



BOE VARITRONIX LIMITED Stock Code 710

# MISSION

Our evolutionary journey in the center of excellence for display technology and solutions.

# VISION

To be the leader of intelligent automotive displays and solutions.



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# ABOUT BOE VARITRONIX

BOE Varitronix Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") was established in 1978 and the shares of the Company were listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited in 1991. The Group is principally engaged in the automotive and industrial display business and has monochrome display manufacturing capacity and thin film transistor (TFT) and touch panel display module assembly capacity.

The Company is a subsidiary of BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd. ("BOE"). BOE is a well-known leading supplier of semiconductor display technologies, products and services and its products are widely used in a broad spectrum of applications such as mobile phones, tablets, notebooks, monitors, televisions, automotive displays and digital information displays. The Company falls under Display and Sensor Business Group of the BOE Group. The Company focuses on automotive and industrial display module business and is the sole sales platform of the BOE Group for automotive display and system businesses.

The Group is now in a global leading position with the highest market shares in terms of overall automotive TFT display products and in medium-to-large size display modules. Our vision is to become a leading integrated automotive smart cockpit display system solution provider.

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# CORPORATE INFORMATION

The corporate information of BOE Varitronix Limited as of 19 April 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the issue of this annual report, is as follows:

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Executive Directors:**

Mr. Gao Wenbao *(Chairman)* Ms. Ko Wing Yan, Samantha Mr. Su Ning

#### **Non-executive Directors:**

Mr. Shao Xibin Mr. Jin Hao Mr. Meng Chao (*appointed on 17 February 2023*) Mr. Zhang Jianqiang (*passed away in 2023*)

#### Independent Non-executive Directors:

Mr. Fung, Yuk Kan Peter Mr. Chu, Howard Ho Hwa Mr. Hou Ziqiang Mr. Pang Chunlin *(appointed on 7 April 2023)* 

# **COMPANY SECRETARY**

Mr. Chung Kai Cheong

### **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

Ms. Ko Wing Yan, Samantha Mr. Chung Kai Cheong

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Fung, Yuk Kan Peter (*Chairman*) Mr. Chu, Howard Ho Hwa Mr. Hou Ziqiang Mr. Pang Chunlin (*appointed on 7 April 2023*)

# **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Fung, Yuk Kan Peter *(Chairman)* Mr. Gao Wenbao Ms. Ko Wing Yan, Samantha Mr. Chu, Howard Ho Hwa Mr. Hou Ziqiang Mr. Pang Chunlin *(appointed on 7 April 2023)* 

### **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Gao Wenbao *(Chairman)* Mr. Su Ning Mr. Fung, Yuk Kan Peter Mr. Chu, Howard Ho Hwa Mr. Hou Ziqiang Mr. Pang Chunlin *(appointed on 7 April 2023)* 

# **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Gao Wenbao *(Chairman)* Ms. Ko Wing Yan, Samantha Mr. Su Ning Other members are not directors of the Company

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

KPMG Public Interest Entity Auditor registered in accordance with the Financial Reporting Council Ordinance

# **LEGAL ADVISER**

Baker & McKenzie

# **PRINCIPAL BANKERS**

#### (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Agricultural Bank of China Limited Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited Bank of China Limited CMB Wing Lung Bank Limited Hang Seng Bank Limited Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited MUFG Bank, Ltd. Shanghai Pudong Development Bank Co., Ltd. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

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The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited Stock Code: 710

#### CONSTITUENT STOCK BY HANG SENG INDEXES COMPANY LIMITED AND HONG KONG STOCK CONNECT (WITH EFFECT FROM 13 MARCH 2023)

- 1. Hang Seng Composite Index
- 2. Hang Seng Small Cap (Investable) Index
- 3. Hang Seng Stock Connect Hong Kong Index
- 4. Hang Seng Stock Connect Hong Kong MidCap & SmallCap Index
- 5. Hang Seng Stock Connect Hong Kong SmallCap Index
- 6. Hang Seng SCHK Mainland China Companies Index
- 7. Hang Seng SCHK ex-AH Companies Index
- 8. Hang Seng China State-holding Enterprises Index

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# CHAIRMAN'S **STATEMENT**

Highlights		
HK\$ million	For the year ended 2022	For the year ended 2021
Revenue	10,722	7,738
EBITDA1	841	513
Profit Attributable to Shareholders	582.5	327.8
Basic Earnings per Share	78.4 HK cents	45.1 HK cents
Diluted Earnings per Share	77.8 HK cents	44.8 HK cents
Final Dividend per Share	23.0 HK cents	15.0 HK cents
	As of 31 December 2022	As of 31 December 2021
Cash and Fixed Deposits Balance	2,881	2,267

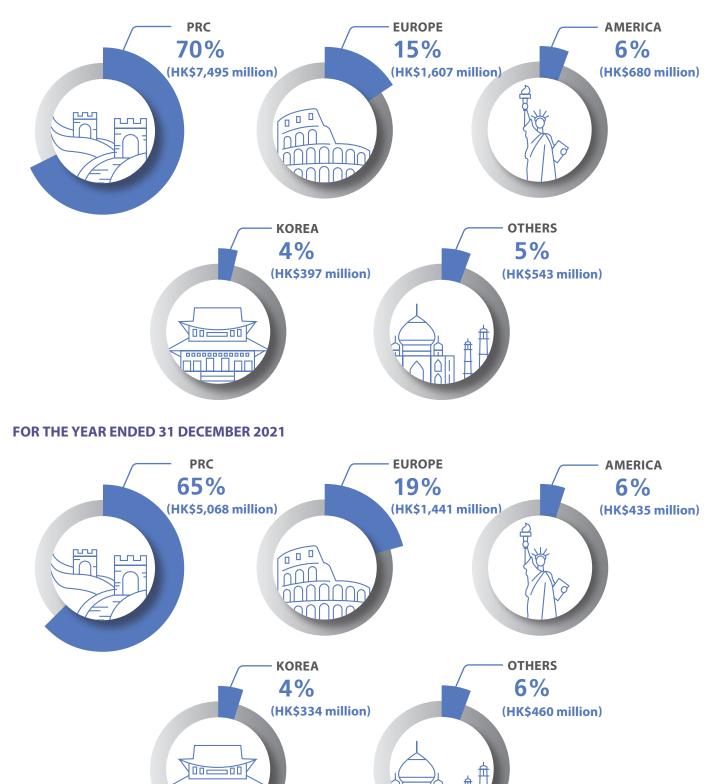
EBITDA means profit for the year plus the following to the extent deducted in calculating such profit for the year: finance costs, income tax, depreciation and amortisation.



# CHAIRMAN'S **STATEMENT**

# **REVENUE BY GEOGRAPHY**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022



# CHAIRMAN'S **STATEMENT**

On behalf of BOE Varitronix Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries ("BOEVx" or the "Group"), I present the results for the full year ended 31 December 2022.

During the year under review, revenue of HK\$10,722 million was recorded, an increase of 39% when compared with HK\$7,738 million recorded in 2021. EBITDA<sup>1</sup> of the Group was HK\$841 million, 64% higher than HK\$513 million recorded for the same period in the previous year. The profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$582.5 million was recorded, an increase of 78%, when compared with HK\$327.8 million recorded in 2021.

As at 31 December 2022, the cash and fixed deposits balance of the Group was HK\$2,881 million, compared to HK\$2,267 million at the end of 2021. The Group has bank loan of HK\$667 million as at 31 December 2022 and there was no bank borrowing at the end of 2021. The Group mainly sources its funding for operation from its operation and capital raising. The cash position of the Group remains strong during the year. The Group is committed to maintain the bank borrowings at an appropriate level.

**Mr. Gao Wenbao** *Chairman* 

# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The Group has achieved remarkable results in 2022 with recordhigh revenue and profit attributable to shareholders. During the year under review, our revenue has increased across all geographical regions as a result of increase in sales of Thin Film Transistor ("TFT") and touch panel display modules to customers, with exceptional growth in the People's Republic of China ("the PRC"). Our sales in the PRC has increased by 48% in the year under review as compared to that of 2021 which is mainly contributed by the commencement of mass production of TFT and touch panel display modules projects and overall increase in market demand in the PRC in the automotive market. For other regions like Europe, America and Korea, we have also recorded a notable overall growth contributed by the increase in sales of TFT and touch panel display modules in the automotive business. During the year, the selling price of certain products has increased in response to the increase in the demand for larger and better screen and the increase in material costs resulted from this global shortage of electronic components.

The Group's TFT module business and touch panel display modules business contributed around 89% of the Group's revenue while the revenue from monochrome display business contributed around 11% during the year. The revenue from the former has increased by 45% while the latter has increased by 1%.

During the year under review, EBITDA has increased by 64% to approximately HK\$841 million, around 7.8% of the Group's revenue. The increase is mainly contributed by the increase in economies of scale contributed by the increase in revenue. The profit attributable to shareholders has increased by HK\$254.7 million, approximately 78% as compared to that of 2021. The profit attributable to shareholders ratio, being the profit attributable to shareholders over the Group's revenue, increased to approximately 5.4% as compared to 4.2% for the year ended 2021. The Group's overall profitability has been improving through the continuous achievement of economies of scale as our sales increases and our cost control measures. The staff costs and other operating expenses have increased comparing with the same period of last year which is partly due to the preparation and commencement of operation of new production base for automotive displays in Chengdu, the PRC to cater for our expansion of business. Nevertheless, the increase was corresponding to the increase in sales and business activities during the year and the Group has constantly been carrying out efficiency management measures with an aim to achieve further economies of scale.

The Group has recorded approximately HK\$16.8 million net exchange gain during the year as compared to a net exchange gain of HK\$10.2 million in year 2021. The Group has also recorded HK\$52.8 million interest income as compared to HK\$25.4 million in year 2021.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

The Board (the "Board") of Directors (the "Director") has recommended a final dividend of 23.0 HK cents (2021: 15.0 HK cents) per share. The annual dividend payout ratio was 31% (the amount of final dividend proposed after the end of the reporting period over profit attributable to equity shareholders of the company) (2021: 34%).

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

#### **Automotive Display Business**

For the year under review, the automotive display business generated revenue of HK\$9,577 million, an increase of 47% from the revenue of HK\$6,509 million recorded in 2021. This business represented approximately 89% of the Group's overall revenue.

During the year, the Group's automotive display business has recorded a significant growth in sales as compared to last year. With our continuous effort in developing the TFT display business over the past few years, the Group is now in the global leading position with the highest market shares in terms of overall automotive TFT display products and in medium-to-large size display modules. The overall automotive display demand, in particular the PRC, began to gradually increase in the first half of 2021 and be further accelerated in 2022 due to the government tax concession policy in the PRC and strong promotion of new energy vehicle ("NEV") by NEV manufacturers. According to China Association of Automobile Manufacturers, there were 27,021,000 cars manufactured and 26,864,000 cars sold in 2022 respectively, the large number of cars manufactured and sold amidst the increase in market demand for more, larger and better displays matched with the scheduled commencement of mass production of larger TFT and touch panel display modules projects during the year facilitated the high growth of our sales. In terms of average selling price, in addition to the increase in selling price of certain products due to the increase in material costs, the gradual shift in product mix to higher average selling price products like touch panel display modules, larger-size TFT display modules, display modules with high-end display technology and product with system solution also contributed to the increase in sales.

The development of our automotive business in the PRC has yielded remarkable results in 2022. The PRC is the largest market of the Group's automotive display business and accounted for approximately 70% of the Group's revenue in 2022. Our customer base has been expanding and covers major car brands for both conventional and NEV manufacturers. During the year, the sales of NEV in the PRC has been increasing with more NEV customers began to ramp-up its production in 2022.

Our automotive business in Europe has recorded growth during the year. Our major customers in Europe have gradually recovered from the impact of the pandemic and showed increasing demand. The commencement of mass production of new TFT and touch panel display modules projects in the year also contributed to the increase in revenue. Monochrome display modules have also increased slightly as compared to the last year.

Other regions like Europe, Korea and America have also benefited from the recovery and ramp-up of orders during the year.

#### **Industrial Display Business**

For the year under review, the industrial display business generated revenue of HK\$1,145 million, a decrease of 7% from the revenue of HK\$1,228 million recorded in 2021. This business represented approximately 11% of the Group's overall revenue.

The decrease of revenue during the year is mainly due to the decrease in demand of special need for educational product and demand from a world-renowned high-end home appliance brand for the same period of 2021 while there was less such demand in 2022.

#### **BUSINESS OUTLOOK**

During the year, the Group has successfully expanded our automotive business and increased our overall revenue and profit. The Group has grasped market opportunities benefited from the swift recovery of the economy of the PRC and the strong demand of the PRC's automotive market in both conventional vehicles and NEV as boosted by (i) strong personal expenditure; (ii) the government tax concession policy and (iii) the demand for more, larger and higher quality panels. The mass production of various TFT and touch panel modules projects during the year has boosted the revenue and brought economies of scale which improved our overall net profit margin. Looking forward to 2023, the Group expects that our revenue will continue to grow based on the market condition which mainly driven by the increasing demand from TFT and touch panel display modules in the PRC and other regions such as America, Europe and Korea. The gradual mass production of high-end display products like BD display, Mini-LED, AMOLED display, Camera Monitor System ("CMS") and display system solution in coming years will also contribute to the growth. It is expected that the Group will continue to enhance profitability level through further economies of scale as revenue increases. With the new China national standard GB15084-2022 for "Motor vehicles — Devices for indirect vision — Requirements of performance and installation" for vehicle CMS products to be in force in the PRC since 1 July 2023, this may allow us capture the CMS business opportunity and gain from the market. Furthermore, with the quality of the PRC-made automotive recognized internationally and at competitive prices, the PRC's automotive exports are gradually increasing, which may benefit the Group's revenue in the future.

The recent geopolitical conflict and the global inflation, interest rate hike of America, supply chain tension and market competition may still cast cloud of uncertainty over the global economy and supply and demand condition. The Group will stay vigilant and take necessary measures to minimize the potential impact that may have caused.

#### **Automotive Display Business**

During the year under review, the Group has increased our global automotive display market share and captured the largest market share in terms of total shipment quantity, area and especially shipment for display larger than 8 inches. We have established a strong customer network and obtained mass production projects for major automobile manufacturers. The growth is especially remarkable in the PRC for TFT and touch panel display modules for both conventional vehicles and NEV manufacturers.



# CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The Group expected that the trend of shifting to NEV in the PRC will continue based on the market trend and the PRC's target to achieve peak carbon emissions and carbon neutrality. The Group has successfully developed close relationship with major NEV manufacturers in the PRC and obtained a number of TFT and touch panel display modules orders over the past years, which contributed significant revenue to the Group in 2022. Automobile manufacturers, in particular NEV manufacturers, are aggressively upgrading user experience through multiple, largesized, irregular and high-quality displays with improving humanmachine-interface ("HMI"). In view of this trend, the Group has been promoting different products, like large-sized TFT touch panel display modules, BD display, Mini-LED, AMOLED display modules, CMS, HUD and display system products to our customers. The Group has won large-sized AMOLED display projects for several NEVs. In relation to the development of system business, the Group has won business for display system solution for several the PRC automobile manufacturers. We have won several display system projects from 2-wheeler vehicle manufacturers in the PRC and expect to bring new income stream for the Group in coming years. It is expected end customers are looking for the above new technology and desiring for new vehicles with enjoyment of better and the latest user experience. The product iteration and the life of a car together with our continuous evolvement of our technology create sustainable development of the Group. It is expected that the revenue from high-end display products will increase in the coming years.

For Europe, the Group continues to win new business from our long-term customers as well as newly developed customers. We work very closely with our customers and continue to secure high-volume platform projects from the Group's long-established Tier-1 customers during the year. For NEV, the Group has won order with new display technology and system solution. Several projects awarded to the Group by top-tier European automotive manufacturers, which will bring-in more revenue and deepen our market involvement in future years.

For Korea and America automotive business, we expect the growth will continue as the mass production of TFT display projects continues to ramp-up in 2023.

#### **Industrial Display Business**

The Group has been introducing TFT display products to our long-term customers and has also developed new customers like high-end consumer products in industrial, home appliances and education-related products. In respect of the slower market demand of education-related products in the PRC, we expect their contributions to revenue shall be reduced in the future. Our monochrome display products will continue to play a key role in non-automotive business as the demand is relatively stable in the areas of industrial meters, medical and other products.

#### **Development Strategy**

Through the relentless effort of the Group, we have achieved staged development to pursuit our vision to become a leading integrated automotive smart cockpit display system solution provider. We have developed our competitive advantage in providing versatile, state-of-the-art products with stable supply and quality assurance.

In view of the positive outlook of the automotive display business, the Group has expanded TFT and touch panel display module manufacturing facilities in Chengdu, the PRC. The Group believes the expansion can allow us to capture upcoming business opportunities and further expand our market share with the completion of set up of manufacturing facilities in Chengdu, the PRC in the fourth quarter of 2022.

The Group will strive to expand and maintain our leading position of the automotive display business by establishing stronger relationship with our strategic partners, including major automotive manufacturers, NEV manufacturers and suppliers, customers and other eco-system partners, to develop our business in relation to smart cockpit display.



The digitalization and upgrading of HMI experience in smart cockpit is becoming a major trend in the automotive industry. The need for larger-sized and more displays in the cockpit has been increasing with more and more advanced display technologies being integrated, like CMS, naked-eye 3D display and Privacy on Demand (POD). The related automotive technology such as AR-HUD and CMS are launching to the market with new demand of related products ramping up. Riding on this trend, the roadmap for the Group in coming years is to develop and strengthen our business in automotive display system riding on latest technology development so as to enable us to further strengthen our position as a global leading integrated automotive smart cockpit display system solution provider in order to maximise the benefit to the Group as well as the value to our shareholders.

As a leading automotive display manufacturer, the Group also attaches great importance to environmental protection and sustainable development. In order to reduce carbon emissions and support the carbon neutral policy of the PRC, the Group is in progress to install solar power generation devices on the idle roofs of factories and power storage facilities, which will help to reduce energy costs as well as the carbon emissions in the long run. In addition, when constructing the vehicle base in Chengdu, the PRC, the Group introduced the concept of green development in the project design stage, and constantly explored opportunities for improvement by benchmarking against green buildings and green factories. As a result, related design and construction were adopted on infrastructure such as high-efficiency equipment, waste heat recovery, and free cooling etc. Meanwhile, we started the implementation of the ISO9001, QC080000, ISO14001, ISO45001 and other systems during transition into operation phase, laying the foundation for a national green factory. The Group is committed to reduce the impact on the environment through various measures in the process of operation and production while maintaining efficiency.

#### **Technology Development**

With the development of the IoT and the application of new technologies. Electrification, Networking, Smart and Sharing have become the inevitable development trend in the automotive field. And with the increase in market share of new energy vehicles year by year, the smart vehicle cockpit has become a new trend in the automotive market, and automotive display is an essential "window" for the smart vehicle cockpit.

Screens in large size, free-form, curved and interactive becomes a new trend in smart vehicle cockpit displays. The Group is dedicated to the development of a next-generation automotive display technology and contributes to the evolution of smart automobile.

#### Advanced Super Dimension Switch ("ADS") Pro

This technology not only has the advantages of ripple free on touching and wide viewing angle, but also has the advantages of more accurate gamma and smaller color deviation in large viewing angle.

On the basis of ADS technology, ADS-Pro further superimposes high-end technologies such as Mini LED, BD Cell, high refresh rate, high resolution, and high color gamut, so that the screen display effect is closer to the real picture seen by the human eye.

Recently, we have several BD Cell and Mini-LED display screen projects awarded by well-known car manufacturers, which demonstrates customers' recognition on us.

#### **f-OLED**

f-OLED represents the high-end flexible OLED technology solution, which has the industry leading advantages of gorgeous colors, varied forms and high integration, and brings users an immersive experience anytime and anywhere.

A number of automotive f-OLED projects have entered the mass production stage.

Also, we are developing Tandem OLED (Double Layer OLED), a new type of OLED formed by electrically connecting multiple organic light emitting (EL) units in series inside the device through a special internal connection layer, with the characteristics of high efficiency and long life at the same time.

#### **Curved Display**

For curved display solutions, we overcome different challenges, such as automobile reliability, mechanical durability, cross-color, black level and etc. Dual 12.3" Curved (R3000) Cockpit Display Module is already in mass production.

#### **3D Display**

Regarding the 3D display, with the continuous development of autonomous driving, the communication between the driver and the car requires a new HMI. 3D space image and HMI input will be the focus of future development. Currently, the Group is developing a naked eye 3D display with a ~5K ultra-high panel to provide visually attractive 3D performance, such as providing more viewpoints, a wider FOV (Field of View) and adjustable 3D depth by algorithm.

Currently, first samples had been produced and interactive algorithm development of voice assistant interactive animation such as Nomi/Siri are undergoing, which realize humanized communication, dialogue scenes and 3D interactive display scene with inspiration.

## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

#### **Smart Surface Display**

With the development of smart cockpits, smart surface display technology is gradually applied to automotive interiors. It is a surface display technology that integrates functionality and intelligence. In the design of the smart cockpit, it can reduce unnecessary buttons and switches, thus making the design of the cockpits more concise and intelligent. In recent years, electric vehicles have gained many users with their advantages of environmental protection, quietness, excellent performance, and low cost of use. Coupled with strong policy support from countries all over the world, their sales have continued to rise. Behind the fiery market, consumers also put forward higher requirements for the intelligence of electric vehicles, among which, the smart surface is a very important part.

The smart surface is an important component of the car interior that integrates decoration and display functions. It uses a certain medium material to increase the optical structure of the product. Users can get display feedback and responses by activating the Smart Surface Display through touch sensing, gestures or voice commands when the user needs it.

#### **Passive Liquid Crystal Display**

The low cost and good performance of new color on Polarizer Versi-colour (VCI) technology has made the monochrome display become colourful and more attractive. This technology has been widely accepted by automotive and motorcycle customer. The first Color on Polarizer VCI has been successfully phased in mass production stage in second quarter of 2022. This model is also the first VCI model in China E-bike industry which is a huge market that will be the one of the focus in 2023.

The verification process of VCI motorcycle cluster has been completed in 2022 and the promotion activity has been started. That means our products have been qualified for the stringent outdoor requirement in motorcycle industry. The focus of monochrome business will shift to system business in 2023 which means our products will step into a higher value sector and expect this will be another growing point in monochrome business this year.



#### **Monochrome HUD**

The usage of LED segment HUD products has been breaking new highs in the past years. To the best of our knowledge, it has mainly been using in Taiwan and Southeast Asia markets for motorcycle cluster application. The Group leveraged the advantages of LCD to launch after-market monochrome HUD products to the potential high-volume HUD market during the period. Meanwhile, in conjunction with AR algorithms, AR-HUD products for the high-end market are launched for expanding the product category and benefiting to develop more market opportunities.

#### **Next HUD technology**

Meanwhile, we are proactively planning for the next HUD technology generation like 3D and lightguide technology. We have completed the first local 3D AR-HUD demo unit which breakthrough the deficiency of fixed image distance and is now able to display different information at different visual distance and realises true 3D depth of field effect.

#### **Smart Cockpit Display System**

For smart cockpit display system, the Group has fruitful achievement of launching a number of products and completing the related technology development. Not only have we launched productions for local NEV automobile manufacturers, we have been continuously winning projects from both overseas and local automobile manufacturers as well.

In the development of AR-HUD system, we have already launched the first product for mass production based on DLP (Digital Light Processing) PGU (Picture Generation Unit) which is the first local OEM before-market AR-HUD that achieved the highest technical level, broadest application coverage, and with the most comprehensive ADAS functions. In the meantime, the Group is developing a TFT PGU based AR-HUD product, which expects release for production in 2023, will enable the Group to provide a more complete and cost advantage AR-HUD solution to the market.

One thing worthwhile to highlight is, in November 2022, the "Optical performance testing method of automotive head-up display" (車用平視顯示器光學性能測試方法), which is the first China authoritative testing standard and the establishment was led by the BOE Group, was released. It demonstrated the technological innovation strength and leading industry position of the BOE Group as a leading enterprise in the global semiconductor display industry.

#### Camera Monitor System ("CMS")

In the development of Camera Monitor System ("CMS"), in addition to the mature passenger vehicle platform, we are proactively tapping into the commercial vehicle application. After the successful completion of our proprietary vision system platform based on a well-known image/video processing System on Chip ("SoC") and we have further completed a new CMS vision system platform based on FPGA (Field Programmable Gate Array) and the new generation image/video processor from Horizon Robotics. In parallel, we are developing a special TFT display CMS monitor system in which in-cell heater will be implemented in order to solve display latency problem under low temperature operation.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

During the year, the Group has achieved record-high revenue and profit through successful implementation of our strategy. Our customer base has broadened and solidified thanks to the trust of our business partners. The Group will continue to grasp the upcoming trend of the automotive industry and to pursuit our strategy to become a leading integrated automotive smart cockpit display system solution provider. The Company's shares have been included in the Hang Seng Index series constituent stocks and Hong Kong Stock Connect in March 2023. The inclusion will help facilitate the expansion of the Company's shareholder base, increase the trading liquidity, and further enhance the Company's reputation in the capital market and the brand awareness, resulting in further realization of the value of investment in the Company.

It is the 30th and 45th anniversary of the BOE Group and the Group respectively. The BOE Group and the Group will continue their commitments to use their entrepreneurial enthusiasm and dreams to lead China's semiconductor display industry as well as automotive display technology and solutions in order to achieve epoch-making breakthroughs, and ultimately become a global leader in the industry.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our management, employees, shareholders, investors and business partners for your continuing support.

#### Gao Wenbao

Chairman

Hong Kong, 21 March 2023



# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

#### REVENUE

The Group's revenue for the year ended 31 December 2022 increased by 39% to HK\$10,722 million as compared to the previous financial year.

#### **PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS**

The profit from operations for the year ended 31 December 2022 was HK\$670 million, an increase of HK\$320 million or approximately 91% as compared to the previous financial year.

During the financial year 2022, the Group spent HK\$190 million on research and development ("R&D") activities, which represented approximately 2% of the Group's revenue.

#### **NET PROFIT AND DIVIDENDS**

The profit attributable to shareholders for the year ended 31 December 2022 was HK\$582 million, as compared to a profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$328 million in 2021.

Basic earnings per share for the year ended 31 December 2022 were 78.4 HK cents as compared to basic earnings per share of 45.1 HK cents in the previous financial year. During the year, the Group did not declare an interim dividend. The Board has recommended a final dividend of 23.0 HK cents per share for the year ended 31 December 2022, which will aggregate to HK\$182 million. The total dividend for the year amounted to 23.0 HK cents per share.

The Board has approved and adopted a dividend policy on 1 January 2019 (the "Dividend Policy"). Under the Dividend Policy, subject to compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations and the bye-laws of the Company, the Company intends to maintain a stable dividend policy in future with a dividend payout ratio of not less than 30%. However, the determination to pay dividends in the future will be made at the discretion of the Board and will be based on the profits, cash flows, financial condition, capital requirements and other conditions that the Board deems relevant. The payment of dividends may be limited by legal restrictions and agreements that the Company may enter into in the future.

The Dividend Policy will continue to be reviewed from time to time and there can be no assurance that dividends will be paid in any particular amount for any given period.

# **STRUCTURE OF ASSETS**

As at 31 December 2022, the total assets of the Group amounted to HK\$8,283 million (2021: HK\$5,543 million). At the year end, inventories increased by 88% to HK\$1,568 million (2021: HK\$833 million) while other financial assets amounted to HK\$43 million (2021: HK\$45 million).

#### LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

As at 31 December 2022, the total equity of the Group was HK\$4,116 million (2021: HK\$3,346 million). The Group's current ratio, being the proportion of total current assets against total current liabilities, was 1.61 as at 31 December 2022 (2021: 2.24).

At the year end, the Group held a liquid portfolio of HK\$2,881 million (2021: HK\$2,271 million) of which HK\$2,881 million (2021: HK\$2,267 million) was in cash and fixed deposits balance, HK\$65 thousand (2021: HK\$4 million) was in other financial assets. At the year end, the Group had the bank borrowings balance of HK\$667 million (2021: HK\$Nil). The Group's gearing ratio (borrowings over net assets) was 16.2% as at 31 December 2022 (2021: Nil%).

The Group's inventory turnover ratio (cost of inventories over average inventories balance) for the year was 8 times (2021: 10 times). Debtor turnover days (trade receivables over revenue times 365) for the year was 68 days (2021: 76 days).



# **CASH FLOWS**

In the year under review, the Group's cash generated from operations amounted to HK\$834 million (2021: HK\$675 million). The increase in trade and other payables increased cash flow by HK\$1,165 million. The increase in inventories and increase in trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments and other contract costs decreased cash flow by HK\$819 million and HK\$540 million respectively.

Net cash used in investing activities amounted to HK\$1,170 million (2021: HK\$254 million). There were payments for the purchase of property, plant and equipment of HK\$1,176 million (2021: HK\$247 million).

### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

The Group's long-term capital comprises shareholders' equity and debt, which includes the bank borrowings. There was no change as to the capital structure of the Group during the year. The bank borrowings increased to HK\$667 million as at 31 December 2022 (2021: HK\$Nil), for details of the changes of bank borrowings, please refer to Note 21(c) to the financial statements. The bank borrowings of the Group are predominately denominated in Hong Kong dollars.

As at 31 December 2022, the cash and cash equivalents of the Group was HK\$2,819 million (2021: HK\$2,267 million).

The cash and cash equivalents are denominated in:

	<b>2022</b> HK\$million	<b>2021</b> HK\$million
– RMB	1,522	1,708
– USD	856	460
– HKD	355	4
- Other currencies	86	95
	2,819	2,267



#### MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURES

#### Acquisition of the remaining 40% equity interest in Chengdu BOE Vehicle Display Technology Co. Ltd. (the "Chengdu Automotive", formerly known as Chengdu BOE Automotive Electronic Limited)

On 12 August 2022, Link Score Investment Limited ("Link Score", a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) and the BOE Group entered into an equity Transfer Agreement (the "Equity Transfer Agreement"). Pursuant to the Equity Transfer Agreement, Link Score has agreed to acquire, and the BOE Group has agreed to sell the 40% equity interest in Chengdu Automotive at the cash consideration of RMB230 million.

The management of the Company expects that the Group's revenue will continue to grow based on the order status of mass production projects. The Group has obtained mass production projects for major automobile manufacturers and established a strong relationship with its strategic partners, including major automobile manufacturers and new electrical vehicle manufacturers. In view of the prospect of TFT and touch panel display business set out above, the management of the Company believes the expansion in TFT and touch panel display module manufacturing facilities in Chengdu of the PRC allows the Group to capture upcoming business opportunities and further expand its market share.

Chengdu Automotive becomes a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company after the completion of the acquisition and effectively enhance its management efficiency and foster the rapid growth of its business.

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For details of the acquisition of the remaining 40% equity interest in Chengdu Automotive, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 12 August 2022.

#### USE OF NET PROCEEDS FROM PLACING OF NEW SHARES UNDER GENERAL MANDATE (THE "PLACING") AND SHAREHOLDER SUBSCRIPTION OF NEW SHARES UNDER SPECIFIC MANDATE (THE "SHAREHOLDER SUBSCRIPTION")

The existing manufacturing facilities in Heyuan of the PRC has been highly utilised. To capture the upcoming business opportunities and further expand its market share in the automotive display industry, the Group has established the project of setting up its new TFT and touch panel display module manufacturing facilities in Chengdu of the PRC, therefore the Company raise fund for the project from the Placing and by the Shareholder Subscription during the year 2022. The completion of the Placing and the Shareholder Subscription took place on 9 September 2022 and 21 October 2022 respectively.

The net proceeds (after deducting the commissions and expenses payable by the Company relating to the Placing) from the Placing of 33,300,000 new ordinary Shares (the aggregate nominal value of which was HK\$8,325,000) to 28 independent third parties approximately HK\$499.8 million (representing a net placing price of approximately HK\$15.01 per placing share), which were based on the placing price of HK\$15.20 per placing share. The closing price of the Company's shares on 9 September 2022 was HK\$17.00 per share.

The net proceeds (after deducting the expenses payable by the Company relating to the Shareholder Subscription) from the Shareholder Subscription of 19,730,000 new ordinary Shares (the aggregate nominal value of which was HK\$4,932,500) to BOE Technology (HK) Limited, the controlling shareholder and therefore a substantial shareholder of the Company, was approximately HK\$299.0 million (representing a net subscription price of approximately HK\$15.15 per subscription share), which was based on the placing price of HK\$15.20 per subscription share. The closing price of the Company's shares on 21 October 2022 was HK\$12.56 per share.

The aggregated net proceeds from the Placing and the Shareholder Subscription was amounted to HKD798.8 million. Such net proceeds is intended to be applied in the manner consistent with that disclosed in the announcement and circular of the Company dated 1 September 2022 and 28 September 2022 respectively.

- Approximately 18%, or HKD143.9 million, will be used for plant construction in the PRC;
- Approximately 51%, or HKD410.7 million, will be used for purchases of various manufacturing equipment in the PRC; and
- Approximately 31%, or HKD244.2 million, will be used for working capital and general corporate purpose in the PRC.

As at 31 December 2022, our planned use and actual use of net proceeds from the Placing and the Shareholder Subscription were as follows:

	Percentage of net proceeds %	<b>Available</b> to utilise HKD million	Utilised during 2022 HKD million	Accumulated utilised (up to 31 December 2022) HKD million	Unutilised (as at 31 December 2022) HKD million	Expected timetable for the usage of the unutilised net proceeds as at 31 December 2022
Plant construction in the PRC	18	143.9	130.6	130.6	13.3	On or before 30 June 2023
Purchases of various manufacturing equipment in the PRC	51	410.7	34.4	34.4	376.3	On or before 31 December 2023
Working capital and general corporate purpose in the PRC	31	244.2	85.0	85.0	159.2	On or before 31 December 2023
Total	100	798.8	250.0	250.0	548.8	

The directors of the Company are not aware of any material change to the planned use of net proceeds as at the date of this report. The unutilized net proceeds as at 31 December 2022 was deposited with licensed banks in Hong Kong and the PRC.

# FOREIGN CURRENCY AND INTEREST RATE EXPOSURE

The Group is exposed to foreign currency risk primarily through sales and purchases that are denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the operations to which they relate. The currencies giving rise to this risk are primarily United State dollars, Euros, Japanese Yen and Renminbi.

The Group is not engaged in the use of any financial instruments for hedging purposes. However, the management of the Group monitors foreign exchange exposure from time to time and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure when the need arises.

As of 31 December 2022, the bank borrowings of the Group are with fixed and floating interest rate, where the balances are HK\$33 million and HK\$634 million respectively (as of 31 December 2021: HK\$Nil bank borrowing). The Group will monitor interest rate movements and consider appropriate measures when arrange bank borrowings with floating rates.

# FINANCIAL GUARANTEES AND CHARGE ON ASSETS

As at 31 December 2022, the Company had no financial guarantees and charge on assets (31 December 2021: Nil).

#### COMMITMENTS

The capital commitments outstanding at 31 December 2022 not provided in the Group's financial statements were approximately HK\$905 million (2021: HK\$94 million), mainly representing the acquisition cost of plant, machinery, tools and equipment not provided for in the financial statements. The above will be financed by internal resources of the Group and/or external financing.

#### **OTHER INVESTMENTS**

As at 31 December 2022, the Group owned a diversified investment portfolio, such as investments in associates and equity investments in the automotive industry.

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Apart from the above, there are no other material investment. The results of the above investments have been properly reflected in the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

# **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2022, the Company had no material contingent liabilities (31 December 2021: Nil).

#### STAFF

As at 31 December 2022, the Group employed 5,731 staff around the world, of whom 127 were in Hong Kong, 5,549 in the PRC and 55 were in overseas. The Group remunerates its employees (including directors) based on their performance, experience and prevailing industry practice. The Group operates a share option scheme and a share award plan, and provides rent-free quarters to certain of its employees in Hong Kong and the PRC.

The Group adopts a performance-based remuneration policy. Salary adjustments and performance bonuses are based on the evaluation of job performance. The aim is to create an atmosphere that encourages top performers and provides incentives for general employees to improve and excel.

The Group always keeps pace with the times and strive to improve human resources efficiency and corporate governance capabilities, provides different training and development programmes to attract, motivate and retain talented staff.

#### **STAFF RETIREMENT SCHEMES**

In Hong Kong, the Group principally participates in the Mandatory Provident Fund ("MPF") Scheme operated by independent trustees. Contribution at a fixed rate of 5% of the employee's relevant income (the "Relevant Income"), subject to a cap of monthly Relevant Income of HK\$30,000 per employee, are made to the scheme and are vested immediately.

In addition, the Group also operates a Top-Up ORSO scheme, approved by the Inland Revenue Department under Section 87A of the Inland Revenue Ordinance, and both the employer and the employee are required to contribute 5% of the excess of the Relevant Income to the scheme. It is only eligible for employees who joined the Group on or before 30 June 2009.

With effect from 1 December 2019, the Top-Up ORSO scheme is ceased and instead, the Top-Up contributions is made to the MPF scheme.



The employees of the Group's subsidiaries which operate in the PRC are required to participate in central pension schemes operated by the local municipal government. The subsidiaries are required to contribute certain percentage of the payroll costs to the central pension schemes. The contributions are charged to the profit or loss as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the central pension schemes.

During the year, the total retirement scheme cost charged to the Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss for the year ended 31 December 2022 was HK\$45 million (2021: HK\$40 million). Charges to administer the scheme are deducted from the employer's contributions. Forfeited contributions are used by the employer to offset against future contributions. The amount so utilised during the year ended 31 December 2022 was HK\$Nil (2021: HK\$Nil) and at 31 December 2022, the balance available to reduce the level of contributions in future amounted to HK\$Nil (2021: HK\$Nil).

The Group has also implemented retirement schemes for all employees of overseas offices in accordance with relevant national laws, regulations and local policies.



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# REVIEW OF OPERATIONS



Europe **15%** 



America

Others **5%** 

## **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

# THE PRC

The PRC generated revenue of HK\$7,495 million during the year under review, representing an increase of approximately 48% as compared with that in 2021. This region has accounted for 70% of the Group's total revenue. Revenue from automotive display business remained a major part of and the rest was mainly derived from educational and industrial sector.

During the year under review, the Group has successfully captured the increasing market demand in the PRC and significantly increased our revenue from the automotive display business. We continue to be one of the leading players in the PRC automotive display industry. The overall PRC market has experienced a rapid growth during the year benefited from the government's tax incentive policy and the strong promotion of NEV by the manufacturer in the PRC. As such, the demand in automobile has accelerated especially in the second half of 2022. During the year, the commencement of mass production of various TFT and touch panel module projects in the year and the ramp-up of demand from our customers has resulted in the surge of our revenue in the PRC. The average selling price has also increased because of change of product mix and price increment in response to the increase in cost of raw materials during the year.

NEV has become an unstoppable trend in the automobile industry. The Group has successfully increased our revenue in various TFT and touch panel display modules and AMOLED display technologies for NEV during the year. We have penetrated major players in the NEV and are awarded projects in the upcoming car models which will benefit our business in future years. For display system related projects, the Group has been promoting our solutions to NEV and achieved positive results. The Group has also achieved further breakthrough in the provision of panel and system solution and has sold our products to certain NEV customers.

The government of the PRC has approved the "Motor Vehicles-Devices for indirect vision-Requirement of performance and installation" policy which will be effective since July 2023, our affiliated company has prepared its products ready to be launched and to meet the potential substantial market need in the market.

#### **EUROPE**

During the year under review, revenue of HK\$1,607 million was generated from the display business in Europe, which represented an increase of 12% as compared to 2021. The European business contributed 15% of the total revenue for the Group in 2022.

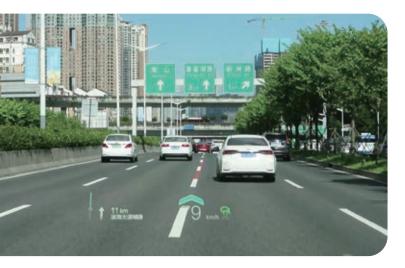


European automotive business has shown gradual increase during the year under review amidst the geopolitical conflict and inflation. The production and demand of our long-term customers have been increasing and the Group has recorded an increase in revenue. Our revenue from both TFT display business and monochrome display business has increased with more revenue derived from TFT related products.

During the year, our sales team in Europe has been working diligently to capture the business opportunities emerged from new demand. The increase in revenue was due to increased average selling price and improved order fulfilment.

We have successfully won projects from major automobile manufacturers, including large volume platform projects and also projects from high-end luxury cars. For NEV, we have also obtained orders for our large-sized display products and system solution for passenger cars as well as new emerging commercial NEV. The demand for more, larger and better display is increasing across NEV and conventional cars and we have prepared ourselves to cater for the needs.

During the year, the Group's industrial display business in Europe has decreased as compared with that of 2021 which is mainly due to demand from a home appliance brand for the year 2021 and there was less such demand in 2022.





#### **KOREA**

Revenue generated from Korea was HK\$397 million in 2022, representing an increase of 19% from that of 2021. Korea accounted for 4% of the Group's revenue.

Revenue from Korea was mainly derived from automotive display business. The increase in revenue during the year was mainly contributed by the ramp-up of orders from the mass production of medium-sized automotive TFT display modules.

#### AMERICA

America generated revenue of HK\$680 million in 2022, contributing 6% to the total revenue of the Group. The revenue has increased by 56% as compared to that of 2021.

The significant increase was mainly contributed by ramp-up of orders of mass production of TFT display modules to several automotive customers. The Group has been promoting our TFT display modules in America for both automotive and industrial customers to address the shift of customers' preference from monochrome display to colour display and the end-of-life of monochrome display projects, especially in the industry and medical sectors. The Group has also been putting efforts to target the NEV trend to promote our products to existing customers and new customers.

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Group began incorporating its Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Report into its Annual Report from 2014. The ESG Report was prepared for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 and has been compiled in accordance with the Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting Guide (the "Guide") requirements as set out in Appendix 27 of the Rules Governing ("the Listing Rules") the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). The covered scopes and contents are in compliance with the disclosure obligations under the "Comply or Explain" provisions in the Guide. During the year, the Company participated partly of the 2022 climate change section in the CDP (Disclosure Insight Action). To strengthen our climate-related disclosures, we also consider following the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). Unless otherwise stated, the ESG Report covers operations in the PRC (including Heyuan and Chengdu) and Hong Kong, which together represent the core operations of the Group.

# **ESG STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors of the Company has authorised the functional departments and ESG risk management team to take charge of the overall supervision of ESG management and hold ESG communication meetings no less than twice a year. We are responsible for developing the Company's ESG strategy and regularly reviewing its implementation; identifying and evaluating ESG risks and developing response plans; reviewing ESG management policies to ensure that they are consistently implemented and put into practice; reviewing ESG plans and goals and periodically reviewing the achievement of ESG goals; reviewing ESG performance, and ultimately coordinating, implementing and executing such plans and goals.

In view of the external social and economic environment and the Group's internal development strategy, the Board of Directors will continue to pay attention to the sustainable development trends at home and abroad, strengthen the assessment of ESG material issues, discuss and determine the risks and opportunities of the Company in the aspects of environment, society and governance, and take the management and improvement of key issues as the key work of sustainable development.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE	While consolidating the operation and management system and adhering to the bottom line of compliance, the Group steadily advanced the implementation of its sustainable development strategy and regulated and promoted ESG-related activities to improve management standards and reduce operational risks;
PRODUCTS	To provide customers with better products using a user-oriented approach, resulting in a significant improvement in customer satisfaction;
CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARBON NEUTRALITY	The Company undertook the goal of "achieving carbon neutrality by 2050", and formulated a roadmap, phased goals and coping strategies for carbon neutrality;
UNDERTAKING SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	The Company focused on urban revitalization to create social value, and put social responsibility into practice.

In 2022, the Board focused on reviewing the following key activities and progress:

The evaluation results of the Group's material issues, its management and practices on the above works and other ESG issues, as disclosed in detail in this Report, were reported by the Board of Directors in 2022.

As its strategic upgrading advances, the Group's sustainability management has been gradually integrated into the multi-dimensional, systemic professional management of business operations. In response to the increasingly stringent non-financial information disclosure requirements, sustainability management has been given much attention by the Board of Directors and the Group's management. The updates on related matters are required to be reported at board meetings, and the Group's ESG management and sustainable development reports must be approved by the Board of Directors. In order to ensure the accuracy of the Group's annual sustainable development report and increase internal attention to sustainable development, the report is prepared with the engagement of the functional departments and ESG risk management team and subject to the final approval by the Board of Directors before official release.

The Group's corresponding internal resources are also increasingly important in supporting sustainable development work. In 2022, we enhanced the environmental and social indicators reporting system, ensured the authenticity, integrity and accuracy of information disclosure through multiple reporting, reviewing, collating, feedback, iteration, testing and training, which laid a solid foundation for the overall improvement of the Group's management ability.

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

In January 2022, the Group made the investment in the automotive display module manufacturing project in Chengdu (the "Project") through Chengdu BOE Automotive Display Technology Co., Ltd. (formerly known as Chengdu BOE Automotive Electronic Limited) by expanding the Group's existing TFT and touch panel display module manufacturing facilities in the PRC. The total land area of the Project is approximately 151,000 square meters. Module assembly and optical bonding lines were constructed in the plant as part of the manufacturing facilities of the Group.

The content of the ESG Report has followed the reporting principles in relation to "materiality", "quantitative", "consistency" and "balance" under the Guide, the application of which is as follows:

Reporting Prin	ciple	Application in the ESG Report
Materiality		We have identified and disclosed in the ESG Report the process of and the criteria for the selection of material ESG topics. We have also identified and disclosed significant stakeholders, the process and results of their participation in the ESG Report.
Quantitative		We have disclosed the data on the standards, methodologies, assumptions and/or calculation tools used to report environmental key performance indicators (KPIs), and the sources of the conversion factors used.
Balance	۵	The ESG Report reflects both positive and negative ESG information reasonably and objectively.
Consistency	(%)	We use standardized ways and methods to collect and calculate data. We state changes in methods or related factors in the ESG Report to allow meaningful comparisons.

All opinions on the ESG Report are highly valued. If there is any enquiry or suggestion, please send an email to: Investor@boevx.com.

We understand the importance of ESG to the Company and its stakeholders in the capital market. It has established and gradually improved its ESG governance and management mechanisms to promote the integration of ESG into the Company's operations and management. We believe this integration will ultimately lead to long-term stable environmental, social and corporate values. The Board has overall responsibility for the ESG strategy and reporting. The Board considers sustainability issues as being an integral part of its overall strategy, and each key sustainability risk and opportunity that has been identified is suitably evaluated, tracked, and proactively managed. The Board has been closely overseeing the ESG issues and the Group's initiative to make continuing ongoing improvements and to formulate an effective reporting mechanism. BOEVx's ESG risk management and reporting mechanism takes into consideration operational management and relevant stakeholders. Assessment of ESG status and progress are conducted on an ongoing basis. Under the Board's delegation, the functional departments and ESG risk management team oversee the Group's sustainability performance, and ensures that sustainability considerations are incorporated into our decision-making process across all business units. They regularly report to the Board about their evaluation of the Group's sustainability strategies, targets and performance. They would collect and analyze environmental and social performance indicators to recommend appropriate improvement measures to enhance the Company's sustainability performance. The Board takes ESG issues seriously to ensure the top management of each function monitors its own area of responsibility, always seek improvements and is committed to rolling out development plans with stakeholders' interests a primary concern.

In 2022, the Company continued to standardize its ESG governance and management process, with a specific focus on the process of determining material ESG issues. Based on the external socio-economic environment and the Company's development strategy, we optimize our communication and involved key stakeholders to identify, evaluate and manage

important ESG matters. The Company attaches importance to ESG disclosure-related work, and the Board oversees the preparation process of the ESG report and reviews and approves the annual ESG report to ensure the veracity and effectiveness of information disclosure. The Company formulates performance targets including environmental and social targets, which will be reviewed and followed up by the Board.

The Group studied the sustainable development management strategy and set up the net-zero emissions by 2050 as the strategic goal, and commenced the research on carbon neutrality roadmap and strategy to formulate plans for the path to carbon emission reduction. The Company measured the carbon footprint within the Group's operational control, assessed the feasibility of our emission reduction targets, and developed emission reduction strategies. We will also regularly review the carbon emission reduction pathway and related goals based on changes in environmental trends and corporate business development.

#### **ESG Risk Management and Reporting Mechanism**



The ESG Risk Management Team consists of top management from operations and finance, and communicates regularly to ensure ESG risks are properly managed.

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# **ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS**

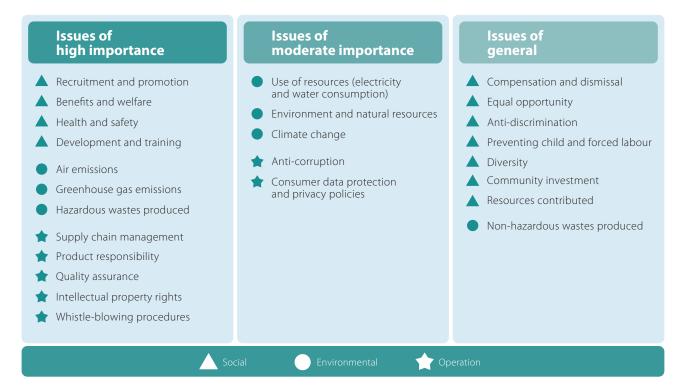
The Group communicates regularly with stakeholders through various channels in order to understand their different expectations and the possible impacts to them of its sustainable development activities.

STAKEHOLDERS	COMMUNICATION CHANNELS	CHANNELS CONTENT
Shareholders/	<ul> <li>General meetings and notices</li> <li>Annual/interim reports, financial statements and announcements</li> <li>Direct communications</li> <li>Corporate website</li> <li>Investor briefings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Business sustainability</li> <li>Financial performance</li> <li>Corporate transparency</li> <li>Corporate social responsibility</li> </ul>
Regulators	<ul><li>Meetings</li><li>Compliance reporting</li></ul>	• Compliance with laws and regulations
Customers	<ul> <li>Direct communication via frontline staff</li> <li>Customer audits and factory visits</li> <li>Corporate website</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Quality products and services, and delivery arrangements</li> <li>Technological developments</li> <li>Product responsibility</li> <li>Factory and labour conditions</li> </ul>
Suppliers	<ul> <li>Direct communication and meetings</li> <li>Site visits and reviews</li> <li>Vendor acceptance and management processes</li> <li>Questionnaire</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sustainable procurement</li> <li>RoHS considerations</li> <li>Corporate reputation</li> <li>Industry experience and expertise</li> </ul>
Community	<ul> <li>Involvement in and meeting with various communities through social services and sports activities</li> <li>Cooperation with local universities and NGOs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improvement of community environment and culture</li> <li>Support for public welfare activities</li> </ul>
Employees O	<ul> <li>Training and development</li> <li>Regular performance appraisals</li> <li>Newsletters</li> <li>Work-life balance activities</li> <li>Policy communication</li> <li>Communication with labour union</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Health and safety</li> <li>Remuneration and welfare</li> <li>Career development</li> <li>Integrity and business conduct</li> </ul>

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### **MATERIALITY MATRIX**

During the year, the Group has evaluated a number of environmental, social and operation related issues, and assessed their importance to the Group and its stakeholders. This assessment helps to ensure the Group's business development is in line with the expectations and requirements of its stakeholders. The materiality assessment result is shown below:



#### **MATERIALITY ASSESSMENT**

The issues that matter most to the Group's business and its stakeholders are identified and presented in the materiality matrix above. The Group places comparatively higher emphasis on ESG matters relating to the environment, employee safety and supply chain management as these are external stakeholders' top concerns, weighted against the risks and opportunities they present to the Group. Whilst higher priority is given to these areas, other ESG aspects are also monitored on an ongoing basis and are included in the ESG report to enhance corporate transparency.



## GOVERNANCE

#### **Risk Management and Internal Control**

The Group places a high priority on risk management and internal control. The Board of Directors holds the responsibility of overseeing the development of appropriate policies and devising strategies, ensuring that the effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control system undergoes regular review. The relevant responsibilities are managed by the Audit Committee of the Company and reports to the Board of Directors on a regular basis.

The Internal Audit Department and the Risk Management Committee are established, and are responsible for identifying and mitigating the risks in all areas, including financial, operational and compliance control. Significant findings and the effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems are reported to the Audit Committee of the Company twice a year.

# ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE REPORT

#### Governance

The Group is committed to maintaining the highest standards of integrity and ethical conduct in all our business dealings. The Group has a zero-tolerance policy towards corruption, and takes active steps to prevent and detect any corrupt practices.

The Group strictly abides by the law and regulations of Hong Kong, the PRC and other jurisdiction that we have business relationship. The Group formulated the "Code of Conduct", "Anti-corruption policy" and other policies to stipulate the guidelines on anti-bribery, anti-corruption, conflict of interest and other contents. These policies are regularly reviewed and updated to ensure that they remain effective in preventing corrupt practices. The Group also provides regular training to the employees on these policies and on the importance of ethical behavior.

Whistle-blowing channel is in place for reporting any suspected instances of corruption. This system is designed to protect whistleblowers and ensure that any allegations are investigated thoroughly and impartially. The Group believes that our commitment to anti-corruption is essential for building trust with our stakeholders and maintaining our reputation as a responsible corporate citizen.

#### **Connected Party Transactions**

The Group takes a precise approach to all transactions with our connected party, to ensure that all transactions are conducted in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. All connected party transactions are subject to a rigorous review process, ensuring that the terms of transactions are fair and reasonable, and the transactions are conducted on normal commercial terms or better and in the ordinary and usual course of business. The Group strictly complies with all applicable provisions under the Listing Rules to ensure that all transactions are disclosed and/or approved by shareholders in a timely and transparent manner as required.

A robust internal control measures are in place to ensure that the interests of shareholders as a whole are taken into account. Regular checking on the transactions would be conducted to assess whether the terms of transactions are followed, and regular monitoring on the actual transaction amount would be performed to ensure that the annual caps are not exceeded. By being rigorous and rule-complying about the connected party transactions, the Group can demonstrate the commitment to ethical conduct and good governance.

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

Over years, the Group has developed streamlined operating processes and energy-efficient hardware to lessen energy and water utilisation, improved the use of resources and investigated new means for environmental preservation.

As a manufacturing company, the Group's management is always aware of the importance of sustainable development and environmental protection. The Group's policy on emissions and waste is fully complied with the requirements of the emission standard in《水污染物排放限值》(DB44/26-2001),《大氣污染物排放限值》(DB44/27-2001) and other relevant requirements and standards.

The Group has been accredited with ISO 14001 since 2005. Under this accreditation, the Group resolves to comply with environmental laws, regulations and other applicable requirements, and to reduce or eliminate pollution while minimising any impact on the environment. The manufacturing facilities in Heyuan and Chengdu are required to undergo stringent environmental audit and continuous monitoring, in order to protect the natural resources in the region and also to comply with all relevant local environmental laws and regulations.

Emission and Waste	Performa	ance of Hey	uan Plan	t						
Waste	Total tonnes in 2022	Tonnes/ Revenue (HKD1,000 million) in 2022	Total tonnes in 2021	Tonnes/ Revenue (HKD1,000 million) in 2021	Total tonnes in 2020	Tonnes/ Revenue (HKD1,000 million) in 2020	Total tonnes in 2019	Tonnes/ Revenue (HKD1,000 million) in 2019	Total tonnes in 2018	Tonnes/ Revenue (HKD1,000 million) in 2018
Air										
HCL	0.14	0.01	0.70	0.09	0.13	0.029	0.35	0.098	0.31	0.098
Particulates	<0.0070	0.0007	< 0.0070	0.0009	< 0.0070	0.0015	<0.0015	< 0.0004	<0.0015	<0.0005
SO <sub>2</sub>	0.050	0.0047	0.050	0.006	0.100	0.022	0.030	0.008	<0.0117	<0.004
NO <sub>x</sub>	0.01	0.001	0.040	0.005	0.100	0.022	0.019	0.005	0.041	0.013
Greenhouse Gas <sup>(1)</sup> Total (Direct CO <sub>2</sub> e emissions <sup>(2)</sup> and Indirect CO <sub>2</sub> e emissions <sup>(3)</sup> )	60,154.81 CO <sub>2</sub> e tonnes	5,610.41	51,895.00 CO <sub>2</sub> e tonnes	6,706.51	46,638.35 CO <sub>2</sub> e tonnes	10,302.26	46,601.03 CO <sub>2</sub> e tonnes	13,038.90	-	-
Direct CO <sub>2</sub> e emissions	1,635.35 Mg CO₂e/ piece	152.5228	0.0853 Mg CO₂e/ piece	0.0110	0.0891 Mg CO₂e/ piece	0.0197	0.1215 Mg CO₂e/ piece	0.0340	-	-
Indirect CO <sub>2</sub> e emissions	0.9370 Kg CO₂e/ piece	0.0874	0.7820 Kg CO₂e/ piece	0.1011	0.8299 Kg CO₂e/ piece	0.1833	0.6826 Kg CO₂e/ piece	0.1910	-	-
Intensity (Direct CO <sub>2</sub> e emissions and Indirect CO <sub>2</sub> e emissions) per unit of production volume	0.9387 Kg CO₂e/ piece	0.0875	0.7820 Kg CO₂e/ piece	0.1011	0.8299 Kg CO₂e/ piece	0.1833	0.6826 Kg CO₂e/ piece	0.1910	-	-
Fumes	0.036	0.0034	0.036	0.0047	0.048	0.011	0.038	0.011	0.006	0.002
Non-methane total hydrocarbon	1.115	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water										
Wastewater	863,197	80,507	583,358	75,389	585,191	129,267	629,953	176,260	702,749	221,199
Solid										
Solid Waste Hazardous	99.18	9.25	99.16	12.81	87.09	19	37.10	10	71.54	23
Solid Waste Non-hazardous	884.71	82.51	924.22	119.44	686.04	152	713.89	200	696.91	219

Notes:

1. In order to calculate greenhouse gas emissions more accurately, the greenhouse gas ("GHG") (scope 1) at Heyuan plant in 2022 calculated the greenhouse gas emissions from mobile sources (company commercial vehicles), Chengdu plant calculated the GHG emissions from burning natural gas in the kitchen. Scope 2 calculated the total emissions of Heyuan plant, in order to compare the data of previous years in the same table, the GHG emissions of 2021, 2020 and 2019 have thereby been updated at the same time.

