product quality to guarantee zero product complaints, and enhancing its early warning and problem handling capability through the Public Opinion Management System. Communication inside the Group is ensured to be barrier-free.

1.3 Intellectual Property Management

Product Development

The Group has established a product-oriented technical standard system and a management system for research and development and innovation and optimization to promote technological synergy and integration, refine high and cutting-edge technology, while continuously exploring key development areas in the industry to form a core competitiveness to support the integrated development of Zonbong and continuously promote technological innovation. In order to regulate the management of product research and development of the Group, Zonbong has strengthened the management and supervision of the product research and development process in various aspects such as research and development plan, research and development projects, research and development cooperation, scientific and technological achievements, and cultivation of scientific and technological talents.

In 2021, Zonbong invested RMB38,946,000 in research and development, and launched 15 research and development projects in the field of ecological environment construction and protection this year, injecting technical strength into the high-quality development of the company. In the future, Zonbong will continue to uphold the direction of “focusing on R&D innovation to build a leading platform; covering a wide range of product chains to expand potential; insisting on a differentiated technology development strategy to obtain a number of patents; and formulating a comprehensive layout to enhance competitiveness and promote sustainable development”, increase its strategic research and development efforts, focus on the environmental industry that Zonbong belongs, develop core technologies from multiple perspectives, including demand, policy and market opportunities, explore new profit growth opportunities and facilitate the Group's continuous lead and promotion in the development of the industry.

Intellectual Property Protection

Zonbong attaches importance to the management of intellectual property rights to protect the achievements of technological innovation and enhance the core competitiveness of the Company. The Group strictly complies with the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China, the Copyright Law of the People's Republic of China and the Trademark Law of the People's Republic of China, fully respects the intellectual property rights of others, and is determined to protect its own intellectual property rights from infringement. At present, Zonbong has accumulated 86 intellectual property rights, including 3 invention patents, 30 utility model patents and design patents, 47 software copyrights, 5 trademark registrations and 1 domain name registration. There was an addition of 21 new utility model patents (15 for Huize and 6 for Shanshui) and 9 computer software copyrights (8 for Shanshui and 1 for Guanyang) in 2021.¹

¹ The data provided include Huize, Shanshui, Zhongke, and Guanyang, all of which are actual data for 2021.

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Huize, a subsidiary of Zonbong, encourages its staff to create inventions and production and process technology transformation, timely reporting of intellectual property rights for the intellectual achievements formed, assigning dedicated personnel in the product development department to be responsible for management, establishing an intellectual property rights file and data platform, classifying intellectual property rights according to their actual value creation, importance to development and maintenance cost, etc., and formulating a series of intellectual property rights management methods and procedures in accordance with the relevant national intellectual property rights laws and regulations and internal control processes.

For intellectual property rights that may have a significant impact on Zonbong, such as trademark rights, patent rights, copyright rights and domain names, the Group will engage professional agents to apply for them promptly, so as to protect the interests of the Group to the fullest extent possible; in the course of cooperation with other units or individuals, the Group will make detailed provisions on the ownership, scope of use, duration and distribution of subsequent research and development results of the intellectual property involved, enter into relevant legal documents and use the intellectual property rights in a comprehensive manner to protect the interests of the Group.

1.4 Sustainable Supply Chain

In the process of supplier selection, the Group pays special attention to the issues of environmental protection at work site and labor protection as most of the projects with suppliers involve landscaping and road construction. In addition to examining whether the subcontracting suppliers have all the valid licenses, whether they have the relevant engineering construction qualifications, experience in similar operations within the past three years and qualified engineering quality, we also pay attention to the integrity of the subcontracting suppliers' operation, whether there are irregularities such as defaulting on workers' wages, and whether the subcontracting suppliers should have no records of major safety and quality accidents, etc.

Zonbong attaches importance to the management of suppliers. The Group has established a supplier information database, recorded qualified suppliers into the information database and classified suppliers according to their stage management, evaluation results and application methods as follows:

- Potential suppliers: all legal entities, other organisations or individuals who may provide services such as supplies, who are not accredited and who are not listed in the supplier database.
- Qualified suppliers: Suppliers who have been audited and certified to meet the needs of the cooperations.
- Non-conforming suppliers: Suppliers who have been identified as non-conforming through the performance evaluation process.
- Blacklisted suppliers: Suppliers who have engaged in bid-rigging, colluding in bidding, bribery and other malpractices in the procurement process, or who have maliciously breached contract terms in the course of performance, resulting in significant losses and serious consequences.

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The number of suppliers with which the Group have relationships in 2021 is 719, the breakdown by geographical region as follows:

Geographical region	Number of suppliers
Northern China (Beijing, Tianjin, Shanxi Province, Hebei Province, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region)	98
Northeast Region (Heilongjiang Province, Jilin Province, Liaoning Province)	548
Northwest Region (Shaanxi Province, Gansu Province, Qinghai Province, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region)	0
Eastern China (Shanghai, Jiangsu Province, Zhejiang Province, Anhui Province, Fujian Province, Jiangxi Province, Shandong Province)	63
Central China (Henan Province, Hubei Province, Hunan Province)	2
South China (Guangdong Province, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Hainan Province)	8
Southwest China (Sichuan Province, Guizhou Province, Yunnan Province, Chongqing, Tibet Autonomous Region)	0
Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan	0
Foreign	0
Total	719

In terms of supplier evaluation and assessment, we have adopted a scoring mechanism, with four dimensions of evaluation indicators, namely "supply indicators", "quality indicators", "support, cooperation and service indicators" and "economic indicators". The four indicators are scored out of 100 points, with 30 points for supply indicators, 40 points for quality indicators, 10 points for support, cooperation and service indicators, and 20 points for economic indicators. This is used to examine the supplier's performance in terms of corporate quality, raw material sources, production processes, supply continuity, factory sites, quality documentation and processes, procurement documentation, warehouse packaging, staffing and production management. We classify suppliers into four ratings, namely A, B, C and D, based on a percentage system. Suppliers with an A, B or C rating will continue to be qualified suppliers, while those with a D rating will be unqualified or blacklisted directly. The supplier's rating will have different rating scores depending on the project and the stage of implementation of the contract. The whole process of evaluation is dynamic, with the later ratings always taking precedence over the earlier ratings, i.e. the most recent rating is the latest rating of the supplier. The details of which are as follows:

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Number	Rating Score	Supplier Rating	Corresponding Action
1	90-100	Grade A	This type of supplier is recommended as either a framework agreement supplier or a strategic supplier
2	80-89	Grade B	This type of supplier is recommended as a general supplier
3	70-79	Grade C	This type of supplier is recommended as a supplier that requires coaching for improvement
4	69 or below	Grade D	This type of supplier is recommended to be eliminated, and if the contract is still in progress, improvement requests will be made and rectification will be required to be completed in a timely manner. The supplier will be suspended from purchasing and the member of the Group will determine the risk exposure from payment and will not be allowed to continue with the payment process until the risk is eliminated. The supplier would be removed from the supplier database and the procurement relationship would be terminated. (Normal purchases can still be made with a single source supplier which has a D rating)

In relation to environmental protection, some projects require suppliers to provide "Certificate of Environmental Management System Certification", "Certificate of China Environmental Labeling Product Certification", "Certificate of Selection of Green Building Products", etc., and to enforce the requirements of national standards such as "Limit of Radionuclides in Construction Materials" (GB6566-2001).

In the future, the key strategy for supplier management is timely incentives, incentives to reflect the principles of fairness, consistency and equitableness, incentives are mainly the following: pricing incentives, i.e. pricing to take full account of the supplier's reasonable profit; order incentives, i.e. suppliers with satisfactory performance would be awarded more purchase orders; goodwill incentives, i.e. give feedback to suppliers who value goodwill, such as letters of thanks, supplier honorary award, etc.; elimination incentives, i.e. enhance crisis awareness among suppliers and make them more dynamic by eliminating substandard suppliers.

1.5 Information Security and Privacy Protection

The Group fully understands the importance of information security, customer privacy, business confidential management and data protection. We improve our information management system consistently, including management systems for server rooms and information security. The server room management system manages servers, switches and other equipment to ensure the safe operation of hardware equipment; the information security management system clearly stipulates the network security behavior in the office area and prohibits unsafe network actions through the establishment of switch rules, virus checking before copying files from outside to make sure magnetic media and files clean, approval of competent person required for copying out internal files, and setting network IP bound to the physical address of each computer to ensure that any network operation on computer can be traced.

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The Information Management Department of the Finance Management Centre of Zonbong has formulated the Data Security and Confidentiality System, which is applicable to all centres, departments, project departments of the headquarters of Zonbong and its subsidiaries, wholly-owned subsidiaries and controlling subsidiaries with defacto control. Zonbong has arranged for a designated information manager to be the main person responsible for the network and data security and confidentiality system, clearly delineated the level of information breach within the Group and graded the control, established comprehensive security measures for data use, storage, transmission and backup, and limited and controlled the security of staff system application through the system.

In addition, all the machines of Zonbong have been installed with authentic Tianqing Firewall (天擎防火牆), and the information system is deployed separately from the data servers, only the applications could be connected to external source while the data servers are not released to the public, thereby ensuring data security.

In the future, the Group would consider the information system in the form of a VPN virtual local area network, where the information system will run without the aid of the Internet but will be accessed on the intranet, and the file server will be empowered with a file encryption system to protect the Group's digital assets by means of encryption and effective time limits for the Group's important document archives.

1.6 Giving Back to the Community

Since its establishment, Zonbong has been bravely undertaking social responsibilities, actively responding to the national call and committing to public welfare, adding to the harmony and win-win momentum

In 2021, Zonbong is concerned about the people in the areas affected by disasters or the pandemic, actively participating in the construction of the affected areas and making goods and monetary donations; co-organising with the Jilin Environmental Industry Association to promote the Jilin Eco Day event to raise awareness of environmental protection among staff and the society and to give back to the community.

Construction of mobile cabin hospital



Support for the construction of mobile cabin hospital in Tonghua

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Jilin Eco Day



Our active participation in Jilin Eco Day

During the Year, Zonbong spent approximately 240 hours in charity activities.

In the future, Zonbong plans to establish the Zonbong Foundation to attract more members who are passionate about charity activities to join and participate in meaningful causes together; through the establishment of the Zonbong Volunteers Association, Zonbong people can increase their participation in social assistance and public welfare activities to better serve the society; and through cooperation with industry associations and schools, leverage the relevant national platform and industry advantages to organise and promote public welfare activities to give back to the society.

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1.7 Operating with Integrity and Compliance

Zonbong attaches importance to honesty and integrity and believes that integrity is an important guarantee for long-term development and winning the confidence of all parties, advocates a corporate culture of honesty and integrity, creates an anti-corruption corporate cultural environment, strictly abides by the Criminal Law of the People's Republic of China and the Anti-Money Laundering Law of the People's Republic of China and other anti-corruption and anti-money laundering regulations, and pays high attention to the construction of an anti-corruption and bribery system. We have gradually developed a risk assessment process that is suitable for the Group's own development:

- The management of the Group provides adequate protection in terms of budget, staffing and preparation of working conditions.
- The management of Zonbong advocates a corporate culture of honesty and integrity, specifying the code of professional ethics for employees and stipulating the "six strict prohibitions" disciplinary requirements, i.e., it is strictly prohibited to give annual gifts to superiors, to accept banquets, gifts, gratuities and other properties from suppliers or cooperative units in violation of the law, to receive and send by logistics express, WeChat Red Packets and other hidden means, to use corporate funds to invite each other to banquets, to organise or participate in consumption and entertainment activities paid by corporate funds, and to gamble. The aims of the above measures are to create an anti-corruption corporate culture and to promote a corporate culture of honesty and integrity.
- In order to effectively prevent the occurrence of corruption practices, Zonbong and its subsidiaries improve its internal control system and conduct regular internal control self-assessment work. When conducting functional management audits of each functional department of Zonbong, we will establish key control points where corruption risks may occur, evaluate the construction and performance of anti-corruption systems and processes, and promptly analyse and propose prevention and control measures for major corruption incidents.

The Group organises integrity and anti-corruption training for all staff on a quarterly basis, and organises annual integrity briefings for senior and middle management to fully implement anti-corruption work from an ideological and management perspective.

For the procurement process, we have also implemented a series of measures to prevent corruption, including auditing and supervision by the Internal Audit and Legal Affairs Center at all points of the procurement process, and annual rotation mechanism of procurement personnel by the Human Resource Culture Center. In the procurement process, if any acceptance of bribes are found, the violators will be dealt with in accordance with the relevant disciplinary measures; we ensure that the procurement process is compliant and suppliers are required to register for a group platform account; the procurement process is open and all price enquiry documents are sent to designated mailboxes. In addition, in the process of cooperation with suppliers, we actively promote the procurement system to suppliers, make public the telephone number for complaints and reports, and sign the Integrity Agreement while entering into the contract to jointly promote anti-corruption work with suppliers. In addition, we regularly visit suppliers to provide feedback on recent cooperation, organise annual and monthly supplier evaluations and collect feedback on non-compliance.

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In 2021, the Group established an open and transparent procurement process and a supplier management process in accordance with the Material Management System. The major measures are as follows:

- A transparent and objective development inspection process has been established and developed. The quoted suppliers are formed by way of recommendation by project, recommendation by the Materials Department and also new qualified suppliers. All suppliers must be registered with the Group's cloud network. For suppliers subject to inspection, the supplier inspection form must be filled in by hand for filing.
- The quotation document is sent directly to the company's quotation mailbox without going through the procurement staff, and is opened on the day of the tender opening by the project staff, procurement staff and Group staff on the spot, with the parties negotiating and setting the final price.
- Documentation of the procurement process; documentation of corporate qualifications, technical documents, project descriptions and quotations.
- We carry out monthly checks on procurement line documentation, review documents on the procurement execution process, issue review opinions and refer any irregularities found in the process to Group Audit for action.

For the reporting process, we have set up effective reporting procedures to ensure a smooth reporting channel. For reports involving non-senior management staff, the Risk Management Centre will report to the Group's divisional leader within two working days upon receipt of the report and commence investigation and handling in accordance with the instructions. The Risk Management Centre reports the results of the investigation to the Group's divisional leader, who will then make a decision on the penalty for corrupt practices by non-senior management staff. For reports involving senior management, the Risk Management Centre will report to the Audit Committee within two working days upon receipt of the report, and the Audit Committee will decide on further investigation matters. If necessary, a special investigation team may be set up or external professionals may be engaged to carry out the investigation, and the Audit Committee, together with the relevant departments, will make a decision on the penalty for corrupt practices by senior management.

We strictly protect the privacy of the whistleblower's relevant information and the content of the report. The Group's Human Resources and Culture Centre is responsible for the implementation of penalty resolutions in corruption cases. Staff receiving complaints or participating in corruption investigations are not allowed to provide information about the complainant and the contents of the report to any department or individual without permission; if there is a need to inspect information related to a complaint or report for work purposes, prior approval should be sought from the head of the Audit and Compliance Department. At the same time, the inspector should register the content, time and relevant information of the inspector with the Risk Management Centre. The Risk Management Centre is responsible for filing the relevant materials of corruption cases after investigation and handling.

During the Year, the Group strictly complied with the relevant laws and regulations on anti-corruption and anti-money laundering and there were no violations in the area of anti-corruption that had a significant impact on the Group.

In the future, the Group will continue to improve its internal control system and conduct regular internal control self-assessment work. When conducting functional management audits of each functional department, we will establish key control points where corruption risks may occur, evaluate the construction and performance of anti-corruption systems and processes, and promptly analyse and propose prevention and control measures for major corruption incidents.

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The Group is determined to uphold a healthy integrity system and its anti-corruption reporting channels are as follows:

- Address for report by mail: Zonbong Huize Landscape Environmental Construction Limited, 3/F, Zhongqing Building, No. 5888 Fuzhi Road, Jingyue District, Changchun.
- Address for reporting by visit: Risk Management Centre, Zonbong Huize Landscape Environmental Construction Limited, 3/F, Zhongqing Building, No. 5888 Fuzhi Road, Jingyue District, Changchun. Report by email: zbylsjb@163.com

02. TALENT TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

2.1 Safeguarding Employee Rights

Zonbong has been upholding the development concept of people-oriented and endeavour-oriented and recruiting talents from all over the world. We strictly abide by the Labor Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國勞動法》), the Labor Contract Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國勞動合同法》), the Social Security Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國社會保險法》) and other relevant laws and regulations, and have formulated internal systems such as the Personnel Management System, the Salary Management System, the Welfare Management System, etc., to continuously improve the employment mechanism of talents, so that the management of employees can be standardized subject to rules and regulations, which in turn facilitate rapid development of the Group.

The total number of Zonbong employees in 2021 is 469, the breakdown by employee category, gender and geographical region is as follows:

Total number of employees by employee category (persons)	Full-time	469
	Part-time	0
Total number of employees by gender (persons)	Male	307
	Female	162
Total number of employees by geographical region (persons)	Jilin	215
	Outside Jilin	254
Total number of employees by age group (persons)	25 and below	13
	25-30 (including 30)	85
	30-35 (including 35)	154
	35-40 (including 40)	114
	Over 40	103

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The following is a breakdown of employee turnover rates of Zonbong by gender, age group and geographical region in 2021:

Employee turnover rate by gender (%)	Male	26.38%
	Female	45.68%
Employee turnover rate by geographical region (%)	Jilin	49.77%
	Outside Jilin	18.90%
Employee turnover rate by age group (%)	30 and below	63.27%
	31-35	32.47%
	36-40	19.30%
	Over 40	20.39%

We have formulated the Recruitment Management System and the Personnel Management System, insisted on equal pay for equal work, set positions by ability, and we will not consider gender, nationality, country, etc. in the selection and hiring process.

We have formulated the Salary Management System, set up a scientific compensation system, given full play to the compensation management function and made employees clearly understand the salary system, salary composition, and salary accounting to increase transparency and fairness. We have established a scientific and effective talent cultivation mechanism and enhanced employees' sense of belonging by providing them with competitive salaries and benefits, and organizing diversified team building activities.

We have formulated the Personnel Management System to regulate attendance and leave management, so that employees are entitled to all national statutory holidays, as well as full pay for maternity leave and Chinese New Year holidays set by the Group in addition to the statutory ones after completing the approval process in accordance with the system.

In accordance with the relevant laws and regulations, including the Labour Law and Social Insurance Law of the People's Republic of China, the Group pays social insurance and provides high temperature insurance for all employees. Corporate benefits include holiday gifts, birthday benefits, communication subsidies, transportation subsidies, meal subsidies, health check-ups, group activities and wedding greetings.

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In order to regulate the daily attendance of the Group's staff and to achieve effective staff manage, we have formulated the Attendance and Leave Management System in accordance with the relevant labour laws and regulations of the PRC, under which employees are entitled to personal leave, sick leave and medical leave, maternity leave, marriage leave, bereavement leave, family visit leave and paid annual leave.

In 2021, the Group did not have any irregularities in terms of remuneration packages, or irregularities in terms of working hours and holidays.

Zonbong strictly abides by the Contract Law of the People's Republic of China, the Labor Contract Law of the People's Republic of China, the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Minors and other relevant laws and regulations in all recruitment and employment, and strictly prohibited child labor and forced labor. We have established a Recruitment Management System, and the Human Culture Department will conduct strict verification and background checks on the identity cards, academic certificates and resumes provided by interviewees. As for formally newly-hiring employee, an agreement will be signed to require he or she to assume legal responsibility for the truthfulness of all information he or she provides for hiring. We also introduce the information including group introduction, job duties, working environment, workplace, salary standard, etc. to ensure that both parties get the true and effective information. We recruit talents through various channels, such as campus recruitment, social recruitment and headhunting, to achieve diversification of talent recruitment. We treat employees of different nationalities, races, genders, and ages fairly to prevent employment discrimination, child labor, and forced labor. Zonbong also effectively protects the legitimate rights and interests of its employees and makes reasonable arrangements for their working hours, strictly implements the 8-hour working day and strictly manages overtime work. For the valid overtime work of our employees, the Group arranges alternate leave or compensation leave according to the law.

During the Year, Zonbong did not have any cases of discrimination, child labor and forced labor.

2.2 Employee Care and Welfare

We have formulated the Welfare Management System to give full play to the protection and motivation role of welfare, and to standardise and strengthen the welfare management of employees in the Group. Employee benefits include statutory benefits and corporate benefits. The Group pays social insurance and high temperature insurance for all employees, while corporate benefits include medical check-up benefits, holiday benefits, wedding benefits and bereavement supports, birthday benefits, heating subsidies, communication subsidies, fuel subsidies, title subsidies, missed meal subsidies, accommodation subsidies, family visit subsidies, overseas subsidies, home rental subsidies, and summer heat protection subsidies. During the epidemic in 2021, Zonbong purchased face masks, disinfectant alcohol, hand sanitizer and other epidemic prevention materials for the employees of the Company, and strictly prevented and controlled the epidemic to ensure the safety of the employees.