2. No data are available as there are no emissions of methane, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride.

3. Direct (scope 1) — greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions come from sources (physical units or processes that release GHG into the atmosphere that are owned or controlled by the Group.

4. Indirect (scope 2) — GHG emissions that result from the generation of purchased or acquired electricity, heating, cooling and steam consumed by the Group.

5. Due to the newly built centralized treatment facilities for organic waste gas in 2020 to achieve organized discharge, the disclosure of non-methane total hydrocarbon emissions of organic waste gas are added in this report.

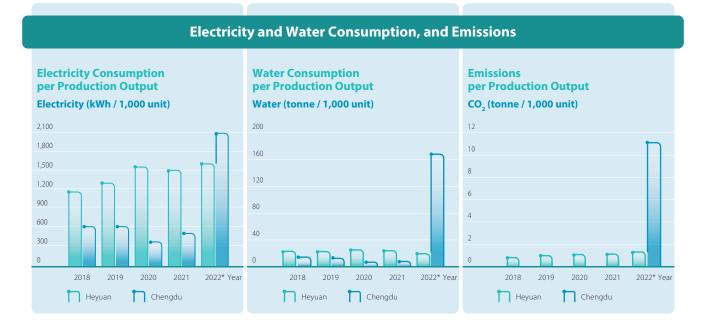
In 2022, the total tonnes and tonnes per revenue (HKD1,000 million) of solid waste non-hazardous of Chengdu plant were 30.47 and 2.84 respectively. The production of the Group in 2022 decreased by 3% and the adjustment of the product structure as compared with 2021, resulting in a decrease of 39.51 tonnes of non-hazardous solid waste as compared with 2021.

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#### **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

Scope 1 emissions were mainly from burning clean oil at Heyuan factory kitchen. For the total emissions of scope 1, Heyuan factory currently uses bio-alcohol oil in its kitchen, which is not included in the calculation of greenhouse gas emissions. However, in 2022, the statistics of greenhouse gas emissions of commercial vehicles are added. For Scope 2 energy indirect emissions, the CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions mainly from purchased electricity were approximately 60,050.01 tonnes. The total greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 and Scope 2) were approximately 60,154.81 tonnes. We do not report Scope 3 emissions because of the lack of complete and accurate data. At present, Heyuan factory is vigorously promoting automation equipment, resulting in an

increase in electricity consumption. On 15 March 2022, the Ministry of Ecology and Environment adjusted the emission factor value of China's national power grid to 0.5810 (2021: 0.5720). In addition, Chengdu factory will officially commence trial production from October to December 2022. Due to the power consumption during the trial production stage, the output is less, and the electricity consumption per output unit increases significantly. Therefore, Scope 2 emissions will increase by 15.71% compared to 2021. We hope to keep the intensity as 0.95 tonnes of  $CO_2e$  per 1,000 units as a target and establish medium to long-term plan in reducing emissions gradually. In 2022, we have achieved the established goals for the year with good performance. On this basis, we further optimized and updated the carbon emission targets.



Note\*: Chengdu commences its production in October 2022 and is in the trial production stage only. While the electricity consumption, water consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are more but the production is less, so per production output of electricity consumption, water consumption and emissions are more, and more than Heyuan's as well.

#### **Emissions**

#### Air

Major emissions in the production plant are primarily collected at the exhaust vents of the production buildings and canteen kitchen of Heyuan plant. Hydrochloric acid and organic waste gas (non-methane total hydrocarbons) are the main emission created by the production process. It is used at the etching stage when producing LCD panels. The volatilised hydrochloric acid is drawn to the ventilation system in the production buildings, then transmitted to the neutralising machines on the rooftop and neutralised with alkali before being released to the air. Since the recent years, due to changes in product structure, orders for monochrome displays decreased and the amount of hydrochloric acid was reduced. Orders for thin-film transistor (TFT) displays increased, but hydrochloric acid was not required for this process, so the amount of air emissions such as hydrochloric acid was reduced. In the cleaning process, cleaning alcohol, alcohol and other organic substances will be used, and the volatile organic waste gas will be transported to the centralized treatment facility on the roof of the production building through the exhaust pipe, and will be discharged up to the standard through the treatment method of water spraying and activated carbon adsorption. The wastewater in the process flows into the Company's sewage treatment facilities, and the activated carbon is replaced regularly. The replaced waste activated carbon is regarded as hazardous waste and is passed to qualified recycling contractors for disposal. New disclosure of non-methane total hydrocarbon emissions is added in this report. Emissions such as particulates, sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and oil fumes are collected from the exhaust vent at the canteen kitchen of Heyuan plant. These substances are mainly produced during the process of fuel combustion. In December 2018, the Group purchased a new model of fume purifier for reducing emissions effectively.

During the year, due to the Company's product transformation, the output of black and white LCD screens is less, so the consumption of hydrochloric acid is reduced, and the emission is reduced by 0.56 tons compared with 2021. The quantity of emissions of sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxide and fumes were all within the standards as stipulated by the Environmental Protection Bureau in Heyuan. Environmentally clean fuel has been used consistently since the second half of 2009, to reduce the emission of nitrogen oxide from kitchen ventilation. The air emissions in the production workshop is treated by different methods such as activated carbon, and is not emitted to the air. The Chengdu production plant is mainly engaged in TFT module assembly and thus no notable emission is generated.

#### **Greenhouse Gas**

Our greenhouse gas emissions stem from burning clean oil at factory kitchen, use of purchased electricity and etc. The use of energy is the major contributor of both direct (Scope 1) and indirect (Scope 2) emissions in the Group. Direct emissions (Scope 1) come from the factory canteen. Since the factory canteen now uses burning bio-alcohol oil as clean energy, it is no longer within the scope of direct carbon emissions. Electricity (Scope 2) for carbon emission is more noticeable in our operations. As a responsible enterprise, the Group is committed to reducing energy consumption, upholds the principle of "Green Operation" and strives to improve our environmental performance by implementing various measures and practices. It includes: video conferences are held where possible to avoid any unnecessary overseas business travels and direct flights are chosen for inevitable business travel; water taps with water efficiency labels are installed and dripping taps are fixed immediately to avoid the wastage of water resource; divide the office area into different light zones using independent lighting switches and adopt energy-efficient lighting regularly to increase the energy efficiency of lighting system; regular inspection, repair and maintenance are performed to ensure the efficiency of machineries and vehicles. The Group repairs and maintains the equipment and machines regularly and thoroughly from time to time in order to ensure the equipment and machines under a good condition for operation. The Group is dedicated to upgrade the equipment and machines and develops technological innovation to strive for breakthroughs in the area of clean energy and low carbon emission technology. The Guangdong Administration for Market Regulation announced the results notice of the energy measurement review of key energy-consuming units in 2020. The Group's energy management meets the regulatory requirements. The Water Affairs Bureau of Heyuan, Guangdong Province announced in 2020 that the Group's enterprises are watersaving enterprises. Besides, the Group attaches great importance to the design and consumption of packaging of our products so as to reduce the usage of packaging materials.



Hazardous waste warehouse

During the operation period of the plant, it is required to measure the emissions of pollutants and fill in the monitoring report on a regular basis. The emission reduction measures of the PRC plant focused on reducing energy consumption.



Kitchen fume treatment device

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#### Wastewater

Waste is unavoidable during the manufacturing and operation process, but the Group keeps a stringent control on the emission and ensures it is properly treated to minimise any negative impact to the environment.

Wastewater generated during the manufacturing process is treated in a large underground wastewater treatment facility with a daily maximum treatment capacity of 4,000 cubic meters. The current actual daily treatment is about 2,000 cubic meters. A computer software program recognised by the Heyuan Environmental Protection Bureau has been installed to provide the data on elements such as Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) and the PH level at the discharge vent directly to the Bureau's system. That means the wastewater discharge in the production plant is under continuous and timely monitoring by the Bureau. During the reporting period, there was no event or reported case of noncompliance which significantly influenced the water source.

In order to reduce the pollution of waste water to the environment, the drainage of the cooling water of the factory's air conditioners is connected to the sewage treatment tank and is treated together with the production waste water in 2022, resulting in an increase of 279,800 tons of waste water discharge in 2022 compared to 2021.



Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) chimney

#### Solid Waste

Non-hazardous solid waste is usually produced during manufacturing and daily living. Used carton boxes, wooden packing cases and scrap glass are collected by qualified recycling contractors. Production plant staff are also encouraged to put rubbish into designated garbage containers. Such collected garbage is also collected by qualified recycling contractors.

Hazardous waste from the production area consists primarily of materials used in the manufacturing process. Chemicals used during production are collected and treated in full compliance with local environmental regulations.



Kitchen fume exhaust

The Group's product transformation, the output of black and white LCD screens is less, resulting in a decrease of 39.51 tonnes of non-hazardous solid waste as compared with 2021. In order to improve the pollution of organic waste gas to the environment, 4 sets of organic waste gas treatment facilities were built in December 2020. Among them, the activated carbon used as adsorption and the replaced waste activated carbon must be treated as hazardous solid waste, resulting in more 12.09 tonnes of hazardous solid waste in 2022 than that in 2021.



Activated charcoal tower for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) treatment



Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) treatment chimney

#### **Measures to Reduce Emissions and Waste**

By using automated production equipment where possible, we reduce the usage of rags dipped in chemical for the glass surface cleaning processing which can mitigate by at least 3 tonnes (per annum) of hazardous waste. Besides, we strive to reuse and recycle by designating waste sorting areas and facilities for a wide range of recyclables. We maintain proper records of the recyclables collected and monitor our waste performance against waste recycling targets. All non-hazardous and non-recyclable wastes are collected by qualified waste recycling contractors. Besides, wastewater was also reduced to 40mg/L of Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) through Mixed Wastewater Treatment of domestic sewage and industrial wastewater, which is lower than the emission standard value of 90mg/L. In 2017, an investment of HK\$936,700 in the transformation of the water loop treatment system at the Heyuan plant which was used to treat the waste water and recycling. It reduced the annual discharge of 6,000 tonnes of wastewater.

The Company's TFT Production was accredited with the "2017 Company Electronic Control — Excellence Team in Energy Saving and Emission Reduction" by the Beijing Electronics Industry Trade Union. The award was recognized for the recycling of dust-free cloth, which has been used for cleaning the patch glass and TP visual inspection cleaning. After unified purification in the recycling, the dust-free cloth can be used for cleaning the glass-hydrogel reinforced process, i.e. the epoxy dispensing process (syringe tip and syringe cleaning), machines, worktop, curing racks, fixtures, ovens, etc. This contributed a saving of approximately RMB1,530,000.

#### **Use of Resources**

As a manufacturing company, electricity and water are the resources most used during the course of operations. The management of the Group recognises the significance of energy conservation, and ongoing measures are in place to reduce the use of natural resources. The Group regularly reviews ways for the efficient use of resources and develops improvement plans, with the aim of further reducing consumption of these resources while maintaining effective operation of the production plant. According to the change of production orders, the utilities supply is adjusted for the energy saving. The Group will vigorously promote automation equipment in 2022, reduce labor recruitment, and the production increased by 38.57% as compared with 2021, but the electricity consumption in 2022 will only increase by 4.98% as compared with 2021. In 2022, the use of green energy will be actively promoted.

The Group considers the 2022 renewable energy use plan and evaluates to make full use of the existing vacant area on the roof of the Company's production building to build a distributed photovoltaic power station. The construction has started and is expected to be in operation during the year of 2023. At that time, the photovoltaic installed capacity will be 544.5kw and the annual power generation is expected to be about 559Mwh. Annual emission reduction is 324.8tCO<sub>2</sub>. It effectively responds to the national policy of promoting carbon neutrality and carbon peaking, and also provides the Group with clean and pollution-free green energy.



Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) treatment device and chimney

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For Chengdu plant, the official trial production commenced during September to December 2022. Due to the power consumption is at the trial production stage, the output is less. The electricity consumption per production output is significantly high as it only engages in TFT module assembly process. However, due to the increase in production in 2022 as compared to 2021, the electricity consumption was also increased.

At the same time, the Group strives to minimise any impact on the environment and save material costs by continuously reviewing the design for product packaging, with the aim of reducing packaging size. Despite this, as the Group's products are glass LCD panels or modules, they must be protected with polyfoam trays during delivery and so the use of polyfoam trays is unavoidable. In 2022, the quantities of carton boxes and polyfoam trays used for product storage and transportation in Heyuan were 1,602 tonnes and 1,591 tonnes respectively. Due to the increase in delivery and size of products, there is an increase of 85.58% and 40.74% respectively as compared with 2020 and 2021. However, due to the increase in delivery while the size of products in 2021 and 2022 are similar, the usage only increases 15.25% and 30.09% respectively as compared with 2021. In 2022, the quantities of carton boxes and polyfoam trays used for product storage and transportation in Chengdu were 28 tonnes and 38 tonnes respectively.

Below is a table outlining the energy consumption, water utilisation and packaging material used by the Group during the reporting period, as compared with the data recorded in the last five financial years.

Total tonnes in 2022	Tonnes/ Revenue (HKD1,000 million) in 2022	Total tonnes in 2021	Tonnes/ Revenue (HKD1,000 million) in 2021	Total tonnes in 2020	Tonnes/ Revenue (HKD1,000 million) in 2020	Total tonnes in 2019	Tonnes/ Revenue (HKD1,000 million) in 2019	Total tonnes in 2018	Tonnes/ Revenue (HKD1,000 million) in 2018
Heyuan Product	ion Plant								
Electricity (kWh) 103,356,300 Water (Tonne)	9,639,647	98,453,798	12,723,417	88,481,010	19,545,176	88,410,206	24,737,047	97,128,769	30,572,480
1,276,549	119,059	1,438,820	185,942	1,146,458	253,249	1,279,331	357,955	1,334,650	420,098
Carton boxes (To 1,602	onne) 149	1,390	180	749	165	775	217	982	309
Polyfoam trays ( 1,591	Tonne) 148	1,223	158	869	192	899	252	1,115	351
Chengdu Produc	tion Plant								
Electricity (kWh) 5,504,551	513,388	197,302	25,498	122,461	27,051	157,847	44,165	1,366,150	430,013
Water (Tonne) 50,454	4,706	2,883	373	1,530	338	2,422	678	20,400	6,421
Carton boxes (To 28	onne) 3	25	3	14	3	14	4	98	31
Polyfoam trays ( 38	Tonne) 4	29	4	21	5	22	6	187	59
Hong Kong Offic	e								
Electricity (kWh) 191,620	17,871	184,838	23,887	190,243	42,024	178,883	50,051	172,171	54,187
Water (Tonne) 128	12	152	20	143	32	107	30	106	33



# Measures to Reduce Energy Consumption and Water Utilisation

The Group has implemented a number of facility enhancements, including but not limited to improve energy efficiency, water conservation and indoor environmental quality of the plant and optimise interaction with the local microclimate. In 2019, the Group invested about HK\$2,650,000 to replace old equipment with large energy consumption into new equipment with variable frequency control and low energy consumption, such as old-fashioned central vacuum pumps and old-fashioned old airconditioning ice-water mainframes, which can reduce electricity consumption by approximately 1,100,000 kWh each year. In addition, long-term use of wastewater from the production process was collected and reused in the toilet flushing system, thus the amount of tap water is reduced. In 2017, an investment of HK\$936,700 in the transformation of the water loop treatment system at the Heyuan plant which was used to treat the waste water and recycling. It reduced the annual discharge of 8,500 tonnes of water utilisation.

By replacing energy-saving equipment, such as inverter compressors, low-energy-consuming transformers and other measures, the energy consumption in the production process is reduced. It successfully passed the audit and acceptance of cleaning and production of the Heyuan plant by Guangdong Province in 2021.



#### **Climate Change**

As an enterprise with social responsibility, the Group also recognises that climate change could create uncertainties in our business development. We assess how climate change could affect our business operations, and minimise the potential impacts on our sustainable growth. We are dedicated to reducing our electricity and water consumption, and emissions during operations as disclosed.

The main risks of climate change to the development of the business includes the market risk-increase in raw material costs. Our parts suppliers and their upstream suppliers may be subject to more stringent energy saving and emission reduction requirements, or be exposed to the risk of inclusion in the carbon emission market, carbon tax and other policy developments. If they face higher costs, these costs may be passed on to the Group. In order to manage the risks of climate change, we have carried out a series of actions to support the Group with climate change mitigation and adaptation, including but not limited to Heyuan plant construction photovoltaic power generation project, and will continue to deepen our innovation and iteration of green products and adhere to any sustainable development strategies in order to adapt to new green development trends within the market.

Waste management is a vital aspect to the Group. To lower environmental impact caused by waste generation, the Group has abided by relevant laws and regulations, and strengthened its monitoring on the waste management where the consumption of electricity and water, recycling of wastewater and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous solid waste can be monitored more efficiently.

Greenhouse gas ("GHG") emissions are closely linked to climaterelated crises nowadays. To reduce corporate GHG emissions as well as to lower individual carbon footprint of its employees, the Group has put efforts in the encouragement of employees to take public transport during local and cross-border business travel, while high speed rail is used or video/telephone conference is held whenever possible to reduce or avoid any unnecessary overseas business travel, and encourage direct flights are chosen to reduce carbon emissions caused by inevitable business travel.

Since the end of June 2022, Chengdu has experienced extremely high temperatures rarely seen in history. In response to the municipal government's advice to "distribute electricity to the people", the project has experienced a 27-day power load limit period. The more difficult and dangerous, the more we move forward, and the road will be smoothed out. During the power limit period, the district adopts measures such as diesel power generation, turning off air conditioners in office areas, rationally allocating power loads and staggering peak electricity consumption to ensure electricity consumption for construction and commissioning. At the same time, the party's coalition administration, technical security and other departments provide sufficient heatstroke prevention and cooling supplies to the personnel working on-site and construction to ensure the heatstroke prevention needs of the staff during the high temperature and power limit period.

In September 2022, Chengdu has launched the largest silent control of the epidemic. The Chengdu automotive pays close attention to the latest developments in epidemic prevention and control, and quickly established a leading group for epidemic prevention and control in response to the government's epidemic prevention needs. During the epidemic control period, the district personnel provide the supply of construction materials and equipment, and the availability of construction and commissioning personnel have brought substantial challenges to the orderly progress of the project. All core employees can stand up, stick to their posts, and firmly grasp the five barriers of "disinfection, safety, order, public opinion, and logistics"; the project management team directs and coordinates resources, and actively communicates with the government departments; the Company's administrative personnel ensures the sufficient supply of basic necessities of the factory area and to dormitory employees. During the 13-day silent management and control period, the district worked together and acted bravely, won the two battles of "epidemic prevention and control" and "brave pursuit of progress", and achieve "0 epidemic and 0 safety accidents".

On 17 September 2022, the Chengdu automotive was united and worked together to overcome the difficulties of strict environmental protection control, high temperature and power cuts, sudden epidemics, and earthquake raids, and achieved the successful lighting of the first 10.25-inch product. The lighting of the first product at the vehicle-mounted base in Chengdu marks the official launch of the world's largest module production line for vehicle-mounted display products, marking the implementation of BOE's "Internet of Things on Screen" strategy in the field of vehicle-mounted displays Chengdu automotive.



#### **Metrics and Target**

- We monitor the use of energy and resources, and performance in carbon emissions of the Group semiannually and disclose the data on a yearly basis.
- The Group undertakes to achieve "carbon neutrality" by 2050.
- We have set clear targets for carbon emissions, energy consumption, consumption of water resource and waste as well as targets on green buildings.

CARBON EMISSIONS/ ENERGY CONSUMPTION	To reduce carbon emissions/energy consumption intensity by 70% by 2025 (compared with the base year of 2018)
WATER RESOURCE	To reduce water consumption intensity by 80% by 2025 (compared with the base year of 2018)
WASTE	To reduce hazardous solid waste and non-hazardous solid waste intensities by at least 70% by 2025 (compared with the base year of 2018)

 To enhance our climate-related disclosures, we consider following recommendations of the Task Force on Climaterelated Financial Disclosures (TCFD), focusing on "Governance", "Strategy", "Risk Management" and "Metrics and Targets".





**Actions Taken** 

#### Areas

Governance:

Governance measures to address climaterelated risks and opportunities Board's Oversight and Management's Role

- the Board of Directors plays a central role in climate governance. The ESG risk management provides support and oversees the climate-related issues and report the Board regularly.
- to formulate a climate change policy, guide our management approach to climate-related issues, and provide support and coordination for ESG issues.

Strategy: Impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities on the Group's businesses, strategies, and financial planning

- Climate-related Risks and Opportunities
  - the risks of extreme weather and earthquake caused by climate change as these can damage our plants and facilities. In the long term, prolonged extremely hot weather also poses health risks to workers.
  - transitional risks, such as changing policies, potential increment in energy costs, and the need for green materials.
- an opportunity in the transition to a low-carbon economy, such as reduction in operating costs due to higher energy usage efficiency facilitated by technology advancement.

## Actions Taken

Risk Management:	Clima	ite Risk Assessment
The process of		
identifying,	—	to assess the physical and transitional
assessing and		risks climate change may bring to the
managing relevant		operation, and incorporate them into
climate-related		the sustainability strategy. Risk
risks		management and internal control
		system should consider ESG and
		climate-related issues

corporate them into ity strategy. Risk d internal control consider ESG and related issues.

Metrics and Targets: Metrics and targets in relation to climaterelated risks and opportunities

Carbon Emissions and Reduction Target

- to monitor our performance, we have been measuring and disclosing our energy consumption and Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions as available.
- to set a target of reducing carbon emissions by 10% by 2025 (compared with the base year of 2018). Due to the growth of our production capacity and the improvement of equipment automation, the increase in electricity consumption has resulted in an increase in indirect greenhouse gas (Scope 2) carbon emissions. Our efforts in energy saving and carbon footprint reduction are described in detail in previous paragraphs.



#### **Environmental Education**

The Hong Kong headquarters and Heyuan production plant continue to adhere to the concept of "Green Office" as the theme in 2022. In the same year, the Hong Kong office was also accredited with the "Wastewi\$e Certificate", commending the Group's efforts in taking measures to reduce waste during operation and manufacturing process.

In recent years, in the "low-carbon" and green and low-carbon transformation of paper, electronic documents are used to reduce the use of paper, which can achieve real-time information replacement, fast time, high accuracy, and save maintenance costs. The electronic signature management system meets the data display requirements, reduces traditional paper, and is green and efficient. We advocate paperless office and checking before printing to avoid wasting paper; we also set double-sided printing and copying as the default, using both sides of the paper to reduce paper waste.

In the Hong Kong office, the consumption level of electricity is announced on a monthly basis, in order to enhance the awareness of energy saving among colleagues.

### Recognition

The Group received recognition for its efforts in environmental protection in 2022. BOEVx was accredited with the "Wastewi\$e Certificate<sup>1</sup>" by the Hong Kong Green Organisation, in recognition of the Group's efforts in reducing waste.

## SOCIAL

### **Employment**

The Group strictly observes the labour law in Hong Kong and the PRC. It is the policy of the Company to maintain a working environment that complies with the Race Discrimination Ordinance, Sex Discrimination Ordinance, Disability Discrimination Ordinance and the Family Status Discrimination Ordinance of the Ordinance and Code of Practice.

Diversity has been considered from a number of measurable aspects including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity and disability. We make reasonable workplace adjustments (including during the hiring

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Note 1: The "Wastewise Certificate" is one of the certificates accredited by the Hong Kong Green Organization. The purpose of "Hong Kong Green Organization Certification" is to set benchmarks for organizations with outstanding achievements in green management, encourage participating organizations to implement environmental protection measures in different areas and to recognize their contributions and commitments in environmental protection.

process) to ensure all individuals feel supported and are able to participate fully and reach their potential. If employees are disabled, we proactively seek to support them with appropriate training and workplace adjustments where possible and explore every opportunity to ensure their employment continues. During the year, we have employed 35 disabled employees. The Group provides remuneration, welfare and fringe benefits to employees comparable to the market standard. Remuneration, salary and bonus distribution are determined with reference to a performance-linked scale. When it comes to annual reviews, factors such as the Company's financial performance, business prospects, individual performance, market rates and inflation rate are taken into consideration to decide the rate and scale.

In 2022, the turnover rates for Hong Kong, the PRC and Overseas staff were 15.9%, 41.3% and 3.7% respectively.

During the year, there was no significant reported case of noncompliance with the relevant laws and regulations in Hong Kong, the PRC and Overseas.

## **Health and Safety**

The Group's policy on health and safety is to comply fully with local government regulations, as stipulated in the law of prevention of occupational disease《中華人民共和國職業病防治》 and fire prevention in the PRC 《中華人民共和國消防法》, and to maintain a healthy and safe working environment for all employees, including the plant and systems of work, and to provide such information, instruction, training and supervision as they need. The production plant in Heyuan and Chengdu has successfully renewed its OHSAS 18001 with Health and Safety

accreditation. The accreditation test includes (but are not limited to) canteens and fire smoke (nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, smoke and etc.), drinking water and workplace air (benzene, toluene, xylene, methylene chloride, dust, formaldehyde, isopropanol, n-hexane and etc.) and noise.

For the past three years, including 2022, there is no work-related fatality in the Group and no injury case was reported among Hong Kong employees. The factory recorded 19 (2021: 18) injury cases with 345 (2021: 286) lost days due to work injuries. Every injury case underwent a detailed review and evaluation, with precautionary measures put in place to avoid a repeat occurrence. Extra training was conducted with the parties involved.

The Group understands that natural disasters and accidents are unavoidable, and our management aims to mitigate any damage during mishaps. An emergency and fire drill, and fire precautionary training are conducted once a year in both the Hong Kong office and the production plant. First-aid training is provided to staff and workers. Training in safe handling of chemicals is also conducted for related workers on the production floors. In the production plant, a patrolling team is responsible for carrying out audits regarding workplace efficiency, effectiveness, and safety measure.

In addition to workplace safety, a healthy lifestyle is promoted to all employees. Talks on health & wellness and a variety of activities related to sports are arranged for employees' participation. The aim of these activities is to achieve a sustainable work-life balance.



Workforce a	and Turn	over R	ate												
		2022			2021			2020			2019			2018	
	Hong			Hong			Hong			Hong			Hong		
Age	Kong	PRC	Overseas	Kong	PRC	Overseas	Kong	PRC	Overseas	Kong	PRC	Overseas	Kong	PRC	Overseas
Male															
18-45	46	2,108	22	48	818	19	55	613	16	63	721	16	68	1,244	14
46–65	37	105	16	32	84	17	26	74	17	24	65	16	40	57	18
Turnover rate	8.4%	30.8%	11.1%	13.0%	27.0%	2.7%	4.6%	13.1%	2.9%	14.9%	30.8%	9.4%	14.7%	26.7%	6.1%
Female															
18-45	30	2,860	11	31	2,211	11	26	2,226	11	19	2,424	9	23	3,405	9
46–65	14	476	6	14	435	5	17	417	5	19	373	6	18	340	7
Turnover rate	29.5%	23.2%	0%	15.1%	24.2%	11.1%	0%	14.9%	5.9%	10.5%	26.4%	0%	11.9%	24.7%	12.9%
Employment															
<b>Type</b> Staff	127	1,562	55	125	908	52	124	696	49	125	702	47	149	1,034	48
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Workers	0	3,987	0	0	2,640	0	0	2,634	0	0	2,881	0	0	4,012	0
Full-time	126	5,549	55	124	3,548	52	123	3,330	49	124	3,583	47	-	-	-
Part-time	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	-	-	-

Deve	lopme	ent and	d Traiı	ning																
	Total Training Hours	202 Total Participants	Total	Average Training Hours per Staff Member	Total Training Hours	2( Total Participants	D21 Total Headcounts	Average Training Hours per Staff Member	Total Training Hours	20: Total Participants	Total	Average Training Hours per Staff Member	Total Training Hours	20 Total Participants	Total	Average Training Hours per Staff Member	Total Training Hours	Total	)18 Total Headcounts	Average Training Hours per Staff Member
HK Staff																				
Male	1,131	84	47	23.3	378	63	46	8.2	5	5	1	5	50	20	20	2.5	532	101	53	10.0
Female	281	32	21	12.9	121	31	26	4.7	11	1	1	11	69	24	22	3.1	74	37	21	3.5
PRC Staff																				
Male	12,167	1,743	1,071	11.4	3,396	1,531	269	12.6	0	0	0	0	3,236	1,219	469	6.9	4,166	1,604	626	6.7
Female	5,464	765	486	11.2	3,590	1,341	302	11.9	0	0	0	0	2,190	753	322	6.8	2,812	1,009	407	6.9
PRC Workers																				
Male	10,907	3,175	1,397	7.8	7,054	1,968	1,170	6.0	850	449	449	1.9	6,510	2,070	434	15.0	10,120	2,936	612	16.5
Female	17,095	6,681	3,220	5.3	16,650	6,119	3,238	5.1	5,426	2,954	2,954	1.8	16,614	5,827	2,556	6.5	19,017	7,434	3,271	5.8
Total																				
Male	24,205	5,002	2,515	9.6	10,828	3,562	1,485	7.3	855	454	450	1.9	9,796	3,309	923	10.6	14,818	4,641	1,291	11.5
Female	22,840	7,478	3,727	6.1	20,361	7,491	3,566	5.7	5,437	2,955	2,955	1.8	18,873	6,604	2,900	6.5	21,903	8,480	3,699	5.9

Note:

The significant increase in the training data in 2022 was due to the impact of the epidemic in 2021 and the avoidance of crowd gatherings, resulting in a significant reduction in training arrangement. In 2022, the epidemic in mainland China was under control, and training course was resumed.

## **Development and Training**

The Group values its employees and is committed to providing an ideal workplace in which its staff members may grow and develop. At the same time, the Group promotes a staff engagement culture and aims to build an innovative, energetic and highly motivated workforce to meet with accelerating business development.

The Group's policy is to ensure that all employees achieve personal growth in their careers, and training is therefore encouraged. This is usually held during working hours, so that employees need not sacrifice personal time for training. A flexible work pattern may be scheduled for Hong Kong staff members working in the production plant if they need to pursue further studies.

All new employees are required to undergo orientation training organised by the Human Resources department to better comprehend the Group's core values, business goals, as well as code of conduct.

Training covers a wide range of topics including operational skills, craftsmanship, display technology, quality standards, environmental matters, health and safety and soft management skills. Senior managerial staff members are usually invited to be technical instructors. External coaches are employed for specific trainings on soft management skills. In 2022, external trainers conducted a series of Executive training for senior executives. The training aimed at fostering personal development, teamwork, managerial, problem solving, and interpersonal skills.

In the same year, the Group also provided a training on Fraud and Anti-corruption for directors and employees to discourage any form of corruption. The Group held a seminar on fraud education for directors, organised by the Internal Audit Department. The training content included the impact of fraud on a company, fraud prevention and reporting, and related regulations and case studies. Participants included the directors, 106 sales & marketing staff and 44 purchasing staff, and 263 staff members of other departments (including team and section leaders), approximately 38% of attendance, a total of 413 employees joined. The remaining 62% employees participated by reading the training materials to gain knowledge and updates of anti-corruption. The relevant training materials can be found in the Company's public domain.

Training Topics	Total Training Hours
Professional development	19,128
Legislative training	6,207
Orientation training	4,857
Industry knowledge training	14,096
Sustainability and ESG development	2,268
Other trainings	489
Total	47,045

## **Labour Standards**

The Group complies with and observes the respective Labour Laws and Regulations in its operating countries. As a responsible employer, the following principles are strictly enforced:

- No child labour
- Ensure that wages comply with or exceed the minimum legal requirements of the country where employees are based
- Overtime practice is based on a voluntary pattern, no forced labour is allowed
- Respect for the opinions of general employees and the labour union
- Formal complaint channels are established and are regularly promoted to employees
- Equal employment opportunities employment of disadvantaged employees and diversity and inclusion are encouraged in the workplace
- Harassment and abuse these are actively discouraged in any form, to or among all employees
- Protection of privacy and personal data at work

All potential applicants are required to complete the Company's Employment Application Form, where personal data such as, names, contact details, ID numbers, etc. will be provided by the applicants. Human Resources Department will then reference check the ID cards to ensure that they meet the minimum age standard, i.e. 18 years old or above. If the Group observes any serious violation of the company system by employee, it is entitled to terminate their employment relations.

## **People Caring**

The Hong Kong headquarters was awarded the "Happiness-atwork Promotional Scheme" logo sponsored by the Hong Kong Enhancement Happiness Index Fund for 10 consecutive years in 2022. The Company has been committed to promoting and creating a pleasant working environment. Building a "Happy Workplace" can help motivate employees' morale. The ultimate goal of achieving people and things.

In addition, the Hong Kong headquarters was also awarded the "Good Employer Charter" organized by the Labour Consultation Promotion Division of the Labour Department in 2022 to commend the Group's employment measures that care for employees, promote work-family or personal life balance, employee benefits that are better than the labour law and good communication with employees.

The Group arranges annual heath check for its employees in the PRC. We also encourage work-life balance, and interest classes such as yoga, aerobics, and dancing were organised in the Heyuan production plant to encourage healthy living, and attracted many colleagues to join, which enhanced the cohesion of the Group, and strengthened the physical and mental development of employees.



## **Supply Chain Management**

The Group takes a collaborative approach to supply chain sustainability management, as it views its suppliers as part of an interdependent ecosystem.

In 2022, the Group took the initiative to evaluate its suppliers' social responsibility performance. Both material suppliers and logistics service vendors were included in an evaluation distribution list. Completed questionnaires helped the Group to understand and evaluate the performance of its suppliers and vendors in the aspects of:

- Work hours
- Child labour

- Forced labour
- Health and safety
- Environmental concerns
- Corporate social responsibility

### **Table of Distribution and Response Status**

	Number	Percentage (%)
Total No. of major suppliers for manufacturing operations	107	-
Total No. of major suppliers questionnaires sent	107	100
Total No. of completed questionnaires returned	93	87

Table of Results		
Rating	Number	Percentage (%)
Outstanding	60	64.5
Above Average	24	25.8
Average	9	9.7
Need Improvement	0	0
Below Standard	0	0
Total	93	100

## **Distribution of Suppliers**

Suppliers are divided into material suppliers and logistics service vendors, and machinery makers. Certain material suppliers are requested to sign a declaration declaring that their packing material and Bill of Material (BOM) contains no hazardous substance. There was no reported case of violation of the declaration by any of our suppliers in the reporting period.

## Suppliers by Geographical Region

	PRC	Asia	Europe	United States
Material Suppliers	311	45	18	14
Logistics Service Vendors	2	5	5	2

## **Selection and Evaluation of Suppliers**

The Group selects suppliers and purchases materials and/or services from suppliers and vendors using three methods, namely, price comparison, bidding and sentinel procurement. Audits of suppliers and vendors are performed on a regular basis. Results are compiled for review by the Supplier Quality Team and are approved by the department head of Quality.

Criteria for audit include:

- General operation and workforce condition
  - capability for semi and/or fully automation
  - financial analysis
  - nature of business
- Quality qualification
- Quality system training
- Inspection procedures for quality systems
- Handling procedures for customer complaints
- Calibration
- Material suppliers control and handling procedures
- Production process control and inspection
- Past performance record

## **Service Vendors**

The Logistics Department screens and selects service vendors by considering of the following factors:

- Company background financial stability, reputation and global network
- Pricing, competitiveness and future new technology development
- Services performance track record, efficiency and customer service
- Environmental performance for instance, most of vendors use trucks compliant with Euro IV and V standards

### **Machinery Makers**

The Logistics Department screens and selects machinery makers by considering of the following factors:

- Company background financial stability, reputation and global network
- Pricing, competitiveness and future new technology development
- Past track record
- Response time and customer servicing

## **Environmental and Social Risks of Supply Chain**

The Group had established and strictly observing the guidelines and procedures as accordance to Group's policy. Essentially, we adhered to high ethical standards and fair competition practises during our procurement processes. We performed annual performance evaluation for supplier to ensure they continuous delivering the quality services.

In view of the increasing environmental concerns in society, the Group is aware of the importance in managing environmental and social risks of its supply chain. The Group has embedded environmental and social consideration in the procurement process and supplier communication. Supplier's environmental, social and governance policies, including emissions, use of resources, environmental and natural resources, health and safety, staff development and training, the prevention of child labour, product responsibility and anticorruption would be measured. The Group will continue to monitor its supply chain regarding the environmental and social standards.

We have also formulated policies and procedures to ensure that the suppliers could compete in a transparent and fair way. The Group should not have differentiate or discriminate treatment on certain suppliers. The procedures include measures to prevent all kinds of business bribery and conflict of interest such as the avoidance of employees' personal interest directly or indirectly in or given by the suppliers.

For further information regarding the Group's measures in relation to environmental compliance, safety and quality control, please refer to the sections headed "Environment", "Health and Safety" and "Product Responsibility".

## **Product Responsibility**

The Group has no recall on products sold or shipped due to safety and health reasons in 2022. There are average 135 cases and 151 cases per month of automotive quality enquiries in 2021 and 2022 respectively.

Safety is always the core of the Group quality policy. To pursue such policy, the Group is qualified by International Standard: ISO 14001 and QC 080000. With these standards, the Group has developed an intensive system, to ensure no harmful substances (dangerous material lists from RoHS/REACH) going into BOEVx finished goods. As a result, there is no concerned recall in 2022 record.

As one of major automotive component suppliers, the Group takes responsibility for providing customers with quality and completed after-sale services. Such responsibility covers 8-discipline reporting (8D), customer complaint review meeting (CCR) and 6 sigma improvement plan (6 sigma). With 8D approach, the negative impact from defects is quickly limited by containment action (which is mostly defined in 48 hours). With weekly CCR, "cause and action" will be fully consolidated across departments like Production, Process and Design. Furthermore, to achieve reject rate in PPM (parts per million) level, 6 sigma is carried out yearly with the involvement of the senior management.

The Group's prime objective is to provide high quality products that fully conform to their requirements and specifications. This commitment is fundamental to all work undertaken and is closely observed by all members of the Group in their daily activities. All products must strictly comply with the Group's policy of operating Quality Management System that fully meets the requirements of ISO 9001 and IATF 16949 for automotive products and customer requirements for supplementary standards. This standard stipulates all processes from product development to completion of production and to after-sale services. In addition, Hazardous Substance Process Management is in place where procedures and related processes have been assessed and confirmed to be compliant with QC 080000. The production plants in Heyuan and Chengdu are accredited with ISO 14001, ISO 9001, IATF 16949, QC 080000 and ISO 45001 certifications.

The "2485 principle" is the fine tradition of "customer-oriented" that the Group has adhered to for many years. It responds positively within 2 hours, responds twice within 24 hours and gives emergency measures; responds 3 times within 48 hours and provides cause analysis and formulate countermeasures; responds and implements the countermeasures 4 times within 5 days, and verify the effectiveness of the countermeasures.

To ensure stringent quality management, the Group's Incoming Quality Control Team screens the incoming materials by sampling scheme. Only good quality materials that meet the requirements are accepted for the production process. Similarly, finished goods go through a stringent quality check before being passed to the finished goods warehouse. The Quality Department and sales people also provide comprehensive service ranging from failure analysis and 8D reporting to production and process improvement when handling customer enquiries.

Automatic Optical Inspection (AOI) and Vision System Test (VST) are used by the TFT/TP module department of the plant for automatic screen inspection and automatic OTP program. Through automatic lighting of products, high-speed camera image capture, automatic image analysis, detection of product display defects, such as points, lines, dust spots, spots, mura, and electrical defects, and automatically product test information with product ID upload to MES system. The application of AOI and VST in machine vision will bring the cost lower than the labor rising cost, adapt to 24-hour uninterrupted and repetitive work, and the effect is stable.





The Company regularly offers marketing training and lectures to marketers, strengthens the awareness of marketing, improves employees' responsibility awareness continuously, and promotes the healthy development of the Company. During the year, the Company launches some special training sessions, e.g. the head of the CSO customer service center shared the organizational structure, functional interpretation, business process, and operation management and etc., and discussed how the CSO customer service team can better cooperate with other business departments to further improve customer satisfaction.

## **Protection of Intellectual Property Rights**

Recognizing that intellectual properties are important assets to an enterprise, the Group has always adhered to the concept of respect for intellectual property, being devoted to implementing protection for intellectual properties. The intellectual properties as possessed by the Group include but not limited to patents, trademarks, designs, copyrights and trade secrets, with protection scopes covering products, technologies, designs, processes, commercial information, video/audio/graphic materials, software and etc. These intellectual properties can be maintained and used in various legitimate ways such as application for registration, confidentiality measure, enforcement, litigation and etc. Suitable administration systems for intellectual properties are adopted both internally and externally. The Group respects intellectual property rights of third parties, particularly those of the cooperating parties of the Group, and proactively avoids unauthorized use of relevant intellectual properties. Contracts of cooperation projects will be reviewed by the involved parties before commencement, with security and confidentiality measures taken during the process. During the course of cooperation, confidentiality, licensing, acquisition and other agreements can be signed with mutual respect, for the sake of lawful acquirement and transfer of intellectual properties among the different parties, therefore achieving mutual benefits.

Varitronix (Heyuan) Display Technology Ltd. ("Varitronix (HY)"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, was recognized as the 2022 "National Intellectual Property Demonstration Enterprise" by the State Intellectual Property Office, becoming the first enterprise in Heyuan City to receive this honor, and realized Heyuan City's national intellectual property demonstration enterprise zero breakthrough. The Company has established a complete intellectual property management system and passed the certification of intellectual property standards in 2022. Up to now, Varitronix (HY) has been granted 73 patents, including 38 invention patents and 35 utility model patents, and has won 5 China Patent Excellence Awards for 3 consecutive years.

## **Data Protection and Privacy Policies**

In order to gain trust from our stakeholders, the security of their personal information is important to us. The Group acknowledges the importance in handling the personal information carefully.

The Group understands stakeholders use their personal information for different purpose. Therefore, it is important for us to handle this information with care. To protect this information from any unauthorised access, accidental loss and destruction, the Group adopts appropriate security measures in the transfer and storage of the personal data.



### **Anti-Corruption**

The Group places emphasis on ensuring all business is conducted in accordance with relevant local laws and regulations, with policies in place to safeguard against corruption activities. Such measures are preventive, detective and punitive in nature.

To commit a high standard of corporate governance, the Group has also devised a whistleblowing policy for all employees of the Group to report serious concerns about any misconduct, malpractice or irregularities that the Company or any of its subsidiaries has been or may become involved in. Whistleblowing matters may include but are not confined to breach of legal or regulatory requirements (such as corruption or acts of fraud) or, malpractice, impropriety or fraud relating to internal controls, accounting, auditing and financial matters of the Group. An employee of the Group who has a legitimate malpractice concern should report to the audit committee of the Company. The Group issued an internal announcement during the year, reiterating that the existing whistleblowing mechanism, and ensured that all employees understand the relevant policy. The Group assess the efficiency of current whistleblowing measures annually. In case of appropriate necessity, the Group will amend existing policies or develop and introduce additional policies.

The Group will make every effort to treat all disclosures in a confidential and sensitive manner. The identity of the individual employee of the Group making the allegation will not be divulged without the employee's consent, where appropriate. Harassment or victimization of a genuine whistle blower will be treated as gross misconduct, which if proven, may result in dismissal.

Extract of whistleblowing policy:

Reporting Channel	_	Employee who has a legitimate malpractice concern should report to the Audit Committee via email.
Protection and Confidentiality	—	Employees may raise a concern anonymously or in confidence.
		The Group will protect their identity and will not disclose it without their consent.
	_	The Group will ensure that employees should not suffer any form of intimidation, reprisal, retaliation or adverse reaction as a consequence of whistleblowing.
Investigation Procedure	_	The format and the length of an investigation will vary depending upon the nature and particular circumstances of each complaint made, including:
		— be investigated internally;
		<ul> <li>be referred to the external organisation;</li> </ul>
		be referred to the

- be referred to the appropriate regulatory body.
- The Audit Committee or the person designated to investigate the complaint will write to the complainant, acknowledging that the concern has been received, telling the complainant whether any initial enquiries have been made, and whether further investigations will take place.



Record Retention — In the event a reported impropriety leads to an investigation, all relevant information relating to the case shall be retained, including details of corrective action taken.

## Policies include:

- Code of conduct, which covers conflict of interests and acceptance of advantages/benefits
- Anti-corruption policy
- Whistle-blowing policy
- Entertainment policy
- Travel policy

In addition, the Staff Handbook has stipulated rules and regulations for employees. The clear layout of policies can prevent arguments and disputes from employees. All employees shall sign and abide by the "BOEVx Declaration of Professional Ethics", follow the code of conducts and professional ethics, and are subjected to supervision. During the reporting period, no concluded legal case regarding corruption has been uncovered.

## **Community Involvement & Charity**

As a responsible enterprise, the Group is committed to encouraging caring for the community and help those in need. In 2022, the Group made charitable and other donations of over HK\$180,000.



The Group is involved in a variety of events that combine charity and sports. In 2022, the Group sponsored colleagues to participate in:

- Standard Chartered Marathon
- Oxfam Trailwalker

In the PRC, the Heyuan production plant participated in the "Guangdong Poverty Alleviation Day" fundraising event every year, to help the poor.

## Scholarship

Since 2012, the Heyuan plant established a school-enterprise cooperation with the Heyuan Polytechnic to enrol students in "Specialized BOEVx Class". A scholarship is sponsored for outstanding students. In addition, the Group has also specially set up a "Specialized BOEVx Scholarship" to help students with financial needs to complete their studies.



## **Combat Against Coronavirus**

In response to the continual challenges brought on by the outbreak of COVID-19, the Group continues to be highly vigilant in maintaining its stringent pandemic prevention and control measures. To ensure a swift response to the ever-changing situation, the established pandemic prevention taskforce closely monitors and regularly reviews the efficacy of its control measures. Updates on control measures are disseminated to its employees and other relevant stakeholders in a timely manner. Concerted effort from different functions is made to protect employees' holistic well-being, maintain overall production capability and ensure product quality.



disruptions to manufacturing for some of

the product lines. There was a job

arrangement for affected employees in

order to meet delivery requirements.

Comprehensive pandemic prevention	Under the supervision of the pandemic prevention taskforce and the human resources department, all components of our operations are well-equipped for pandemic prevention. During the year we also provided free nucleic acid testing for all employees, arranged quarantine for employees who returned to the workplace after public holidays, and handled suspected and confirmed cases swiftly and safely.	Employee support	The established health information platform continues to act as an important and direct bridge between the Group and its employees. The platform contains the latest anti-pandemic measures and collects information on employees' daily health conditions. Moreover, the management keeps in close contact with the taskforce to ensure employees' opinions and needs are effectively communicated.
Flexible work arrangement	Contingency plans were drawn to maintain productivity during the pandemic. To reduce physical contact among employees, staggered working hours and lunch breaks were arranged where necessary. Employees who were unable to return to the workplace adopted remote working. The global spread of the pandemic brought		In addition, employees' rights to welfare and benefits remained protected during the pandemic. Salaries were paid according to legal requirements to all including employees unable to return for duty. The Group also provided all employees with epidemic insurance to cover pandemic-related costs.

Smooth operations

To ensure supply chain stability, suppliers established relevant contingency working groups and response plans.

Maintaining production quality is of great importance to the continual success of business. Therefore, we provided employees with physical and online training on business introductions to reduce the number of avoidable physical gatherings and the risk of infection.



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# **APPENDIX 1**

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

# **DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**



## **GAO Wenbao**

aged 48, is our Executive Director and the Chairman appointed since September 2018. Due to the term of office of Mr. Gao expired, he was re-appointed as an Executive Director and the Chairman in April 2019 and 2022. Mr. Gao is the chairman of the Nomination Committee and Investment Committee, and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company.

Mr. Gao holds a doctor degree in microelectronics and solid-state electronics from Jilin University. Mr. Gao joined BOE since 2003. He worked as a deputy technical director, a production director and an executive deputy general manager of BOE, a local commander and a general manager of the 8.5th generation TFT-LCD production line in Chongqing, a project commander in chief of the 6th generation AMOLED production line in Chengdu, a senior vice president and etc of the BOE Group.

Mr. Gao is currently the group president and BOEU principal of the back-desk (business support system) of BOE, and the chief commander of the mid-desk of Chengdu automotive display technology project team of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the front-desk head and the B11 deputy head of the mid-desk of OLED manufacturing centre of the mid-desk of manufacturing of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE.



#### KO Wing Yan, Samantha

aged 43, is an Executive Director and the Vice Chairlady of the Company appointed since October 2014 and January 2019 respectively. Ms. Ko is a member of the Remuneration Committee and the Investment Committee of the Company and a director of various subsidiaries of the Group. Ms. Ko was also appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company in March 2015 and was redesignated to a Co-chief Executive Officer of the Company in April 2016 before redesignated to the current position. Ms. Ko was appointed as an independent non-executive director of Qingdao Alnnovation Technology Group Co., Ltd which is listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange in May 2021.

Ms. Ko holds a Bachelor Degree in Economics and Mathematics from Mount Holyoke College, U.S.A., and a Master Degree in Finance from the Imperial College, London. She has over 7 years of experience in banking and has extensive experience in the securities and capital markets, and was a director of global markets — structured credit and fund solutions of HSBC until August 2009. Before joining HSBC, Ms. Ko served at Morgan Stanley (Hong Kong) and JP Morgan Securities Limited (London).



#### **SU Ning**

aged 42, is our Executive Director and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company since April 2016 and January 2019 respectively. He was appointed as a Co-chief Executive Officer of the Company in April 2016 before redesignated to the current position. Due to the term of office of Mr. Su expired, he was re-appointed as an Executive Director and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company in April 2019 and 2022. Mr. Su is a member of the Nomination Committee and the Investment Committee, and a director of various subsidiaries of the Group.

Mr. Su graduated from the Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Sciences with a master degree in engineering. Since 2005, Mr. Su has served as a deputy division chief in the module technical department, a deputy department head in the new application business department, the division chief, a deputy general manager in the application business department of Beijing BOE Optoelectronics Technology Co., Ltd. (a subsidiary of BOE). Mr. Su is a general manager of the application business department of Beijing BOE Display Technology Co., Ltd. (a subsidiary of BOE).

Mr. Su is currently the general manager of the front-desk of automotive SBU and the executive chief commander of the middesk of Chengdu automotive display technology project team of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE.



#### **SHAO Xibin**

aged 53, is our Non-executive Director appointed since April 2019. Due to the term of office of Mr. Shao expired, he was reappointed as a Non-executive Director in April 2022. Mr. Shao graduated from Changchun Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences with a doctor degree in condensed matter physics. From 1994 to 2006, Mr. Shao worked at Changchun Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Tohoku University and Jilin North Color Crystal Display Co., Ltd.. Since 2006, Mr. Shao joined the BOE Group. He worked as a deputy director of strategic planning department, a director of research and development of central research institute, a director of product development of BOE Display, a director of DT development and a department head of TV development, a deputy head of IT/TV product development, head of IT/TV product development, the chief product officer, a co-chief technology officer of Display Business Group of BOE.

Mr. Shao is currently the chief new product officer of the middesk of the technology and product of the mid-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the deputy head of LCD product development centre of the middesk of the technology and product of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the deputy head of the middesk of the technology and the product mid-desk terminal product and technology coordination of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT



#### **JIN Hao**

aged 49, is our Non-executive Director appointed since April 2019. Due to the term of office of Mr. Jin expired, he was reappointed as a Non-executive Director in April 2022. Mr. Jin graduated from Northeast Forestry University with a bachelor's degree in trade economy. From 1997 to 2003, Mr. Jin worked at Beijing Gucheng Tourism Vocational School, K.E.D. Co., Ltd. and BTC Information and Communication Co., Ltd.. Since 2003, Mr. Jin joined the BOE Group. He worked as a department head of sales planning management department of BOE Optoelectronics.

Mr. Jin is currently the deputy person in charge of the mid-desk of the planning and operation of the mid-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the deputy head of the mid-desk of the production and marketing operation centre of the planning and operation of the mid-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the team leader of the front-desk of the display business digital transformation management office of the front-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE and the team leader of business operation team of Shenzhen of the middesk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE.



### FUNG, Yuk Kan Peter

aged 56, is our Independent Non-executive Director appointed since June 2016. Mr. Fung is the Chairman of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee, and a member of the Nomination Committee of the Company. Mr. Fung was trained and qualified in KPMG London before returning to KPMG Hong Kong in 1993. Since his return Mr. Fung has travelled regularly into China to lead different types of China projects, including Initial Public Offerings and due diligence exercises for merger and acquisitions. Mr. Fung became a partner in October 2000. Later in 2006 he moved to and started stationing in Beijing. In the past two decades, he has been in many positions within KPMG, including the partner in-charge of large accounts, regional head of audit and regional head of business development.

Mr. Fung's last position before retirement is the Global Chair of KPMG Global China Practice ("GCP"). The GCP is a community of professionals in China and across the globe with a total focus on inbound and outbound China businesses and assists Chinese businesses with their globalisation strategy and helps multinational companies enter or expand into the China market. In this role, he regularly meets with market players to discuss the continuous development of China and issues confronting executives from different businesses. He also writes publications and appears in conferences and events as presenters/panelists to share his experience and views on these matters.

Mr. Fung is a fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales and a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He obtained a bachelor of science in Economics from London School of Economics and Political Science in 1988.



#### **CHU, Howard Ho Hwa**

aged 58, is our Independent Non-executive Director appointed since June 2016. He is a member of the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee of the Company. Mr. Chu has 20 years of business experience and 15 years of experience in corporate governance. Mr. Chu is a partner of Go Capital Limited which is a private equity firm based in Hong Kong and Shanghai. Mr. Chu was appointed as an independent non-executive director of Guolian Securities Co., Ltd. and Crypto Flow Technology Limited which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange in June 2019 and the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange in September 2022 respectively.

From 2012 and 28 February 2018, Mr. Chu was the chief executive officer of mReferral Corporation (HK) Limited which is a leading mortgage referral company and is a joint venture of Midland Holdings Limited and Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited. From March 2012 to June 2012, he was the chief financial officer of China Smart Electric Co. Ltd.. From July 2009 to October 2011, he was the chief financial officer of Trony Solar Holdings Company Limited which is a publicly listed company on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. From September 2010 to May 2012, he was an independent non-executive Director of China Kingstone Mining Holdings Limited which is a publicly listed company on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. He has previously worked for Shanghai Century Acquisition Corporation, a company listed on the American Stock Exchange, and United Energy Group Limited, a company listed on the Stock Exchange. He was a director at ABN AMRO Asia Corporate Finance Ltd. and was also a director at the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd.. From June 2012 to June 2015, he was an independent non-executive Director of Weichai Power Co. Ltd. which is a publicly listed company on the Main Board of Stock Exchange. He resigned as an independent non-executive director of Directel Holdings Limited which is listed on the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange in June 2016.

He obtained a master degree of business administration from the Columbia University and a bachelor degree of science from the University of Rochester in 1990 and 1986 respectively.



## **HOU Ziqiang**

aged 85, is our Independent Non-executive Director appointed since March 2005. He is a member of the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee of the Company. Mr. Hou graduated from Peking University in 1958 with a Bachelor's degree in Physics. From 1993 to 1997, Mr. Hou was a director of the Institute of Acoustics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. From 1988 to 1993, Mr. Hou was a secretary general of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

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#### **Subsequent to the Financial Year**

#### **MENG Chao**

aged 35, is our Non-executive Director appointed in February 2023. Mr. Meng graduated from Beijing Institute of Technology with a master's degree in business management. Since 2009, Mr. Meng joined BOE. He was the deputy head of the Planning and Finance Department, the deputy head of the Budget Analysis Section of the Budget Management Department, the deputy head of the Budget Management Department, the head of the Smart System Budget and Operation Innovation Department, the head of the Major Project Performance Management Section of Budget Management Department and the deputy head of the Budget Center of BOE.

Mr. Meng is currently the head of the financial operation management center in Display Devices and IoT Innovation Business of CFO organisation of the back-desk of BOE (business support system), and the head of the back-desk (business support system) of CFO organisation of the budgeting center.

#### **PANG Chunlin**

aged 52, is our Independent Non-executive Director appointed in April 2023. Mr. Pang is a member of the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee of the Company. Mr. Pang graduated from Kunming University of Science and Technology with a master's degree in business administration. Mr. Pang is a member of, among others, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology Expert Committee of Vehicles Network Identity Authentication and Safety Trust Work in Vehicles Network Safety Field\* (工業和信息 化部車聯網安全領域車聯網身份認證和安全信任工作專家 委員會); the deputy chairman of the Artificial Intelligence Sub-Committee of The Chinese Society for Agricultural Machinery\* (中國農業機械學會人工智能分會委員會); the deputy secretary-general of the Agricultural Electronics Sub-Technical Committee of the National Agricultural Machinery Standardization Technical Committee (TC201)\* (全國農業機械 標準化技術委員會(TC201)農業電子分技術委員會).

Mr. Pang is an independent director of ZKTeco Co., Ltd., the shares of which are listed on the Growth Enterprise Market of the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. From May 2022 to April 2023, Mr. Pang was a non-independent director of Shenzhen Qingyi Photomask Limited, the shares of which are listed on the Science and Technology Innovation Board of the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

# SENIOR MANAGEMENT'S BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

## **CHUNG Kai Cheong**

aged 45, is the Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of the Group. He obtained a Master's degree in Corporate Governance and Compliance from Hong Kong Baptist University and a Bachelor's degree majoring in Accountancy from The City University of Hong Kong. He is a Fellow Member of each the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and The Chartered Governance Institute. He joined the Group in April 2022.