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2.3 Employee Health and Safety

In Zonbong's operations, certain types of work may be exposed to the hazards of dust from marble cutting, arc light from welding, heat stroke, noise and so on. The Group's safety management is based on the principle of safety first, prevention, comprehensive management and full participation. Daily safety management is carried out in accordance with the "Safety Management System of Zonbong Huize Landscape Environmental Construction Limited (中邦匯澤園林環境建設有限公司)". All construction projects implement PDCA for dynamic control to ensure safety construction. We also build a scientific and advanced safety management system in accordance with GB/T24001-2016 "Environmental Management System Requirements and Guidelines for Use" and GB/T 45001-2020 "Occupational Health and Safety Management System Requirements", with emphasis on continuous improvement, prevention and process control to ensure the health and safety of our employees.

In strict compliance with relevant national laws and regulations, the Group has implemented the production safety responsibility system and strengthened on-site safety management. For three consecutive years, no work-related accidents occurred in respect of personal injury, electrical work safety, safety in working at heights, commuting and other safety aspects. In 2019, 2020 and 2021, the number and ratio of employees who died on the job of the Group were 0, and in 2021, the working hours lost due to work-related injuries was 0.

The Group places great importance on occupational health and safety at work on all its construction sites. In accordance with national and local health and safety laws and regulations, we strive to provide a safe and comfortable working environment for our employees:

- We have developed comprehensive safety policies and guidelines for our employees, such as the Safety and Civilisation Construction Standards Manual and the Safety Management Manual. Each project is equipped with its own emergency management system to prevent the occurrence of emergency safety incidents. The Group formulated an Employee Health Check Programme for the protection of staff in early 2021 and organised health checks for all staff on a regular basis in accordance with the programme.
- In order to meet the needs of the types of work at the construction site, management and operating personnel are equipped with labour protection equipment, and employees are equipped with safety protection equipment such as reflective vests, insulated gloves, safety helmets, insulated shoes and safety belts, etc. We set up fire-fighting equipment or safety protective facilities for dangerous sites according to the operation site conditions and ensure that they comply with applicable international or industry standards in terms of installation and use.
- Increase the investment in safety and civilization construction costs to provide a safe, comfortable and harmonious working environment for our staff. We have increased safety education, organised safety education for new hires, education on the prevention of the COVID-19 and education on the new safety law to enhance the safety awareness of all staff.

In addition, the Group provides medical insurance, social insurance and work injury insurance for all employees in accordance with national laws and regulations, as well as accident insurance for employees who are unable to pay the statutory insurance, mainly including previously retired employees and interns, to ensure that employees are protected in case of accidents. In addition, the Group arranges annual medical check-ups for all employees so that they can keep abreast of their health conditions.

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During the Year, the Group thoroughly implemented the relevant regulations on safety and labour protection under the new “Law of the People’s Republic of China on Production Safety” and equipped workers with labour protection equipment such as safety helmets, safety belts and safety shoes, as well as purchasing Huoxiang Zhengqi Shui (藿香正氣水), and summer food such as watermelon and drinks for workers. During the Year, we conducted more than 1,000 technical safety briefings, more than 100 safety education and training sessions, and more than 50 emergency drills to equip our workers with fundamental safety knowledge and skills to avoid emergencies. Regular inspections of the workers’ living area, electricity and canteen hygiene were conducted to ensure the physical and mental health of the workers.

In the future, Zonbong will gradually implement a digital safety control system and establish a MIB system for front-end risk prediction + cloud-based safety management business system targeting monitoring, supervision and evaluation during the construction process, so as to form a “modernised dual-system mechanism” for control purposes. Through the promotion and application of the modern safety control system, the Group will form a safety control business system that supports the core competitiveness of the development of Zonbong to ensure construction safety and reduce the occurrence of safety incidents. During the Reporting Period, the Group did not have any safety incidents of general or above level, or any non-compliance with occupational health and safety laws and regulations.

2.4 Staff Development and Training

Zonbong has always insisted on the talent development concept of “technology and talent are keys to success”, and has always adhered to the talent development concept of “endeavour-oriented”, incentivizing and rewarding the endeavours and direct contributors of performance. In 2021, Zonbong has engaged an internationally renowned third party consultant to build a scientific talent cultivation system and establish a comprehensive talent evaluation system and talent motivation system to help the development of corporate talent and the sustainable development of Zonbong. By the end of 2021, we have established various comprehensive talent cultivation systems, such as “Cadre Talent Cultivation System”, “Reserve Talent Cultivation System” and “New Employee Cultivation System”, and established “Training Management System” and “Internal Training Management System” to ensure the cultivation of talents for the company.

In 2021, we have established a multi-channel talent development path and set up a comprehensive talent evaluation and motivation system, such as the Personal Performance Management System, the Organisational Performance Management System, the Cadre Evaluation System and the Promotion Mechanism, so as to provide a comprehensive talent development path for our employees and to fulfil our commitment in relation to their long-term development in the company.

In 2022, the Group will continue its remarkable work in talent development and promotion by establishing the “Job Qualification System” and “Leadership Evaluation System”.

In order to meet the training needs of personnel in different positions and at different levels and allocate training course resources more effectively, the Group stratifies and grades various training jobs, combines online and offline trainings and sets up different types of training courses such as Jinghang class (競航班), Linghang class (領航班), Qihang class (啓航班) and special training camp for project teams (項目班子特訓營), to achieve more effective training with proper training methods and courses. We analyze technical knowledge and ability of employees to identify their business blind spots, and implement targeted training to make up for their weak links, achieving the expected target in the average results of training assessment and gradually enhancing the ability of employees.

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In 2021, the Group set up a dedicated talent development programme for corporate talent development, organising more than 100 training sessions throughout the Year, with a 100% staff coverage rate.

- Leadership Programme: Focusing on the development of senior corporate talent and building six leadership skills at the top;
- Visionary Programme: Focusing on the development of middle-level cadres, with emphasis on enhancing professional and management capabilities;
- “Race to the Top” Programme: Focusing on developing a cadre of reserve talent to provide a reserve force for the sustainable development of business operations;
- Stability Programme: Focusing on cultivating core talent at the base level, facilitating the development of business experts and business experts;
- Starter Programme: Focusing on new staff development, we have created a 180-day turnaround programme for new staff to speed up their integration and enhance their recognition.

In 2021, the total number of training hours provided to Zonbong employees was 20,079, with an average of 43 training hours completed per employee, 43 training hours completed per male employee, 43 training hours completed per female employee, 42 training hours completed per junior employee, 75 training hours completed per person at the middle management level and 60 training hours completed per person at the senior management level, with 100% training coverage.

In the future, we will continue to adopt a multi-dimensional strategy with distinct levels and grades, and train and empower personnel in a more flexible manner based on the development characteristics of the enterprise and the industry, and implement various training efforts. Currently, we have developed a talent training plan for the next year, strengthening the training of talents at all levels, so as to facilitate the development of our talents.

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03. GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

3.1 Improving the Ecological Environment

The West Lake Regional Ecological Environment Treatment Project (Phase II) (Main Contracting Project) (西湖區域生態環境治理工程(二期)(工程總承包項目)):

The Group has been able to implement the new concept of people-oriented and comprehensive, coordinated and sustainable development into the construction process of each project, effectively minimising the potential environmental impact of the Group's operations. In 2021, Zonbong commenced the West Lake Regional Ecological Environment Treatment Project (Phase II) (Main Contracting Project). In the course of construction, the Group centralised its deployment, actively responded to the national environmental protection policy, implemented the environmental protection responsibility system, clearly identified the responsible personnel, achieved energy saving, emission reduction and standardised construction, and implemented the requirements of various environmental protection indicators. The environmental protection measures adopted are as follows:

1. Installation of site entry signs, safety warning signs, construction master plan, environmental protection signs, 2D code signs for control of important hazards and technical instructions at the main entrance of the site;



2. Dust suppression:
 - Establishment of a sprinkler cleaning system with various sprinkler facilities for dust suppression, supervised and inspected by dedicated safety officers;



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- Dense mesh netting over bare soil areas and turf and shrub planting in the project office area;



- Closed cover measures for earth and granular material transportation vehicles;
- Vehicle washing facilities are provided at the entrance and exit of the site to keep vehicles entering and leaving the site clean;



- Exterior scaffolding during the construction phase of the structure is tightly enclosed by safety nets;

3. Waste disposal

- Separate construction waste into piles and maximise their usage;
- Separate domestic and office waste for recycling and closed transportation of waste and hand over to professional institutions for disposal;



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4. Sewage discharge

- Site roads and material stacking sites are sloped to ensure that the flow into green areas;
- Domestic sewage is treated by sedimentation and then handed over to professional institutions for external disposal;



5. Pesticides and hazardous materials management

- Greening and maintenance pesticides are managed by dedicated staff, with a centralised and coordinated inventory system and a real-name collection system implemented;
- The packaging of hazardous chemicals is collected and managed in a uniform manner and handed over to professional units for disposal after reaching a certain level;
- Avoid high winds and rainy weather when applying pesticides on site to ensure no endangerment to surrounding area;



6. Noise control

- The construction site is located close to residential areas and closed to the public at night to avoid disturbance;
- Strengthen vehicle management by driving at low speeds and not sounding horns;

7. Material conservation and material resource utilisation measures

- The implementation of a prototype guidance system to reduce material wastage due to repeated operations by workers;
- The use of customised, tooled and standardised facilities for temporary construction and safety protection on site;

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8. Fitted office space

- The use of assembled temporary facilities enhances efficiency, improves turnaround rates and reduces the amount of construction waste generated;



- The implementation of standardised plant production to obtain “tailor-made” benefits, basically reducing unavoidable waste due to human factor, greatly reducing the wastage in water and electricity and raw materials in the course of wet operation;



9. Ready-mixed mortar and ready-mixed concrete

- The ready-mixed concrete and ready-mixed mortar used in projects are energy saving products;
- Low loss and waste of raw materials, avoiding environmental pollution such as dust and noise caused by traditional mortar configuration on site;
- Saving of area of construction site;



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10. Mobile fences

- Temporary project fencing, which are prefabricated off-site, can be adapted for on-site use according to location and scope, and is quick for deployment and turnover.



Through the above environmental protection measures, the Group has received recognition from the owner and praise from the surrounding residents, but there are still rooms for improvement. In the next step of work, the Group will continue to pay close attention to the management of environmental protection construction and strictly implement the responsibility of environmental protection construction management, so as to improve the level of environmental protection construction management and take it to the next level.

Based on the environmental attributes of its business, the Group has been committed to the comprehensive creation of urban ecological environment, with the mission to eliminate pollution and transform the urban environment. In recent years, the Group has been carrying out a number of projects successively, including the treatment of polluted rivers, construction of urban waterfront gardens, restoration of regional water ecosystem and mine reclamation.

Dongxinkai River Basin Project

The Dongxinkai River belongs to the second Songhua River Range and is a first-class tributary on the right size of the middle reaches of the Yitu Ula River in the Yinma River Basin, originating in the east of the former Shibeiing in Sandao Town, Erdao District, Changchun City, and flowing from southeast to northwest through Changchun Economic and Technological Development Zone, Erdao District and Kuancheng District, and entering the Yitu Ula River from the southwest of Donggoujiatun in Xinglongshan Town. With a watershed area of 79 km² (excluding Changjiadian ditch) and a river length of 16.5 km, it is a seasonal river that undertakes industrial and agricultural drainage, domestic sewage and rainwater drainage in the eastern part of the city. Four parks will be built on both sides of the Dongxinkai River basin, namely Hekou Park, Changjia Park, Yangpu Park and Sports Park, in order to restore the water ecology and landscaping of the Dongxinkai River basin. The Group has assisted in developing the ecological restoration and landscaping construction on both sides of the river since March 2017.

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I. Hekou Park

The Hekou Park is positioned to be a vibrant public space. As a place for exchange activities for the surrounding residents, it connects the urban green belt clusters as a natural backdrop, strengthens the uniqueness of the site, builds an iconic landmark, takes on cultural history, adapts to future development, encourages diverse activities and experiences, and creates an all-encompassing urban green valley.



II. Changjia Park

The Changjia Park is characterised by its compliance with the upper master plan and the integration of ecological dense forest, natural semi-open dense forest and developed grassland with the functions of the planned area. It ensures the safety of urban drainage and flood prevention, and realizes the storage, infiltration and purification of rainwater to build a resilient sponge city.



III. Yangpu Park

The Yangpu Park project restores the damaged ecological background, restores natural habitats, and provides diverse habitat spaces and continuous migration corridors for native organisms.



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IV. Sports Park

The nature of the Sports Park, which is located within an hour's economic zone, is a comprehensive park for recreation and entertainment. Citizens around the park have a huge demand for the site and the completion of the park is an ideal leisure place for fitness enthusiasts. As an important node of the Yitu Ula River water ecology reservation project, the project site serves as an effective means to deal with non- point source pollution of sponge city.

At present, the ecological environment of the Dongxinkai River basin has been basically restored with black and odorous water bodies completely eliminated in 2018. In the future, through the construction of vegetation restoration, landscape gardening and wetland projects on both sides of the river, the harmonious natural landscape will be truly realized.



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3.2 Coping with Climate Change

In early 2021, Zonbong formulated the “Comprehensive Emergency Plan” and “Site Disposal Plan”, which were issued to each project department, and each project department compiled the “Emergency Plan” in accordance with the emergency plan formulated by the Group, and equipped with relevant emergency supplies and emergency personnel to handle relevant issues arising from extreme weather in a timely manner. At the same time, we organise the Comprehensive Emergency Plan Drill and Field Response Plan Drill every year in accordance with the national laws and regulations and the relevant regulations of Jilin Province to improve the ability of all staff to respond to emergencies. Secondly, the Group established the Emergency Management System, the Emergency Rescue Material and Equipment Management and Maintenance System and the Environmental Monitoring Management System at the beginning of each year to further strengthen the response to severe and extreme weather. Lastly, in response to extreme weather conditions such as typhoons, Zonbong issues real-time notifications and conducts real-time monitoring of the damage caused by typhoons and other extreme weather conditions, and activates emergency plans to minimise possible losses.

In the course of construction, we may face the challenges of extreme weather such as heavy rain and snowstorm, for which the Group formulates emergency plans according to the prevailing situation and project characteristics. The emergency plan is prepared by the Business Department, reviewed by the Deputy General Manager in charge and approved by the General Manager for implementation. There are three levels of training: company-level training, project-level training and team-level training. Emergency plans include plans for traffic accidents, emergencies, fires, safety incidents, construction in winter and rainy season, etc. We maintain close communication with the meteorological department at all times and take countermeasures in advance. We will issue an early warning alert to the project department in accordance with the actual situation, specifying the risk points and countermeasures. During the construction process, the relevant departments maintain close communication with the meteorological department to understand the weather conditions in real time; in case of extreme weather, we will issue an early warning alert to the project department to clarify the risk points and countermeasures; in case of extreme weather, we will immediately activate the emergency plan and respond according to the established plan. For example, in the rainy season of 2021, there was more heavy rains and projects were equipped with flood control equipment such as excavators, forklifts, pumps, sandbags, etc., drains and waterlogged spots were dredged in advance, leaks were sealed, temporary power lines were examined, boarding houses were reinforced and seedling supports were reinforced, etc. The Group’s principal activity is the construction of landscaping and in 2021, the Group planted 119,155 trees, more than 20,000 shrubs and over 1,000,000 square metres of plants and flowers, contributing to the achievement of the dual carbon goal.

We are committed to the national “3060” decarbonization goal of reducing carbon dioxide emissions as a major source of greenhouse gas emissions in the fight against climate change. The Group strives to make solid contributions in the national goal of achieving carbon peaks and carbon neutrality. We have also put in place measures to save energy and materials, improve the ecological environment and manage emissions to make unremitting efforts for achieving the “3060” decarbonization goal.

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3.3 Emissions Management

The Group strictly adheres the environmental protection policies, laws and regulations of the state and local governments, and all indicators comply with the ISO14000 family of environmental management standards of the International Organization for Standardization. The Group strictly complies with the requirements of national environmental laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Environmental Protection Law of the People's Republic of China, the Law of People's Republic of China on Prevention and Control of Water Pollution, the Law of People's Republic of China on Prevention and Control of Atmospheric Pollution and the Law of People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Environmental Pollution Caused by Solid Waste, etc. We take active measures to manage our emissions and fulfill our environmental responsibilities.

The main emissions from the Group's production operations are mechanical exhaust from construction machinery such as hookers, bulldozers, shovels and cranes used in the course of construction; the main source of waste water is domestic waste water. The Group does not use coal and wood fuel at construction sites to reduce emissions. All construction sites are equipped with flushing toilets and septic tanks for disinfection, which are regularly pumped to the wastewater treatment plant for treatment.

We have established an environmental protection system parallel to our quality and safety assurance system, setting up an environmental protection leadership team headed by our managers, equipped with effective technical facilities, and actively collaborating with local governments and environmental protection departments to fully control construction pollution, reduce sewage, air dust and noise pollution, and ensure compliance with national standards. Each project has dedicated persons responsible for the prevention of dust, noise and water pollution to ensure that appropriate measures are taken to reduce potential environmental impacts and to achieve environmental friendliness during the project. Measures taken include:

- Reasonably arrange cleaning vehicles on site and take covering measures during water sprinkling, loading and unloading of fine particulate bulk materials for transportation and ensure that no spills are made along the way and that construction site transport vehicles leave the site without mud and sand;
- Use fences to separate the construction area from non-construction areas to prevent affecting the environment outside the construction area;
- Ensure that site sewage is discharged after treatment and require secondary use of construction water whenever possible.

We strictly check dust, noise, water pollution and other pollution prevention work of the construction site to ensure its effective operation and assign the responsibility to specific persons. For the selection of engineering materials and fittings, we adopt the measure of centralized processing, requiring each project to draw up a material selection plan in advance, select several material samples at a time and not conduct site visits if small samples and pictures can be used instead of samples. If site visits are required, the number of participants is limited, and personnel of the same level are not allowed to take repeated visits in order to reduce unnecessary travel.

For daily office process, Zonbong adopts an electronic office system to minimise unnecessary printing and set up used paper recycling bins in the office and reduce paper waste by using one-side used paper for printing.

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The waste generated by Zonbong mainly includes greening waste and a certain amount of non-hazardous construction waste generated from on-site construction activities of gardening and landscaping projects. Green waste includes tree trunks and branches from pruning and greenery from hedge and lawn mowing, all of which are considered non-hazardous. The small branches and lawn pruning waste from green waste are treated by direct burial and conversion into organic fertilizer. Larger branches, etc. are sent by Zonbong directly to the biomass power plant for biomass power generation. For construction waste generated during on-site construction, the waste will be handed over by Zonbong to professional construction units for disposal.

Furthermore, Zonbong developed and implemented a construction site management plan to classify and handle on-site waste, separate recyclable waste and reapply it directly to the construction process or recycle it through recycling manufacturers for reprocessing. In addition, we set up recycling bins in our offices to remind employees to sort recyclables and non-recyclables to promote waste minimization.

During the Year, there was no violation of environment-related laws and regulations that had a significant impact on the Group.

3.4 Use of Energy and Resources

The Group's energy consumption in the course of its operations includes direct energy consumption and indirect energy consumption. Direct energy consumption refers to fuel consumed by construction machineries such as hookers and bulldozers, which continued to be a major factor in the total energy consumption for the Year. Indirect energy consumption refers to electricity consumption. Energy consumption per unit in the operating area has decreased. Going forward, the Group will continue to monitor energy consumption. The raw materials involved in the landscaping projects include seedlings, gravel for paving foundations, concrete and stone for paving surfaces.

Water resources consumed for the maintenance of seedlings and office operations are the Group's major water consumption. All water resources consumed by the Group in production and office operations come from the municipal pipeline network and do not involve water extraction. The following measures are in place for the Group's water resources management:

- In the course of daily office operations using water resources, in order to raise staff awareness of water conservation, the Group has installed "Water Conservation" signage in office areas to raise staff awareness of water conservation and actively use water saving devices to better conserve water.
- During the production process, the Group requires a large amount of water for the maintenance of seedlings. To increase the efficiency of ground watering, the Group has adopted micro-spray belts instead of traditional sprinklers, which reduces the amount of water used per square metre and effectively improves the quality of watering. In the future, the Group will implement micro-sprinkler belts for ground and flowers in a large number of projects where available so as to save water resources and reduce costs.

In addition, due to the nature of the Group's business, there is no use of packaging materials involved in the operation process. In the future, the Group will continue to monitor energy consumption, effectively control the use of resources and energy, and continuously promote energy conservation and emission reduction to achieve sustainable development.

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Zonbong attaches importance to energy conservation and emission reduction and implements the 3R principles of “Energy Consumption Reduction, Reuse and Recycling” in its daily business processes, regularly updates the Group’s policies and procedures, incorporating rules and guidelines for environmental protection into its daily workflow, creates a good green office culture and takes various measures to implement energy conservation:

- Post slogans to raise awareness of environmental protection. We post reminder slogans on company bulletin boards and in public areas, and place paper conservation slogans in restrooms to raise the environmental awareness of employees and visitors.
- Encourage green office and low-carbon travel. We encourage employees to adopt green office and green travel, turn off electronic devices when not in use or leaving the office to conserve energy, and advocate for carpooling during travel to reduce carbon emissions.
- Adopt energy-efficient equipment and pay attention to equipment maintenance. The procurement department gives priority to energy-efficient products, such as energy-saving motors, energy-saving lamps, energy-saving air conditioners, etc., when managing the purchase of electrical appliances on a daily basis, and adopts water-saving devices in office premises. Meanwhile, we regularly inspect electrical equipment to ensure operational efficiency.