### **CHOI Wing**

aged 44, is the Chief Operating Officer of the Group. She obtained a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and a Master's degree in Data Science and Business Statistics from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She joined the Group in October 2000.

#### **PARK Soo Bin, James**

aged 52, is the Chief Marketing Officer of the Group. He obtained a Bachelor's degree in Physics from Sogang University in South Korea. He joined the Group in October 2006.

### LO Pak Chi, Patrick

aged 49, is the General Manager responsible for operation of the Heyuan plant of the Group. He obtained a Bachelor's degree in Applied Physics from The Hong Kong Baptist University. He joined the Group in May 1998.

#### **CHENG Wei**

aged 41, is the General Manager — Smart Vehicle Solutions (China region), and is responsible for Systems and Smart Vehicle Solutions of the Group. He obtained a degree in Information Engineering from the Beijing Institute of Technology, China and a Master's degree in Software Engineering from the Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China. Before joining the Group, Mr. Cheng served at BOE Group and has more than 16 years of TFT module production and operational experience. He joined the Group in August 2017.

#### LUO Ning

aged 36, is the General Manager responsible for operation of the Chengdu plant of the Group. He obtained a Bachelor's degree in Optical Information Science and Technology from Wuhan Institute of Technology, China. He joined the Group in May 2021.

#### MA Chung Man, Alex

aged 47, is the Assistant General Manager — Purchasing of the Group. He obtained a degree in Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering from the University of Hong Kong and a Master's degree in System Engineering and Engineering Management from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He joined the Group in October 1998.

#### NG Ah Loi, Lloyd

aged 55 is the Assistant General Manager — Head of Quality of the Group. He obtained a Bachelor's degree in Applied Physics from the City University of Hong Kong. Mr. Ng has over 15 years of experience in automotive quality assurance management. He joined the Group in August 2017.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE **Report**

The Company is committed to achieving and maintaining a high standard of corporate governance. The Board (the "Board") of Directors (the "Directors") recognises that such commitment is essential in upholding the accountability and transparency and to achieve a balance of interests between the shareholders, customers, creditors, employees as well as other stakeholders.

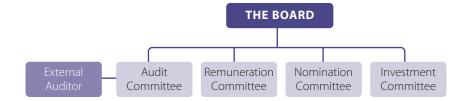
# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

The corporate governance standards of the Company are built on the principles of independence, accountability, transparency and fairness. The Company has adopted and complied with the code provision set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") contained in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). The Board has taken actions and measures to ensure that the Company is in all aspects in strict compliance. In the opinion of the Directors, the Company has complied with the code provisions of the CG Code throughout the year ended 31 December 2022.

# MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted a code of conduct on securities transactions by directors (the "Code of Conduct") on terms no less exacting than those required standards set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules. Following specific enquiry by the Company, all Directors confirmed that they have complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code and the Code of Conduct throughout the year under review.

The Company has also adopted a code of conduct on securities transactions by employees on terms no less exacting than those required standards set out in the Model Code.



# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Company benefits from the professional management expertise of its Directors. Brief biographies of the Directors are set out in the "Board of Directors and Senior Management" section in this Annual Report. The professional management expertise of the Directors ensures that the Board has the capabilities of sustaining the Company's continued success.

As at 19 April 2023 (the latest practicable date), Board comprises three Executive Directors, three Non-executive Directors and four Independent Non-executive Directors.

Executive Directors:

Mr. Gao Wenbao *(Chairman)* Ms. Ko Wing Yan, Samantha *(Vice Chairlady)* Mr. Su Ning *(Chief Executive Officer)*  Non-executive Directors: Mr. Shao Xibin

Mr. Jin Hao Mr. Meng Chao (appointed on 17 February 2023) Mr. Zhang Jianqiang (passed away in 2023)

Independent	Mr. Fung, Yuk Kan Peter
Non-executive	Mr. Chu, Howard Ho Hwa
Directors:	Mr. Hou Ziqiang
	Mr. Pang Chunlin (appointed on
	7 April 2023)

The Company has established a mechanism to ensure independent views and input are available to the Board. All the Independent Non-executive Directors meet the guidelines for assessment of independence as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

The Board meets at least 4 times a year with additional meetings arranged when necessary to review the financial performance, material investments and other matters of the Group that require the resolution of the Board.

	Number of meetings attended in 2022						
Name	Physical Meeting	Board Written Resolution	Total	2022 GM	Remuneration Committee	Nomination Committee	Audit Committee
Executive Directors:							
Mr. Gao Wenbao	10/10	12/12	22/22	1/2	6/6	2/2	N/A
Ms. Ko Wing Yan, Samantha	10/10	12/12	22/22	1/2	6/6	N/A	N/A
Mr. Su Ning	10/10	12/12	22/22	2/2	N/A	2/2	N/A
Non-executive Directors:							
Mr. Shao Xibin	10/10	12/12	22/22	1/2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mr. Jin Hao	10/10	12/12	22/22	2/2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ms. Zhang Shujun (retired on							
20 January 2022)	N/A	2/2	2/2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mr. Zhang Jianqiang (appointed on							
20 January 2022 and							
passed away in 2023)	9/10	12/12	21/22	2/2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Independent Non-executive Directors:							
Mr. Fung, Yuk Kan Peter	10/10	12/12	22/22	2/2	6/6	2/2	3/3
Mr. Chu, Howard Ho Hwa	10/10	12/12	22/22	2/2	6/6	2/2	3/3
Mr. Hou Ziqiang	10/10	12/12	22/22	2/2	6/6	2/2	3/3

During the financial year ended 31 December 2022, a total of 10 physical meetings and 2 general meetings (the "2022 GM") of which 1 is an annual general meeting and 1 is a special general meeting, were held and the attendance of each Director is set out as follows:

The Directors have no financial, business, family or other material/relevant relationships among the members of the Board except that:

(i) Mr. Gao Wenbao is the group president and BOEU principal of the back-desk (business support system) of BOE, and the chief commander of the mid-desk of Chengdu automotive display technology project team of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the front-desk head and the B11 deputy head of the mid-desk of OLED manufacturing centre of the mid-desk of manufacturing of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE. Mr. Su Ning is the general manager of the front-desk of automotive SBU and the executive chief commander of the mid-desk of Chengdu automotive display technology project team of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE. Mr. Shao Xibin is the chief new product officer of the mid-desk of the technology and product of the mid-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the deputy head of LCD product development centre of the mid-desk of the technology and product of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the deputy head of the mid-desk of the technology and the product mid-desk terminal product and technology coordination of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE. Mr. Jin Hao is the deputy person in charge of the mid-desk of the planning and operation of the mid-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the deputy head of the mid-desk of the production and marketing operation centre of the planning and operation of the mid-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the team leader of the front-desk of the display business digital transformation management office of the front-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE and the team leader of business operation team of Shenzhen of the mid-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE. Mr. Meng Chao is the head of the financial operation management center in Display Devices and IoT Innovation Business of CFO organisation of the back-desk of BOE (business support system), and the head of the back-desk (business support system) of CFO organisation of the budgeting center.

In the Board's opinion, these relationships do not affect the Directors' independent judgment and integrity in executing their roles and responsibilities.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

## **Professional Development**

Pursuant to C.1.4 of the CG Code, all Directors should participate in continuous professional development to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills. This is to ensure that their contribution to the Board remains informed and relevant. On 1 November 2022, Baker McKenzie provided an on-line training about the amendments to Listing Rules relating to share schemes; overview of directors' responsibilities; notifiable transactions and connected transactions; and directors' holding and trading securities to the Directors. Up to the date of this report, all Directors have participated in continuous professional development by participating seminars, training course and/or lectures, and/or referring materials on the topics related to corporate governance and regulations.

## **Responsibilities of the Board**

The Board has established the Company's purpose, values and strategy, and satisfy itself that these and the Company's culture are aligned. The Board promotes the desired culture which should instill and continually reinforce across the organisation values of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly.

With integrity, the Board has the collective responsibility for leadership and control of, and for promoting the success of, the Company by directing and supervising the Company's affairs. The Board sets the Group's overall objectives and strategies, monitors and evaluates its operating and financial performance and reviews the corporate governance standard of the Company. It also decides on matters such as interim and annual results, major transactions, director appointments or reappointments, and dividend and accounting policies. The Board has delegated the authority and responsibility for implementing its business strategies and managing the daily operations of the Group's businesses to the management.

The Board has reviewed the implementation and effectiveness of the mechanism which ensures independent views and input are available to it on an annual basis.

#### **Corporate Governance Functions**

No corporate governance committee has been established and the Board is responsible for performing the corporate governance functions such as developing and reviewing the Company's policies, practices on corporate governance, training and continuous professional development of the Directors and senior management of the Group, the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, etc. The terms of reference of the corporate governance functions of the Company was adopted in March 2012. The Board held meetings from time to time whenever necessary. At least 14 days notice of regular Board meetings is given to all Directors and they can include matters for discussion in the agenda as they think fit. The agenda accompanying board papers are sent to all Directors at least 3 days before the date of every Board meeting in order to allow sufficient time for the Directors to review the documents.

Minutes of every Board meeting are circulated to all Directors for their perusal and comments prior to confirmation of the minutes. The Board also ensures that it is supplied in a timely manner with all necessary information in a form and of a quality appropriate to enable it to discharge its duties.

Every Board member has full access to the advice and services of the company secretary of the Company with a view to ensuring that board procedures, and all applicable rules and regulations are followed and they are also entitled to have full access to board papers and related materials so that they are able to make an informed decision and to discharge their duties and responsibilities.

# CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The roles of the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Gao Wenbao and the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Su Ning are separated, with a clear division of responsibilities. The Chairman of the Board is responsible for formulating corporate strategies and overall business development planning. Chief Executive Officer's duty is to oversee the execution of daily business activities. The division of responsibilities is to ensure a balance of power and authority.

The Vice Chairlady, Ms. Ko Wing Yan, Samantha, shall assist the Chairman of the Board in performing the latter's duties and responsibilities. In particular, the Vice Chairlady shall take the important role in monitoring the implementation of the Company's strategies. During the period when the Chairman is absent and the normal functions of the Chairman cannot be carried out, the Vice Chairlady will take the role as the acting Chairman until the Chairman resumes carrying out his normal duties or a new Chairman has been elected and appointed by the Board.

The division of responsibilities between the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer are clearly established and set out in writing in March 2012.

# TERM OF APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

All Non-executive Directors have been appointed for a term of three years and all Independent Non-executive Directors have been appointed for a fixed term expiring on 31 December 2023 or such other date as agreed by the Independent Non-executive Directors. All Directors are subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years under the Company's Bye-laws.

# **BOARD COMMITTEES**

## **Remuneration Committee**

The remuneration committee of the Company (the "RC") is responsible for setting and monitoring the remuneration policy for all Directors and senior management of the Group. The RC comprises Mr. Fung, Yuk Kan Peter (Chairman of the RC), Mr. Gao Wenbao, Ms. Ko Wing Yan, Samantha, Mr. Chu, Howard Ho Hwa, Mr. Hou Ziqiang and Mr. Pang Chunlin. Among the 6 members of the RC, 4 members are Independent Non-Executive Directors. The terms of reference of the RC are available at the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

The roles and functions of the RC include consulting the Chairman of the Board about their remuneration proposals for other Executive Directors, making recommendation to the Board on the Company's remuneration policy and structure for all Directors' and senior management of the Group. The RC has adopted the approach under E.1.2(c) of the CG Code to make recommendations to the Board on the remuneration packages of individual Executive Director and senior management of the Group.

The Company's remuneration policy is to link remuneration packages for Executive Directors and key executives with the achievement of annual and long-term performance goals. By providing competitive and performance-linked compensation, the Company seeks to attract, motivate and retain key executives, which is essential to its long-term success.

The RC held 6 meetings in 2022. During the meeting, the RC reviewed the Company's remuneration policy and fixed the remuneration packages for the Executive Directors and senior management of the Group. No change has been proposed to the remuneration policy and the Directors' remuneration. The number of RC meeting held during the year and record of individual attendance of members, on a named basis, at the meeting held is set out in section headed "BOARD OF DIRECTORS" above in this report.

## Remuneration of Directors and Senior Management

The Directors' remuneration is set out in Note 8 to the consolidated financial statements of this Annual Report.

Mr. Gao Wenbao is not be entitled to any salary for serving as the Chairman of the Board or any director's fee or remuneration for his appointment as an executive Director.

Each of Mr. Shao, Mr. Jin and Mr. Meng has not entered into any service contract with the Company. The Company has entered into an appointment letter with each of them, pursuant to which each was appointed as a non-executive Director. The appointment for each of them is for a term of three years and is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company. Each of them is entitled to an annual director's fee of HK\$200,000 which is determined by the RC and the Board with reference to to each experience and the prevailing market director's fees for non-executive directors. Mr. Shao, Mr. Jin and Mr. Meng have agreed to waive his respective annual director's fee.

The remuneration paid to the members of the senior management (excluding directors) by bands in 2022 is set out below:

Remuneration Bands	Number of Individuals
HK\$1,500,001 to HK\$2,000,000	3
HK\$2,000,001 to HK\$2,500,000	3
HK\$2,500,001 to HK\$3,000,000	2

The RC and the Board have resolved to grant certain awarded shares to directors and employees of the Group for the long term development of the Group. For details of the grant, please refer to sections headed "Share Schemes and Directors' and Chief Executives' Right to Acquire Shares or Debentures" as set out in Report of the Directors for further information.

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## **Nomination Committee**

The nomination committee of the Company (the "NC") comprises Mr. Gao Wenbao (Chairman of the NC), Mr. Su Ning, Mr. Fung, Yuk Kan Peter, Mr. Chu, Howard Ho Hwa, Mr. Hou Ziqiang and Mr. Pang Chunlin. Among the 6 members of the NC, 4 members are Independent Non-executive Directors. The terms of reference of the NC are available at the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

The roles and functions of the NC include reviewing the structure, size and composition of the Board at least annually, making recommendations on any proposed changes to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy, identifying individuals suitably qualified to become members of the Board and selecting individuals nominated for directorship (if necessary), assessing the independence of the Independent Non-executive Directors and making recommendations to the Board on the appointment or re-appointment of directors and succession planning for the directors, in particular the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer. New Directors are sought mainly through referrals. In evaluating whether an appointee is suitable to act as a Director of the Company, the Board will review the independence, experience and expertise of the appointee as well as personal ethics, integrity and time commitment of the appointee.

The NC held 2 meetings in 2022. Issues concerning the structure, size and composition of the Board were discussed and reviewed. The number of NC meeting held during the year and record of individual attendance of members, on a named basis, at the meeting held during is set out in section headed "BOARD OF DIRECTORS" above in this report.

## **Board Diversity Policy**

The Board adopted the board diversity policy (the "Board Diversity Policy") which to comply with the CG Code on board diversity. The Board Diversity Policy was adopted to ensure that diversity in its broadest sense continues to remain a feature of the Board. The NC's assessment of the candidates includes, but is not limited to, consideration of the relevant knowledge and diversity of backgrounds, skills, experience and perspectives that would complement the existing Board. A summary of the Board Diversity Policy, together with the measurable objectives set for implementing it, and the progress made towards achieving those objectives are disclosed as below:

#### — Summary

The Company recognized and embraced the benefits of having a diverse board to the quality of its performance. The Board Diversity Policy aimed to set out the approach to achieve diversity on the board. In designing the board's composition, board diversity has been considered from a number of measurable aspects including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of service. All Board appointments will be based on meritocracy, and candidates will be considered against objective criteria, having due regard for the benefits of diversity on the Board.

#### Measurable objectives

Selection of candidates will be based on a range of diversity perspectives, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills, knowledge, length of service and the amount of time and effort that candidates will devote to discharge their duties and responsibilities and, in the case of independent non-executive director(s), the independence requirements set out in the Listing Rules (as amended from time to time). The ultimate decision will be based on merit and contribution that the selected candidates will bring to the Board. It will not consider diversity to be achieved for a single gender board. The Board's composition will be disclosed in the Corporate Governance Report annually.

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## Implementation and Monitoring

The Nomination Committee is responsible for reviewing the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) of the Board at least annually, taking into account the benefits of all relevant diversity aspects and making recommendations on any proposed changes to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy. The Nomination Committee will report annually, in the Corporate Governance Report, on the Board's composition under diversified perspectives, and monitor the implementation of the Board Diversity Policy.

#### Reviewing

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

The Board constitutes male and female directors, age of different group, knowledge from business development, auditing, accounting and finance, corporate finance, technology development, products, e.t.c. and it is considered there is enough diversity.

The Board should review the implementation and effectiveness of the Board Diversity Policy on board diversity on an annual basis.

## **Audit Committee**

The audit committee of the Company (the "AC") comprises 4 Independent Non-executive Directors: Mr. Fung, Yuk Kan Peter (Chairman of the AC), Mr. Chu, Howard Ho Hwa, Mr. Hou Ziqiang and Mr. Pang Chunlin. The AC is responsible for appointment of external auditors, review of the Group's financial information and oversight of the Group's financial reporting system, risk management and internal control systems. It is also responsible for reviewing the interim and annual results of the Group prior to recommending them to the Board for approval. It meets regularly to review financial reporting and internal control matters and to this end has unrestricted access to both the Company's internal and external auditors. The terms of reference of the AC are available at the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange. The AC held 3 meetings in 2022 in which the Committee reviewed with management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed risk management, internal controls and financial reporting matters so as to ensure that an effective control environment is maintained. The number of AC meeting held during the year and record of individual attendance of members, on a named basis, at meetings held during is set out in section headed "BOARD OF DIRECTORS" above in this report.

The AC also made its recommendation to the Board that the external auditors should be reappointed and approved the remuneration and the terms of engagements of the external auditors.

The internal and external auditors have unrestricted access to the AC, which ensures that their independence remains unimpaired. There was private meeting between the AC and external auditors for the best corporate governance purposes.

There is no disagreement between the Board and the AC on the selection, appointment, resignation or dismissal of the external auditors.

The AC meets and holds discussions with the Executive Directors and other senior management of the Group on the interim results, preliminary results announcement and annual reports. The AC reviews and discusses the management's report and representations with a review to ensure that the Group's consolidated financial statements and prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong. It also considers reports from the Company's external auditors, KPMG, on the scope and the outcome of their annual audit of the consolidated financial statements.

## **Accountability and Audit**

## **Financial Reporting**

The management provides such explanation and information to the Board and reports regularly to the Board on financial position and prospects of the business of the Company so as to enable the Board to make an informed assessment of the financial and other information put before the Board for approval.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities (as set out in the Report of the Independent Auditor) for preparing the financial statements for each financial period with a view to ensuring such financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and of the results and cash flows for that period. The Company's financial statements are prepared in accordance with all relevant statutory requirements and applicable accounting standards. The Directors are responsible for ensuring that appropriate accounting policies are selected and applied consistently; and that judgments and estimates made are prudent and reasonable. The Board was not aware of any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that might cast significant doubt upon the Group's ability to continue as a going concern and the Board has prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. The responsibility of the external auditor is to form an independent opinion, based on their audit, on those consolidated financial statements prepared by the Board and to report their opinion to the shareholders of the Company. The reporting responsibilities of KPMG are set out in the Report of the Independent Auditor on pages 89 to 94 of this Annual Report.

### **Internal Control and Risk Management**

The Board has overall responsibility for evaluating and determining the nature and extent of the risks they are willing to take in achieving the Group's strategic objectives, overseeing the risk management and internal control systems including reviewing their effectiveness through the AC to ensure appropriate and effective risk management and internal control systems are in place. The Company has established an Internal Audit Department and the Risk Management Committee (the "RMC"). The RMC consists of representatives from operations departments, the Finance Department and the Internal Audit Department of the Company.

The AC assists the Board in meeting its responsibility for maintaining effective systems of risk management and internal control. The AC reviews all significant aspects of risk management and internal control, including financial, operational and compliance controls; the adequacy of resources, qualifications and experience, training programmes and budgets of the staff of the Group's accounting, internal audit, and financial reporting functions, as well as those relating to the Company's ESG performance and reporting. It reviews the process by which the Group evaluates its control environment and its risk assessment process, and the way in which business and control risks are managed. The AC reviews the effectiveness of the internal audit department and its annual work plans, and considers the reports of the RMC on the effectiveness of the systems of risk management and internal control. These reviews and reports are considered by the AC before it makes its recommendation to the Board for approval of the annual consolidated financial statements.

During the year, the AC has reviewed the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems of the Group and considered the systems are effective and adequate.

Effective risk management is fundamental to the achievement of the Group's strategic objectives, and an enterprise risk management framework is in place to provide top-down and bottom-up approaches to identify, assess, mitigate and monitor key risks in a pro-active and structured manner.

The Company's management encourages a risk aware and control conscious environment, setting objectives, performance targets or policies for the management of key risks including strategic planning, business operations, acquisitions, investments, legal and regulatory compliance, expenditure control, treasury, environment, health and safety, and customer service. The Company has a well-established organisational structure with defined levels of responsibility and authority and reporting procedures. There are inherent limitations in any systems of risk management and internal control and accordingly the Group's risk management and internal control systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business of objectives, and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Executive Directors review operational and financial reports and key operating statistics and hold regular meetings with the management to review their reports.

Budgets are prepared annually by the management and are subject to review and approval by the Chief Executive Officer and then by the Executive Directors. Re-forecasts of operating results for the current year are prepared regularly, reviewed and approved by the Executive Directors and the Board. The Group has established guidelines and procedures for the approval and control of expenditure. Operating expenditure is subject to overall budget control. Capital expenditure is subject to overall control within the approved budget of individual projects with more specific controls and approvals being required for overspending, unbudgeted expenditure and material expenditure within the approved budget. Regular reports of actual versus budgeted and approved expenditure are also reviewed.

The treasury function, overseeing the Group's investment and funding activities, regularly reports to the Executive Directors on the Group's cash and liquid investments, borrowings, outstanding contingent liabilities and financial derivatives commitments. The Board has reviewed and adopted a treasury policy governing the management of the financial risks of the Group (including interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk and liquidity risk) and the operational risks associated with such risk management activities.

The legal and company secretarial function reports to the Chief Executive Officer and the Board, and oversees, among other things, the Group's compliance of the Listing Rules and other legal and regulatory requirements.

The internal audit department reports to the AC of the existence and effectiveness of the risk management activities and controls in the operations of the Group. Using risk assessment methodology and taking into account the scope and nature of the Group's activities and changes in operating environment, Internal Audit prepares its yearly audit plan which is reviewed and approved by the AC. Internal Audit's reports on the Group's operations are also reviewed and considered by the AC. The scope of work on the Group performed by Internal Audit includes financial and operations review, recurring and unscheduled audits, fraud investigation, productivity and efficiency review and laws and regulations compliance review. Internal Audit follows up audit recommendations on implementation and the progress is reported to the AC. With the assistance of Internal Audit, the Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Directors review, among other things, the profile of the significant risks (including ESG risks) and sustainability, and how these risks have been identified, evaluated and managed, the changes since the last semi-annual assessment in the nature and extent of significant risks and the Group's ability to respond to changes in its business and the external environment, the scope and quality of management's ongoing monitoring of the risk management and internal control systems. In addition, they review the work of internal audit department and other assurance providers, the extent and frequency of communication of monitoring results to the AC which enables it to assess control of the Group and the effectiveness of risk management, any significant failing or weaknesses in internal control that have been reported, the necessary actions that are being taken promptly to remedy any significant failings or weaknesses, and the effectiveness of the Group's processes for financial reporting and Listing Rules compliance.

Reports from the external auditor on material non-compliance with procedures and significant internal control weakness, if any, are presented to the AC. These reports are considered and reviewed and the appropriate action is to be taken if required.

Whistleblowing channel is established for employees and those who deal with the Group (e.g. customers and suppliers) to raise concerns, in confidence and anonymity, with the AC about possible improprieties in any matter related to the Group. For details, please refer to the section headed "Anti-Corruption" under the ESG Report.

There are also procedures including pre-clearance on dealing in the Group's securities by designated Directors and key employees notification of regular blackout period and securities dealing restrictions to the Directors and key employees, and dissemination of information for specified purpose and on a need-to-know basis have been implemented to guard against possible mishandling of inside information within the Group.

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# Auditor's Remuneration and Auditor Related Matters

Total auditors' remuneration in relation to audit and non-audit services provided to the Group amounted a sum of HK\$3.9 million (2021: HK\$3.5 million) was paid to KPMG. The auditor's remuneration for audit services was HK\$3.9 million (2021: HK\$2.9 million).

The non-audit services provided by the auditor of the Group are as follow:

	<b>2022</b> HK\$0,000	<b>2021</b> HK\$0,000
Tax advisory services	30	29
Professional services in relation to		
the proposed capital increase in		
a joint venture	-	546
	30	575

## **Investment Committee**

The investment committee of the Company (the "IC") is established to source, review and select appropriate investment projects to achieve the Group's advancement and transformation strategy. The IC is also responsible for the examine of the investment management risk policies, research of the Group's capital policies and major financing plans. The IC comprises 9 members, including Mr. Gao Wenbao, Ms. Ko Wing Yan, Samantha and Mr. Su Ning, and other members are not directors of the Company.

The Board has approved and authorized the IC to make decisions on investment projects with the authorization limits and the authorization period.

The terms of reference and operating rules of the Investment Committee was adopted and effective on 11 July 2022.

## **Company Secretary**

Mr. Chung Kai Cheong was appointed as the Company Secretary of the Company in April 2022. The Company Secretary is responsible for that board procedures comply with applicable laws, rules and regulations and advising the Board on corporate governance and other matters. The Company Secretary reports to the Board through the Chairman whilst all Directors have rights to access to the advice and service of the Company Secretary. The biographical details of Mr. Chung are set out under the section head "Board of Directors and Senior Management" in this Annual Report. Mr. Chung has taken no less than 15 hours of relevant professional training during the financial year ended 31 December 2022 and has complied with the requirement as set out in Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules.

## **Shareholders' Rights**

The general meetings of the Company provide an opportunity for communication between the shareholders of the Company and the Board. The Company holds an annual general meeting ("AGM") every year, and may hold a general meeting known as an extraordinary general meeting ("EGM") whenever necessary.

#### Right to convene EGM

Members of the Company 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 sent to the Company's registered office at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda (the "Registered Office") or its principal office at Units A–F, 35/F., Legend Tower, No. 7 Shing Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong (the "Principal Office"), for the attention of the company secretary of the Company, to require an EGM to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition; and such meeting shall be held within two months after the deposit of such requisition.

The written requisition must state the purposes of the general meeting, signed by the member(s) concerned and may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more of those members.

If the requisition is in order, the company secretary of the Company will ask the Board to convene an EGM by serving sufficient notice in accordance with the statutory requirements to all the registered members. On the contrary, if the requisition is invalid, the members concerned will be advised of this outcome and accordingly, an EGM will not be convened as requested.

The notice period to be given to all the registered members for consideration of the proposal raised by the member(s) concerned at an EGM varies according to the nature of the proposal, as follows:

 At least 21 clear days' and not less than 10 clear business days' notice in writing if the proposal constitutes a special resolution of the Company, which cannot be amended other than to a mere clerical amendment to correct a patent error; and  At least 14 clear days' and not less than 10 clear business days' notice in writing if the proposal constitutes an ordinary resolution of the Company.

#### Right to put enquiries to the Board

Members of the Company do not generally have any right to put forward enquiries to the Board. There is no procedure set out in the Bermuda Companies Act 1981 or in the Bye-Laws of the Company available for any member to put forward an enquiry to the Board. A member of the Company may, of course, at any time write to the Board and it is up to the Board to decide whether or not to entertain any request made by a member of the Company.

Members of the Company who have enquiries about the above procedures or have enquiries to put to the Board may write to the company secretary of the Company at Units A–F, 35/F., Legend Tower, No. 7 Shing Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong.

## Right to put forward proposals at shareholders' meetings

Member(s) of the Company holding (i) not less than onetwentieth of the total voting rights of all members having the right to vote at the shareholders' meeting; or (ii) not less than 100 members, can submit a written request stating the resolution intended to be moved at an AGM; or a statement of not more than 1,000 words with respect to the matter referred to in any proposed resolution or the business to be dealt with at a particular shareholders' meeting.

The written request/statements must be signed by the member(s) concern and deposited at the Registered Office or the Principal Office, for the attention of the company secretary of the Company, not less than six weeks before the AGM in the case of a requisition requiring notice of a resolution and not less than one week before the shareholders' meeting in the case of any other requisition.

If the written request is in order, the company secretary of the Company will ask the Board (i) to include the resolution in the agenda for an AGM; or (ii) to circulate the statement for the shareholders' meeting, provided that the member(s) concerned have deposited a sum of money reasonably determined by the Board sufficient to meet the Company's expenses in serving the notice of the resolution and/or circulating the statement submitted by the member(s) concerned in accordance with the statutory requirements to all the registered members. On the contrary, if the requisition is invalid or the member(s) concerned have failed to deposit sufficient money to meet the Company's

expenses for the said purposes, the member(s) concerned will be advised of this outcome and accordingly, the proposed resolution will not be included in the agenda for the AGM; or the statement will not be circulated for the shareholders' meeting.