During the project construction process, an energy-saving and environmental protection construction plan is prepared before the project starts, which should be a separate chapter in the construction organisation design and approved in accordance with the regulations. The energy saving and environmental protection construction plan includes the following:

- Environmental protection measures, the formulation of environmental management plans and emergency rescue plans, and the adoption of effective measures to protect other facilities and resources such as cultural relics.
- Material saving measures are developed to ensure the safety and quality of the project. These include optimising the construction programme, minimising construction waste and maximising the use of recyclable materials. The specific material saving measures are as follows:
 1. To rationalise the procurement of materials, timing and batches of delivery to project according to the progress of construction, stock availability, etc. to reduce stock.
 2. Materials are stored in an orderly manner and in a suitable storage environment with appropriate measures.
 3. Suitable means of transporting materials, proper loading and unloading methods, prevention of damage and spillage, unloading near the site according to the layout of the site to avoid and reduce secondary transportation.
 4. Technical measures to increase the number of cycles of using materials.

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- Water conservation measures - Develop water conservation measures based on the water resource status of the project site.
- Energy saving measures - Construction energy saving planning, identification of targets and development of energy saving measures. Specific energy saving measures during the construction process are as follows:
 1. In the construction organisation design, the construction sequence and working surface should be reasonably arranged so as to reduce the number of machines in the operation area and to make full use of the common machine resources in the adjacent operation area. When arranging construction techniques, priority should be given to those that consume electricity or other construction techniques that consume less energy, so as to avoid the circumstances that the rated power of the equipment is much higher than the used power or lead to overloading of the equipment.
 2. Establish a management system for construction machinery and equipment, carry out electricity and oil consumption metering, improve equipment filings and records, and do timely maintenance work to keep machinery and equipment in a low-consumption and efficient condition.
 3. It is advisable to use energy-saving materials for temporary facilities, and to use materials with good thermal insulation for walls and roofs, so as to reduce the time and energy consumption of air-conditioning and heating equipment in summer and winter respectively.
- Land conservation and construction land protection measures, the development of temporary land use targets, construction master layout planning and temporary land conservation measures, etc. Specific land conservation and construction land protection measures are as follows:
 1. The general layout of the construction is scientific and reasonable to reduce the temporary area of the site.
 2. The construction site warehouses, processing areas, material yards, etc. are located as close as possible to existing traffic routes to shorten transport distances.
 3. Temporary office and living quarters should be economical, aesthetically pleasing, occupy a small area and have minimal impact on the surrounding landscape. Living and production areas should be separated and provided with standard separation facilities.
 4. The use of removable protective fencing at the construction site to provide temporary edge protection and increase the material turnover rate.

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The Group recycles construction materials and actively uses clean energy. The construction team uses materials available at the project site to build landscape facilities and reduce the consumption of raw materials, such as using soil excavated at the construction site for the construction of rockeries or using the removal of old foundation materials to replace the foundation materials used to build the right-of-way. Clean energy sources such as natural gas, LPG, and electricity are used at the construction site whenever possible, instead of coal and wood-fueled boilers. The details of the Group's material use are as follows:

1. The selection of suppliers and the procurement contracts should stipulate that air pollution-prone materials must be tested in accordance with national environmental standards, and only those materials that meet the standards can be accepted into the site to ensure that the impact of emissions from materials on human health is reduced to a minimum.
2. Conduct overall layout planning for veneer-type materials before application so as to reduce the number of non-whole block material.
3. Coils, paints and all types of coatings must meet the requirements to avoid peeling and flaking. All types of paints and adhesives should be opened as they are used and closed in time when not in use.
4. All types of preformed and embedded processes should be performed in line with the construction of the structure as far as possible.
5. Wooden products and materials for wooden decoration, glass and other structures should be sourced from factories or custom-made.
6. Promote the use of ready-mixed concrete and commercial mortar.
7. Roofing materials and external wall materials have good waterproofing and thermal insulation properties.
8. Strengthen the nodes of the thermal insulation system and the enclosure structure to minimise the thermal bridging effect. Different thermal insulation materials and systems are used for different parts of the building in order to achieve an economical solution.
9. After use, paints, adhesives, water-based primers, thinners and solvents should be closed and stored in a timely manner, and waste materials should be removed from the room in a timely manner.

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Environmental KPIs Table

Emissions		
Index name	Index unit	2021
Total amount of greenhouse gas emissions	tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent	515.21
Greenhouse gas emission intensity	kg of carbon dioxide equivalent/ten thousand yuan of operating income	5.75
Direct greenhouse gas emissions	tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent	300.21
Indirect greenhouse gas emissions	tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent	215.00
Total amount of hazardous waste generated	kg	5.48
Hazardous waste generation intensity	g/ten thousand yuan of operating income	0.061
Ink cartridges	kg	5.20
Batteries	kg	0.28
Total amount of non-hazardous waste generated	kg	202,357.41
Non-hazardous waste generation intensity	kg/ten thousand yuan of operating income	2.26
Paper	kg	41.00
Household waste	kg	4,200.00
Trash from pruning of trees, shrubs and ground cover, dust nets, etc.	kg	198,116.41
Total amount of sewage discharged	cubic meter	4,975.61
Discharge of domestic sewage in office area	cubic meter	523.46
Discharge of domestic sewage during construction	cubic meter	4,452.15
Use of resources		
Total amount of electricity consumed	kWh	970,028.18
Electricity consumption intensity	kWh/ten thousand yuan of operating income	10.82
Electricity consumption in office area	kWh	93,899.68
Electricity consumption during construction	kWh	876,128.50
Total amount of water consumed	cubic meter	57,202.78
Water consumption intensity	cubic meters/ten thousand yuan of operating income	0.64
Water consumption in office area	cubic meter	796.55
Water consumption during construction	cubic meter	56,406.23

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APPENDIX

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF
ZONBONG LANDSCAPE ENVIRONMENTAL LIMITED
(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

OPINION

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of ZONBONG LANDSCAPE Environmental Limited (the “**Company**”) and its subsidiaries (the “**Group**”) set out on pages 115 to 200, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, the consolidated statement of profit or loss, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement 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 International Financial Reporting Standards (“**IFRSs**”) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“**IASB**”) and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

BASIS FOR OPINION

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

KEY AUDIT MATTERS

Key audit matters are 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.

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KEY AUDIT MATTERS (CONTINUED)

Recognition of revenue based on percentage of completion

Refer to Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements and the accounting policies in Note 2(v)(i).

The Key Audit Matter

The Group is principally engaged in landscaping, ecological restoration and other related projects.

During the year ended 31 December 2021, 99% of the Group's total revenue was recognised progressively overtime, based on estimated transaction price and percentage of completion when control of the goods or services is transferred to customer.

The Group considers the terms of contract and its customary business practices to determine the transaction price.

The Group estimates percentage of completion using input method based on the proportion of costs incurred up to the end of reporting period relative to the total expected costs to complete the contract.

We identified the recognition of revenue based on percentage of completion as a key audit matter because of the significance of revenue and there is a high degree of management judgement in estimating transaction price and total expected costs to completion.

How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our audit procedures to assess the recognition of revenue based on percentage of completion included the following:

- obtaining an understanding of and assessing the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of key internal controls over the estimation and revision of the estimated transaction price and total expected costs to completion;
- scrutinising the key clauses of contracts with customers on a sample basis, and assessing whether the key clauses had been appropriately reflected in the estimation of transaction price and total expected costs applied in revenue recognition;
- challenging the Group's estimation of transaction price and the total expected costs to complete the contract, on a sample basis, by considering the Group's historical records of actual costs, variable consideration and gross profit margins for similar contracts;
- assessing whether costs incurred were accounted for in the appropriate period and comparing costs incurred during the current period to measurement documentation with subcontractors, purchase invoices and/or other relevant underlying documentation on a sample basis;
- performing a re-calculation of revenue recognised for individual contracts, on a sample basis, based on the estimated transaction price, total expected costs to complete and costs incurred to date;
- performing site visits to a sample of contracts in progress, physically observing the stage of completion of the contract and discussing the status of the contract with the site project managers; and
- assessing the reasonableness of related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements with reference to the requirements of the prevailing accounting standards.

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KEY AUDIT MATTERS (CONTINUED)

Expected credit loss allowance for contract assets and trade receivables

Refer to Notes 20, 21 and 31(a) to the consolidated financial statements and the accounting policies in Note 2(l)(i).

The Key Audit Matter

As at 31 December 2021, the Group's contract assets and trade receivables totalled RMB1,747 million.

The Group measures loss allowances on contract assets and trade receivables at amounts equal to lifetime expected credit losses ("ECL") using a provision matrix which involved significant management judgement. The provision matrix takes into account current market conditions and forward-looking information.

We identified the expected credit loss allowance for contract assets and trade receivables as a key audit matter because of the significant balances at the end of the reporting period and because the recognition of ECL is inherently subjective and requires the exercise of significant management judgement.

How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our audit procedures to assess the expected credit loss allowance for contract assets and trade receivables included the following:

- obtaining an understanding of and assessing the design and implementation of key internal controls over the credit control and estimation of the ECL;
- evaluating the Group's policy for estimating the credit loss allowance with reference to the requirements of the prevailing accounting standard;
- assessing the appropriateness of the expected credit loss allowance by examining the information used by management to derive such estimates, including testing the accuracy of the provision rates, and evaluating whether the provision rates are appropriately adjusted after taking into consideration current market conditions and forward-looking information;
- assessing whether items in the ageing report were categorised appropriately for contract assets and trade receivables by comparing a sample of individual items with the underlying documentation; and
- assessing the reasonableness of the disclosures in the consolidated financial statements with reference to the requirements of the prevailing accounting standards.

Independent Auditor's Report

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

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

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

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSA's 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.

Independent Auditor's Report

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.

Independent Auditor's Report

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

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

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

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Yu Wai Sum.

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20 May 2022

Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss

For the year ended 31 December 2021

(Expressed in Renminbi ("RMB"))

	Note	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Revenue	4	896,747	1,001,427
Cost of sales		<u>(704,949)</u>	<u>(762,995)</u>
Gross profit		191,798	238,432
Other net income	5	22,714	9,957
Selling expenses		(23,841)	(13,113)
Administrative expenses		(66,904)	(67,841)
Impairment losses on trade and other receivables and contract assets	6	<u>(62,232)</u>	<u>(40,393)</u>
Profit from operations		61,535	127,042
Finance costs	7(a)	(37,909)	(38,065)
Share of profits of an associate		1,259	1,446
Share of profits of a joint venture		<u>6,530</u>	<u>8,929</u>
Profit before taxation	7	31,415	99,352
Income tax	8(a)	<u>(3,033)</u>	<u>(30,411)</u>
Profit for the year		<u>28,382</u>	<u>68,941</u>
Attributable to:			
Equity shareholders of the Company		28,530	68,505
Non-controlling interests		<u>(148)</u>	<u>436</u>
Profit for the year		<u>28,382</u>	<u>68,941</u>
Earnings per share (RMB cents)			
Basic and diluted	11	<u>10</u>	<u>31</u>

The notes on pages 123 to 200 form part of these financial statements. Details of dividends payable to equity shareholders of the Company attributable to the profit for the year are set out in Note 30(c).

Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2021

(Expressed in RMB)

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Profit for the year	28,382	68,941
Other comprehensive income for the year		
Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income – net movement in fair value reserve	2,238	563
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:		
Exchange differences on translation of financial statements of overseas companies of the Group	599	1,877
Other comprehensive income for the year	2,837	2,440
Total comprehensive income for the year	31,219	71,381
Attributable to:		
Equity shareholders of the Company	31,344	70,939
Non-controlling interests	(125)	442
Total comprehensive income for the year	31,219	71,381

The notes on pages 123 to 200 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

At 31 December 2021

(Expressed in RMB)

	Note	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	12	8,982	9,791
Intangible assets	13	2,931	1,824
Right-of-use assets	14	5,082	1,165
Interest in an associate	16	76,718	75,459
Interest in a joint venture	17	194,797	188,267
Other equity investments	18	16,949	14,711
Deferred tax assets	29(b)	43,355	31,618
Non-current portion of trade receivables	21	34,627	43,402
		<u>383,441</u>	<u>366,237</u>
Current assets			
Inventories and other contract costs	19	30,046	37,185
Contract assets	20(a)	732,484	813,448
Trade and bills receivables	21	979,887	653,600
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	22	68,212	51,071
Restricted bank deposits	23	12,110	602
Cash and cash equivalents	23	46,673	143,997
		<u>1,869,412</u>	<u>1,699,903</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and bills payables	24	838,448	703,415
Accrued expenses and other payables	25	139,579	182,949
Contract liabilities	20(b)	148,726	191,274
Derivative financial instrument	26	1,170	—
Bank and other loans	27	479,565	430,000
Lease liabilities	28	3,005	635
Income tax payable	29(a)	10,602	15,280
		<u>1,621,095</u>	<u>1,523,553</u>
Net current assets		<u>248,317</u>	<u>176,350</u>

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

At 31 December 2021

(Expressed in RMB)

	Note	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Total assets less current liabilities		631,758	542,587
Non-current liabilities			
Bank loans	27	25,000	50,000
Lease liabilities	28	1,661	270
Deferred tax liabilities	29(b)	10,336	8,507
		36,997	58,777
NET ASSETS		594,761	483,810
CAPITAL AND RESERVES	30		
Share capital		230	1
Reserves		585,081	474,234
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company		585,311	474,235
Non-controlling interests		9,450	9,575
TOTAL EQUITY		594,761	483,810

Approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 20 May 2022.

Liu Haitao
Director

Wang Yan
Director

The notes on pages 123 to 200 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2021

(Expressed in RMB)

	Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company							Total	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
	Share capital	Share premium	Other reserve	Statutory reserve	Fair value reserve	Exchange reserve	Retained profits			
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Note 30(b))	(Note 30(d)(i))	(Note 30(d)(ii))	(Note 30(d)(iii))	(Note 30(d)(iv))	(Note 30(d)(v))				
At 1 January 2020	1	10,560	314,628	38,385	2,807	(642)	36,557	402,296	5,133	407,429
Changes in equity for 2020:										
Profit for the year	—	—	—	—	—	—	68,505	68,505	436	68,941
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	557	1,877	—	2,434	6	2,440
Total comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	557	1,877	68,505	70,939	442	71,381
Capital injection by non-controlling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,000	4,000
Contribution from the Controlling Parties	—	—	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000	—	1,000
Appropriation to reserves	—	—	—	2,793	—	—	(2,793)	—	—	—
	—	—	1,000	2,793	—	—	(2,793)	1,000	4,000	5,000
At 31 December 2020	1	10,560	315,628	41,178	3,364	1,235	102,269	474,235	9,575	483,810

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2021

(Expressed in RMB)

	Attributable to equity shareholders of the Company						Retained profits	Total	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
	Share capital	Share premium	Other reserve	Statutory reserve	Fair value reserve	Exchange reserve				
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
	(Note 30(b))	(Note 30(d)(i))	(Note 30(d)(ii))	(Note 30(d)(iii))	(Note 30(d)(iv))	(Note 30(d)(v))				
At 1 January 2021	1	10,560	315,628	41,178	3,364	1,235	102,269	474,235	9,575	483,810
Changes in equity for 2021:										
Profit for the year	—	—	—	—	—	—	28,530	28,530	(148)	28,382
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	2,215	599	—	2,814	23	2,837
Total comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	2,215	599	28,530	31,344	(125)	31,219
Capitalisation issue (Note 30(b))	183	(183)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Issuance of shares upon listing (Note 30(b))	46	79,686	—	—	—	—	—	79,732	—	79,732
Appropriation to reserves	—	—	—	3,731	—	—	(3,731)	—	—	—
	229	79,503	—	3,731	—	—	(3,731)	79,732	—	79,732
At 31 December 2021	230	90,063	315,628	44,909	5,579	1,834	127,068	585,311	9,450	594,761

The notes on pages 123 to 200 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2021

(Expressed in RMB)

	Note	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before taxation		31,415	99,352
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		4,348	4,658
Amortisation	7(c)	393	368
Net (gain)/loss on disposal of non-current assets	5	(108)	73
Impairment losses on trade and other receivables and contract assets	6	62,232	40,393
Finance costs	7(a)	37,909	38,065
Net foreign exchange (gain)/loss	5	(369)	2,333
Interest income		(5,138)	(4,785)
Income from financial guarantees issued	5	(3,502)	(3,356)
Share of profits of an associate		(1,259)	(1,446)
Share of profits of a joint venture		(6,530)	(8,929)
COVID-19-related rent concessions received		—	(220)
Changes in working capital:			
(Increase)/decrease in restricted bank deposits		(6,498)	14,999
Decrease/(increase) in inventories and other contract costs		7,139	(15,817)
Decrease/(increase) in contract assets		45,331	(193,706)
Increase in trade and bills receivables		(348,076)	(136,262)
Increase in prepayments, deposits and other receivables		(9,717)	(15,174)
Increase in trade and bills payables		135,033	200,702
Increase in accrued expenses and other payables		19,348	13,721
(Decrease)/increase in contract liabilities		(42,548)	124,722
Cash (used in)/generated from operations		(80,597)	159,691
Income tax paid	29(a)	(20,624)	(19,794)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities		(101,221)	139,897

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2021

(Expressed in RMB)

	Note	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payment for purchase of non-current assets		(3,463)	(2,304)
Capital contributions to a joint venture		—	(26,914)
Net proceeds from disposal of non-current assets		632	525
Payment for purchase of other equity investment		—	(797)
Payment for advances granted to an associate		(13,430)	—
Proceeds from repayment of advances and loans granted to related parties		—	46,075
Interest received		9,596	682
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities		(6,665)	17,267
Cash flows from financing activities			
Capital contributions from non-controlling equity shareholders		—	4,000
Gross proceeds from the issuance of shares	30(b)	91,662	—
Proceeds from bank and other loans	23(b)	440,198	400,000
Proceeds from advances from third parties	23(b)	143,600	236,770
Repayment of bank loans	23(b)	(415,000)	(415,000)
Repayment of loans from related parties	23(b)	—	(15,062)
Repayment of advances from third parties	23(b)	(203,600)	(251,131)
Capital element of lease rentals paid	23(b)	(2,233)	(1,962)
Interest element of lease rentals paid	23(b)	(289)	(36)
Increase in restricted deposits		(5,010)	—
Decrease/(increase) in deposits paid to secure guarantees granted by third parties		650	(3,300)
Interest paid	23(b)	(35,632)	(37,121)
Payment of share issuance expenses		(3,782)	(3,929)
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities		10,564	(86,771)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(97,322)	70,393
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	23(a)	143,997	73,615
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes		(2)	(11)
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	23(a)	46,673	143,997

The notes on pages 123 to 200 form part of these financial statements.

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1 CORPORATE INFORMATION

ZONBONG LANDSCAPE Environmental Limited (the “**Company**”) was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 8 March 2019 with limited liability under the Companies Act (as revised) of the Cayman Islands. The shares of the Company were listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) on 6 January 2021. The Company and its subsidiaries (together, the “**Group**”) are principally engaged in landscaping, ecological restoration and other related projects. The Group is ultimately controlled by Mr. Sun Juqing (“**Mr. Sun**”) and Ms. Zhao Hongyu (the “**Controlling Parties**”).

2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable International Financial Reporting Standards (“**IFRSs**”), which collective term includes all applicable individual International Financial Reporting Standards, International Accounting Standards (“**IASs**”) and related Interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (the “**IASB**”). These financial statements also comply with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “**Listing Rules**”). Significant accounting policies adopted by the Group are disclosed below.

The IASB has issued certain amendments to IFRSs that are first effective or available for early adoption for the current accounting period of the Group. Note 2(c) provides information on any changes in accounting policies resulting from initial application of these developments to the extent that they are relevant to the Group for the current accounting period reflected in these financial statements.

(b) Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the financial statements is the historical cost basis except for other equity investments and derivative financial instrument which are stated at their fair values (see Notes 2(g) and 2(h)).

The Company has its functional currency in Hong Kong dollar (“**HKD**”). As majority of the Group’s operation are conducted by the subsidiaries of the Group in mainland China in Renminbi (“**RMB**”), the consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi.

The Group has net cash used in operating activities of RMB101,221,000 for the year ended 31 December 2021 (31 December 2020: net cash generated from operating activities of RMB139,897,000) and the cash balance was reduced to RMB46,673,000 as at 31 December 2021, from RMB143,997,000 as at 31 December 2020. Notwithstanding the above, based on a cash flow forecast of the Group for the twelve months ending 31 December 2022 prepared by the management, which has taken into account the expected renewal of the short-term loans upon maturity, the directors of the Company are of the opinion that the Group will have adequate funds to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due for at least twelve months from the end of the reporting period and it is appropriate to prepare the consolidated financial statements on a going concern basis.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(b) Basis of preparation of the financial statements (Continued)

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

Judgements made by management in the application of IFRSs that have significant effect on the financial statements and major sources of estimation uncertainty are discussed in Note 3.

(c) Changes in accounting policies

The IASB has issued the following amendments to IFRSs that are first effective for the current accounting period of the Group:

- Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16, *Interest rate benchmark reform — phase 2*

None of these developments have had a material effect on how the Group's results and financial position for the current period have been prepared or presented. The Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

(d) Business combinations under common control

Business combinations of entities under common control are accounted for using the principle of merger accounting, under which, the consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statement items of the acquired entities or businesses in which the common control combination occurs from the date when the acquired entities or businesses first come under the control of the controlling party.

The net assets of the acquired entities or businesses are consolidated using the existing book values from the controlling party's perspective. The differences between the cost of acquisition (fair value of consideration paid) and the amounts at which the assets and liabilities are recorded (net of any reserves of the acquired entities) have been recognised directly in equity as other reserve. Acquisition costs are expensed as incurred.

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(e) Subsidiaries and non-controlling interests

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. The Group controls an entity when it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. When assessing whether the Group has power, only substantive rights (held by the Group and other parties) are considered.

An investment in a subsidiary is consolidated into the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. Intra-group balances, transactions and cash flows and any unrealised profits arising from intra-group transactions are eliminated in full in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised losses resulting from intra-group transactions are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

Non-controlling interests represent the equity in a subsidiary not attributable directly or indirectly to the Company, and in respect of which the Group has not agreed any additional terms with the holders of those interests which would result in the Group as a whole having a contractual obligation in respect of those interests that meets the definition of a financial liability. For each business combination, the Group can elect to measure any non-controlling interests either at fair value or at the non-controlling interests' proportionate share of the subsidiary's net identifiable assets.

Non-controlling interests are presented in the consolidated statement of financial position within equity, separately from equity attributable to the equity shareholders of the Company. Non-controlling interests in the results of the Group are presented on the face of the consolidated statement of profit or loss and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as an allocation of the total profit or loss and total comprehensive income for the period between non-controlling interests and the equity shareholders of the Company. Loans from holders of non-controlling interests and other contractual obligations towards these holders are presented as financial liabilities in the consolidated statement of financial position in accordance with Notes 2(q) or 2(r) depending on the nature of the liability.

Changes in the Group's equity interests in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions, whereby adjustments are made to the amounts of controlling and non-controlling interests within consolidated equity to reflect the change in relative interests, but no adjustments are made to goodwill and no gain or loss is recognised.

When the Group loses control of a subsidiary, it is accounted for as a disposal of the entire interest in that subsidiary, with a resulting gain or loss being recognised in profit or loss. Any interest retained in that former subsidiary at the date when control is lost is recognised at fair value and this amount is regarded as the fair value on initial recognition of a financial asset (see Note 2(g)) or, when appropriate, the cost on initial recognition of an investment in an associate or joint venture (see Note 2(f)).

In the Company's statement of financial position, an investment in a subsidiary is stated at cost less impairment losses (see Note 2(l)(iii)).

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(f) Associates and joint ventures

An associate is an entity in which the Group or Company has significant influence, but not control or joint control, over its management, including participation in the financial and operating policy decisions.

A joint venture is an arrangement whereby the Group or Company and other parties contractually agree to share control of the arrangement, and have rights to the net assets of the arrangement.

An investment in an associate or a joint venture is accounted for in the consolidated financial statements under the equity method. Under the equity method, the investment is initially recorded at cost, adjusted for any excess of the Group's share of the acquisition-date fair values of the investee's identifiable net assets over the cost of the investment (if any). The cost of the investment includes purchase price, other costs directly attributable to the acquisition of the investment, and any direct investment into the associate or joint venture that forms part of the Group's equity investment. Thereafter, the investment is adjusted for the post acquisition change in the Group's share of the investee's net assets and any impairment loss relating to the investment (see Note 2(l)(iii)). At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether there is any objective evidence that the investment is impaired. Any acquisition-date excess over cost, the Group's share of the post-acquisition, post-tax results of the investees and any impairment losses for the year are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss, whereas the Group's share of the post-acquisition post-tax items of the investees' other comprehensive income is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

When the Group's share of losses exceeds its interest in the associate or the joint venture, the Group's interest is reduced to nil and recognition of further losses is discontinued except to the extent that the Group has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the investee. For this purpose, the Group's interest is the carrying amount of the investment under the equity method together with any other long-term interests that in substance form part of the Group's net investment in the associate or the joint venture.

Unrealised profits and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and its associates and joint venture are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the investee, except where unrealised losses provide evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred, in which case they are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If an investment in an associate becomes an investment in a joint venture or vice versa, the retained interest is not remeasured. Instead, the investment continues to be accounted for under the equity method.

In all other cases, when the Group ceases to have significant influence over an associate or joint control over a joint venture, it is accounted for as a disposal of the entire interest in that investee, with a resulting gain or loss being recognised in profit or loss. Any interest retained in that former investee at the date when significant influence or joint control is lost is recognised at fair value and this amount is regarded as the fair value on initial recognition of a financial asset (see Note 2(g)).

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(g) Other investments in equity securities

The Group's policies for investments in equity securities, other than investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures, are set out below.

Investments in equity securities are recognised/derecognised on the date the Group commits to purchase/sell the investment. The investments are initially stated at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs, except for those investments measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL") for which transaction costs are recognised directly in profit or loss. For an explanation of how the Group determines fair value of financial instruments, see Note 31(e).

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

(h) Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments are recognised at fair value. At the end of each reporting period the fair value is remeasured. The gain or loss on remeasurement to fair value is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

(i) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses (see Note 2(l)(iii)).

The cost of self-constructed items of property, plant and equipment includes the cost of materials, direct labour, the initial estimate, where relevant, of the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located, and an appropriate proportion of production overheads and borrowing costs (see Note 2(x)).

Gains or losses arising from the retirement or disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment are determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the item and are recognised in profit or loss on the date of retirement or disposal.

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(i) Property, plant and equipment (Continued)

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of items of property, plant and equipment, less their estimated residual value, if any, using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives as follows:

	<i>Useful life</i>
Construction equipment	10 years
Motor vehicles	4 years
Other equipment	3–10 years

Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, the cost of the item is allocated on a reasonable basis between the parts and each part is depreciated separately. Both the useful life of an asset and its residual value, if any, are reviewed annually.

(j) Intangible assets

Intangible assets that are acquired by the Group are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation (where the estimated useful life is finite) and impairment losses (see Note 2(l)(iii)). Expenditure on internally generated goodwill and brands is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred.

Amortisation of intangible assets with finite useful lives is charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the assets' estimated useful lives, which are determined based on the economic useful lives. The following intangible assets with finite useful lives are amortised from the date they are available for use and their estimated useful lives are as follows:

	<i>Useful life</i>
Patents	10 years

Both the period and method of amortisation are reviewed annually.

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(k) Leased assets

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

(i) As a lessee

Where the contract contains lease component(s) and non-lease component(s), the Group has elected not to separate non-lease components and accounts for each lease component and any associated non-lease components as a single lease component for all leases.

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

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

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

The initial fair value of refundable rental deposits is accounted for separately from the right-of-use assets. Any difference between the initial fair value and the nominal value of the deposits is accounted for as additional lease payments made and is included in the cost of right-of-use assets.

The lease liability is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, or there is a change in the Group's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or there is a change arising from the reassessment of whether the Group will be reasonably certain to exercise a purchase, extension or termination option. When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(k) Leased assets (Continued)

(i) As a lessee (Continued)

The lease liability is also remeasured when there is a change in the scope of a lease or the consideration for a lease that is not originally provided for in the lease contract (“**lease modification**”) that is not accounted for as a separate lease. In this case the lease liability is remeasured based on the revised lease payments and lease term using a revised discount rate at the effective date of the modification. The only exceptions are rent concessions that occurred as a direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic and met the conditions set out in paragraph 46B of IFRS 16 *Leases*. In such cases, the Group has taken advantage of the practical expedient not to assess whether the rent concessions are lease modifications, and recognised the change in consideration as negative variable lease payments in profit or loss in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the rent concessions occurred.

(ii) As a lessor

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

(l) Credit losses and impairment of assets

(i) Credit losses from financial instruments and contract assets

The Group recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses (“**ECLs**”) on the following items:

- financial assets measured at amortised cost (including cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables); and
- contract assets as defined in IFRS 15 (see Note 2(n)).

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

Measurement of ECLs

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

The expected cash shortfalls are discounted using the following discount rates where the effect of discounting is material:

- fixed-rate financial assets, trade and other receivables and contract assets: effective interest rate determined at initial recognition or an approximation thereof;
- variable-rate financial assets: current effective interest rate.

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(I) Credit losses and impairment of assets (Continued)

(i) Credit losses from financial instruments and contract assets (Continued)

Measurement of ECLs (Continued)

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

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

ECLs are measured on either of the following bases:

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

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

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

Significant increases in credit risk

In assessing whether the credit risk of a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group compares the risk of default occurring on the financial instrument assessed at the reporting date with that assessed at the date of initial recognition. In making this reassessment, the Group considers that a default event occurs when (i) the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Group in full, without recourse by the Group to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or (ii) the financial asset is 90 days past due. The Group considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort.

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(I) Credit losses and impairment of assets (Continued)

(i) Credit losses from financial instruments and contract assets (Continued)

Significant increases in credit risk (Continued)

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

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

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

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

Basis of calculation of interest income

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

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

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(I) Credit losses and impairment of assets (Continued)

(i) Credit losses from financial instruments and contract assets (Continued)

Basis of calculation of interest income (Continued)

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

- significant financial difficulties of the debtor;
- a breach of contract, such as a default or past due event;
- it becoming probable that the borrower will enter into bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation;
- significant changes in the technological, market, economic or legal environment that have an adverse effect on the debtor; or
- the disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties of the issuer.

Write-off policy

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

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

(ii) Credit losses from financial guarantees issued

Financial guarantees are contracts that require the issuer (i.e. the guarantor) to make specified payments to reimburse the beneficiary of the guarantee (the “holder”) for a loss the holder incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument.

Financial guarantees issued are initially recognised within “accrued expenses and other payables” at fair value, which is determined by reference to fees charged in an arm’s length transaction for similar services, when such information is obtainable, or to interest rate differentials, by comparing the actual rates charged by lenders when the guarantee is made available with the estimated rates that lenders would have charged, had the guarantees not been available, where reliable estimates of such information can be made. Where consideration is received or receivable for the issuance of the guarantee, the consideration is recognised in accordance with the Group’s policies applicable to that category of asset. Where financial guarantees in relation to loans of a joint venture or an associate are provided for and no such consideration is received or receivable, the fair values are accounted for as contributions and recognised as part of the cost of the investment.

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(I) Credit losses and impairment of assets (Continued)

(ii) Credit losses from financial guarantees issued (Continued)

Subsequent to initial recognition, the amount initially recognised as deferred income is amortised in profit or loss over the term of the guarantee as income from financial guarantees issued (see Note 2(v)(vii)).

The Group monitors the risk that the specified debtor will default on the contract and recognises a provision when ECLs on the financial guarantees are determined to be higher than the carrying amount, in respect of the guarantees (i.e. the amount initially recognised, less accumulated amortisation).

To determine ECLs, the Group considers changes in the risk of default of the specified debtor since the issuance of the guarantee. A 12-month ECL is measured unless the risk that the specified debtor will default has increased significantly since the guarantee is issued, in which case a lifetime ECL is measured. The same definition of default and the same assessment of significant increase in credit risk as described in Note 2(l)(i) apply.

As the Group is required to make payments only in the event of a default by the specified debtor in accordance with the terms of the instrument that is guaranteed, an ECL is estimated based on the expected payments to reimburse the holder for a credit loss that it incurs less any amount that the Group expects to receive from the holder of the guarantee, the specified debtor or any other party. The amount is then discounted using the current risk-free rate adjusted for risks specific to the cash flows.

(iii) Impairment of other non-current assets

Internal and external sources of information are reviewed at the end of each reporting period to identify indications that the following assets may be impaired or an impairment loss previously recognised no longer exists or may have decreased:

- property, plant and equipment;
- right-of-use assets;
- intangible assets; and
- investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures in the Company's statement of financial position.

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(I) Credit losses and impairment of assets (Continued)

(iii) Impairment of other non-current assets (Continued)

If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

— Calculation of recoverable amount

The recoverable amount of an asset is the greater of its fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. Where an asset does not generate cash inflows largely independent of those from other assets, the recoverable amount is determined for the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows independently (i.e. a cash-generating unit). A portion of the carrying amount of a corporate asset (for example, head office building) is allocated to an individual cash-generating unit if the allocation can be done on a reasonable and consistent basis, or to the smallest group of cash-generating units if otherwise.

— Recognition of impairment losses

An impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss if the carrying amount of an asset, or the cash-generating unit to which it belongs, exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses recognised in respect of cash-generating units are allocated to reduce the carrying amount of the assets in the unit (or group of units) on a pro rata basis, except that the carrying value of an asset will not be reduced below its individual fair value less costs of disposal (if measurable) or value in use (if determinable).

— Reversals of impairment losses

An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a favourable change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount.

A reversal of an impairment loss is limited to the asset's carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised in prior periods. Reversals of impairment losses are credited to profit or loss in the period in which the reversals are recognised.

(iv) Interim financial reporting and impairment

Under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, the Group is required to prepare an interim financial report in compliance with IAS 34, Interim financial reporting, in respect of the first six months of the financial year. At the end of the interim period, the Group applies the same impairment testing, recognition, and reversal criteria as it would at the end of the financial year (see Notes 2(l)(i) and 2(l)(ii)).

Impairment losses recognised in an interim period in respect of goodwill are not reversed in a subsequent period. This is the case even if no loss, or a smaller loss, would have been recognised had the impairment been assessed only at the end of the financial year to which the interim period relates.

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(m) Inventories and other contract costs

(i) Inventories

Inventories are assets which are held for sale in the ordinary course of business, in the process of production for such sale or in the form of materials or supplies to be consumed in the production process or in the rendering of services.

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

Cost is calculated using the weighted average cost formula and comprises all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

When inventories are assigned to specific construction contracts, the carrying amount of those inventories is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised.

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

(ii) Other contract costs

Other contract costs are either the incremental costs of obtaining a contract with a customer or the costs to fulfil a contract with a customer which are not capitalised as inventory (see Note 2(m)(i)), property, plant and equipment (see Note 2(i)) or intangible assets (see Note 2(j)).

Incremental costs of obtaining a contract are those costs that the Group incurs to obtain a contract with a customer that it would not have incurred if the contract had not been obtained e.g. an incremental sales commission. Incremental costs of obtaining a contract are capitalised when incurred if the costs relate to revenue which will be recognised in a future reporting period and the costs are expected to be recovered. Other costs of obtaining a contract are expensed when incurred.

Costs to fulfil a contract are capitalised if the costs relate directly to an existing contract or to a specifically identifiable anticipated contract; generate or enhance resources that will be used to provide goods or services in the future; and are expected to be recovered. Costs that relate directly to an existing contract or to a specifically identifiable anticipated contract may include direct labour, direct materials, allocations of costs, costs that are explicitly chargeable to the customer and other costs that are incurred only because the Group entered into the contract (for example, payments to subcontractors). Other costs of fulfilling a contract, which are not capitalised as inventory, property, plant and equipment or intangible assets, are expensed as incurred.

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(m) Inventories and other contract costs (Continued)

(iii) Other contract costs (Continued)

Capitalised contract costs are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. Impairment losses are recognised to the extent that the carrying amount of the contract cost asset exceeds the net of (i) remaining amount of consideration that the Group expects to receive in exchange for the goods or services to which the asset relates, less (ii) any costs that relate directly to providing those goods or services that have not yet been recognised as expenses.

Amortisation of capitalised contract costs is charged to profit or loss when the revenue to which the asset relates is recognised. The accounting policy for revenue recognition is set out in Note 2(v).

(n) Contract assets and contract liabilities

A contract asset is recognised when the Group recognises revenue (see Note 2(v)) before being unconditionally entitled to the consideration under the payment terms set out in the contract. Contract assets are assessed for ECLs in accordance with the policy set out in Note 2(l)(i) and are reclassified to receivables when the right to the consideration has become unconditional (see Note 2(o)).

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

For a single contract with the customer, either a net contract asset or a net contract liability is presented. For multiple contracts, contract assets and contract liabilities of unrelated contracts are not presented on a net basis.

When the contract includes a significant financing component, the contract balance includes interest accrued under the effective interest method (see Note 2(v)(v)).

(o) Trade and other receivables

A receivable is recognised when the Group has an unconditional right to receive consideration. A right to receive consideration is unconditional if only the passage of time is required before payment of that consideration is due. If revenue has been recognised before the Group has an unconditional right to receive consideration, the amount is presented as a contract asset (see Note 2(n)).

Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component are initially measured at their transaction price. Trade receivables that contain a significant financing component and other receivables are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs. All receivables are subsequently stated at amortised cost, using the effective interest method and including an allowance for credit losses (see Note 2(l)(i)).

Insurance reimbursement is recognised and measured in accordance with Note 2(u)(i).

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(p) Cash and cash equivalents

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

(q) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are initially recognised at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, trade and other payables are stated at amortised cost unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at invoice amounts.

(r) Interest-bearing borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are measured initially at fair value less transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense is recognised in accordance with the Group's accounting policy for borrowing costs (see Note 2(x)).

(s) Employee benefits

(i) **Short-term employee benefits and contributions to defined contribution retirement plans**

Salaries, annual bonuses, paid annual leave, contributions to defined contribution retirement plans and the cost of non-monetary benefits are accrued in the period in which the associated services are rendered by employees. Where payment or settlement is deferred and the effect would be material, these amounts are stated at their present values.

(ii) **Termination benefits**

Termination benefits are recognised at the earlier of when the Group can no longer withdraw the offer of those benefits and when it recognises restructuring costs involving the payment of termination benefits.

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(t) Income tax

Income tax for the year comprises current tax and movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities. Current tax and movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that they relate to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case the relevant amounts of tax are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities arise from deductible and taxable temporary differences respectively, being the differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets also arise from unused tax losses and unused tax credits.

Apart from certain limited exceptions, all deferred tax liabilities, and all deferred tax assets to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised, are recognised. Future taxable profits that may support the recognition of deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences include those that will arise from the reversal of existing taxable temporary differences, provided those differences relate to the same taxation authority and the same taxable entity, and are expected to reverse either in the same period as the expected reversal of the deductible temporary difference or in periods into which a tax loss arising from the deferred tax asset can be carried back or forward. The same criteria are adopted when determining whether existing taxable temporary differences support the recognition of deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses and credits, that is, those differences are taken into account if they relate to the same taxation authority and the same taxable entity, and are expected to reverse in a period, or periods, in which the tax loss or credit can be utilised.

The limited exceptions to recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities are those temporary differences arising from goodwill not deductible for tax purposes, the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit (provided they are not part of a business combination), and temporary differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that, in the case of taxable differences, the Group controls the timing of the reversal and it is probable that the differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future, or in the case of deductible differences, unless it is probable that they will reverse in the future.

The amount of deferred tax recognised is measured based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of the assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(t) Income tax (Continued)

The carrying amount of a deferred tax asset is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and is reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow the related tax benefit to be utilised. Any such reduction is reversed to the extent that it becomes probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available.

Additional income taxes that arise from the distribution of dividends are recognised when the liability to pay the related dividends is recognised.

Current tax balances and deferred tax balances, and movements therein, are presented separately from each other and are not offset. Current tax assets are offset against current tax liabilities, and deferred tax assets against deferred tax liabilities, if the Company or the Group has the legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the following additional conditions are met:

- in the case of current tax assets and liabilities, the Company or the Group intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously; or
- in the case of deferred tax assets and liabilities, if they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either:
 - the same taxable entity; or
 - different taxable entities, which, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered, intend to realise the current tax assets and settle the current tax liabilities on a net basis or realise and settle simultaneously.

(u) Provisions and contingent liabilities

(i) Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation arising as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made. Where the time value of money is material, provisions are stated at the present value of the expenditure expected to settle the obligation.

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

Where some or all of the expenditure required to settle a provision is expected to be reimbursed by another party, a separate asset is recognised for any expected reimbursement that would be virtually certain. The amount recognised for the reimbursement is limited to the carrying amount of the provision.

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(u) Provisions and contingent liabilities (Continued)

(iii) Onerous contracts

An onerous contract exists when the Group has a contract under which the unavoidable costs of meeting the obligations under the contract exceed the economic benefits expected to be received from the contract. Provisions for onerous contracts are measured at the present value of the lower of the expected cost of terminating the contract and the net cost of continuing with the contract.

(v) Revenue and other income

Income is classified by the Group as revenue when it arises from the sale of goods, the provision of services or the use by others of the Group's assets under leases in the ordinary course of the Group's business.