The procedures for shareholders of the Company to propose a person for election as a director is posted on the Company's website.

# **INVESTOR RELATIONS**

The Company has adopted a shareholders' communication policy with the objective of ensuring that the shareholders of the Company and stakeholders will have equal and timely access to information about the Company. The Group adhere to the best practice in information disclosure in terms of accuracy, transparency and consistency. We are committed to maintaining highly honest, sincere and effective communication with the financial community and other stakeholders.

The Group aimed to have proactive and timely communications with investor regarding the market and industry development, impact and corresponding measures of the Group. Our goals are to deepen investors' understanding of the Group's strategies, and through the effective communication, we are able to raise the quality of our management and to maximize the Group's value.

The Company has reviewed the implementation and effectiveness of the shareholders' communication policy conducted during the year.

In view of COVID, there was a change in the mode of interaction with the investment community. Various on-line and off-line communication formats and channels are adopted by the Group, such as announcement, shareholders' meeting, video or voice conferences, seller-side organized off-line seminar and non-deal roadshow etc. to communicate with various stakeholders such as analysts, retail and institutional investors. These communication channels served to reinforce understanding and trust between the Group and the capital market. Meanwhile our management also gained better knowledge of the expectations and demands from the capital market on the Group. We will seriously consider and put into practice all constructive suggestions. In 2022, the Group participated in more than 210 investor relations' events, including but not limited to, post-results roadshows, selforganized investor day, investor conferences/corporate days, individual meetings and conference calls. Currently, there are 15 equity research analysts actively covering the Group.

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The AGM is an important opportunity for communicating with shareholders. The Company's Chairman, Directors, senior management and the external auditors are available at the AGM to answer questions from shareholders of the Company. The chairmen of the audit, remuneration, nomination and any other committees (as appropriate) are invited to attend. The chairman of the independent board committee and senior management (if applicable) is/are available to answer questions at any general meeting to approve a connected transaction or any other transaction that requires independent shareholders' approval.

## Subsequent to the Financial Year:

The shares of the Company (the "Shares") have been selected and included as a constituent stock of the following index series by Hang Seng Indexes Company Limited on 24 February 2023 and as a Hong Kong Stock Connect by The Shenzhen Stock Exchange on 3 March 2023, both with effect from 13 March 2023:

- 1. Hang Seng Composite Index;
- 2. Hang Seng Small Cap (Investable) Index;
- 3. Hang Seng Stock Connect Hong Kong Index;
- Hang Seng Stock Connect Hong Kong MidCap & SmallCap Index;
- 5. Hang Seng Stock Connect Hong Kong SmallCap Index;
- 6. Hang Seng SCHK Mainland China Companies Index;
- 7. Hang Seng SCHK ex-AH Companies Index; and
- 8. Hang Seng China State-holding Enterprises Index

The Board is of the view that the inclusion of the Shares into the abovementioned index series and Hong Kong Stock Connect represents the capital market's recognition of the Group's performance, value and growth outlook. The Board believes that such inclusion will help facilitate the expansion of the shareholder base, increase the trading liquidity of the shares and further enhance the Company's reputation in the capital market and the Group's brand awareness, resulting in further realization of the value of investment in the Company. We are grateful to all stakeholders for their remarkable support. If you have any questions or comments with regards to our work, please contact us at investor@boevx.com. All questions or comments will be replied to the extent permitted by applicable laws, regulations and the Listing Rules.

# CHANGE OF CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENT

On 30 June 2022, a special resolution of the shareholders of the Company in relation to approve the proposed amendments to the existing bye-laws of the Company to permit the Company to (i) bring the existing bye-laws in line with amendments made to the applicable laws of Bermuda and the Listing Rules; and (ii) incorporate certain housekeeping amendments was passed. Further details are set out in the announcements of the Company dated 20 April and 30 June 2022, and the circular of the Company dated 28 April 2022.

On 14 October 2022, an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in relation to approve the increase of the authorised share capital of the Company from HK\$200,000,000 divided into 800,000,000 shares of HK\$0.25 each to HK\$1,250,000,000 divided into 5,000,000,000 shares of HK\$0.25 each by the creation of an additional 4,200,000,000 shares of the Company was passed. Further details are set out in the announcements of the Company dated 1 September and 14 October 2022, and the circular of the Company dated 28 September 2022.

The Memorandum of Association and New Bye-Laws of the Company which have reflected the above changes have been published on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

Other than the aforesaid, during the year ended 31 December 2022, there had been no significant change in the Company's constitutional documents.

# REPORT OF The directors

The Directors have pleasure in submitting herewith their report together with the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022.

# PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The Group is principally engaged in the automotive and industrial display business and has monochrome display manufacturing capacity and TFT module assembly capacity. Since its incorporation, the Company has been combining scientific and technological research, innovative product design, flexible product specifications and efficient manufacturing for many applications, including automotive components, industrial and consumer products, also providing complete display solutions for its customers. In addition to supplying standard products, the Group also provides tailor-made LCDs (liquid crystal display) and modules for the specific needs of its customers. Particulars of the Company's principal subsidiaries set out in Note 15(a) to the financial statements of this Annual Report. Further discussion and analysis of the Group's activities as required by Schedule 5 to the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622 of The Laws of Hong Kong), including a discussion of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Group, an indication of likely future developments in the Group's business and an analysis using financial key performance indicators, can be found in Chairman's Statement on pages 5 to 13, Management Discussion and Analysis on pages 14 to 18, Review of Operations on pages 19 to 21, Environmental, Social and Governance Report on pages 22 to 51, and Notes 29(e) and 30 to the financial statements of this Annual Report.

A discussion on the Group's key relationships with its stakeholders, environmental policies and performance, and its compliance with the relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the Group is contained in Environmental, Social and Governance Report on pages 22 to 51 of this Annual Report. These discussions form part of this Directors' Report.

The analysis of the principal activities and geographical locations of the operations of the Group during the financial year are set out in Notes 4 and 12(b) to the financial statements of this Annual Report.

# **SUBSIDIARIES**

Particulars of the Company's principal subsidiaries as at 31 December 2022 are set out in Note 15(a) to the financial statements.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 and the state of affairs of the Company and the Group at that date are set out in the financial statements on pages 95 to 154 of this Annual Report.

# **DIVIDEND AND DIVIDEND POLICY**

The Board has recommended declaring a final dividend of 23.0 HK cents (2021: 15.0 HK cents) per share, representing a total of 23.0 HK cents (2021: 15.0 HK cents) per share for the year ended 2022.

The Board has approved and adopted a dividend policy on 1 January 2019 (the "Dividend Policy"). Under the Dividend Policy, subject to compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations and the bye-laws of the Company, the Company intends to maintain a stable dividend policy in future with a dividend payout ratio of not less than 30%. However, the determination to pay dividends in the future will be made at the discretion of the Board and will be based on the profits, cash flows, financial condition, capital requirements and other conditions that the Board deems relevant. The payment of dividends may be limited by legal restrictions and agreements that the Company may enter into in the future.

The Group has no change in the Dividend Policy for the year ended 2022.

The Dividend Policy will continue to be reviewed from time to time and there can be no assurance that dividends will be paid in any particular amount for any given period.

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ("AGM")

The AGM will be held on Tuesday, 27 June 2023. The notice of AGM will be published and despatched to the shareholders of the Company in the manner as required by the Listing Rules in due course.

# **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**

# **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 20 June 2023 to Tuesday, 27 June 2023 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the forthcoming AGM, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited ("Computershare"), of Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 19 June 2023.

Subject to the shareholders approving the recommended final dividend at the AGM of the Company, such dividend will be payable on or around Wednesday, 19 July 2023 to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Wednesday, 12 July 2023. To determine eligibility for the final dividend, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 7 July 2023 to Wednesday, 12 July 2023 (both days inclusive), during which period no shares can be registered. In order to qualify for the aforementioned final dividend, all transfers of shares accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with Computershare, of Shops 1712–1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 6 July 2023.

# SHARE CAPITAL AND SHARE SCHEMES

Details of the movements in the share capital and share scheme of the Company during the year are set out in Note 29(c), 27(a) and 27(b) respectively to the financial statements.

# **CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

Charitable donations made by the Group during the year amounted to HK\$183,185 (2021: HK\$128,532).

## **PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Movements in property, plant and equipment during the year are set out in Note 13 to the financial statements.

# RESERVES

Details of movements in reserves of the Company during the year are set out in Note 29(a) to the financial statements. Details of movements in reserves of the Group during the year are set out in the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity.

# COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Group recognises the importance of the compliance with the laws and regulations in commercial activities, and the failure to comply could result in serious risk and consequences. The Group has reasonably allocated legal, corporate governance, financial and human resources, in particular, the setting up of the compliance and risk management team, to ensure ongoing compliance with respective requirements of the laws and regulations and the policies. Meanwhile, the Group maintains good relationships with Government regulators through effective communication. During the year under review, to the best of our knowledge, the Group has complied with the following salient PRC laws and regulations, namely the Foreign Investment Law, the Company Law, the Environmental Protection Law, Control of Foreign Exchange Regulations and other relevant laws and regulations.

The Group is also committed to the compliance with the following salient laws and regulations in Hong Kong, including but not limited to the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong), the Listing Rules, the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and has been working with external professionals to develop internal guidelines and educating its employees so as to ensure that the Group and its employees will adopt business practices that are compliant with the relevant laws from time to time.

## DIRECTORS

The Directors during the financial year and up to the date of this Annual Report were:

#### **Executive Directors:**

Mr. Gao Wenbao *(Chairman)* Ms. Ko Wing Yan, Samantha Mr. Su Ning

#### **Non-executive Directors:**

Mr. Shao Xibin Mr. Jin Hao Mr. Meng Chao *(appointed on 17 February 2023)* Mr. Zhang Jianqiang *(passed away in 2023)* 

#### Independent Non-executive Directors:

Mr. Fung, Yuk Kan Peter Mr. Chu, Howard Ho Hwa Mr. Hou Ziqiang Mr. Pang Chunlin *(appointed on 7 April 2023)* 

In accordance with bye-law 84 of the Company, Ms. Ko Wing Yan, Samantha, Mr. Fung, Yuk Kan Peter and Mr. Hou Ziqiang will retire by rotation at the forthcoming annual general meeting (the "AGM"), and in accordance with bye-law 83(2) of the Company, Mr. Meng Chao and Mr. Pang Chunlin will retire. Except Mr. Hou Ziqiang who does not offer himself for re-election, all the above-mentioned retiring Directors, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election at the AGM.

## **DIRECTORS OF SUBSIDIARIES**

List of directors of subsidiaries of the Company during the year and up to the date of this report is kept at the Company's principal place of business.

## DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 31 December 2022, the interests of the Directors and chief executive of the Company and their associates in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")), as required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and

short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), as recorded in the register required to be maintained by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO or as required, pursuant to the Model Code to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange were as follows:

## (a)(i)Interests in shares of the Company as at 31 December 2022

Name of Director	Capacity	Number of shares in the Company held	Approximate percentage of the total issued share capital of the Company (Note 3)
Ko Wing Yan, Samantha (Note 1)	Personal Interest	1,157,000	0.1462%
Su Ning (Note 2)	Personal Interest	1,160,000	0.1466%
Fung, Yuk Kan Peter	Personal Interest	182,000	0.0230%
Chu, Howard Ho Hwa	Personal Interest	30,000	0.0038%
Hou Ziqiang	Personal Interest	161,000	0.0203%

Notes:

- 27,000 awarded shares of the Company were granted to Ms. Ko Wing Yan, Samantha on 22 March 2023. Please refer to the (b)(ii) Share Award Plan of "Share Schemes and Directors' and Chief Executives' Rights to Acquire Shares or Debentures" section of the Report of Directors.
- 31,000 awarded shares of the Company were granted to Mr. Su Ning on 22 March 2023. Please refer to the (b)(ii) Share Award Plan of "Share Schemes and Directors' and Chief Executives' Rights to Acquire Shares or Debentures" section of the Report of Directors.
- Calculated based on the Company's total number of issued share capital of 791,410,204 shares as at 31 December 2022.

### (a)(ii) Interests in shares of BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd. ("BOE") (an associated corporation) as at 31 December 2022 (Note 1)

Name of Director	Capacity	Number of A shares in BOE held	Approximate percentage of the total issued share capital of BOE (Note 8)
Gao Wenbao	Personal	1,860,700	0.0049%
	Interest	(Note 2)	
Su Ning	Personal	150,000	0.0004%
	Interest		
Shao Xibin	Personal	787,600	0.0020%
	Interest	(Note 3)	
Jin Hao	Personal	628,800	0.0016%
	Interest	(Note 4)	
Zhang Jianqiang	Personal	641,500	0.0017%
(Note 5)	Interest	(Note 6)	

Notes:

- BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd. ("BOE") holds 419,730,000 shares of the Company (representing 53.04% of the issued share capital of the Company), of which on 1 September 2022, the Company and BOE Technology (HK) Limited ("BOE(HK)"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of BOE, entered into a shareholder subscription agreement, pursuant to which the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and BOE(HK) has conditionally agreed to subscribe for, 19,730,000 Shares at HK\$15.20 per share, for a total cash consideration of approximately HK\$299.90 million. The shares of BOE are listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange with stock code 000725 for its A shares and stock code 200725 for its B shares.
- 2. On 21 December 2020, BOE granted 1,500,000 shares to Mr. Gao under the 2020 share option and restricted share incentive scheme.
- On 21 December 2020, BOE granted 634,000 shares to Mr. Shao under the 2020 share option and restricted share incentive scheme.
- On 21 December 2020, BOE granted 575,000 shares to Mr. Jin under the 2020 share option and restricted share incentive scheme. Mr. Jin disposed his 249,300 shares in April 2023.
- 5. Mr. Zhang Jianqiang passed away in 2023.
- On 21 December 2020, BOE granted 588,700 shares to Mr. Zhang under the 2020 share option and restricted share incentive scheme.
- Mr. Meng Chao was appointed as a non-executive Director in February 2023. He is interested in 537,500 issued A shares of BOE (represent 0.0014% of the total issued share capital of BOE), of which 487,500 are granted under the 2020 share option and restricted share incentive scheme.
- Calculated based on BOE's total number of issued share capital of 38,202,517,121 shares as at 31 December 2022.

Other than the aforesaid and as disclosed under the section headed "Share Schemes and Directors' and Chief Executives' Rights to Acquire Shares or Debentures" below, as at 31 December 2022, none of the Directors, chief executives or any of their associates had any interests or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of Part XV of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

### SHARE SCHEMES AND DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVES' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

## (b)(i) Interests in share options of the Company

Purpose

This is to provide the Group with a flexible means of giving incentive to rewarding, remunerating, compensating and/or providing benefits to the participants.

#### Participant

Participant(s) refers to the full time or part time employees of the Group (including any directors, whether executive or nonexecutive and whether independent or not, of the Company or any of its subsidiary) and any suppliers, consultants, agents and advisers or any person who, in the sole discretion of the Board, has contributed or may contribute to the Group eligible for share options under the share option scheme.

#### **Total Number of Shares Available for Issue**

The maximum number of shares in respect of which share options may be granted under the share option schemes of the Company may not exceed 10.00% of the issued share capital of the Company at the date of approval of the share option schemes.

The total number of share options available for grant is 28,391,520, representing 3.86% and 3.59% of the issued share capital of the Company at the beginning and the end of the financial year of 2022 respectively. The total number of shares available for issue under the share option scheme as at 31 December 2022 represents 0.08% (2021: 0.39%) of the issued share capital of the Company at that date. Further details of the share option schemes are set out in Note 27(a) to the financial statements. Calculated based on the Company's total number of issued share capital of 791,410,204 shares as at 31 December 2022.

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9. All the interests disclosed above represent long positions.

#### **Maximum Entitlement of Each Participant**

Unless approved by the Shareholders, the maximum entitlement of each participant in the total number of shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of share options granted under the share option scheme of the Company in any 12-month period shall not exceed 1.00% of the total number of shares in issue.

Where any grant of share options to a substantial shareholder or an independent non-executive director of the Company or any of their respective associates, would result in the shares issued or to be issued upon exercise of all share options already granted or to be granted (including share options exercised, cancelled and outstanding) to such person in the 12-month period up to and including the date of such grant: (a) representing in aggregate over 0.1% of shares of the Company in issue; and (b) having an aggregate value, based on the closing price of the shares of the Company at the date of each grant, in excess of HK\$5 million.

Each grant of share options to the participant who is a director, chief executive or substantial shareholder of the Company, or any of their respective associates, under the share option scheme must be approved by the independent non-executive directors of the Company (excluding any independent non-executive director of the Company who is the proposed grantee of the share options).

#### Share Option Period and Remaining Life

On 6 June 1991, the Company adopted a share option scheme. It was subsequently amended on 8 June 1999 and expired on 5 June 2001.

A second share option scheme of the Company was adopted on 22 June 2001 and terminated on 12 May 2003.

A third share option scheme of the Company was adopted on 12 May 2003. The third share option scheme limit was subsequently refreshed by a resolution passed at the annual general meeting held on 2 June 2010. The maximum number of share options that can be granted by the Company was refreshed to 32,342,220 share options. This scheme expired on 11 May 2013.

A fourth share option scheme of the Company was adopted on 3 June 2013. It shall be valid and effective for a period of 10 years and as at 31 December 2022, the fourth share option has a remaining life of up to 2 June 2023. During the year, no share option was granted under the fourth share option scheme.

#### **Exercise Period**

There is no performance target which must be achieved and no minimum period for the share options to be held before any of the share options can be exercised, unless otherwise specified by the Board at the time of grant.

#### Payment on Acceptance of the Share Option

The Participant shall pay the Company HK\$1.00, as the consideration, for the grant of share options on acceptance of share option offer within 28 days after the offer date.

#### **Basis of Determining the Exercise Price**

Subscription price of the shares in relation to a share option shall not be less than the higher of (i) the closing price of the shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheets on the date on which the share option is offered to the participants, which must be a business day; (ii) the average of the closing prices of the shares as stated in the Stock Exchange's daily quotation sheets for the 5 trading days immediately preceding the date of offer; and (iii) the nominal value of the shares.

Movements in the Company's share options during the year are as follows:

Category	Date of grant	Number of share options at 1 January 2022	Number of share options granted during the year	Number of share options cancelled/ lapsed during the year	exercised	Number of share options at 31 December 2022	Exercise period	Price per share to be paid on exercise of share options	Market value per share at dates of grant of share options	Weighted average closing price of share options immediately before the dates on which the share options were exercised
Directors										
Ko Wing Yan,	24 January									
Samantha	2019	500,000	-	-	500,000	0	(Note 1)	HK\$2.00	HK\$2.00	HK\$14.22
	24 January									
Su Ning	2019	500,000	-	-	500,000	0	(Note 1)	HK\$2.00	HK\$2.00	HK\$13.86
	24 January									
Fung, Yuk Kan Peter	2019	100,000	-	-	100,000	0	(Note 1)	HK\$2.00	HK\$2.00	HK\$12.56
	24 January									
Chu, Howard Ho Hwa	2019	30,000	-	-	30,000	0	(Note 1)	HK\$2.00	HK\$2.00	HK\$14.82
	24 January									
Hou Ziqiang	2019	100,000	-	-	100,000	0	(Note 1)	HK\$2.00	HK\$2.00	HK\$14.20
Employees	24 January									
(Note 2)	2019	1,660,000	-	-	995,000	665,000	(Note 1)	HK\$2.00	HK\$2.00	HK\$11.98
		2,890,000	-	_	2,225,000	665,000				

Notes:

(1) Exercise period:

(i) the first 40% of the options shall be exercised from 1 February 2020 to 31 January 2023;

(ii) the second 30% of the options shall be exercised from 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2023; and

(iii) the remaining 30% of the options shall be exercised from 1 February 2022 to 31 January 2023.

(2) No share options were granted during the financial year of 2022. The information for the five highest paid individuals is not applicable.

(3) All the interests disclosed above represent long positions.

665,000 share options may be exercised under the share option scheme at the financial year ended 31 December 2022, the amount represents 0.09% of the weighted average number of ordinary shares at 31 December 2022 of divided by 742,756,425 shares.

The value per share option granted was HK\$0.59 and the fair value was measured based on the market price of the Company's shares at the respective grant date. No expected dividends were incorporated into the measurement of fair value. Information on the accounting policy for the grant of share options is provided in the accounting policy Note 2(r) on page 110 of this Annual Report.

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## (b)(ii) Share Award Plan

#### Purpose

On 28 August 2020 (the "Adoption Date"), the Company adopted a share award plan. The purposes of the Share Award Plan are to recognise and reward the contribution of the participants, to give incentives to the participants in order to retain them for the continual operation and development of the Group and to attract suitable personnel for further development of the Group.

#### Participant

Participant(s) refers to the Group's and invested entity's employees, directors and adviser, and any other group or classes of participants who have contributed or may contribute by way of joint venture, business alliance or other business arrangement to the development and growth of the Group.

#### **Total Number of Shares Available for Issue**

During the year, no shares are purchased. Total number of shares of the Company purchased is 12,373,000 (representing 1.56%<sup>\*1</sup> of the issued shares capital of the Company) under the share award plan.

On 15 June 2022, the Board has granted a total of 2,500,000 awarded shares (representing 0.32%<sup>\*1</sup> of the issued shares capital of the Company) to certain selected participants, comprising 5 Directors and certain employees of the Group, pursuant to the share award plan.

On 21 December 2022, the Board has granted a total of 500,000 awarded shares (representing 0.06%<sup>\*1</sup> of the issued shares capital of the Company) to certain selected participants, comprising all employees of the Group, pursuant to the share award plan.

The total number of awarded shares that was available for grant is 6,113,000 as of 1 January 2022 and 3,153,000 as of 31 December 2022, representing 0.77%<sup>\*1</sup> and 0.40%<sup>\*1</sup> of the issued share capital of the Company respectively calculated based on the accumulated number of shares of the Company purchased.

At the end of the financial year of 2022, the total number of awarded shares that can be granted was 3,153,000 and 64,297,520 (after deducting the 2,500,000 awarded shares and 500,000 awarded shares granted on 15 June and 21 December 2022), based on the accumulated number of shares of the Company purchased in so far and the maximum number of awarded shares that can be granted at the adoption date, i.e. 28 August 2020 representing 0.40%<sup>\*1</sup> and 8.12%<sup>\*1</sup> respectively of the issued share capital of the Company.

Subsequent to the financial year, the Board has granted a total of 662,000 awarded shares (representing 0.08%<sup>\*2</sup> of the issued shares capital of the Company) to the certain selected participants, comprising to 2 Directors and certain employees of the Group on 22 March 2023, pursuant to the Share Award Plan.

- \*1 Calculated based on the Company's total number of issued share capital of 791,410,204 shares as at 31 December 2022.
- \*2 Calculated based on the Company's total number of issued share capital of 791,575,204 shares as at 22 March 2023.

#### **Maximum Entitlement of Each Participant**

The maximum number of shares to be subscribed for and/or purchased for the share award plan shall not exceed 10.00% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the Adoption Date.

The maximum number of shares which may be subject to an award or awards to a selected participant shall not in aggregate exceed 1.00% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the Adoption Date.

#### **Minimum Vesting Period**

There is no performance target which must be achieved and no minimum period for which the awarded share must be held before they are vested but the Board may determine.

#### Payment on Acceptance of the Awarded Shares

Consideration of the awarded shares granted is nil. The participants are required to submit to the Company a duly signed offer letter.

#### **Basis of Determining the Exercise Price**

The shares may be purchased on the Stock Exchange at the prevailing market price (subject to such maximum price as may be from time to time prescribed by the Board), or off the market. In the event that any purchases, the purchase price for such purchases shall not be higher than the lower of the following: (i) the closing market price on the date of such purchase, and (ii) the average closing market price for the five preceding trading days on which the shares were traded on the Stock Exchange.

#### Awarded Share Period and Remaining Life

The Share Award Plan shall be valid and effective for a period of 10 years commencing from the Adoption Date and as at 31 December 2022, the Share Award Plan has a remaining life of up to 27 August 2030, but may be terminated earlier as determined by the Board.

Subject to the Share Award Plan, the trust deed and the fulfilment of the vesting conditions as set out in the grant notice to each selected participant, the awarded shares held by the trustee shall vest in the respective selected participant, and the trustee shall cause the awarded shares to be transferred to such selected participant on the vesting date.

Movements in the Company's awarded shares during the year are as follows:

Category	Date of grant	Number of awarded shares yet to be vested as at 1 January 2022	Number of awarded shares granted during the year	Number of awarded shares vested during the year	Number of awarded shares cancelled/ lapsed during the year	Number of awarded shares yet to be vested as at 31 December 2022	Vesting date	Closing price of per awarded share at the dates of grant of awarded shares	Closing price of per awarded share immediately before the dates of grant of awarded shares	Weighted average closing price of the awarded shares immediately before the dates on which the awarded shares were vested
Directors										
Ko Wing Yan, Samantha	29 March 2021	300,000	-	150,000	-	150,000	(Note 1)	HK\$3.23	N/A	HK\$8.29
	15 June 2022	-	150,000	60,000	-	90,000	(Note 2)	HK\$11.38	HK\$10.52	HK\$17.44
Su Ning	29 March 2021	300,000	-	150,000	-	150,000	(Note 1)	HK\$3.23	N/A	HK\$8.29
	15 June 2022	-	150,000	60,000	-	90,000	(Note 2)	HK\$11.38	HK\$10.52	HK\$17.44
Fung, Yuk Kan Peter	29 March 2021	60,000	-	30,000	-	30,000	(Note 1)	HK\$3.23	N/A	HK\$8.29
	15 June 2022	-	30,000	12,000	-	18,000	(Note 2)	HK\$11.38	HK\$10.52	HK\$17.44
Chu, Howard Ho Hwa	29 March 2021	60,000	-	30,000	-	30,000	(Note 1)	HK\$3.23	N/A	HK\$8.29
	15 June 2022	-	30,000	12,000	-	18,000	(Note 2)	HK\$11.38	HK\$10.52	HK\$17.44
Hou Ziqiang	29 March 2021	60,000	-	30,000	-	30,000	(Note 1)	HK\$3.23	N/A	HK\$8.29
	15 June 2022	-	30,000	12,000	-	18,000	(Note 2)	HK\$11.38	HK\$10.52	HK\$17.44
Employees (Note 4)	29 March 2021	2,976,000	-	1,488,000	54,000 (Note 5)	1,434,000	(Note 1)	HK\$3.23	N/A	HK\$8.29
	15 June 2022	-	2,110,000	836,000	20,000 (Note 5)	1,254,000	(Note 2)	HK\$11.38	HK\$10.52	HK\$17.44
	21 December	-	500,000	-	-	500,000	(Note 3)	HK\$13.86	HK\$13.44	N/A
	2022									
		3,756,000	3,000,000	2,870,000	74,000	3,812,000				

Notes:

- (i) the first 40% of the awarded shares shall be vested on 28 April 2021;
- (ii) the second 30% of the awarded shares shall be vested on 28 April 2022; and
- (iii) the remaining 30% of the awarded shares shall be vested on 28 April 2023.
- (2) Vesting date:
  - (i) the first 40% of the awarded shares shall be vested on 26 August 2022;
  - (ii) the second 30% of the awarded shares shall be vested on 28 August 2023; and
  - (iii) the remaining 30% of the awarded shares shall be vested on 26 August 2024.
- (3) Vesting date:
  - (i) the first 40% of the awarded shares shall be vested on 27 March 2023;
  - (ii) the second 30% of the awarded shares shall be vested on 27 March 2024; and
  - (iii) the remaining 30% of the awarded shares shall be vested on 27 March 2025.
- (4) the total number of awarded shares granted to the five highest paid individuals during the financial year of 2022 was 500,000.
- (5) 54,000 awarded shares are lapsed and 20,000 awarded shares are cancelled.
- (6) Subsequent to the financial year, 662,000 awarded shares (representing 0.08% of the issued shares capital of the Company on the date of grant) are granted to Ms. Ko Wing Yan, Samantha, Mr. Su Ning and certain employees of the Group on 22 March 2023. Ms. Ko and Mr. Su are granted 27,000 awarded shares and 31,000 awarded shares respectively. The vesting date is (i) the first 30% of the awarded shares shall be vested on 12 April 2023; (ii) the second 30% of the awarded shares shall be vested on 12 April 2024; and (iii) the remaining 40% of the awarded shares shall be vested on 11 April 2025.

(7) All the interests disclosed above represent long positions.

<sup>(1)</sup> Vesting date:

The value per awarded share granted on 15 June 2022 and 21 December 2022 were HK\$11.38 and HK\$13.86 respectively and the fair values were measured based on the market price of the Company's shares at the respective grant date. No expected dividends were incorporated into the measurement of fair value. Information on the accounting policy for the grant of awarded shares is provided in the accounting policy Note 2(r) on page 110 of this Annual Report.

Apart from the foregoing, at no time during the year was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors or chief executive or any of their spouses or children under eighteen years of age to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.

## SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' AND OTHER PERSONS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 31 December 2022, other than the interests disclosed under the section headed "Directors' and Chief Executives' Interests and Short Positions in Shares, Underlying Shares and Debentures", so far as is known to the Directors and chief executives of the Company, the following companies and person had interests and short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO:

Name	Capacity	Number of shares in the Company held	Number of underlying shares in the Company held	Total	Approximate percentage of the total issued share capital of the Company
BOE Technology Group	Interest of	419,730,000	-	419,730,000	53.04%
Co., Ltd.	controlled corporation	(Note 1)			
Ko Chun Shun, Johnson	Beneficial owner	44,386,000	-	44,386,000	5.61%
		(Note 2)			

#### Notes:

- (1) BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd. ("BOE") holds 419,730,000 shares of the Company (representing 53.04% of the issued share capital of the Company), of which on 1 September 2022, the Company and BOE Technology (HK) Limited ("BOE(HK)"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of BOE, entered into a shareholder subscription agreement, pursuant to which the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue, and BOE(HK) has conditionally agreed to subscribe for, 19,730,000 Shares at HK\$15.20 per share, for a total cash consideration of approximately HK\$299.90 million. The shares of BOE are listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange with stock code 000725 for its A shares and stock code 200725 for its B shares.
- (2) Rockstead Technology Limited and Omnicorp Limited, both wholly-owned by Mr. Ko Chun Shun, Johnson, hold 37,008,000 shares and 5,478,000 shares of the Company respectively.
- (3) Calculated based on the Company's total number of issued share capital of 791,410,204 shares as at 31 December 2022.
- (4) Subsequent to the financial year, China Orient Asset Management (International) Holding Limited holds 39,580,000 shares of the Company (representing 5.00% of the issued share capital of the Company on the date of 14 March 2023).
- (5) All the interests disclosed above represent long positions.

Saved as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2022, there were no other companies nor persons who had an interest or short position in the shares or underlying shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed to the Company under Section 336 of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO.

## **DEBENTURE ISSUE**

The Group has not issued any debenture during the year ended 31 December 2022.

## **DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS**

Mr. Gao Wenbao, Ms. Ko Wing Yan, Samantha and Mr. Su Ning have entered into a management agreement with the Company which may be terminated by either party to the agreement at one month's notice.

Non-executive Directors are appointed for a term of three years. Independent Non-executive Directors are appointed for a period up to 31 December 2023 or such other date as agreed by the Independent Non-executive Directors and the Company.

No Director proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has an unexpired service contract which is not determinable by the Company or any of its subsidiaries within one year without payment of compensation, other than normal statutory compensation.

## DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN TRANSACTION, ARRANGEMENT OR CONTRACT

Referring the section headed "Continuing Connected Transactions, Connected Transactions and Other Related Party Transactions" as disclosed, Mr. Gao Wenbao ("Mr. Gao") held 1,860,700 A shares of BOE, Mr. Su Ning ("Mr. Su") held 150,000 A shares of BOE, Mr. Shao Xibin ("Mr. Shao") held 787,600 A shares of BOE and Mr. Jin Hao ("Mr. Jin") held 628,800 A shares of BOE (of which 249,300 shares were disposed in April 2023) and Mr. Meng Chao ("Mr. Meng") held 537,500 issued A shares of BOE. In addition, Mr. Gao is the group president and BOEU principal of the back-desk (business support system) of BOE, and the chief commander of the mid-desk of Chengdu automotive display technology project team of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the front-desk head and the B11 deputy head of the mid-desk of OLED manufacturing centre of the mid-desk of manufacturing of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE. Mr. Su is the general manager of the front-desk of automotive SBU and the executive chief commander of the mid-desk of Chengdu automotive display technology project team of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE. Mr. Shao is the chief new product officer of the mid-desk of the technology and product of the mid-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of

BOE, the deputy head of LCD product development centre of the mid-desk of the technology and product of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the deputy head of the mid-desk of the technology and the product mid-desk terminal product and technology coordination of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE. Mr. Jin is the deputy person in charge of the mid-desk of the planning and operation of the mid-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the deputy head of the mid-desk of the production and marketing operation centre of the planning and operation of the mid-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the team leader of the front-desk of the display business digital transformation management office of the front-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE and the team leader of business operation team of Shenzhen of the mid-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE. Mr. Meng is the head of the financial operation management center in Display Devices and IoT Innovation Business of CFO organisation of the back-desk of BOE (business support system), and the head of the back-desk (business support system) of CFO organisation of the budgeting center.

Mr. Gao, Mr. Su, Mr. Shao, Mr. Jin and Mr. Meng may be considered having interests in the above-mentioned transactions. They have been abstained from voting in respect of those transactions.

Except as disclosed above, there has been no transaction, arrangement or contract of significance to which the Company, or any of its subsidiaries was a party, in which a Director of the Company and the Director's connected entity had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year. There is no material interest of directors in contracts involving the Company.

## CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS, CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS AND OTHER RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

A number of connected transactions and continuing connected transactions are entered into and between the Group and members of BOE. BOE Technology (HK) Limited ("BOE(HK)"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of BOE, is the controlling shareholder of the Company holding approximately 53.04% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 31 December 2022 and is an associate of the controlling shareholder and thus a connected person of the Company.

#### (a) Continuing Connected Transactions

#### (1) Master Purchase Agreement and Renewed Master Purchase Agreement

On 27 October 2016, the Company and BOE entered into the master purchase agreement (the "Master Purchase Agreement"), pursuant to which the Group agreed to purchase TFT panels and other products including, but not limited to, raw materials for manufacturing TFT/TP modules from the BOE and its subsidiaries (the "BOE Group") up to 31 December 2018 (as renewed by the agreements dated 22 November 2018, effective up to 31 December 2021).

The Master Purchase Agreement was approved at the special general meeting of the Company held on 29 December 2016, and was approved for renewal at the special general meeting of the Company held on 10 January 2019, pursuant to which the Company and BOE have agreed to extend the terms of the agreements to 31 December 2021. On 6 September 2021, in view of the expected transaction amount under the Master Purchase Agreement for the year ended 31 December 2021 will be higher than the Existing Annual Cap, and the expiration of the Master Purchase Agreement on 31 December 2021, the Company therefore revised the Existing Annual Cap for the year ended 31 December 2021 and entered into the Renewed Master Purchase Agreement (the "Renewed Master Purchase Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company and BOE have agreed to extend the terms of the agreements to 31 December 2024.

Pursuant to the Master Purchase Agreement, the Group has from time to time since 2016 engaged the BOE Group to purchase the TFT panels and other products including, but not limited to, raw materials for the manufacturing of its LCDs and related products, in particular TFT/TP modules, from the BOE Group.

Leveraging its competitive edges, such as panel research and automated manufacturing process, the BOE Group has supplied the Group with TFT panels with customized design and comprehensive quality support at prices considered to be fair and reasonable by the Company. With the stable supply of TFT panels and provision of technical support by the BOE Group, together with the availability of the BOE Group's full spectrum of state-of-the-art display products, the Group's TFT business expanded rapidly, especially in the PRC, even though the automotive display market faced keen competition. Pursuant to the approval obtained at the special general meeting of the Company held on 22 October 2021, the revised annual cap for year ended 31 December 2021 and the annual caps under the Renewed Master Purchase Agreement for the three years are as follows:

	For the year ended 31 December 2021 (Revised) HK\$ million	2022	For the year ending 31 December 2023 HK\$ million	2024
Purchase Transactions	5,000	6,800	6,000	6,800

The total amounts of the Purchase Transactions during the years 2021 and 2022 are HK\$4,635,780,000 and HK\$6,475,616,000 respectively.

For details of the continuing connected transactions contemplated under the Master Purchase Agreement and Renewed Master Purchase Agreement, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 6 September 2021 and the circular of the Company dated 30 September 2021.

#### (2) The Trademark Licence Agreement and Renewed Trademark Licence Agreement

On 30 December 2021, the Company and BOE Group entered into the trademark licence agreement (the "Trademark Licence Agreement"), pursuant to which BOE agrees to grant the Group the right to use the Trademark in connection with the display products and services, the brand identity and brand promotion, and as a trade name for a company, for a term commencing from 1 December 2021 to 31 December 2022.

Since the Company has amended its name to BOE Varitronix Limited in 2017, the Company has been adopting the Trademark for all its businesses, corporate promotions and other business activities in the display products and services, which are generally known and recognised by the public. With the stable supply of TFT panels and the provision of technical support by the BOE Group, the Group's TFT business expanded rapidly, especially in the PRC. In view of the above, the Company entered into the Trademark License Agreement to continue to use the Trademark.

Pursuant to the Trademark Licence Agreement, the annual caps for the total annual payment for the relevant periods in 2021 and 2022 are as follows:

	For the period from 1 December 2021 to	For the year ended
	<b>31 December</b> <b>2021</b> HK\$ million	<b>31 December</b> <b>2022</b> HK\$ million
Trademark Licence Fee	2	32

On 21 December 2022, in view of the expiration of the Trademark Licence Agreement on 31 December 2022, the Company therefore entered into the Renewed Trademark Licence Agreement (the "Renewed Trademark Licence Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company and BOE have agreed to extend the terms of the agreements to 31 December 2024.

Pursuant to the Trademark Licence Agreement, the annual caps for the total annual payment for the relevant periods in 2023 and 2024 are as follows:

	For the year ending 31 December 2023 HK\$ million	For the year ending 31 December 2024 HK\$ million
Trademark Licence Fee	30	65

The total amounts of the Trademark Licence Fee during the years 2021 and 2022 are HK\$1,622,000 and HK\$21,818,000 respectively.

For details of the continuing connected transactions contemplated under the Trade Mark Licence Agreement and Renewed Trademark Licence Agreement, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 21 December 2022.

#### (3) The New Tenancy Agreement, The Assets Lease Agreement, The Renewed Tenancy Agreement and The Renewed Assets Lease Agreement

On 14 February 2019, Varitronix (Chengdu) Display Technology Limited (the "Chengdu Vx", formerly known as Chengdu BOE Vehicle Display Technology Co. Ltd.) entered into the new tenancy agreement (the "New Tenancy Agreement") and assets lease agreement (the "Assets Lease Agreement") with Chengdu BOE Optoelectronics Technology Co., Ltd. (the "Chengdu BOE").

The TFT business is highly competitive. The Group is developing standardized platform TFT modules to promote to its customers in order to achieve further economies of scales. The Group considered that it is to the Group's interest that the manufacturing of standardized platform TFT modules under one integrated manufacturing process and control, i.e. from panel production to TFT modules assembly, will render the Group higher competitive advantages including, but not limited to yield enhancement, quality control, supply chain management and etc. by leveraging the various competitive edges of the BOE Group.

As a result of aforesaid integration of the TFT modules manufacturing process for standardized platform TFT modules products to the BOE Group, the premises for TFT modules assembly will no longer be required by the Group and the office of Chengdu Vx will be relocated to the new premises (a total construction floor area of approximately 135 square metres) under the new tenancy agreement. The BOE Group will utilize the lease assets for the manufacturing of TFT modules in the premises. The Directors are of the view that the new tenancy agreement for the new premises are beneficial to the Group for cost-saving purpose. Pursuant to the New Tenancy Agreement and the Assets Lease Agreement on an aggregate basis, the annual caps (including VAT) for the total annual payment (comprising the rental, management fee and utilities fee) and total annual payment received under Assets Lease Agreement for the relevant periods in 2019, 2020 and 2021 are as follows:

	For the period from 15 February 2019 to 31 December 2019 RMB	year ended	For the year ended 31 December 2021 RMB
Total Rental	28,067	32,076	32,076
Total Management Fee Total Utilities Fee	25,997 26,796	29,711 30,624	29,711 30,624
Total payment under the New Tenancy	00.000	02.411	02.414
Agreement Total payment received under the Assets	80,860	92,411	92,411
Lease Agreement	12,292,825	14,048,943	14,048,943
Total (Annual Caps)	12,373,685	14,141,354	14,141,354

On 30 December 2021, in view of the expiration of the New Tenancy Agreement and the Assets Lease Agreement on 31 December 2021, the Company therefore entered into the Renewed Tenancy Agreement (the "Renewed Tenancy Agreement") and Renewed Assets Lease Agreement (the "Renewed Assets Lease Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company and BOE have agreed to extend the terms of the agreements to 31 December 2024.

Pursuant to the Renewed Tenancy Agreement and the Renewed Assets Lease Agreement on an aggregate basis, the annual caps (including VAT) for the total annual payment (comprising the rental, management fee and utilities fee) and total annual payment received under Renewed Assets Lease Agreement for the relevant periods in 2022, 2023 and 2024 are as follows:

	For the year ended 31 December 2022 RMB	For the year ending 31 December 2023 RMB	For the year ending 31 December 2024 RMB
Total Rental	31,784	31,784	31,784
Total Management Fee	29,711	29,711	29,711
Total Utilities Fee	29,832	29,832	29,832
Total payment under the			
Renewed			
Tenancy Agreement	91,327	91,327	91,327
Total payment received under			
the Renewed			
Assets Lease Agreement	13,685,608	13,685,608	13,685,608
Total (Annual Caps)	14,500,000	14,500,000	14,500,000

The total annual payment (comprising the rental, management fee and utilities fee) for the year 2021 and 2022 are HK\$111,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB91,000) and HK\$102,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB91,000) respectively. The total annual payment received under Assets Lease Agreement for the year 2021 and 2022 are HK\$16,696,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB13,686,000) and HK\$15,328,000 (equivalent to approximately RMB13,686,000) respectively.

For details of the continuing connected transactions contemplated under the New Tenancy Agreement, the Assets Lease Agreement, the Renewed Tenancy Agreement and the Renewed Assets Lease Agreement, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 30 December 2021.

#### (4) Master Subcontracting Agreement

On 29 April 2022, the Company entered into the master subcontracting agreement (the "Master Subcontracting Agreement") with Beijing BOE Optoelectronics Technology Co., Ltd., Hefei BOE Optoelectronics Technology Co., Ltd. and Chengdu BOE (collectively known as "the Subcontractors"), pursuant to which the Group has agreed to provide subcontracting services of manufacturing TFT/TP modules and other products on a non-exclusive basis to the Subcontractors, for a term from 29 April 2022 to 31 December 2024. Each of the Subcontractors is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BOE and an associate of BOE(HK) and is thus a connected person of the Company under the Listing Rules.

The Group has its own plant and equipment and is engaged in the processing of TFT/TP modules and other products. The Subcontracting Transactions could provide benefits to the Group, among others, (i) generating additional revenue to the Group; (ii) utilising our production facilities more efficiently; (iii) allowing the Group to keep up-to-date knowledge to the development of technology and the industry; and (iv) allowing the Group to meet the production and quality requirement of the ultimate customers, and has a better chance to be a qualified supplier of them for other products and increase our market share and revenue in future.

Pursuant to the Master Subcontracting Agreement, the annual caps for the total amount for the relevant periods in 2022, 2023 and 2024 are as follows:

	For the year	For the year	For the year
	ended	ending	ending
	31	31	31
	December	December	December
	2022	2023	2024
	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million
Subcontracting	60	85	120

The total amounts of the Subcontracting Transactions during the year 2022 is HK\$8,127,000.

For details of the continuing connected transactions contemplated under the Master Subcontracting Agreement, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 29 April 2022.

### (5) Master Framework Agreement in relation to (a) the Sale of Products and Materials; (b) the Purchase of Products and Materials; and (c) the Subcontracting Services

On 10 June 2022, the Company and Chengdu BOE Automotive Display Technology Co. Ltd. (the "Chengdu Automotive", formerly known as Chengdu BOE Automotive Electronic Limited) entered into the master framework agreement (the "Master Framework Agreement") in relation to (a) the Sale of Products and Materials; (b) the Purchase of Products and Materials; and (c) the Subcontracting Services, for a term from 10 June 2022 to 31 December 2022.

Chengdu Automotive is the joint venture jointly established by the Group and BOE, for the purpose of, among others, expanding and maintaining the Group's leading position of the automotive display business. By entering into the Master Framework Agreement, the Company would be afforded with the flexibility to purchase and/or sell the Materials and/or the Products from/ to Chengdu Automotive, as and when the prices are favourable to the Group so as to improve the workflow and income stream of the Group.

References are made to the announcements of the Company dated 12 August 2022, the Group entered into the Equity Transfer Agreement with BOE through Link Score, which Link Score has agreed to acquire, and BOE has agreed to sell the equity of Chengdu Automotive. Since 23 September 2022, Chengdu Automotive became the wholly owned subsidiary of the Group and the transactions under Master Framework Agreement were no longer considered as continued connected transaction. For more information of the Equity Transfer Agreement, please refer to the Acquisition of the remaining 40% equity interest in Chengdu Automotive under the Connected Transaction section.

Pursuant to the Master Framework Agreement, the annual cap for the total amount for in 2022 is as follows:

	For the year ended 31 December 2022 HK\$ million
Sale of Products and Materials	130
Purchase of Products and Materials	160
Subcontracting Services	20

The total amounts of the sale of products and materials during the year 2022 is HK\$Nil. The total amounts of the purchase of products and materials during the year 2022 is HK\$90,055,000. The total amounts of the subcontracting services during the year 2022 is HK\$Nil.

For details of the continuing connected transactions contemplated under the Master Framework Agreement, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 10 June 2022.

#### (6) Master Framework Agreement — Equipment, Software, Construction and Engineering Services

On 22 July 2022, the Company and BOE entered into the master framework agreement (the "Master Framework Agreement — Equipment, Software, Construction and Engineering Services"), pursuant to which the Group may (i) purchase and/or lease equipment and related software from the BOE Group; and (ii) engage the BOE Group to provide the construction and engineering services from time to time during the term from 22 July 2022 to 31 December 2024.

Over the years, the BOE Group has accumulated extensive experience in producing equipment as well as providing construction and engineering services with the technical knowhow and more than 70,000 patents. Being a well-established market leader in the industry and equipped with the wellestablished streamline supply chain and the profound technical maintenance team, the BOE Group can (i) supply and/or lease certain high-quality equipment and related software; and (ii) provide the Group with professional construction and engineering services for the expansion of manufacturing facilities in the PRC.

By entering into the Master Framework Agreement — Equipment, Software, Construction and Engineering Services, the Group would be benefited with the flexibility (but not an obligation) to purchase and lease equipment and related software, and procure construction and engineering services from the BOE Group. Moreover, it could allow the Group to obtain more competitive offer among equipment and related software suppliers and service providers which are market leaders, and also facilitate the operation and growth of the Group's business. Pursuant to the Master Framework Agreement — Equipment, Software, Construction and Engineering Services, the annual caps for the total amount for the relevant periods in 2022, 2023 and 2024 are as follows:

	For the year ended	For the year ending	For the year ending
	31 December	31 December	31 December
	2022	2023	2024
	HK\$ million	HK\$ million	HK\$ million
Purchase and lease equipment	I		
and related software, and			
procure construction and			
engineering services	110	110	50

The total amounts of the Transactions of purchase and lease equipment and related software, and procure construction and engineering services during the year 2022 is HK\$43,788,000.

For details of the continuing connected transactions contemplated under the Master Framework Agreement – Equipment, Software, Construction and Engineering Services, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 22 July 2022.

#### Governance

Pursuant to Listing Rules 14A.55, the Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company have reviewed the above continuing connected transactions and confirmed that these continuing connected transactions were entered into:

- (i) in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group;
- (ii) on normal commercial terms or better; and
- (iii) according to the agreement governing them on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the shareholders of the Company as a whole.

In accordance with Listing Rule 14A.56, the Company's auditor was engaged by the Board of Directors to report on the continuing connected transactions in relation to the above 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 a letter advised that nothing has come to their attention that causes them to believe that above continuing connected transactions:

- i. have not been approved by the Company's Board of Directors;
- the transactions (which involved provision of goods or services) were not, in all material respects, in accordance with the pricing policies of the Group;
- were not entered into, in all material respects, in accordance with the terms of the relevant agreements governing the continuing connected transactions; and
- iv. the relevant cap amounts have been exceeded during the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

#### (b) Connected Transactions

#### (1) Acquisition of the remaining 40% equity interest in Chengdu Automotive

On 12 August 2022, Link Score and BOE Group entered into an equity Transfer Agreement (the "Equity Transfer Agreement"). Pursuant to the Equity Transfer Agreement, Link Score has agreed to acquire, and the BOE Group has agreed to sell the 40% equity interest in Chengdu Automotive at the cash consideration of RMB230,000,000.

The management of the Company expects that the Group's revenue will continue to grow based on the order status of mass production projects. The Group has obtained mass production projects for major automobile manufacturers and established a strong relationship with its strategic partners, including major automobile manufacturers and new electrical vehicle manufacturers. In view of the prospect of TFT and touch panel display business set out above, the management of the Company believes the expansion in TFT and touch panel display module manufacturing facilities in Chengdu, the PRC allows the Group to capture upcoming business opportunities and further expand its market share.

Chengdu Automotive shall become a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company after the completion of the acquisition and effectively enhance its management efficiency and foster the rapid growth of its business.

All the conditions precedent to the Equity Transfer Agreement have been satisfied and that the completion of the Equity Transfer Agreement took place in September 2022 and since then, Chengdu Automotive became the wholly owned subsidiary of the Group.

For details of the acquisition of the remaining 40% equity interest in Chengdu Automotive, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 12 August 2022.

#### (2) Subscription of new shares under specific mandate

On 1 September 2022, the Company and Credit Suisse (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Placing Agent") entered into a placing agreement (the "Placing Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company has agreed to allot and issue and the Placing Agent has agreed, as placing agent of the Company, to procure on a best effort basis not less than six subscribers (who and whose ultimate beneficial owners will be third parties independent of, and not connected with the Company and its connected persons) to subscribe for 33,300,000 Company's shares (the "Placing Shares") at the price of HK\$15.20 (the "Placing Price") per Placing Share, for a total cash consideration of HK\$506,160,000. On the same date, the Company and BOE(HK) entered into a shareholder subscription agreement (the "Shareholder Subscription Agreement") pursuant to which the Company has conditionally agreed to allot and issue and BOE(HK) has conditionally agreed to subscribe for 19,730,000 of the Company's shares at the subscription price of HK\$15.20 per share, which is the same as Placing Price, for a total cash consideration of HK\$299,896,000.

The Shareholder Subscription Agreement was approved at the special general meeting of the Company held on 14 October 2022. All conditions precedent under the Shareholder Subscription Agreement have been satisfied and the closing of the Shareholder Subscription took place on 21 October 2022.

The management of the Company expects that the Group's revenue will continue to grow based on the order status of mass production projects. The Group has obtained mass production projects for major automobile manufacturers and established a strong relationship with its strategic partners, including major automobile manufacturers and new electrical vehicle manufacturers. In view of the prospect of TFT and touch panel display business, the Placing and Shareholder Subscription were being undertaken to strengthen the financial position of the Group and provide working capital to the Group to expand its TFT and touch panel display module manufacturing business in the PRC. Shareholders' equity base of the Company will be further enlarged to support the healthy and sustainable development of the Company. The Shareholder Subscription demonstrates the confidence of BOE in the Company's long-term business and prospects and will continue to supply TFT panels and provide technical support so as to enable the Group's business expansion under keen competition.

For more information of the Placing and Shareholder's Subscription, please refer to the Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company's Listed Securities section of the Report of Directors and the announcement of the Company dated 1 September 2022.

#### (c) Other Related Party Transactions

Except as disclosed above, related party transactions entered into by the Group during the year which (i) do not constitute connected transactions or continuing connected transactions or (ii) fall under the definition of a connected or continuing connected transaction, but are exempted from the reporting, annual review, announcement and independent shareholder's approval requirements under the Listing Rules are disclosed in Note 33 to the financial statements.

The Company has complied with the disclosure requirements prescribed in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules with respect to the continuing connected transactions and connected transactions entered into by the Group during the year ended 31 December 2022.

### **EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENTS**

Other than the aforesaid and as disclosed under the section headed "Share Schemes and Directors' and Chief Executives' Rights to Acquire Shares or Debentures" above, no equity-linked agreements that will or may result in the Company issuing shares or that require the Company to enter into any agreements that will or may result in the Company issuing shares were entered into by the Company during the year or subsisted at the end of the year.

### **MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

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

## **PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISION**

The Company's Bye-law provides that the Directors shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses as a result of any act or failure to act in carrying out their functions.

The Company has arranged directors' and officers' liability insurance during the year in respect of any possible legal action against the Directors and officers.

#### **PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS**

There is no provision for pre-emptive rights under the Company's Bye-laws and the law of Bermuda.

## **BANK LOANS**

The Group has bank loan of HK\$667 million as at 31 December 2022 and there was no bank borrowing at the end of 2021.

#### **CAPITALISATION OF INTEREST**

No interest was capitalised by the Group during the year.

## **PROPERTIES**

Particulars of the properties held by the Group are shown on page 156 of this Annual Report.

## **FIVE YEAR SUMMARY**

A summary of the results and the assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years is set out on page 155 of this Annual Report.

## SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information that is publicly available and within the knowledge of the Directors, for the year under review, the Company has maintained the prescribed public float under the Listing Rules.

### **MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS**

For the year ended 31 December 2022, the five largest customers of the Group accounted for 55.4% of the Group's total revenue while the largest customer of the Group accounted for 24.1% of the Group's total revenue. In addition, for the year ended 31 December 2022, the five largest suppliers of the Group accounted for 73.7% of the Group's total purchases while the largest supplier of the Group accounted for 41.5% of the Group's total purchases. The largest supplier of the Group is the associate of BOE which is the substantial shareholder of the Company.

Saved as disclosed above, at no time during the year have the Directors or any shareholder of the Company (which to the knowledge of the Directors own more than 5% of the Company's total issued share capital) had any interest in these major customers and suppliers.

## UPDATE ON DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION UNDER RULE 13.51B(1) OF THE LISTING RULES

Ms. Zhang Shujun retired as a non-executive Director with effect from 20 January 2022.

Mr. Zhang Jianqiang ("Mr. Zhang") was appointed as a nonexecutive Director with effect from 20 January 2022 and passed away in 2023.

Mr. Meng Chao ("Mr. Meng") was appointed as a non-executive Director with effect from 17 February 2023.

The term of office of Mr. Gao Wenbao ("Mr. Gao"), Mr. Su Ning ("Mr. Su"), Mr. Shao Xibin ("Mr. Shao"), Mr. Jin Hao ("Mr. Jin") and Mr. Zhang expired on 27 April 2022. In this connection, with effect from 28 April 2022, Mr. Gao was re-appointed as an executive Director, the chairman of the Board, the chairman of the Nomination Committee and a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company; Mr. Su was re-appointed as an executive Director, the chief executive officer and a member of the Nomination Committee of the Company; and Mr. Shao, Mr. Jin and Mr. Zhang were re-appointed as a non-executive Director. Mr. Gao is currently the group president and BOEU principal of the back-desk (business support system) of BOE, and the chief commander of the mid-desk of Chengdu automotive display technology project team of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the front-desk head and the B11 deputy head of the mid-desk of OLED manufacturing centre of the mid-desk of manufacturing of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE.

Mr. Su is currently the general manager of the front-desk of automotive SBU and the executive chief commander of the middesk of Chengdu automotive display technology project team of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE.

Mr. Shao is currently the chief new product officer of the middesk of the technology and product of the mid-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the deputy head of LCD product development centre of the middesk of the technology and product of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the deputy head of the middesk of the technology and the product mid-desk terminal product and technology coordination of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE.

Mr. Jin is currently the deputy person in charge of the mid-desk of the planning and operation of the mid-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the deputy head of the mid-desk of the production and marketing operation centre of the planning and operation of the mid-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE, the team leader of the front-desk of the display business digital transformation management office of the front-desk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE and the team leader of business operation team of Shenzhen of the middesk of the display device and the IoT innovation business of BOE.

Mr. Meng is currently the head of the financial operation management center in Display Devices and IoT Innovation Business of CFO organisation of the back-desk of BOE (business support system), and the head of the back-desk (business support system) of CFO organisation of the budgeting center.

Ms. Ko Wing Yan, Samantha was appointed as an independent non-executive director of Qingdao Alnnovation Technology Group Co., Ltd in May 2021 which is listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange in January 2022. Mr. Chu, Howard Ho Hwa was appointed as an independent nonexecutive director of Crypto Flow Technology Limited which is listed on the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange in September 2022.

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

A. The existing manufacturing facilities in Heyuan of the PRC have been highly utilised. To capture the upcoming business opportunities and further expand its market share in the automotive display industry, the Group has established the project of setting up its new TFT and touch panel display module manufacturing facilities in Chengdu of the PRC, therefore the Company raised fund for the project from the Placing and by the Shareholder Subscription during the year 2022. The completion of the Placing and the Shareholder Subscription took place on 9 September 2022 and 21 October 2022, respectively.