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

Where the contract contains a financing component which provides a significant financing benefit to the customer for more than 12 months, 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 with the customer, and interest income is accrued separately under the effective interest method. Where the contract contains a financing component which provides a significant financing benefit to the Group, revenue recognised under that contract includes the interest expense accreted on the contract liability under the effective interest method. The Group takes advantage of the practical expedient in paragraph 63 of IFRS 15 and does not adjust the consideration for any effects of a significant financing component if the period of financing is 12 months or less.

Further details of the Group's revenue and other income recognition policies are as follows:

(i) Construction contracts

A contract with a customer is classified by the Group as a construction contract when the contract relates to work on landscaping or ecological restoration projects under the control of the customer and therefore the Group's construction activities create or enhance an asset under the customer's control.

When the outcome of a construction contract can be reasonably measured, revenue from the contract is recognised progressively over time using the cost-to-cost method, i.e. based on the proportion of the actual costs incurred relative to the estimated total costs.

When the outcome of the contract cannot be reasonably measured, revenue is recognised only to the extent of contract costs incurred that are expected to be recovered.

If at any time the costs to complete the contract are estimated to exceed the remaining amount of the consideration under the contract, then a provision is recognised in accordance with the policy set out in Note 2(u)(ii).

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(v) Revenue and other income (Continued)

(ii) *Contracts for services*

The Group recognises its revenue from rendering of services progressively over time using the cost-to-cost method, i.e. based on the proportion of the actual costs incurred relative to the estimated total costs, when the Group provide the services in accordance with the customer's specification and under the contract the Group has the right to be paid for work done to date if the customer were to cancel the contract before the order was fully completed. Otherwise, a performance obligation is satisfied at point in time, the Group shall recognise revenue when (or as) the customer obtains control of revenue service.

(iii) *Sale of goods*

Revenue is recognised when the customer takes possession of and accepts the products. If the products are a partial fulfilment of a contract covering other goods and/or services, then the amount of revenue recognised is an appropriate proportion of the total transaction price under the contract, allocated between all the goods and services promised under the contract on a relative stand-alone selling price basis.

(iv) *Dividends*

Dividend income from unlisted investments is recognised when the shareholder's right to receive payment is established.

(v) *Interest income*

Interest income is recognised as it accrues under the effective interest method using the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the gross carrying amount of the financial asset. For financial assets measured at amortised cost or FVOCI (recycling) that are not credit-impaired, the effective interest rate is applied to the gross carrying amount of the asset. For credit-impaired financial assets, the effective interest rate is applied to the amortised cost (i.e. gross carrying amount net of loss allowance) of the asset (see Note 2(l)(i)).

(vi) *Government grants*

Government grants are recognised in the statement of financial position initially when there is reasonable assurance that they will be received and that the Group will comply with the conditions attaching to them. Grants that compensate the Group for expenses incurred are recognised as income in profit or loss on a systematic basis in the same periods in which the expenses are incurred. Grants that compensate the Group for the cost of an asset are recognised in profit or loss over the useful life of the asset.

(vii) *Income from financial guarantees issued*

Income from financial guarantees issued is recognised over the term of the guarantees (see Note 2(l)(ii)).

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(w) Translation of foreign currencies

The Company has its functional currency in Hong Kong dollar (“**HKD**”). As the Group’s operations are conducted by the subsidiaries of the Group in mainland China in RMB, the consolidated financial statements are presented in RMB.

Foreign currency transactions during the year are translated at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the foreign exchange rates ruling at the end of the reporting period. Exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss.

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

The results of group entities which have a functional currency other than RMB, the Group’s presentation currency, are translated into RMB at the exchange rates approximating the foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Statement of financial position items are translated into RMB at the closing foreign exchange rates at the end of the reporting period. The resulting exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated separately in equity in the exchange reserve.

(x) Borrowing costs

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

The capitalisation of borrowing costs as part of the cost of a qualifying asset commences when expenditure for the asset is being incurred, borrowing costs are being incurred and activities that are necessary to prepare the asset for its intended use or sale are in progress. Capitalisation of borrowing costs is suspended or ceases when substantially all the activities necessary to prepare the qualifying asset for its intended use or sale are interrupted or complete.

(y) Asset acquisition

Groups of assets acquired and liabilities assumed are assessed to determine if they are business or asset acquisitions. On an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, the Group chooses to apply a simplified assessment of whether an acquired set of activities and assets is an asset rather than business acquisition, when substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or group of similar identifiable assets.

When a group of assets acquired and liabilities assumed do not constitute a business, the overall acquisition cost is allocated to the individual identifiable assets and liabilities based on their relative fair values at the date of acquisition. An exception is when the sum of the individual fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities differs from the overall acquisition cost. In such case, any identifiable assets and liabilities that are initially measured at an amount other than cost in accordance with the Group’s policies are measured accordingly, and the residual acquisition cost is allocated to the remaining identifiable assets and liabilities based on their relative fair values at the date of acquisition.

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(z) Related parties

(a) A person, or a close member of that person's family, is related to the Group if 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 the Group's parent.

(b) An entity is related to the Group if any of the following conditions applies:

- (i) The entity and the Group are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidiary and fellow subsidiary is related to the others).
- (ii) One entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member).
- (iii) Both entities 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).
- (viii) The entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the Group or to the Group's parent.

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

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2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONTINUED)

(aa) Segment reporting

Operating segments, and the amounts of each segment item reported in the consolidated financial statements, are identified from the financial information provided regularly to the Group's most senior executive management for the purposes of allocating resources to, and assessing the performance of, the Group's various lines of business and geographical locations.

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

3 ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENT AND ESTIMATES

Key sources of estimation uncertainty are as follows:

(a) Revenue recognition

As explained in policy Note 2(v), revenue from construction contracts and certain service contracts are recognised over time. Such revenue and profit recognition on incomplete projects is dependent on estimating the total outcome of the contract, as well as the work done to date. Based on the Group's recent experience and the nature of the construction and design activities undertaken by the Group, the Group has made estimates of the point at which it considered the work was sufficiently advanced such that the outcome of the contract can be reasonably measured. Until this point is reached the related contract assets do not include profit which the Group might eventually realise from the work done to date. In addition, actual outcomes in terms of total cost or revenue may be higher or lower than estimated at the end of the reporting period, which would affect the revenue and profit recognised in future years as an adjustment to the amounts recorded to date.

(b) Impairment losses for receivables and contract assets

The management maintains a loss allowance for receivables and contract assets for estimated losses resulting from the inability of the customers and other debtors to make the required payments. The management bases the estimates on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors and an assessment of both the current and forecast general economic conditions. If the financial condition of the customers and debtors were to deteriorate, actual write-offs would be higher than estimated.

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3 ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENT AND ESTIMATES (CONTINUED)

(c) Recognition of deferred tax assets

Deferred tax assets in respect of deductible temporary differences and unused tax losses are recognised and measured based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of the assets, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period. In determining the carrying amounts of deferred assets, expected taxable profits are estimated which involves a number of assumptions relating to the future operating performance of the Group and requires a significant level of judgement exercised by the management. Any change in such assumptions and judgement would affect the carrying amounts of deferred tax assets to be recognised and hence the net profit or loss in future periods.

4 REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING

(a) Revenue

The Group is principally engaged in landscaping, ecological restoration and other related projects. Further details regarding the Group's principal activities are disclosed in Note 4(b).

(i) Disaggregation of revenue

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers by major products or service lines is as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Revenue from contracts with customers within the scope of IFRS 15		
Disaggregated by major products or service lines		
— Revenue from landscaping	705,368	621,208
— Revenue from ecological restoration	149,938	302,737
— Revenue from others	41,441	77,482
	<u>896,747</u>	<u>1,001,427</u>

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers by the timing of revenue recognition and by geographic information is disclosed in Notes 4(b)(i) and 4(b)(iii), respectively.

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4 REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING (CONTINUED)

(a) Revenue (Continued)

(i) Disaggregation of revenue (Continued)

Revenue from customers of the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2020 contributing over 10% of the total revenue of the Group are as follows. Details of concentrations of credit risk arising from largest debtors are set out in Note 31(a).

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Customer A*	Note	134,985
Customer B*	114,326	119,530

Note: The corresponding revenue did not contribute over 10% of the total revenue of the Group.

* Revenue from landscaping segment.

(ii) Revenue expected to be recognised in the future arising from contracts with customers in existence at the reporting date

The following table includes the aggregated amounts of the transaction price allocated to the remaining performance obligations under the Group's existing construction and design contracts. The transaction price does not include any estimated amounts of variable consideration, unless at the reporting date it is highly probable that the Group will satisfy the conditions of variable consideration. The Group will recognise the expected revenue in future when or as the work is completed, which is expected to occur over the next 55 months (2020: 67 months).

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Remaining performance obligations expected to be satisfied	<u>1,383,999</u>	<u>2,565,800</u>

During the year ended 31 December 2021, the scope of work agreed with customers at the beginning in year has been modified. The remaining performance obligations under the existing contracts reduced accordingly.

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4 REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING (CONTINUED)

(b) Segment reporting

The Group manages its businesses by divisions, which are organised by business lines (products and services). In a manner consistent with the way in which information is reported internally to the Group's most senior executive management for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment, the Group has presented the following three reportable segments. No operating segments have been aggregated to form the following reportable segments.

- Landscaping: this segment includes public space landscaping, theme park landscaping, private park landscaping and maintenance projects;
- Ecological restoration: this segment includes treatment of polluted rivers, building urban waterfront parks, restoration of regional water ecology system and mine rehabilitation; and
- Others: this segment includes investigation, survey, design and technical consultancy for municipal construction projects.

(i) Segment results

For the purposes of assessing segment performance and allocating resources between segments, the Group's senior executive management monitors the results attributable to each reportable segment on the following bases:

Revenue and expenses are allocated to the reportable segments with reference to revenue generated by those segments and the expenses incurred by those segments. The measure used for reporting segment result is gross profit.

The Group's other operating income and expenses, such as other net income, selling expenses, administrative expenses and impairment losses are not measured under individual segments. The Group's most senior and executive management monitor the Group's assets and liabilities as a whole, accordingly, no segment assets and liabilities is presented.

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4 REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING (CONTINUED)

(b) Segment reporting (Continued)

(i) Segment results (Continued)

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers by the timing of revenue recognition, as well as information regarding the Group's reportable segments as provided to the Group's most senior executive management for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance for the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2020 is set out below.

	2021			
	Landscaping RMB'000	Ecological restoration RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Disaggregated by timing of revenue recognition				
Point in time	—	—	7,070	7,070
Over time	705,368	149,938	34,371	889,677
Revenue from external customers and reportable segment revenue	<u>705,368</u>	<u>149,938</u>	<u>41,441</u>	<u>896,747</u>
Reportable segment gross profit	<u>155,284</u>	<u>19,696</u>	<u>16,818</u>	<u>191,798</u>
	2020			
	Landscaping RMB'000	Ecological restoration RMB'000	Others RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Disaggregated by timing of revenue recognition				
Point in time	7,825	3,290	25,052	36,167
Over time	613,383	299,447	52,430	965,260
Revenue from external customers and reportable segment revenue	<u>621,208</u>	<u>302,737</u>	<u>77,482</u>	<u>1,001,427</u>
Reportable segment gross profit	<u>163,515</u>	<u>38,829</u>	<u>36,088</u>	<u>238,432</u>

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4 REVENUE AND SEGMENT REPORTING (CONTINUED)

(b) Segment reporting (Continued)

(ii) Reconciliation of reportable segment revenue and profit or loss

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Revenue		
Reportable segment revenue and consolidated revenue (Note 4(b)(i))	896,747	1,001,427
Profit		
Total reportable segment gross profit	191,798	238,432
Other net income	22,714	9,957
Selling expenses	(23,841)	(13,113)
Administrative expenses	(66,904)	(67,841)
Impairment losses on trade and other receivables and contract assets	(62,232)	(40,393)
Finance costs	(37,909)	(38,065)
Share of profits of an associate	1,259	1,446
Share of profits of a joint venture	6,530	8,929
Consolidated profit before taxation	31,415	99,352

(iii) Geographic information

The Group's revenue is generated from the landscaping, ecological restoration and other related projects in the PRC. The Group does not have material assets or operations outside the PRC, no segment analysis based on geographical locations of the customers and assets is presented.

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5 OTHER NET INCOME

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Interest income on trade and other receivables	4,642	4,407
Interest income on bank deposits	338	378
Interest income on finance lease	158	—
Government grants	13,650	4,713
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)	369	(2,333)
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of non-current assets	108	(73)
Income from financial guarantees issued (Note 33)	3,502	3,356
Donations for COVID-19 pandemic	—	(881)
Others	(53)	390
	<u>22,714</u>	<u>9,957</u>

6 IMPAIRMENT LOSSES ON TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND CONTRACT ASSETS

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Impairment losses on trade and bills receivables	26,386	29,945
Impairment losses on contract assets	35,633	11,397
Impairment losses/(reversal of impairment losses) on prepayments, deposits and other receivables	213	(949)
	<u>62,232</u>	<u>40,393</u>

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7 PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

(a) Finance costs

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Interest on bank and other loans and loans from related parties	37,107	37,998
Net foreign exchange gain of bank loan	(633)	—
Fair value loss of forward foreign exchange contract	1,170	—
Interest on lease liabilities	265	67
	<u>37,909</u>	<u>38,065</u>

No borrowing costs have been capitalised during the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2020.

(b) Staff costs

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Salaries, wages and other benefits	99,971	72,908
Contributions to defined contribution retirement schemes (Note)	8,122	752
	<u>108,093</u>	<u>73,660</u>

Note: The Group's subsidiaries in the PRC are required to participate in defined contribution retirement schemes administered and operated by the local municipal government. The Group's subsidiaries in the PRC contribute funds which are calculated based on certain percentages of the prevailing average salary as agreed by the local municipal government to the schemes to fund the retirement benefits of the employees. Contributions to the schemes vest immediately, there is no forfeited contributions that may be used by the Group to reduce existing level of contributions. The Group has no other material obligation for the payment of retirement benefits beyond the contributions described above.

The Group received a partial exemption of social insurance expenses according to social insurance relief policy of the local municipal governments during the COVID-19 outbreak for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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7 PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION (CONTINUED)

(c) Other items

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (Note 12)	2,248	2,631
Depreciation of right-of-use assets (Note 14)	2,100	2,027
Amortisation of intangible assets (Note 13)	393	368
Leases charges relating to short-term leases and leases of low-value assets	10,223	6,898
COVID-19-related rent concessions received	—	(220)
Listing expenses	—	20,165
Research and development costs	38,946	35,760
Auditor's remuneration	3,387	1,799
Cost of inventories (Note 19(a))	269,023	256,586

8 INCOME TAX IN THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

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

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Current tax (Note 29(a))		
Provision for the year	12,941	25,208
Deferred tax (Note 29(b))		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(9,908)	5,203
	3,033	30,411

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8 INCOME TAX IN THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

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

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Profit before taxation	<u>31,415</u>	<u>99,352</u>
Notional tax on profit before taxation, calculated at the rates applicable to profits in the respective tax jurisdictions concerned (Notes (i), (ii) and (iii))	8,280	30,554
Tax concessions and effect of changes of tax rate (Note (iv))	(6,060)	(751)
Tax effect of utilisation of prior years' unused tax losses previously not recognised	(1,093)	(289)
Tax effect of unused tax losses and deductible temporary differences not recognised	455	710
Tax effect of non-deductible expenses	<u>1,451</u>	<u>187</u>
Actual tax expense	<u>3,033</u>	<u>30,411</u>

Notes:

- (i) The Company and the subsidiaries of the Group incorporated in Hong Kong are subject to Hong Kong Profits Tax rate of 16.5% for the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: 16.5%). No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as these subsidiaries did not have assessable profits subject to Hong Kong Profits Tax for the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: RMBNil).
- (ii) Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Cayman Islands and the British Virgin Islands, the Company and the subsidiaries of the Group incorporated in the Cayman Islands and the British Virgin Islands, are not subject to any income tax.
- (iii) The subsidiaries of the Group established in mainland China are subject to PRC Corporate Income Tax rate at 25% for the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: 25%).
- (iv) Two subsidiaries of the Group established in the PRC have obtained approval from the tax bureau to be taxed as enterprises with advanced and new technologies for the calendar years from 2019 to 2021 and from 2020 to 2022, and therefore enjoy a preferential PRC Corporate Income Tax rate of 15% for the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: 15%). In addition to the preferential PRC Corporate Income Tax rate, these subsidiaries entitle additional tax deductible allowance amounted to 75% of qualified research and development costs for the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: 75%).

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9 DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

Directors' emoluments are as follows:

	2021				
	Directors' fees RMB'000	Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind RMB'000	Discretionary bonuses RMB'000	Retirement scheme contributions RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Directors					
Executive directors					
Liu Haitao	—	561	391	59	1,011
Wang Yan	—	423	256	32	711
Wang Xudong	—	496	380	32	908
Sun Juqing	—	—	—	—	—
Lyu Hongyan	—	—	—	—	—
Shao Zhanguang	—	—	—	—	—
Independent non-executive directors					
Gao Xiangnong	178	—	—	—	178
Yin Jun	178	—	—	—	178
Lee Kwok Tung Louis	178	—	—	—	178
	534	1,480	1,027	123	3,164
2020					
	Directors' fees RMB'000	Salaries, allowances and benefits in kind RMB'000	Discretionary bonuses RMB'000	Retirement scheme contributions RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Directors					
Executive directors					
Liu Haitao	—	511	319	4	834
Wang Yan	—	316	256	2	574
Wang Xudong	—	405	380	2	787
Sun Juqing	—	—	—	—	—
Lyu Hongyan	—	—	—	—	—
Shao Zhanguang	—	—	—	—	—
Independent non-executive directors					
Gao Xiangnong	—	—	—	—	—
Yin Jun	—	—	—	—	—
Lee Kwok Tung Louis	—	—	—	—	—
	—	1,232	955	8	2,195

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9 DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS (CONTINUED)

On 18 March 2020, Ms. Wang Yan and Mr. Wang Xudong were appointed as executive directors of the Company. The directors' emoluments include the remuneration paid to them as key management personnel prior to their appointment as directors of the Company.

On 14 December 2020, Mr. Gao Xiangnong, Mr. Yin Jun and Mr. Lee Kwok Tung Louis were appointed as independent non-executive directors.

The emoluments of Mr. Sun, Ms. Lyu Hongyan and Mr. Shao Zhanguang were borne by companies under the control of the Controlling Parties during the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2020.

There was no payment to any of the directors or the individuals with highest emoluments (as disclosed in Note 10) as an inducement to join or upon joining the Company or as a compensation for loss of any office during the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2020. There was no arrangement under which a director has waived or agreed to waive any remuneration during the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2020.

10 INDIVIDUALS WITH HIGHEST EMOLUMENTS

Of the five individuals with the highest emoluments, two (2020: two) are directors whose emolument is disclosed in Note 9. The aggregate of the emoluments in respect of other three individuals (2020: three) are as follows:

	2021	2020
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Salaries and other emoluments	1,540	1,365
Discretionary bonuses	617	428
Retirement scheme contributions	116	7
	2,273	1,800

The emoluments of the individuals who are not directors and who are amongst the five highest paid individuals of the Group are within the following band:

	2021	2020
	Number of	Number of
	individuals	individuals
HKDNil—HKD1,000,000	3	3

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11 EARNINGS PER SHARE

(a) Basic earnings per share

The calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to equity shareholder of the Company of RMB28,530,000 (2020: RMB68,505,000), and the weighted average of 274,096,000 ordinary shares in issue during the year (2020: 220,000,000 ordinary shares), after adjusting the capitalisation issue occurred after 31 December 2020, calculated as follows:

Weighted average number of ordinary shares

	2021 No. of shares (‘000)	2020 No. of shares (‘000)
Shares in issue on 1 January	821	821
Effect of capitalisation issue (Note (i))	219,179	219,179
Effect of issuance of shares (Note (ii))	54,096	—
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At 31 December	274,096	220,000

Notes:

- (i) The number of ordinary shares outstanding before the capitalisation issue completed on 6 January 2021 was adjusted for the proportionate increase in the number of ordinary shares outstanding without a corresponding change in resources, as if the capitalisation issue had occurred at the beginning of the earliest period presented.
- (ii) On 6 January 2021, 55,000,000 new ordinary shares of HKD0.001 each were issued upon the listing of the shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange.

(b) Diluted earnings per share

There were no dilutive potential shares outstanding during the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2020. Hence, the diluted earnings per share is the same as basic earnings per share.

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12 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Construction equipment <i>RMB'000</i>	Motor vehicles <i>RMB'000</i>	Other equipment <i>RMB'000</i>	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
Cost:				
At 1 January 2020	10,208	1,468	9,874	21,550
Additions	170	—	2,134	2,304
Disposals	(83)	(294)	(1,015)	(1,392)
At 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021	10,295	1,174	10,993	22,462
Additions	—	—	1,963	1,963
Disposals	—	(204)	(724)	(928)
At 31 December 2021	10,295	970	12,232	23,497
Accumulated depreciation:				
At 1 January 2020	(3,827)	(1,234)	(5,773)	(10,834)
Charge for the year	(968)	(49)	(1,614)	(2,631)
Written back on disposals	34	280	480	794
At 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021	(4,761)	(1,003)	(6,907)	(12,671)
Charge for the year	(970)	(49)	(1,229)	(2,248)
Written back on disposals	—	129	275	404
At 31 December 2021	(5,731)	(923)	(7,861)	(14,515)
Net book value:				
At 31 December 2021	<u>4,564</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>4,371</u>	<u>8,982</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>5,534</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>4,086</u>	<u>9,791</u>

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13 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Patents RMB'000
Cost:	
At 1 January 2020, 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021	3,684
Additions	<u>1,500</u>
At 31 December 2021	----- 5,184
Accumulated amortisation:	
At 1 January 2020	(1,492)
Charge for the year	<u>(368)</u>
At 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021	(1,860)
Charge for the year	<u>(393)</u>
At 31 December 2021	----- (2,253)
Net book value:	
At 31 December 2021	<u><u>2,931</u></u>
At 31 December 2020	<u><u>1,824</u></u>

The amortisation charge is included in "administrative expenses" in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

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14 RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

	Leasehold land <i>RMB'000</i>	Leasehold premises <i>RMB'000</i>	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
Cost:			
At 1 January 2020	3,224	8,204	11,428
Additions	—	1,207	1,207
Expiration of lease term	—	(265)	(265)
Early termination of lease term	(3,224)	(7,204)	(10,428)
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At 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021	—	1,942	1,942
Additions	—	6,082	6,082
Expiration of lease term	—	(253)	(253)
Early termination of lease term	—	(129)	(129)
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At 31 December 2021	<u>—</u>	<u>7,642</u>	<u>7,642</u>
Accumulated depreciation:			
At 1 January 2020	(587)	(2,159)	(2,746)
Charge for the year	(36)	(1,991)	(2,027)
Expiration of lease term	—	265	265
Early termination of lease term	623	3,108	3,731
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At 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021	—	(777)	(777)
Charge for the year	—	(2,100)	(2,100)
Expiration of lease term	—	253	253
Early termination of lease term	—	64	64
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At 31 December 2021	<u>—</u>	<u>(2,560)</u>	<u>(2,560)</u>
Net book value:			
At 31 December 2021	<u>—</u>	<u>5,082</u>	<u>5,082</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>—</u>	<u>1,165</u>	<u>1,165</u>

The Group has obtained the right to use the leasehold land and premises as its office through tenancy agreements. The leases typically run for an initial period of 2 to 15 years.

The Group does not have the option to renew and early terminate the lease and there are no significant restrictions or covenants imposed to the lease. None of the leases includes variable lease payments.

Details of total cash outflow for leases and the maturity analysis of lease liabilities are set out in Notes 23(c) and 28, respectively.

Details of expense items in relation to leases recognised in profit or loss are set out in Notes 7(a) and 7(c).

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15 INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

The following list contains only the particulars of subsidiaries which principally affected the results, assets or liabilities of the Group.

Name of subsidiary	Place of establishment and operations	Particulars of paid-up capital	Proportion of ownership interest			Principal activities
			The Group's effective interest	Held by the Company	Held by subsidiaries	
Zonbong Huize Landscape Environmental Construction Limited (中邦匯澤園林環境建設有限公司) (i), (ii) ("Zonbong Landscape")	The PRC	RMB325,000,000	99%	—	100%	Landscape design and gardening
Zonbong Shanshui Planning and Design Limited (中邦山水規劃設計有限公司) (i), (ii) ("Zonbong Shanshui")	The PRC	RMB20,000,000	99%	—	100%	Design
Beijing Zhongke Zonbong Ecological Technology Limited (北京中科中邦生態科技有限公司) (i), (ii)	The PRC	RMB5,151,500	99%	—	99%	Consulting

Notes:

- (i) The official names of the entities are in Chinese. The English translation of the names is for identification only.
- (ii) These companies are domestic limited liability companies established in the PRC.

16 INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE

Name of associate	Place of establishment and business	Particulars of paid-up capital	Proportion of ownership interest held by the subsidiary	Principal activity
長春市現邦市政園林有限責任公司 (Changchun Xianbang Municipal and Landscape Limited) ("Changchun Xianbang")	The PRC	RMB99,256,000 (Note (ii))	50% (Note (iii))	Project management (Note (i))

Changchun Xianbang, the only associate in which the Group participates, is unlisted and quoted market price is not available. Changchun Xianbang is accounted for using the equity method in the consolidated financial statements.

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16 INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE (CONTINUED)

Summarised financial information of Changchun Xianbang, adjusted for any differences in accounting policies, and reconciled to the carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements, are disclosed below:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Gross amounts of the associate		
Current assets	137,353	143,141
Non-current assets	365,157	303,218
Current liabilities	(198,832)	(111,525)
Non-current liabilities	(150,370)	(184,044)
Equity	153,308	150,790
Revenue	61,164	55,664
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	2,518	2,891
Reconciled to the Group's interests in the associate		
Gross amounts of net assets of the associate	153,308	150,790
Group's effective interest	50%	50%
Group's share of net assets of the associate	76,718	75,459
Carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements	76,718	75,459

Notes:

- (i) Changchun Xianbang is responsible for financing, developing, operating and maintaining a Public-Private-Partnership ("PPP") project.
- (ii) As at 31 December 2021, the paid-in capital of Changchun Xianbang is approximately RMB99,256,000 (31 December 2020: RMB99,256,000), of which approximately RMB49,628,000 (31 December 2020: RMB49,628,000), was injected by the Group. Due to the timing of capital injection by the investors of Changchun Xianbang, the effective interest at the end of each reporting period varies from the agreed percentage of 50%.

As at 31 December 2021, approximately RMB30,755,000 (31 December 2020: RMB30,755,000) was recognised as contributions from equity shareholders for the financial guarantee provided for a long-term bank loan of Changchun Xianbang, of which approximately RMB15,377,000 (31 December 2020: RMB15,377,000) was contributed by the Group.

- (iii) According to the articles of association of Changchun Xianbang, the resolutions in relation to material financial and operating decisions have to be passed by more than half of directors. As the Group only has rights to appoint two out of five of directors of Changchun Xianbang, the Group only has significant influence over the financial and operating policies of Changchun Xianbang.

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17 INTEREST IN A JOINT VENTURE

Name of joint venture	Place of establishment and business	Particulars of paid-up capital	Proportion of ownership interest held by the subsidiaries	Principal activity
烏蘭浩特市天驕天駿旅遊開發有限公司 (Ulanhot Tianjiao Tianjun Tourism Development Limited) ("Tianjun Tourism") (Note (iv))	The PRC	RMB181,044,000 (Note (ii))	75% (Note (iii))	Project management (Note (i))

Tianjun Tourism is an unlisted entity whose quoted market price is not available. Tianjun Tourism is accounted for using the equity method in the consolidated financial statements.

Summarised financial information of Tianjun Tourism, adjusted for any differences in accounting policies, and reconciled to the carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements, are disclosed below:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Gross amounts of the joint venture		
Current assets	83,547	82,098
Non-current assets	594,525	609,649
Current liabilities	(99,944)	(98,659)
Non-current liabilities	(318,436)	(342,102)
Equity	259,692	250,986
<i>Included in the above assets and liabilities:</i>		
Cash and cash equivalents	9,107	31,926
Current financial liabilities (excluding trade and other payables and provisions)	27,439	27,439
Revenue	28,356	78,739
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	8,706	11,905
<i>Included in the above profit:</i>		
Depreciation and amortisation	814	439
Interest income	35,272	37,619
Interest expense	21,328	20,606
Income tax expense	3,756	4,822
Reconciled to the Group's interests in the joint venture		
Gross amounts of net assets of the joint venture	259,692	250,986
Group's interest held by subsidiaries	75%	75%
Group's share of net assets of the joint venture	194,797	188,267
Carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements	<u>194,797</u>	<u>188,267</u>

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17 INTEREST IN A JOINT VENTURE (CONTINUED)

Notes:

- (i) Tianjun Tourism is responsible for financing, developing, operating and maintaining a PPP project.
- (ii) As at 31 December 2021, the paid-in capital of Tianjun Tourism is approximately RMB181,043,900 (31 December 2020: RMB181,043,900), of which approximately RMB135,783,000 (31 December 2020: RMB135,783,000), was injected by the Group. Due to the timing of capital injection by the investors of Tianjun Tourism, the interest held by subsidiaries at the end of each reporting period varies from the agreed percentage of 75%.

As at 31 December 2021, approximately RMB37,353,000 (31 December 2020: RMB37,353,000) was recognised as contributions from equity shareholders for the financial guarantee provided for a long-term bank loan of Tianjun Tourism, of which approximately RMB28,015,000 (31 December 2020: RMB28,015,000) was contributed by the Group.

- (iii) According to the articles of association of Tianjun Tourism, the resolutions in relation to significant financial and operating decisions have to be approved by all shareholders. Therefore, the Group does not have the power to control the financial and operating policies of Tianjun Tourism.
- (iv) On 16 September 2020, this company changed its name from Ulanhot Tianjunshan Tourism Investment Development Limited (烏蘭浩特市天驕山旅遊投資開發有限公司) to Ulanhot Tianjiao Tianjun Tourism Development Limited (烏蘭浩特市天驕天驕旅遊開發有限公司).

18 OTHER EQUITY INVESTMENTS

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Unlisted equity investments, at FVOCI (non-recycling)		
— 長春城投城鎮化建設投資有限公司 (Changchun Chengtou Urbanisation Construction Investment Limited) (“ Changchun Chengtou ”) (Note (i))	3,000	3,359
— 潤德建設投資(長春)有限公司 (Runde Construction Investment Changchun Co., Ltd.) (“ Runde Construction ”) (Note (ii))	11,153	5,120
— 梅河口市慶豐建設項目管理有限公司 (Meihekou Qingfeng Construction Project Management Co., Ltd.) (“ Meihekou Qingfeng ”) (Note (iii))	2,796	6,232
	<u>16,949</u>	<u>14,711</u>

The Group designated its unlisted equity investments in Changchun Chengtou, Runde Construction and Meihekou Qingfeng at FVOCI (non-recycling), as the investments are held for strategic purposes. The directors of the Company consider that Group does not have significant influence over any of these investments. No dividends were received from the above investments during the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: RMBNil). The investments are classified as Level 3 fair value measurement, and the fair value was determined by the directors with reference to a valuation report issued by a third party valuer using the market approach or income approach. Further details are disclosed in Note 31(e).

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18 OTHER EQUITY INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Notes:

- (i) Changchun Chengtou is a private company engaged in development, investment, construction, maintenance, operation and management of urban infrastructure construction projects in the PRC.
- (ii) Runde Construction is a private company engaged in development, design, construction, investment of urban infrastructure projects in the PRC.
- (iii) Meihokou Qingfeng is a private company engaged in project management, which is responsible for financing, developing, operating and maintaining the PPP project in the PRC.

19 INVENTORIES AND OTHER CONTRACT COSTS

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Inventories		
Construction materials	25,585	20,693
Other contract costs	4,461	16,492
	<u>30,046</u>	<u>37,185</u>

(a) The analysis of the amount of inventories recognised as an expense and included in profit or loss is as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Carrying amount of inventories used in construction contracts	<u>269,023</u>	<u>256,586</u>

(b) Contract costs

Capitalised contract costs relate to costs incurred to fulfil a contract if the costs relate directly to an existing contract or to a specifically identifiable anticipated contract, and are expected to be recovered. Contract costs are recognised as part of "cost of sales" in the consolidated statement of profit or loss in the period in which revenue from the related sales is recognised. The amount of capitalised costs recognised in profit or loss during the year ended 31 December 2021 was RMB15,333,000 (2020: RMB8,291,000).

The amounts of capitalised contract costs that is expected to be recovered after more than one year as at 31 December 2021 is RMB1,690,000 (31 December 2020: RMB1,431,000). All of the other capitalised contract costs are expected to be recovered within one year.

Incremental costs of obtaining a contract are immaterial during the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2020.

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20 CONTRACT ASSETS AND CONTRACT LIABILITIES

(a) Contract assets

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Contract assets		
— due from Zhongqing Investment Holding Group Limited Liability Company (“ZIHG”) and its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates (Note 34(c))	94,259	99,848
— due from a joint venture (Note 34(c))	51,883	51,879
— due from an associate (Note 34(c))	33,660	31,762
— due from a company managed by a key management personnel of ZIHG (Note 34(c))	16,234	81,109
— due from third parties	659,209	655,996
	<u>855,245</u>	<u>920,594</u>
Less: loss allowance	(122,761)	(107,146)
	<u>732,484</u>	<u>813,448</u>
Trade receivables from contracts with customers within the scope of IFRS 15, which are included in “Trade and bills receivables” (Note 21)		
	<u>996,053</u>	<u>676,300</u>

ZIHG is controlled by the Controlling Parties.

The Group’s construction contracts and design contracts include payment schedules which require stage payments over the design and construction period once milestones are reached. These payment schedules prevent the build-up of significant contract assets. The contract assets that could be billed and settled within one year according to terms of the contracts with customers are classified as current assets. Otherwise, the contract assets are classified as non-current assets.

The amounts of revenue during the year ended 31 December 2021 from performance obligations satisfied (or partially satisfied) in previous periods is RMB1,310,000 (2020: RMB2,831,000), mainly due to the changes in estimate of the stage of completion.

Notwithstanding the terms of the contracts with customers, the directors consider that all of the amounts are expected to be billed within one year as of the end of the reporting period, except for the amounts of RMB286,576,000 (31 December 2020: RMB311,396,000), which are expected to be billed after more than one year.

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20 CONTRACT ASSETS AND CONTRACT LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

(b) Contract liabilities

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Contract liabilities		
— due to ZHIG and its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates (Note 34(c))	11,779	3,505
— due to a joint venture (Note 34(c))	19,022	21,156
— due to an associate (Note 34(c))	729	5,068
— due to third parties	117,196	161,545
	<u>148,726</u>	<u>191,274</u>

When the Group receives a deposit before the production activity commences this will give rise to contract liabilities at the start of a contract, until the revenue recognised on the project exceeds the amount of the deposit.

Movements in contract liabilities

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Balance at 1 January	191,274	66,552
Decrease in contract liabilities as a result of recognising revenue during the year that was included in the contract liabilities at the beginning of the year	(86,757)	(55,410)
Increase in contract liabilities as a result of billing in advance of construction and design activities	44,209	180,132
Balance at 31 December	<u>148,726</u>	<u>191,274</u>

All of the contract liabilities are expected to be recognised as revenue within one year, according to the contract terms and working progress estimation.

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21 TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Trade receivables		
— due from ZIHG and its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates (Note 34(c))	102,296	117,262
— due from a joint venture (Note 34(c))	17,682	2,277
— due from an associate (Note 34(c))	23,735	—
— due from a company managed by a key management personnel of ZIHG (Note 34(c))	96,651	13,621
— due from third parties	859,359	623,051
	<u>1,099,723</u>	756,211
Bills receivable	<u>386</u>	—
	1,100,109	756,211
Less: loss allowance	<u>(85,595)</u>	<u>(59,209)</u>
	<u><u>1,014,514</u></u>	<u><u>697,002</u></u>
Reconciliation to the consolidated statement of financial position:		
Non-current	34,627	43,402
Current	<u>979,887</u>	<u>653,600</u>
	<u><u>1,014,514</u></u>	<u><u>697,002</u></u>

All of the current trade and bills receivables, net of loss allowance, are expected to be recovered within one year.

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21 TRADE AND BILLS RECEIVABLES (CONTINUED)

Ageing analysis

As of the end of the reporting period, the ageing analysis of trade and bills receivables, based on the invoice date and net of loss allowance, is as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Within 1 year	631,477	340,653
1 to 2 years	175,554	141,379
2 to 3 years	50,391	76,378
3 to 4 years	61,185	41,554
4 to 5 years	41,292	97,038
Over 5 years	54,615	—
	1,014,514	697,002

The Group generally requires customers to settle progress billings in accordance with contracted terms. Further details on the Group's credit policy and credit risk arising from trade and bills receivable are set out in Note 31(a).

22 PREPAYMENTS, DEPOSITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Amounts due from an associate (Note 34(c))	13,430	—
Advances to third parties	12,487	306
Advances to staff	125	163
Tax recoverable	14,417	14,015
Prepayments for costs incurred in connection with the proposed initial listing of the Company's shares (Note (i))	—	8,148
Prepayments for purchase of raw materials	8,174	4,379
Deposits of bidding and performance for construction and design contracts	3,911	5,842
Deposits to secure the guarantees by third parties (Note 27(d))	8,900	9,550
Others	7,109	8,796
	68,553	51,199
Less: loss allowance	(341)	(128)
	68,212	51,071

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22 PREPAYMENTS, DEPOSITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (CONTINUED)

All of the prepayments, deposits, and other receivables are expected to be recovered, recognised as expenses or transferred to equity within one year.

Note:

- (i) The balance at 31 December 2020 has been transferred to the share premium account within equity upon the listing of the Company's shares on the Stock Exchange.

23 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND OTHER CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Cash and cash equivalents comprise:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Cash at bank and on hand	58,783	144,599
Less: restricted bank deposits	<u>(12,110)</u>	<u>(602)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated statement of financial position and consolidated cash flow statement	<u>46,673</u>	<u>143,997</u>

Restricted bank deposits mainly represent deposits placed to secure the issuance of bills, derivative financial instrument and bank loans by the Group. The restriction on deposits would release after the payment of bills or repayment of loans.

The Group's business operations in the PRC are conducted in RMB. RMB is not a freely convertible currency and the remittance of funds out of the PRC is subject to the exchange restrictions imposed by the PRC government.

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23 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND OTHER CASH FLOW INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(b) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

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

	Bank and other loans	Interest payable	Amounts due to third parties	Lease liabilities	Dividends payable	Derivative financial instrument	Total
Note	RMB'000 (Note 27)	RMB'000 (Note 25)	RMB'000 (Note 25)	RMB'000 (Note 28)	RMB'000 (Note 25)	RMB'000 (Note 26)	RMB'000
At 1 January 2021	480,000	1,092	81,239	905	307	—	563,543
Changes from financing cash flows:							
Proceeds from new loans	440,198	—	143,600	—	—	—	583,798
Repayment of loans	(415,000)	—	(203,600)	(2,233)	—	—	(620,833)
Interest paid	—	(35,632)	—	(289)	—	—	(35,921)
Total changes from financing cash flows	25,198	(35,632)	(60,000)	(2,522)	—	—	(72,956)
Exchange adjustments	(633)	—	—	—	—	—	(633)
Other changes:							
Increase in lease liabilities from entering into new leases during the year	—	—	—	6,082	—	—	6,082
Interest expenses	7(a) —	37,107	—	265	—	—	37,372
Fair value loss of forward foreign exchange contract	7(a) —	—	—	—	—	1,170	1,170
Early termination of lease term	—	—	—	(64)	—	—	(64)
Total other changes	—	37,107	—	6,283	—	1,170	44,560
At 31 December 2021	504,565	2,567	21,239	4,666	307	1,170	534,514

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23 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND OTHER CASH FLOW INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(b) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities (Continued)

	Bank and other loans	Interest payable	Loans from related parties	Amounts due to third parties	Lease liabilities	Dividends payable	Total
Note	RMB'000 (Note 27)	RMB'000 (Note 25)	RMB'000 (Note 25)	RMB'000 (Note 25)	RMB'000 (Note 28)	RMB'000 (Note 25)	RMB'000
At 1 January 2020	495,000	215	16,104	95,600	8,117	307	615,343
Changes from financing cash flows:							
Proceeds from new loans	400,000	—	—	236,770	—	—	636,770
Repayment of loans	(415,000)	—	(15,062)	(251,131)	(1,962)	—	(683,155)
Interest paid	—	(37,121)	—	—	(36)	—	(37,157)
Total changes from financing cash flows	(15,000)	(37,121)	(15,062)	(14,361)	(1,998)	—	(83,542)
Exchange adjustments	—	—	(42)	—	—	—	(42)
Other changes:							
Increase in lease liabilities from entering into new leases during the year	—	—	—	—	1,207	—	1,207
Interest expenses	7(a)	37,998	—	—	67	—	38,065
Early termination of lease term	—	—	—	—	(6,268)	—	(6,268)
COVID-19-related rent concessions received	—	—	—	—	(220)	—	(220)
Waiver of interest by a related party	—	—	(1,000)	—	—	—	(1,000)
Total other changes	—	37,998	(1,000)	—	(5,214)	—	31,784
At 31 December 2020	480,000	1,092	—	81,239	905	307	563,543

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23 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND OTHER CASH FLOW INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

(c) Total cash outflow for leases

Amounts included in the consolidated cash flow statement represent leases rental paid and comprise the following:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Within operating cash flows	(8,532)	(5,841)
Within financing cash flows	(2,522)	(1,998)
	<u>(11,054)</u>	<u>(7,839)</u>

24 TRADE AND BILLS PAYABLES

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Trade payables		
— due to ZIHG and its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates (Note 34(c))	5,756	5,565
— due to third parties	827,192	667,850
Bills payables	5,500	30,000
	<u>838,448</u>	<u>703,415</u>

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

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Within 1 year	339,953	519,450
1 to 3 years	424,767	141,447
Over 3 years	73,728	42,518
	<u>838,448</u>	<u>703,415</u>

All of the trade and bills payables are expected to be settled within one year or are repayable on demand.

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25 ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Amounts due to ZIHG and its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates	4,135	2,612
Amounts due to third parties (Note (i))	21,239	81,239
Payables for staff related costs	38,364	20,796
Dividends payable	307	307
Interest payable	2,567	1,092
Payables for costs incurred in connection with the proposed initial listing of the Company's shares	—	13,735
Others	13,971	4,998
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Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	80,583	124,779
Financial guarantees issued (Note 33)	35,303	38,805
Payables for miscellaneous taxes	23,693	19,365
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	139,579	182,949
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Notes:

- (i) The amounts are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no fixed terms of repayment.
- (ii) As at 31 December 2021, the amount of financial guarantees issued expected to be recognised as income after more than one year is RMB31,801,000 (31 December 2020: RMB35,303,000). All of the other accrued expenses and other payables are expected to be settled within one year or are repayable on demand.

26 DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT

Derivative financial instrument represents forward foreign exchange contract entered to manage the currency risk of bank loan denominated in United States dollar ("USD"). Change in the fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts is recognised in profit or loss.

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27 BANK AND OTHER LOANS

(a) The Group's bank and other loans comprise:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Bank loans:		
Guaranteed by related parties	5,000	40,000
Guaranteed by third parties (Note 27(d))	178,485	215,000
Guaranteed by related parties and third parties (Note 27(d))	75,383	—
Guaranteed by related parties and secured by trade and bills receivables and contract assets of the Group (Note 27(c))	—	90,000
Guaranteed by a third party and secured by trade and bills receivables and contract assets of the Group (Notes 27(c) and 27(d))	47,723	—
Guaranteed by a third party and secured by bank deposits of the Group (Notes 27(c) and 27(d))	49,974	—
Secured by trade and bills receivables and contract assets of the Group (Note 27(c))	128,000	115,000
	484,565	460,000
Other loan:		
Unguaranteed and unsecured	20,000	20,000
	504,565	480,000

(b) The Group's bank and other loans are repayable as follows:

As of the end of the reporting period, the bank and other loans were repayable as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Within 1 year or on demand	479,565	430,000
After 1 year but within 2 years	25,000	25,000
After 2 years but within 5 years	—	25,000
	25,000	50,000
	504,565	480,000

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27 BANK AND OTHER LOANS (CONTINUED)

- (c) Certain of the Group's bank loans are secured by the following assets of the Group:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Trade and bills receivables and contract assets	287,819	239,087
Bank deposits	2,500	—

- (d) Certain of the Group's bank loans are guaranteed by third parties, where related parties provide counter-guarantee and/or secured by assets of the Group to these third parties:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Counter-guarantee by related parties	149,297	215,000
Trade and bills receivables and contract assets	43,836	—
Deposits	8,900	9,550

- (e) At 31 December 2021, the Group's banking facilities amounting to RMB128,000,000 (31 December 2020: RMB200,000,000), were utilised to the extent of RMB128,000,000 (31 December 2020: RMB200,000,000).

- (f) Certain of the Group's bank loans are subject to the fulfilment of covenants commonly found in lending arrangements with financial institutions. If the Group were to breach the covenants, the loans would become repayable on demand. The Group regularly monitors its compliance with these covenants. Further details of the Group's management of liquidity risk are set out in Note 31(b). At 31 December 2021, none of the covenants relating to the bank loans had been breached (31 December 2020: None).

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28 LEASE LIABILITIES

The following table shows the remaining contractual maturities of the Group's lease liabilities:

	2021		2020	
	Present value of the minimum lease payments RMB'000	Total minimum lease payments RMB'000	Present value of the minimum lease payments RMB'000	Total minimum lease payments RMB'000
Within 1 year	3,005	3,109	635	654
After 1 year but within 2 years	1,579	1,722	270	299
After 2 years but within 5 years	82	94	—	—
	<u>1,661</u>	<u>1,816</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>299</u>
	<u>4,666</u>	<u>4,925</u>	<u>905</u>	<u>953</u>
Less: total future interest expenses		(259)		(48)
Present value of lease liabilities		<u>4,666</u>		<u>905</u>

29 INCOME TAX IN THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(a) Current taxation in the consolidated statement of financial position represents:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Net balance of income tax payable at 1 January	15,280	9,866
Provision for the year (Note 8(a))	12,941	25,208
Income tax paid	(20,624)	(19,794)
Net balance of income tax payable at 31 December	<u>7,597</u>	<u>15,280</u>
Represented by:		
Income tax recoverable (included in tax recoverable) (Note 22)	(3,005)	—
Income tax payable	<u>10,602</u>	<u>15,280</u>

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29 INCOME TAX IN THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED)

(b) Deferred tax assets and liabilities recognised

(i) Movement of each component of deferred tax assets and liabilities

The components of deferred tax assets/(liabilities) recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position and the movements during the year are as follows:

Deferred tax arising from:	Accrued payables	Credit loss allowance	Fair value adjustments in connection with the acquisition of subsidiaries	Equity method investment income	Derivative financial instrument measured at FVPL	Unused tax losses	Unrealised gains and losses	Withholding tax on distributable profits	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
At 1 January 2020	6,234	30,546	(518)	(6,446)	—	2,235	133	(3,870)	28,314
(Charged)/credited to profit or loss	(380)	(5,451)	88	(1,875)	—	12	333	2,070	(5,203)
At 31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021	5,854	25,095	(430)	(8,321)	—	2,247	466	(1,800)	23,111
Credited/(charged) to profit or loss	6,250	6,384	87	(2,459)	175	(529)	—	—	9,908
At 31 December 2021	<u>12,104</u>	<u>31,479</u>	<u>(343)</u>	<u>(10,780)</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>1,718</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>(1,800)</u>	<u>33,019</u>

(ii) Reconciliation to the consolidated statement of financial position

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Net deferred tax assets	43,355	31,618
Net deferred tax liabilities	(10,336)	(8,507)
	<u>33,019</u>	<u>23,111</u>

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29 INCOME TAX IN THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED)

(c) Deferred tax assets not recognised

In accordance with the accounting policy set out in Note 2(t), the Group has not recognised deferred tax assets in respect of cumulative unused tax losses and deductible temporary differences arising from certain subsidiaries of the Group of RMB9,198,000 as of 31 December 2021 (31 December 2020: RMB12,937,000), as it is not probable that future taxable profits against which the losses can be utilised will be available in the relevant tax jurisdiction and entity.

The year of expiry of unused tax losses and deductible temporary differences not recognised is as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>
Year of expiry:		
2021	—	1,858
2022	—	—
2023	1,274	5,646
2024	2,593	2,593
2025	2,840	2,840
2026	2,491	—
	<hr/> 9,198 <hr/>	<hr/> 12,937 <hr/>

(d) Deferred tax liabilities not recognised

Pursuant to the corporate income tax law, a 10% withholding tax is levied on dividends declared to foreign investors. As at 31 December 2021, temporary difference unrecognised for deferred tax liabilities relating to undistributed profits of subsidiaries amounted to RMB138,734,000 (31 December 2020: RMB120,198,000). Deferred tax liabilities of RMB13,873,000 (31 December 2020: RMB12,020,000) have not been recognised in this respect as it is probable that such profits will not be distributed in the foreseeable future.

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30 CAPITAL, RESERVES AND DIVIDENDS

(a) Movements in components of equity

The reconciliation between the opening and closing balances of each component of the Group's consolidated equity are set out in the consolidated statement of changes in equity. Details of the changes in the Company's individual components of equity are set out below:

	Share capital RMB'000	Share premium RMB'000	Exchange reserve RMB'000	Accumulated losses RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2020	1	10,560	(758)	(19,535)	(9,732)
Changes in equity:					
Loss for the year	—	—	—	(22,466)	(22,466)
Other comprehensive income for the year	—	—	1,928	—	1,928
Total comprehensive income for the year	—	—	1,928	(22,466)	(20,538)
At 31 December 2020	1	10,560	1,170	(42,001)	(30,270)
At 1 January 2021	1	10,560	1,170	(42,001)	(30,270)
Changes in equity:					
Loss for the year	—	—	—	(3,867)	(3,867)
Other comprehensive income for the year	—	—	368	—	368
Total comprehensive income for the year	—	—	368	(3,867)	(3,499)
Capitalisation issue	183	(183)	—	—	—
Issuance of shares upon listing	46	79,686	—	—	79,732
	229	79,503	—	—	79,732
At 31 December 2021	230	90,063	1,538	(45,868)	45,963

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30 CAPITAL, RESERVES AND DIVIDENDS (CONTINUED)

(b) Share capital

	At 31 December 2021 and 2020	
	Number of shares	HKD'000
Authorised:		
Ordinary shares of HKD0.001 each	10,000,000,000	10,000
	HKD shares	
	No. of shares	RMB'000
Ordinary shares, issued and fully paid:		
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	821,028	1
Capitalisation issue	219,178,972	183
Issuance of shares	55,000,000	46
At 31 December 2021	275,000,000	230

On 14 December 2020, the Company increased the authorised share capital from HKD390,000 divided into 390,000,000 Shares of HKD0.001 each to HKD10,000,000 divided into 10,000,000,000 of HKD0.001 each.

Pursuant to the shareholders' resolutions of the Company passed on 14 December 2020, the Company allotted and issued a total of 219,178,972 shares credited as fully paid at par to the equity shareholders whose names appeared on the register of members of the Company at the close of business on 14 December 2020 by way of capitalisation of the sum of HKD219,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB183,000) standing to the credit of the share premium account of the Company, and these shares rank *pari passu* in all respects with the shares in issue. This capitalisation issue was completed on 6 January 2021.

On 6 January 2021, 55,000,000 new ordinary shares of HKD0.001 each were issued at a price of HKD2.00 each upon the listing of the shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange. The proceeds of HKD55,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB46,000), representing the par value, were credited to the Company's share capital. The remaining proceeds of HKD109,945,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB91,616,000) net of share issuance expenses of RMB11,930,000 were credited to the share premium account.

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30 CAPITAL, RESERVES AND DIVIDENDS (CONTINUED)

(c) Dividends

(i) *Dividends payable to equity shareholders of the Company attributable to the year*

The directors of the Company do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: HKDNil).

(ii) *Dividends payable to equity shareholders of the Company attributable to the previous financial year, approved and paid during the year*

No final dividend in respect of the previous financial year has been approved during the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: HKDNil).

(d) Nature and purpose of reserves

(i) *Share premium*

The application of the share premium account is governed by Section 34 of the Companies Act (as revised) of the Cayman Islands.

(ii) *Other reserve*

The other reserve comprises: (i) the difference between the carrying value of the net assets acquired and the consideration paid for the acquisition of a business under common control; (ii) the difference between the carrying value of non-controlling interests and the consideration received from the non-controlling shareholder; (iii) deemed contribution and distribution arising from a group reorganisation; and (iv) the contribution from the Controlling Parties through the waiver of interest.

(iii) *Statutory reserve*

In accordance with the relevant PRC laws and regulations, the Group's subsidiary established in the PRC is required to transfer 10% of its net profit each year to the statutory reserve until the reserve reaches 50% of the registered capital. The transfer to statutory reserve must be made before distributions to equity holders. This reserve can be utilised in setting off accumulated losses or increase capital of the subsidiary and is non-distributable other than in liquidation.

(iv) *Fair value reserve*

The fair value reserve comprises the cumulative net change in the fair value of equity investments designated at FVOCI under IFRS 9 that are held during the year (see Note 2(g)).

(v) *Exchange reserve*

The exchange reserve comprises all foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of the companies comprising the Group into the Group's presentation currency. The reserve is dealt with in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2(w).

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30 CAPITAL, RESERVES AND DIVIDENDS (CONTINUED)

(e) Capital management

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

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

The Group monitors its capital structure on the basis of an adjusted net debt-to-capital ratio. For this purpose, the Group defines adjusted net debt as total debt (which includes bank and other loans, amounts due to third parties and lease liabilities) plus unaccrued proposed dividends, less cash and cash equivalents. Adjusted capital comprises all components of equity less unaccrued proposed dividends.

The Group's adjusted net debt-to-capital ratio at 31 December 2021 and 2020 was as follows:

	2021	2020
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Current liabilities:		
Amounts due to third parties	21,239	81,239
Lease liabilities	3,005	635
Bank and other loans	479,565	430,000
	503,809	511,874
Non-current liabilities:		
Bank loans	25,000	50,000
Lease liabilities	1,661	270
Total debt	530,470	562,144
Less: cash on hand and in bank	(46,673)	(143,997)
Adjusted net debt	483,797	418,147
Total equity and adjusted capital	594,761	483,810
Adjusted net debt-to-capital ratio	81%	86%

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries are subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

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31 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Exposure to credit, liquidity, interest rate and currency risks arises in the normal course of the Group's business.

The Group's exposure to these risks and the financial risk management policies and practices used by the Group to manage these risks are described below.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in a financial loss to the Group. The Group's credit risk is primarily attributable to trade receivables and contract assets. The Group's exposure to credit risk arising from cash and cash equivalents is limited because the counterparties are banks and financial institutions with high credit standing, for which the Group considers to have low credit risk.

Except for the financial guarantees given by the Group as set out in Note 33, the Group does not provide any other guarantees which would expose the Group to credit risk. The maximum exposure to credit risk in respect of these financial guarantees as at the end of the reporting period is disclosed in Note 33.

Trade receivables and contract assets

The Group's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer rather than the industry in which the customers operate and therefore significant concentrations of credit risk primarily arise when the Group has significant exposure to individual customers. At 31 December 2021, 10.8% (31 December 2020: 14.3%) of the total trade receivables and contract assets, were due from the Group's largest debtor, and 43.8% (31 December 2020: 47.1%) of the total trade receivables and contract assets, were due from the Group's five largest debtors.

Individual credit evaluations are performed on all customers requiring credit over a certain amount. These evaluations focus on the customer's past history of making payments when due and current ability to pay, and take into account information specific to the customer as well as pertaining to the economic environment in which the customer operates. The Group generally requires customers to settle progress billings in accordance with contracted terms and other debts in accordance with agreements. Trade receivables and contract assets for contract work are considered past due once billings have been made and revenue has been recognised, respectively. Normally, the Group does not obtain collateral from customers.

The Group measures loss allowances for trade receivables and contract assets at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, which is calculated using a provision matrix.

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31 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(a) Credit risk (Continued)

Trade receivables and contract assets (Continued)

The following table provides information about the Group's exposure to credit risk and ECLs for trade receivables and contract assets:

	2021		
	Expected loss rate %	Gross carrying amount RMB'000	Loss allowance RMB'000
Current (not past due)	2.5%	336,849	8,564
Within 1 year past due	3.9%	977,050	37,913
1 to 2 years past due	13.2%	354,884	46,682
2 to 3 years past due	31.3%	185,802	58,085
Over 3 years past due	56.9%	100,383	57,112
		1,954,968	208,356
	2020		
	Expected loss rate %	Gross carrying amount RMB'000	Loss allowance RMB'000
Current (not past due)	2.3%	373,858	8,609
Within 1 year past due	3.8%	808,806	30,706
1 to 2 years past due	15.7%	355,794	55,822
2 to 3 years past due	22.8%	62,507	14,246
Over 3 years past due	75.1%	75,840	56,972
		1,676,805	166,355

Expected loss rates are based on actual loss experience over the past 8 years. These rates are adjusted to reflect differences between economic conditions during the period over which the historic data has been collected, current conditions and the Group's view of economic conditions over the expected lives of the receivables.

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31 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(a) Credit risk (Continued)

Trade receivables and contract assets (Continued)

Movements in the loss allowance account in respect of trade receivables and contract assets during the year are as follows:

	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	2020 <i>RMB'000</i>
Balance at 1 January	166,355	125,013
Impairment losses recognised during the year	88,188	87,507
Impairment losses written-back during the year	(26,169)	(46,165)
Amounts written off during the year	(20,018)	—
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Balance at 31 December	208,356	166,355

Note:

- (i) The impairment losses recognised are contributed to the origination of new trade receivables and contract assets net of those settled and the increase in days past due.

(b) Liquidity risk

The treasury function is centrally managed by the Group, which includes the short-term investment of cash surpluses and the raising of loans to cover expected cash demands.

The Group's policy is to regularly monitor its liquidity requirements and its compliance with lending covenants, to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserves of cash and adequate committed lines of funding from major financial institutions to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and longer term.

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31 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Liquidity risk (Continued)

The following tables show the remaining contractual maturities at the end of reporting period of the Group's financial liabilities, which are based on contractual undiscounted cash flows (including interest payments computed using contractual rates or, if floating, based on rates current at the end of the reporting period) and the earliest date the Group can be required to pay:

	2021				Carrying amount RMB'000
	Within 1 year or on demand RMB'000	More than 1 year but less than 2 years RMB'000	More than 2 years but less than 5 years RMB'000	Total RMB'000	
Trade and bills payables	838,448	—	—	838,448	838,448
Accrued expenses and other payables measured at amortised cost	80,583	—	—	80,583	80,583
Bank and other loans	493,211	26,077	—	519,288	504,565
Lease liabilities	3,109	1,722	94	4,925	4,666
	<u>1,415,351</u>	<u>27,799</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>1,443,244</u>	<u>1,428,262</u>

	2021	
	Contractual undiscounted cash (outflow)/inflow Within 1 year or on demand RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Derivatives settled gross:		
Other forward foreign exchange contracts:		
— outflow	(50,195)	(50,195)
— inflow	48,923	48,923
	<u>48,923</u>	<u>48,923</u>

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31 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) Liquidity risk (Continued)

	2020				Carrying amount RMB'000
	Contractual undiscounted cash outflow	More than 1 year but less than 2 years	More than 2 years but less than 5 years	Total	
	Within 1 year or on demand RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Trade and bills payables	703,415	—	—	703,415	703,415
Accrued expenses and other payables measured at amortised cost	124,779	—	—	124,779	124,779
Bank and other loans	448,646	27,486	26,077	502,209	480,000
Lease liabilities	654	299	—	953	905
	<u>1,277,494</u>	<u>27,785</u>	<u>26,077</u>	<u>1,331,356</u>	<u>1,309,099</u>

The maximum amount guaranteed in relation to the financial guarantees issued is disclosed in Note 33.

(c) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Group's interest rate risk arises primarily from interest-bearing borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates and at fixed rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk and fair value interest rate risk respectively.

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31 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(c) Interest rate risk (Continued)

(i) Interest rate profile

The following table details the interest rate profile of the Group's borrowings at the end of the reporting period:

	2021		2020	
	Effective interest rate %	RMB'000	Effective interest rate %	RMB'000
Fixed rate borrowings:				
Bank and other loans	1.25%-9.00%	414,565	5.00%-9.00%	405,000
Lease liabilities	6.18%	4,666	6.18%	905
		<u>419,231</u>		<u>405,905</u>
Variable rate borrowings:				
Bank loans	5.17%-5.64%	<u>90,000</u>	5.64%	<u>75,000</u>
Total borrowings		<u>509,231</u>		<u>480,905</u>
Fixed rate borrowings as a percentage of total borrowings		<u>82.3%</u>		<u>84.4%</u>

(ii) Sensitivity analysis

At 31 December 2021 it is estimated that a general increase/decrease of 100 basis points in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, would have decreased/increased the Group's profit after tax and retained profits by approximately RMB765,000 (2020: RMB638,000).

The sensitivity analysis above indicates the instantaneous change in the Group's profit after tax and retained profits that would arise assuming that the change in interest rates had occurred at the end of the reporting period and had been applied to re-measure those financial instruments held by the Group which expose the Group to fair value interest rate risk at the end of the reporting period. In respect of the exposure to cash flow interest rate risk arising from floating rate non-derivative instruments held by the Group at the end of the reporting period, the impact on the Group's profit after tax and retained profits is estimated as an annualised impact on interest expense or income of such a change in interest rates.

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31 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(d) Currency risk

The Group is exposed to currency risk primarily through a bank loan that is denominated in USD. As at 31 December 2021, the balance of the bank loan and related interests is USD7,592,000. The Group uses forward foreign exchange contracts to manage its currency risk until the settlement date of the bank loan denominated in USD.

Changes in the fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts that economically hedge monetary liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss (see Note 7(a)). At 31 December 2021, The net fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts used by the Group as economic hedges of monetary liabilities denominated in foreign currencies was RMB1,170,000 (31 December 2020: RMBNil), recognised as derivative financial instrument (see Note 26).

(e) Fair value measurement

(i) Assets and liabilities measured at fair value

Fair value hierarchy

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

- Level 1 valuations: Fair value measured using only Level 1 inputs i.e. unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date.
- Level 2 valuations: Fair value measured using Level 2 inputs i.e. observable inputs which fail to meet Level 1, and not using significant unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs are inputs for which market data are not available.
- Level 3 valuations: Fair value measured using significant unobservable inputs.

Fair value measurements categorised into Level 2

	2021	2020
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Recurring fair value measurements		
Derivative financial instrument	<u>1,170</u>	<u>—</u>

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31 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(e) Fair value measurement (Continued)

(i) Assets and liabilities measured at fair value (Continued)

Fair value hierarchy (Continued)

	Fair value measurements categorised into Level 3	
	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Recurring fair value measurements		
Other equity investments	16,949	14,711

During the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2020 there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2, or transfers into or out of Level 3. The Group's policy is to recognise transfers between levels of fair value hierarchy as at the end of the reporting period in which they occur.

Valuation techniques and inputs used in Level 2 fair value measurements

The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts in Level 2 is determined by discounting the contractual forward price and deducting the current forward rate. The discount rate used is derived from the PRC government yield curve as at the end of the reporting period plus an adequate constant credit spread.

Information about Level 3 fair value measurements

	Valuation techniques	Significant unobservable inputs	Range
Other equity investments	Market comparable companies (aa)	Discount for lack of marketability	25% (2020: 25%)
	Discounted cashflow approach (bb)	Discount rate	9.3% (2020: 9.5%)

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31 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

(e) Fair value measurement (Continued)

(i) Assets and liabilities measured at fair value (Continued)

Information about Level 3 fair value measurements (Continued)

- (aa) The fair value of the non-listed shares is determined by using enterprise value per earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation of comparable listed companies adjusted for lack of marketability discount. The fair value measurement is negatively correlated to the discount for lack of marketability. As at 31 December 2021 it is estimated that with all other variables held constant, a decrease/increase in discount for lack of marketability by 1% would have increased/decreased the Group's other comprehensive income by RMB189,000 (2020: RMB113,000).
- (bb) The fair value of the non-listed shares is determined by discounting projected cash flow. The valuation takes into account the expected cash flow according to the PPP agreement. The discount rate used has been adjusted to reflect specific risks relating to respective investees. The fair value measurement is negatively correlated to the discount rate. As at 31 December 2021 it is estimated that with all other variables held constant, a decrease in discount rate by 1% would have increased the Group's other comprehensive income by RMB30,000 (2020: RMB374,000), and an increase in discount rate by 1% would have decreased the Group's other comprehensive income by RMB15,000 (2020: RMB347,000).

The movements in the other equity investments balance of these Level 3 fair value measurements are as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Unlisted equity securities:		
At 1 January	14,711	14,148
Net unrealised gains recognised in other comprehensive income during the year	2,238	563
At 31 December	<u>16,949</u>	<u>14,711</u>

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31 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

(e) Fair value measurement (Continued)

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

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial instruments carried at cost or amortised cost were not materially different from their fair values as at 31 December 2021 and 2020.

32 COMMITMENTS

(a) Capital commitments outstanding at 31 December 2021 not provided for in the consolidated financial statements were as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Authorised but not contracted for	<u>4,504</u>	<u>15,425</u>

(b) At 31 December 2021, the total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable short-term leases are payable as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Within 1 year	<u>1,315</u>	<u>1,771</u>

The lease commitments other than the short-term lease and leases of low-value assets commitments were not included in the above disclosures as the amounts were recognised as lease liabilities in the statement of financial position (see Note 28) in accordance with the policies set out in Note 2(k).

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33 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2021, the Group has issued a guarantee in respect of a bank loan of Tianjun Tourism, a joint venture of the Group. In May 2019, Tianjun Tourism signed a long-term bank loan contract with the principal amounting to RMB410,000,000, among which RMB310,000,000 (including principal and interest) is to be guaranteed by the Group. As at 31 December 2021, the balance of the bank loan is RMB360,000,000 (31 December 2020: RMB390,000,000). The fair value of the financial guarantee provided by the Group was initially estimated as RMB28,015,000 and was recognised as “accrued expenses and other payables — financial guarantees issued”. While no consideration was received for the financial guarantee granted, the fair value of the guarantee granted was accounted for as contributions to the investment in a joint venture and recognised as part of the cost of investment in a joint venture during the year ended 31 December 2019. The amounts of financial guarantee issued in “accrued expenses and other payables” will be amortised in profit or loss as “other net income” over the guarantee period. As at 31 December 2021, the unamortised balance of financial guarantee issued by the Group included in “accrued expenses and other payables” amounted to RMB23,051,000 (31 December 2020: RMB24,971,000).

As at 31 December 2021, the Group has issued a guarantee in respect of a bank loan of Changchun Xianbang, an associate of the Group. In November 2019, Changchun Xianbang signed a long-term bank loan contract with the principal amounting to RMB300,000,000, among which RMB330,000,000 (including principal and interest) is to be guaranteed by the Group. As at 31 December 2021, the balance of the bank loan is RMB193,850,000 (31 December 2020: RMB232,700,000). The fair value of the financial guarantee provided by the Group was initially estimated RMB12,685,000 and RMB2,692,000 was recognised as “accrued expenses and other payables — financial guarantees issued”. While no consideration was received for the financial guarantee granted, the fair value of the guarantee granted was accounted for as contributions to the investment in an associate and recognised as part of the cost of investment in an associate during the year ended 31 December 2019 and 2020. The amounts of financial guarantee issued in “accrued expenses and other payables” will be amortised in profit or loss as “other net income” over the guarantee period. As at 31 December 2021, the unamortised balance of financial guarantee issued by the Group included in “accrued expenses and other payables” amounted to RMB12,252,000 (31 December 2020: RMB13,834,000).

The directors do not believe it probable that Tianjun Tourism and Changchun Xianbang will default on the contract and fail to make payment when due, and the Group will make specified payments to reimburse the beneficiary of the guarantee for a loss the bank incurs.

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34 MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

(a) Key management personnel remuneration

Remuneration for key management personnel of the Group, including amounts paid to the Company's directors as disclosed in Note 9 and certain of the highest paid employees as disclosed in Note 10, is as follows:

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Salaries and other emoluments	7,518	5,276
Discretionary bonuses	2,680	2,280
Contributions to defined contribution retirement schemes	521	28
	<u>10,719</u>	<u>7,584</u>

Total remuneration is included in "staff costs" (see Note 7(b)).

(b) Transactions with related parties:

In addition to the transactions disclosed elsewhere in these financial statements, the Group entered into the following material related party transactions:

(i) Transactions with ZIHG and its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Rendering of construction, survey, design, technical consultancy and other services	124,732	74,852
Purchase of goods	1,136	3,262
Service income	136	77
Lease charges relating to short-term leases and leases of low-value assets	2,601	2,589
Guarantees provided by related parties for the Group's bank loans at the end of the reporting period	80,383	130,000
Repayment of loan granted to a related party	—	30,000
Waiver of interest	—	1,000
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

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34 MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

(b) Transactions with related parties: (Continued)

(ii) Transactions with a joint venture

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Rendering of construction services	23,253	57,849
Service income	2,170	2,170
Income from financial guarantee issued	1,920	1,920
Guarantee provided by the Group for the joint venture's bank loan at the end of the reporting period	<u>360,000</u>	<u>390,000</u>

(iii) Transactions with an associate

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Rendering of construction services	36,586	12,886
Advances granted to a related party	13,430	—
Repayment of advances granted to a related party	—	16,075
Income from financial guarantee issued	1,582	1,436
Guarantee provided by the Group for the associate's bank loan at the end of the reporting period	<u>193,850</u>	<u>232,700</u>

(iv) Transactions with key management personnel of ZIHG and a company managed by a key management personnel of ZIHG

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Rendering of construction service	<u>14,554</u>	<u>134,985</u>

(v) Transactions with the equity shareholders of the Company

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Repayment of loans from related parties	<u>—</u>	<u>15,062</u>

Financial guarantees provided by the Group for long-term bank loans of an associate and a joint venture will be released upon the maturity and repayment of the bank loans in 2029 and 2033, respectively.

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34 MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

(c) Balances with related parties as at the end of the reporting period:

(i) Due from or due to ZIHG and its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Trade in nature:		
Contract assets (Note 20(a))	94,259	99,848
Trade and bills receivables (Note 21)	102,296	117,262
Trade and bills payables (Note 24)	5,756	5,565
Contract liabilities (Note 20(b))	11,779	3,505
Accrued expenses and other payables (Note 25)	3,180	1,787
Non-trade in nature:		
Accrued expenses and other payables (Note 25)	955	825
	<u>955</u>	<u>825</u>

(ii) Due from or due to a joint venture

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Trade in nature:		
Contract assets (Note 20(a))	51,883	51,879
Trade and bills receivables (Note 21)	17,682	2,277
Contract liabilities (Note 20(b))	19,022	21,156
	<u>19,022</u>	<u>21,156</u>

(iii) Due from or due to an associate

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Trade in nature:		
Contract assets (Note 20(a))	33,660	31,762
Trade and bills receivables (Note 21)	23,735	—
Contract liabilities (Note 20(b))	729	5,068
Non-trade in nature:		
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables (Note 22)	13,430	—
	<u>13,430</u>	<u>—</u>

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34 MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

(c) Balances with related parties as at the end of the reporting period: (Continued)

(iv) Due from a company managed by a key personnel of ZIHG

	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Trade in nature:		
Contract assets (Note 20(a))	16,234	81,109
Trade and bills receivables (Note 21)	96,651	13,621
	<u>96,651</u>	<u>13,621</u>

All of the advances granted to related parties and advances received from related parties are unsecured, non-interest bearing and have no fixed terms of repayment. All loans from related parties are unsecured, interest bearing and have fixed terms of repayment.

35 COMPANY-LEVEL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000
Current assets			
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables (Note (i))		46,023	19,017
Cash and cash equivalents		12	57
		<u>46,035</u>	<u>19,074</u>
Current liabilities			
Accrued expenses and other payables (Note (ii))		72	49,344
		<u>72</u>	<u>49,344</u>
Net assets/(liabilities)		<u>45,963</u>	<u>(30,270)</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
	30		
Share capital		230	1
Reserves		45,733	(30,271)
		<u>45,733</u>	<u>(30,271)</u>
TOTAL EQUITY/(DEFICIT)		<u>45,963</u>	<u>(30,270)</u>

Notes:

- (i) The balance included amounts due from its subsidiaries and prepayments for costs incurred in connection with the proposed initial listing of the Company's shares.
- (ii) The balance included loans from equity shareholders and amount due to its subsidiaries.

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36 NON-ADJUSTING EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

In February 2022 and March 2022, Zonbong Shanshui entered into an acquisition agreement and an amended and restated agreement with ZIHG and Jilin Province Jinghe Design Engineering Co., Ltd. ("**Jilin Jinghe Design**"), pursuant to which Zonbong Shanshui has conditionally agreed to acquire the 97% equity interest of Jilin Jinghe Design from ZIHG at RMB12,585,000 following completion of the capital injection in Jilin Jinghe Design by a third party. Jilin Jinghe Design will become a subsidiary of the Group upon the completion of the transactions and the transaction will be accounted for as a business combination under common control. Up to the date of this report, the above acquisition is yet to be completed.

37 IMPACTS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The COVID-19 pandemic since early 2020 has brought about additional uncertainties in the Group's operating environment and has impacted the Group's operations and financial position. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in Jilin Province in March 2022, preventive and control measures such as working from home, travel restrictions and quarantine were adopted by local governments of Jilin Province.

The Group has been closely monitoring the impact from the COVID-19 pandemic on the Group's businesses and has put in place various contingency measures. These contingency measures include but not limited to revisiting the progress of ongoing projects, reassessing the adequacy and suitability of the Group's existing raw material suppliers and labour or professional subcontractors, the expanding of the Group's supplier and subcontractor base in a view to procure suitable raw materials and workforce or specialty services, negotiating with customers on possible delay in construction timetables, increase monitoring of the business environment of the Group's customers, and improving the Group's cash management by expediting debtor settlements and negotiating with suppliers and subcontractors on payment extensions.

As far as the Group's businesses are concerned, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused delays on progress of projects and decrease in new contracts. The Group has expedited the projects' progress and actively participated in bidding upon the resumption of work. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic has also impacted the repayment abilities of the Group's debtors, which in turn has resulted in additional impairment losses on contract assets and trade and bills receivables during the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2020.

The exact progress of the projects, the results of the Group's effort in securing new contracts and impact of repayment abilities of the Group's customers in future periods are still uncertain and subject to the development of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, the directors of the Company are optimistic that the COVID-19 pandemic will eventually be under control, and the Group will continue to closely monitor the situation and implement contingency measures, where necessary, in a view to reduce the impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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38 POSSIBLE IMPACT OF AMENDMENTS, NEW STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE FOR THE ACCOUNTING PERIOD BEGINNING ON 1 JANUARY 2021

Up to the date of issue of the consolidated financial statements, the IASB has issued a number of amendments and new standards, which are not yet effective for the accounting period beginning on 1 January 2021, and which have not been adopted in the consolidated financial statements. These include the following.

	Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after
Amendment to IFRS 16, <i>Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021</i>	1 April 2021
Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018-2020	1 January 2022
Amendments to IFRS 3, <i>Reference to the Conceptual Framework</i>	1 January 2022
Amendments to IAS 16, <i>Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use</i>	1 January 2022
Amendments to IAS 37, <i>Onerous Contracts — Cost of Fulfilling a Contract</i>	1 January 2022
Amendments to IAS 1, <i>Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current</i>	1 January 2023
IFRS 17, <i>Insurance contracts</i>	1 January 2023
Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2, <i>Disclosure of Accounting Policies</i>	1 January 2023
Amendments to IAS 8, <i>Definition of Accounting Estimates</i>	1 January 2023
Amendments to IAS 12, <i>Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction</i>	1 January 2023
Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28, <i>Sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture</i>	To be determined

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

39 IMMEDIATE AND ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

At 31 December 2021, the directors consider the immediate parent of the Group to be ZONQING International Investment Limited, which is incorporated in the British Virgin Islands. This entity does not produce financial statements available for public use.

At 31 December 2021, the directors consider the ultimate controlling party of the Group is the Controlling Parties.

Five-Year Financial Summary

RESULTS

	Year ended 31 December				
	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
Revenue	896,747	1,001,427	897,486	809,444	655,496
Profit before taxation	31,415	99,352	79,374	97,954	72,362
Income tax	3,033	30,411	29,921	27,141	20,331
Profit attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	28,530	68,505	49,496	70,413	52,627
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests	(148)	436	(43)	400	(596)

ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS

	As at 31 December				
	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000	2018 RMB'000	2017 RMB'000
Non-current assets	383,441	366,237	392,899	338,789	294,123
Current assets	1,869,412	1,699,903	1,307,214	1,149,319	883,014
Total assets	2,252,853	2,066,140	1,700,113	1,488,108	1,177,137
Current liabilities	1,621,095	1,523,553	1,205,828	1,045,130	742,487
Total assets less current liabilities	631,758	542,587	494,285	442,978	434,650
Non-current liabilities	36,997	58,777	86,856	103,547	163,737
NET ASSETS	594,761	483,810	407,429	339,431	270,913
Equity					
Share capital	230	1	1	165,002	156,162
Reserves	585,081	474,234	402,295	172,940	115,347
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company	585,311	474,235	402,296	337,942	271,509
Non-controlling interests	9,450	9,575	5,133	1,489	(596)
TOTAL EQUITY	594,761	483,810	407,429	339,431	270,913

Note: The summary of the consolidated results of the Group for each of the three years ended 31 December 2017, 2018 and 2019 and of the assets, equity and liabilities as at 31 December 2017, 2018 and 2019 have been extracted from the Prospectus. Such summary was prepared as if the current structure of the Group had been in existence throughout these financial years and is prepared on the basis as set out in Note 2(b) to the consolidated financial statements.

Definitions and Glossary of Technical Terms

“Articles of Association” or “Articles”	the amended and restated articles of association of the Company conditionally adopted on 14 December 2020
“Audit Committee”	the audit committee of the Board
“Board” or “Board of Directors”	the board of directors of the Company
“Chief Executive Officer”	the chief executive office of the Company
“Company”, “the Company” or “We”	ZONBONG LANDSCAPE Environmental Limited (中邦园林环境股份有限公司), an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability on 8 March 2019
“CG Code”	the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules
“China”, “Mainland China” or “the PRC”	the People’s Republic of China, excluding, for the purpose of this Annual Report, Hong Kong, Macau Special Administration Region and Taiwan
“the Controlling Shareholder(s)”	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules and, in the context of this report, means the controlling shareholders of the Company, being Zongqing International, Ms. Zhao Hongyu, Mr. Sun Juqing, Ms. Li Ping, Mr. Hou Baoshan, Mr. Liu Haitao, Mr. Shao Zhanguang, Mr. Sun Juzhi, Mr. Shan Dejiang, Mr. Li Peng, Mr. Liu Changli, Mr. Wei Xiaoguang and Mr. Weng Hongzhao
“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company
“Executive Director(s)”	the executive director(s) of the Company
“Group” or “the Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“HK\$” or “HKD”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“Independent Non-executive Director(s)”	the independent non-executive director(s) of the Company
“Jilin Shengyi”	Jilin Shengyi Engineering Consulting Limited (吉林晟藝工程諮詢有限公司), a limited liability company established under the laws of the PRC on 28 February 2019 and owned as to 35% by Ms. Zhao Hongyu, 27% by Mr. Sun Juqing, 5% by Mr. Liu Haitao and 33% by other nine PRC individuals. It is an associate of the Controlling Shareholders
“Jilin Zonbong”	Jilin Zonbong Ecological Environmental Limited (吉林中邦生態環境有限公司), a company established under the laws of the PRC on 29 September 2018 and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company
“Listing” or “IPO”	the listing of the Shares on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange on 6 January 2021

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“Listing Date”	6 January 2021, being the date on which the Shares were listed on the Main Board
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, as amended or supplemented from time to time
“Main Board”	the Main Board of the Stock Exchange
“Model Code”	the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers contained in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules
“Nomination Committee”	the nomination committee of the Board
“Non-executive Director(s)”	the non-executive director(s) of the Company
“Prospectus”	the prospectus issued by the Company dated 22 December 2020
“Remuneration Committee”	the remuneration committee of the Board
“Renminbi” or “RMB”	Renminbi Yuan, the lawful currency of China
“Shareholder(s)”	holder(s) of Shares
“Share(s)”	ordinary shares with a nominal value of HKD0.001 each in the capital of the Company
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“U.S. dollar(s)”, “USD” or “US\$”	United States dollars, the lawful currency of the United States of America
“Ultimate Controlling Shareholder(s)”	refers to Ms. Zhao Hongyu, Mr. Sun, Ms. Li Ping, Mr. Hou Baoshan, Mr. Liu, Mr. Shao Zhanguang, Mr. Sun Juzhi, Mr. Shan Dejiang, Mr. Li Peng, Mr. Liu Changli, Mr. Wei Xiaoguang and Mr. Weng Hongzhao
“ZCLLC”	Zhongqing Construction Limited Liability Company (中慶建設有限責任公司), formerly known as Changchun Chengda Luqiao Limited (長春市成達路橋有限責任公司), a company established under the laws of the PRC on 27 October 2004 and a wholly-owned subsidiary of ZIHG and a connected person of the Company
“Zhongke Zonbong”	Beijing Zhongke Zonbong Ecological Technology Limited (北京中科中邦生態科技有限公司), a company established under the laws of the PRC on 14 April 2016 and owned as to 99% by Jilin Zonbong, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and 1% by Jilin Shengyi, an associate of the Controlling Shareholders

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“ZIHG”	Zhongqing Investment Holding Group Limited Liability Company (中慶投資控股(集團)有限責任公司), formerly known as Changchun Mingju Commerce Limited (長春市銘聚商貿有限責任公司), a company established under the laws of the PRC on 16 May 2014 and a connected person of the Company
“ZIHG Group”	ZIHG together with its subsidiaries and associates as defined under the Listing Rules
“Zonbong Environment”	ZonBong Garden Environment Co., Limited (中邦園林環境有限公司), a company incorporated in Hong Kong on 3 April 2019 and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company
“Zonbong Landscape”	Zonbong Huize Landscape Environmental Construction Limited (中邦匯澤園林環境建設有限公司), formerly known as Changchun Qida Green Landscape Engineering Limited (長春市啟達綠化景觀工程有限公司) and Zonbong Landscape Co., Ltd. (中邦園林股份有限公司), a company established under the laws of the PRC on 22 December 2008 and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company
“Zonbong Shanshui”	Zonbong Shanshui Planning and Design Limited (中邦山水規劃設計有限公司), a company established under the laws of the PRC on 3 June 2009 and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, formerly known as Jilin Province Zhongsheng Municipal Construction Design Limited (吉林省中盛市政工程設計有限公司), Jilin Province Zhongsheng Design and Consulting Company Limited (吉林省中盛設計諮詢股份有限公司) and Jilin Province Zhongsheng Design and Consulting Limited (吉林省中盛設計諮詢有限公司)

In this Annual Report, capitalised terms used shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Prospectus, unless the context otherwise requires.