The net proceeds (after deducting the commissions and expenses payable by the Company relating to the Placing) from the Placing of 33,300,000 new ordinary Shares to 28 independent third parties was approximately HK\$499.8 million (representing a net placing price of approximately HK\$15.01 per placing share), which was based on the placing price of HK\$15.20 per placing share.

The net proceeds (after deducting the expenses payable by the Company relating to the Shareholder Subscription) from the Shareholder Subscription of 19,730,000 new ordinary Shares to BOE Technology (HK) Limited, the controlling shareholder and therefore a substantial shareholder of the Company, was approximately HK\$299.0 million (representing a net subscription price of approximately HK\$15.15 per subscription share), which was based on the subscription price of HK\$15.20 per subscription share.

The aggregated net proceeds from the Placing and the Shareholder Subscription were amounted to HKD798.8 million. Such net proceeds are intended to be applied in the manner consistent with that disclosed in the announcement and circular of the Company dated 1 September 2022 and 28 September 2022 respectively. **B.** During the year ended 31 December 2022, the trustee of the Company's share award plan (adopted on 28 August 2020) (the "Share Award Plan") does not purchase any shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Total accumulated number of shares of the Company purchased were 12,373,000 (representing 1.56% of the issued shares capital of the Company) under the Share Award Plan.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, a total of 3,000,000 awarded shares (representing 0.38% of the issued shares capital of the Company) were grant to selected participants, of which 2,500,000 awarded shares (representing 0.32% of the issued shares capital of the Company) were granted to 5 Directors and certain employees of the Group on 15 June 2022 and 500,000 awarded shares (representing 0.06% of the issued shares capital of the Company) were granted to certain employees of the Group on 21 December 2022, pursuant to the Share Award Plan.

Other than the aforesaid, during the year ended 31 December 2022, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

Subsequent to the financial year, the Board has granted a total of 662,000 awarded shares (representing 0.08% of the issued shares capital of the Company) to the certain selected participants, comprising of 2 Directors and certain employees of the Group on 22 March 2023, pursuant to the share award plan. Calculated based on the Company's total number of issued share capital of 791,575,204 shares as at 22 March 2023.

## **COMPETING INTEREST**

None of the Directors has interest in any business which competes or its likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, which the business of the Group that were required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 8.10 of the Listing Rules.

## **CONFIRMATION OF INDEPENDENCE**

The Company has received from each of the Independent Nonexecutive Directors an annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and considers all the Independent Non-executive Directors to be independent.

## **AUDITORS**

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

By order of the Board

**Gao Wenbao** Chairman

Hong Kong, 21 March 2023

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR



Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of BOE Varitronix Limited

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

## **OPINION**

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of BOE Varitronix Limited ("the Company") and its subsidiaries ("the Group") set out on pages 95 to 154, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, 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 2022 and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

## **BASIS FOR OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAs") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("the Code") together with any ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Bermuda, 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.

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

## **TIMING OF REVENUE RECOGNITION**

Refer to note 4 to the consolidated financial statements and the accounting policy note 2(u).

#### The Key Audit Matter

Revenue from sales of the Group's liquid crystal display ("LCD") products is recognised when the Group transfers the control of the goods to the customer.

The Group's sales contracts with customers, which principally comprise automotive manufacturers, have a variety of trade terms relating to goods acceptance. Such terms may affect the timing of the recognition of sales to those customers. The Group evaluates the trade terms of each sales contract in order to determine the appropriate timing for revenue recognition.

There is a risk that revenue transactions may not be recognised in the appropriate financial period due to lead times for sales made around the year end and the variety of • trade terms offered to the customers.

We identified the timing of revenue recognition as a key audit matter because revenue is one of the key performance indicators of the Group and could be subject to manipulation to meet targets or expectations and because of the variety of trade terms offered to customers which increases the risk of error in the recognition of revenue.

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

Our audit procedures to assess the timing of revenue recognition included the following:

- obtaining an understanding of and assessing the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of the Group's key internal controls over revenue recognition;
- inspecting key customer contracts to identify terms and conditions relating to goods acceptance and assessing the Group's timing of recognition of revenue with reference to the requirements of the prevailing accounting standards;
- comparing, on a sample basis, specific revenue transactions recorded before and after the financial year end date with underlying sales invoices and delivery documents with the customers' acknowledgement of goods acceptance to determine whether the related revenue had been recognised in the appropriate financial period; and
- inspecting underlying documentation for journal entries relating to revenue selected based on specific risk-based criteria.

## **VALUATION OF INVENTORIES**

Refer to note 19 to the consolidated financial statements and the accounting policy note 2(m).

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

The Group held significant inventories as at 31 December 2022, which comprised raw materials, work-in-progress and finished goods in respect of LCD and related products.

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

The Group maintains its inventory levels based on customer orders and forecast demand. There is a risk that the net realisable value of inventories may fall below their costs due to changes in customer demand and the consequent overstocking of inventories at the end of the reporting period. In addition, a significant proportion of the Group's products are manufactured to meet specific customer requirements. There is a risk that if a customer experiences financial difficulty or there is a demand issue with a customer's product that includes products manufactured and held by the Group as inventories which may not be sold or may be sold at a price below their costs.

Management assesses the level of write-down of inventories required at each reporting date after considering inventory ageing and other relevant factors. Such assessment involves significant management judgement and estimation in determining the value of inventories which will not be recoverable at each reporting date.

We identified the valuation of inventories as a key audit matter because inventories are significant to the consolidated financial statements and because of the significant degree of management judgement involved in determining the write-down of inventories.

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

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

- obtaining an understanding of and assessing the design and implementation of the Group's key internal controls over the inventory writedown assessment process, including the Group's monitoring controls over slow-moving inventories;
- evaluating the Group's inventory write-down policy with reference to the requirements of the prevailing accounting standards;
- assessing whether the inventory write-downs at the reporting date were calculated on a basis consistent with the Group's inventory write-down policy by recalculating the inventory write-downs based on the percentages and other parameters in the Group's inventory write-down policy;
- assessing the classification of inventory items in the inventory ageing report by comparison with purchase invoices and other relevant underlying documentation, on a sample basis;
- selecting raw materials and work-in-progress items, on a sample basis, at the reporting date and comparing their usage subsequent to the reporting date;
- enquiring of the senior members of the production department whether there are any expected changes in production plans which may indicate write-down of inventories would be required;
- evaluating inventory items, on a sample basis, whether they were stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value at the reporting date by comparing the sales price of those inventory items subsequent to the reporting date with their carrying values; and
- assessing the historical accuracy of management's calculation of write-down of inventories by examining the utilisation or release of write-downs recorded at the end of the previous financial year during the current financial year.

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

## **EXPECTED CREDIT LOSS ALLOWANCE FOR TRADE RECEIVABLES**

Refer to notes 20 and 30(a) to the consolidated financial statements and the accounting policies notes 2(l) and 2(o).

#### The Key Audit Matter

The Group held significant trade receivables as at 31 December 2022, which comprised a large number of individual balances.

The Group has a wide range of customers with different individual characteristics which are exposed to their own risks. Therefore, there is a risk that certain of the Group's trade receivables may not be recoverable.

Management has implemented internal controls to monitor credit control, collection of trade receivables and follow up of overdue balances.

Management measures the expected credit loss allowance required at each reporting date at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses based on estimated loss rates for each category of trade receivables grouped according to the shared credit risk characteristics. The estimated loss rates take into account the ageing of trade receivable balances, the repayment history of the Group's customers of different risk characteristics, current market conditions and forwardlooking information. Such assessment involves significant management judgement and estimation.

We identified the loss allowance for trade receivables as a key audit matter because of the significance of trade receivables to the consolidated financial statements and because of the significant degree of management judgement involved in determining the expected credit losses.

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

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

- obtaining an understanding of and assessing the design and implementation of the Group's key internal controls over the processes of credit control, and estimate of expected credit losses;
  - evaluating the Group's policy for estimating the credit loss allowance with reference to the requirements of the prevailing accounting standard;
- obtaining an understanding on the key data and assumptions of the expected credit loss model adopted by the Group, including the basis of the segmentation of trade receivables based on shared credit risk characteristics, the historical default data, and the assumptions involved in management's estimated loss rate;
- assessing the appropriateness of the Group's estimates of expected loss allowance by examining the information used by management to derive such estimates, including testing the accuracy of the historical default data and evaluating whether the historical loss rates are appropriately adjusted based on current economic conditions and forward-looking information;
- re-performing the calculation of the loss allowance as at 31 December 2022 based on the Group's credit loss allowance policies; and
- assessing whether items in the trade receivables ageing report were categorised in the appropriate ageing bracket by comparing a sample of individual items with the underlying goods delivery notes, sales invoices and other relevant underlying documentation.

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

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

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

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

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

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA and the 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, in accordance with Section 90 of the Bermuda Companies Act 1981, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

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

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Audit Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit. We also provide the Audit Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence and 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 Chui Kin Pong.

KPMG

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

21 March 2023

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

For the year ended 31 December 2022 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		2022	2021
	Note	\$'000	\$′000
Revenue	4	10,722,361	7,737,943
Other operating income, net	5	143,494	62,389
Change in inventories of finished goods and work in progress		385,540	249,937
Raw materials and consumables used		(9,290,616)	(6,587,154)
Staff costs		(680,018)	(593,824)
Depreciation	13	(165,770)	(159,734)
Other operating expenses	6(c)	(444,527)	(359,473)
Profit from operations		670,464	350,084
Finance costs	6(a)	(12,361)	(915)
Share of losses of associates		(456)	(490)
Profit before taxation	6	657,647	348,679
Income tax	7(a)	(98,077)	(38,960)
Profit for the year		559,570	309,719
Profit attributable to:			
Equity shareholders of the Company		582,451	327,798
Non-controlling interests		(22,881)	(18,079)
		559,570	309,719
Earnings per share for profit attributable to equity shareholder	ſS		
of the Company (in HK cents)	11		
Basic		78.4 cents	45.1 cents
Diluted		77.8 cents	44.8 cents

The notes on pages 101 to 154 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 29(b).

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2022 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		2022	2021
	Note	\$'000	\$'000
Profit for the year		559,570	309,719
Other comprehensive income for the year (after tax and reclassification adjustments):	10		
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
– Exchange translation adjustments: net movement in exchange reserve		(235,277)	24,181
Total comprehensive income for the year		324,293	333,900
Attributable to:			
Equity shareholders of the Company		361,030	333,397
Non-controlling interests		(36,737)	503
		324,293	333,900

The notes on pages 101 to 154 form part of these financial statements.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 December 2022 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and			
equipment	13	1,490,300	583,434
Interest in associates	16	7,922	-
Intangible assets	14	22,173	38,457
Goodwill	17	-	11,487
Other financial assets	18	42,588	40,614
Non-current deposits and prepayments	20	98,265	15,332
Deferred tax assets	25(b)	11,286	654
		1,672,534	689,978
Current assets	10	1 5 6 0 0 0 1	022 (17
Inventories	19	1,568,001	832,617
Trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments and			
other contract costs	20	2,157,832	1,744,344
Other financial assets	18	65	4,367
Current tax recoverable	25(a)	4,122	4,740
Fixed deposits with more than three months to maturity			
when placed	21	61,723	-
Cash and cash	21	0.000.000	2 2 4 7 1 1 0
equivalents	21	2,818,823	2,267,118
		6,610,566	4,853,186
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other			
payables	22	3,389,694	2,135,804
Lease liabilities	24	7,392	11,513
Current tax payable	25(a)	65,324	17,476
Bank loans	23	636,288	-
Deferred income	26	4,427	3,260
		4,103,125	2,168,053

	Note	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Net current assets	NOLE	2,507,441	2,685,133
Total assets less current liabilities		4,179,975	3,375,111
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	24	4,402	11,042
Deferred tax liabilities	25(b)	9,977	13,165
Deferred income	26	18,911	5,279
Bank loans	23	30,912	_
		64,202	29,486
NET ASSETS		4,115,773	3,345,625
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	29(c)	197,853	184,039
Reserves		3,866,845	2,848,385
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the Company		4,064,698	3,032,424
Non-controlling interests		51,075	313,201
TOTAL EQUITY		4,115,773	3,345,625

Approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 21 March 2023.

#### Gao Wenbao

Director

## Ko Wing Yan, Samantha

The notes on pages 101 to 154 form part of these financial statements.

Director

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 December 2022 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

				ł	Attributable to e	quity shareholde	ers of the Compa	iny				
		Share capital		Awarded shares held under the Share Award Plan	Exchange reserve	Capital reserve	Other reserves	Contributed surplus	Retained profits		Non- controlling interests	
		(note 29(c))	(note 29(d)(i))	(note 29(d)(v))	(note 29(d)(iii))	(note 29(d)(iv))	(note 29(d)(vi))	(note 29(d)(ii))				
	Note	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2021		183,794	1,307,585	(16,932)	51,900	2,060	21,501	720,191	439,837	2,709,936	57,218	2,767,154
Changes in equity for 2021: Profit/(loss) for the year									327,798	327,798	(18,079)	309,719
Other comprehensive income	10	-	-	-	- 5,599	-	-	-	321,190	5,599	18,582	24,181
	10								222.200			
Total comprehensive income					5,599				327,798	333,397	503	333,900
Transfer to surplus reserve		-	-	-	-	-	52,593	-	(52,593)	-	-	-
Dividends approved in respect of the previous year	29(b)(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(36,302)	(36,302)	-	(36,302
Shares purchased by the trustee under the Share Award Plan		-	-	(23,183)	-	-	-	-	-	(23,183)	-	(23,183
lssuance of shares upon exercise of share options	29(c)(ii)	245	2,261	-	-	(546)	-	-	-	1,960	-	1,960
Vesting of shares under the Share Award Plan		-	-	6,506	-	(8,088)	-	-	1,582	-	-	
Equity settled share-based transactions	6(b)	-	-	-	-	14,789	-	-	-	14,789	-	14,789
Equity contribution from non- controlling interests		_	-	-	-	-	35,377	-	-	35,377	244,623	280,000
Acquisition of a subsidiary with non- controlling interests		-	_	_	_	-	-	-	-	_	7,307	7,307
Acquisition of non-controlling interests without change in control		_	-	-	-	-	(3,550)	-	_	(3,550)	3,550	
		245	2,261	(16,677)	-	6,155	84,420	-	(87,313)	(10,909)	255,480	244,57
Balance at 31 December 2021			1,309,846	(33,609)	57,499	8,215	105,921	720,191	680,322	3,032,424	313,201	3,345,62

The notes on pages 101 to 154 form part of these financial statements.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 31 December 2022 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

				Att	ributable to ec	uity shareholo	ders of the Com	npany					
		Share capital (note 29(c)) \$'000	Share premium (note 29(d)(i)) \$'000	Awarded shares held under the Share Award Plan (note 29(d)(v)) \$'000	Exchange reserve (note 29(d)(iii)) \$'000	Capital reserve (note 29(d)(iv)) \$'000	Other reserves (note 29(d)(vi)) \$'000	Contributed surplus (note 29(d)(iii)) \$'000	Retained profits \$'000	Total \$'000	Non- controlling interests \$'000	Total equity \$'000	
Balance at 1 January 2022	Note	184,039	ş 000 1,309,846	(33,609)	57,499	\$ 000	105,921	720,191	680,322	3,032,424	313,201	3,345,625	
Changes in equity for 2022:				(,,									
Profit/(loss) for the year		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	582,451	582,451	(22,881)	559,570	
Other comprehensive income	10	-	-	-	(221,421)	-	-	-	-	(221,421)	(13,856)	(235,277)	
Total comprehensive income		-	-	-	(221,421)	-	-	-	582,451	361,030	(36,737)	324,293	
Dividends approved in respect of the previous year	29(b)(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(109,284)	-	(109,284)	-	(109,284)	
Placing and shareholder subscription of new shares	29(c)(iii)	13,258	792,798	-	-	-	-		-	806,056	-	806,056	
Capitalisation of placing and shareholder subscription expenses		-	(6,395)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,395)	-	(6,395)	
lssuance of shares upon exercise of share options	29(c)(ii)	556	5,215	-	-	(1,321)	-	-	-	4,450	-	4,450	
Vesting of shares under the Share Award Plan		-	-	9,774	-	(17,446)	-	-	7,672	-	-	-	
Equity settled share-based transactions	6(b)	-	-	-	-	22,590	-	-	-	22,590	-	22,590	
Disposal of a subsidiary	32	-	-	-	-	-	(31,827)	-	31,827	-	(4,529)	(4,529)	
Acquisition of non-controlling interests without change in control		-	-	-	-	-	(46,173)	-	-	(46,173)	(220,860)	(267,033)	
		13,814	791,618	9,774		3,823	(78,000)	(109,284)	39,499	671,244	(225,389)	445,855	
Balance at 31 December 2022		197,853	2,101,464	(23,835)	(163,922)	12,038	27,921	610,907	1,302,272	4,064,698	51,075	4,115,773	

The notes on pages 101 to 154 form part of these financial statements.

## CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2022 (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Note	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000		Note	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Operating activities				Net cash used in investing			
Cash generated from				activities		(1,169,693)	(254,472)
operations	21(b)	833,660	674,934	Financing activities			
Tax (paid)/recovered				Capital element of lease			
– Hong Kong profits tax paid		(11,614)		rentals paid	21(c)	(11,140)	(11,425)
– People's Republic of		(11,014)	_	Interest element of lease rentals paid	21(c)	(669)	(915)
China ("PRC")				Shares purchased under the	21(C)	(009)	(915)
income taxes paid		(33,452)	(10,378)	Share Award Plan		_	(23,183)
– Tax (paid)/recovered				Placing and shareholder			
in respect of jurisdictions					29(c)(iii)	799,661	-
outside Hong				Proceed for bank loans	21(c)	776,700	-
Kong and the PRC		(14,598)	206	Repayment of bank loans	21(c)	(83,023)	-
Net cash generated from				Equity contribution from non-controlling interest		_	280,000
operating activities		773,996	664,762	Acquisition of non-			,
Investing activities				controlling interests			
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and				without change in control	15(b)	(267,033)	-
equipment		3,243	946	lssuance of shares upon exercise of share options	29(c)(ii)	4,450	1,960
Proceeds from redemption of				Interest paid	29(0)(1)	(11,692)	-
certificates of deposits		3,124	3,106	, Dividends paid		(109,284)	(36,302)
(Increase)/decrease in fixed				Net cash generated from			
deposits with more than three months to maturity				financing activities		1,097,970	210,135
when placed		(61,723)	7,753	Net increase in cash and cash			
Payment for the purchase				equivalents		702,273	620,425
of property, plant and equipment		(1,176,262)	(246,759)	Cash and cash equivalents at		2 267 110	1 ( )7 [ )1
Payment for the purchase of		(1,170,202)	(240,755)	1 January Effect of foreign exchange		2,267,118	1,627,531
intangible assets		(4,394)	(7,039)	rates changes		(150,568)	19,162
Payment for purchase of				Cash and cash equivalents at			
other financial assets		(1,710)	(44,364)	31 December	21(a)	2,818,823	2,267,118
Net cash inflow from acquisition of a subsidiary				The notes on pages 101 t	:o 154 fo	orm part of th	ese financial
under business				statements.			
combination	28	-	3,722				
Net cash outflow from	22	(14.022)					
disposal of a subsidiary Government grants received	32	(14,822)	-				
relating to acquisition							
of property, plant and							
equipment		33,324	2,495				

49,527

25,668

Interest received

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars unless otherwise indicated)

## 1. GENERAL

The Company is incorporated in Bermuda under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda as an exempted company with limited liability. The Company is a public limited company with its shares listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). The directors consider the ultimate controlling party of the Group to be BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd. which is incorporated in the PRC. The addresses of the registered office and principal place of business of the Company are Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda and Units A-F, 35/F., Legend Tower, No.7 Shing Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong respectively.

The Company acts as an investment holding company. Its subsidiaries are principally engaged in the automotive and industrial display business and has monochrome display manufacturing capacity and TFT module assembly capacity.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"), which collective term includes all applicable individual Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards, Hong Kong Accounting Standards ("HKASs") and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. These financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"). Significant accounting policies adopted by the Group are disclosed below.

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

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

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries and the Group's interest in associates.

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the financial statements is the historical cost basis except that the investments in equity securities are stated at their fair values as explained in note 2(h).

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with HKFRSs 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.

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 HKFRSs that have a significant effect on the financial statements and major sources of estimation uncertainty are discussed in note 3.

#### (c) Changes in accounting policies

The Group has applied the following amendments to HKFRS issued by the HKICPA to these financial statements for the current accounting period:

- Amendments to HKAS 16, Property, plant and equipment: Proceeds before intended use
- Amendments to HKAS 37, Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets: Onerous contracts cost of fulfilling a contract

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars unless otherwise indicated)

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### (c) Changes in accounting policies (Continued)

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

#### (d) Subsidiaries, controlled structured entities and non-controlling interests

Subsidiaries are entities (including structured 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.

A structured entity is an entity that has been designed so that voting or similar rights are not the dominant factor in deciding who controls the entity, such as when any voting rights relate to administrative tasks only and the relevant activities are directed by means of contractual arrangements.

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 and transactions 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 year between non-controlling interests and the equity shareholders of the Company.

Changes in the Group's 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(h)) or, when appropriate, the cost on initial recognition of an investment in an associate.

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

#### (e) Associate

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.

An investment in an associate 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 associate's identified net assets over the cost of the investment (if any). Thereafter, the investment is adjusted for the post-acquisition change in the Group's share of the associate's net assets and any impairment loss relating to the investment (see note 2(l) (iii)). Any acquisition-date excess over cost, the Group's share of the post-acquisition, post-tax results of associates 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 associates' other comprehensive income is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

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## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### (e) Associate (Continued)

When the Group's share of losses exceeds its interest in an associate, 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 (after applying the Expected Credit Loss ("ECL") model to such other long-term interests where applicable (see note 2(l)(i)).

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

When the Group ceases to have significant influence over an associate, it is accounted for as a disposal of the entire interest in that associate, with a resulting gain or loss being recognised in profit or loss.

#### (f) Business combinations

The Group accounts for business combinations using the acquisition method when control is transferred to the Group (see note 2(d)). The consideration transferred in the acquisition is generally measured at fair value, as are the identifiable net assets acquired. Any goodwill that arises is tested annually for impairment (see note 2(l)(iii)). Any gain on a bargain purchase is recognised in profit or loss immediately. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred, except if related to the issue of debt or equity securities (see note 2(h)).

The consideration transferred does not include amounts related to the settlement of pre-existing relationships. Such amounts are generally recognised in profit or loss.

#### (g) Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of

- the aggregate of the fair value of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the fair value of the Group's previously held equity interest in the acquiree; over
- (ii) the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets and liabilities measured as at the acquisition date.

When (ii) is greater than (i), then this excess is recognised immediately in profit or loss as a gain on a bargain purchase.

Goodwill is stated at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill arising on a business combination is allocated to each cash-generating unit, or Groups of cash generating units, that is expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination and is tested annually for impairment (see note 2(I)(iii)).

On disposal of a cash generating unit during the year, any attributable amount of purchased goodwill is included in the calculation of the profit or loss on disposal.

## (h) Other investments in debt and equity securities

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

Investments in debt and equity securities are recognised or derecognised on the date the Group commits to purchase or 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 30(e). These investments are subsequently accounted for as follows, depending on their classification.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars unless otherwise indicated)

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# (h) Other investments in debt and equity securities (Continued)

#### (i) Investments other than equity investments

Non-equity investments held by the Group are classified as amortised cost, if the investment is held for the collection of contractual cash flows which represent solely payments of principal and interest. Interest income from the investment is calculated using the effective interest method (see note 2(u) (ii)).

#### (ii) Equity investments

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

#### (i) Property, plant and equipment

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

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

 Right-of-use assets arising from leases over freehold or leasehold properties where the Group is not the registered owner of the property interest are depreciated over the unexpired term of lease

-	Interests in land and buildings	40 years
-	Plant and machinery	2 to 10 years
-	Tools and equipment	2 to 8 years
-	Others	2 to 5 years

Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, the cost or valuation 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 (other than goodwill)

Intangible assets (other than goodwill) 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(I)(iii)).

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. 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:

-	Technology know-how	7 years
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– Computer software 5 – 10 years
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Both the period and method of amortisation are reviewed annually.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

## (j) Intangible assets (other than goodwill)

Intangible assets are not amortised while their useful lives are assessed to be indefinite. Any conclusion that the useful life of an intangible asset is indefinite is reviewed annually to determine whether events and circumstances continue to support the indefinite useful life assessment for that asset. If they do not, the change in the useful life assessment from indefinite to finite is accounted for prospectively from the date of change and in accordance with the policy for amortisation of intangible assets with finite lives as set out above.

#### (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.

#### As a lessee

Where the contract contains lease component(s) and nonlease 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 leases of low-value assets which, for the Group are primarily office equipment. 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-ofuse 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 rightof-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 in accordance with the accounting policy applicable to investments in debt securities carried at amortised cost (see notes 2(h) and 2(l)(i)). 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 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.

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

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## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

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

The Group recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) on the financial assets measured at amortised cost (including cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, other financial assets and amounts due from associates, which are held for the collection of contractual cash flows which represent solely payments of principal and interest).

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

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 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 12 months 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.

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.

# 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

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

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

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

ECLs are remeasured at each reporting date to reflect changes in the financial instrument'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(u) (ii) is calculated based on the gross carrying amount of the financial asset unless the financial asset is credit-impaired, in which case interest income is calculated based on the amortised cost (i.e. the gross carrying amount less loss allowance) of the financial asset.

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

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

- significant financial difficulties of the debtor;
- a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- it becoming probable that the borrower will enter into bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation;
- 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, lease receivable 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 asset becomes 365 days past due or 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 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 no such consideration is received or receivable, an immediate expense is recognised in profit or loss.

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.

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).

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# 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

- (I) Credit losses and impairment of assets (Continued)
- (ii) Credit losses from financial guarantees issued (Continued)

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, except in the case of goodwill, an impairment loss previously recognised no longer exists or may have decreased:

- property, plant and equipment, including right-ofuse assets (other than property carried at revalued amounts);
- pre-paid interests in leasehold land classified as being held under an operating lease;
- intangible assets;
- goodwill; and
- investments in subsidiaries in the Company's statement of financial position and interest in associates.

If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. In addition, for goodwill, the recoverable amount is estimated annually whether or not there is any indication of impairment.

### 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 cashgenerating 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 first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the cash-generating unit (or group of units) and then, to reduce the carrying amount of the other 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

In respect of assets other than goodwill, an impairment loss is reversed if there has been a favourable change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed.

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 years. Reversals of impairment losses are credited to profit or loss in the year in which the reversals are recognised.

# 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

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

#### (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 HKAS 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(I)(i), (ii) and (iii)).

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.

### (m) Inventories

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

Cost is calculated using the first-in first-out method 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 sold, the carrying amount of those inventories is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised. The amount of any write-down of inventories to net realisable value and all losses of inventories are recognised as an expense in the period in which 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.

# (n) Contract assets, contract liabilities and other contract costs

### (i) Contract assets and contract liabilities

A contract asset is recognised when the Group recognises revenue (see note 2(u)) before being unconditionally entitled to the consideration under the payment terms set out in the contract. Contract assets are assessed for ECL 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(u)). 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(u)).

### (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)), 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 are expected to be recovered, unless the expected amortisation period is one year or less from the date of initial recognition of the asset, in which case the costs are expensed when incurred. Other costs of obtaining a contract are expensed when incurred.

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# 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### (n) Contract assets, contract liabilities and other contract costs (Continued)

#### (ii) 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 performance obligations relate to the contract are satisfied. The accounting policy for revenue recognition is set out in note 2(u).

### (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.

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

### (p) 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.

#### (q) Cash and cash equivalents

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

(r) 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 year 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) Share-based payments

The fair value of share options granted to employees is recognised as an employee cost with a corresponding increase in a capital reserve within equity. The fair value is measured at grant date using the Binomial Option pricing model, taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options were granted. Where the employees have to meet vesting conditions before becoming unconditionally entitled to the share options, the total estimated fair value of the share options is spread over the vesting period, taking into account the probability that the options will vest.

During the vesting period, the number of share options that is expected to vest is reviewed. Any resulting adjustment to the cumulative fair value recognised in prior years is charged/ credited to profit or loss for the year of the review, unless the original employee expenses qualify for recognition as an asset, with a corresponding adjustment to the capital reserve. On vesting date, the amount recognised as an expense is adjusted to reflect the actual number of share options that vest (with a corresponding adjustment to the capital reserve) except where forfeiture is only due to not achieving vesting conditions that relate to the market price of the Company's shares. The equity amount is recognised in the capital reserve until either the option is exercised (when it is included in the amount recognised in share capital for the shares issued) or the option expires (when it is released directly to retained profits).

#### (iii) Share award plan

For the share award plan, the Group may purchase its own shares through the trustee of the share award plan from the open market for the shares to be granted under the share award plan. Shares held by a controlled structured entity of the Group (see note 2(d)) to meet obligations under share award plan (see note 27(b)) are accounted for as treasury shares in the consolidated financial statements.

# 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### (r) Employee benefits (Continued)

#### (iv) Termination benefits

Termination benefits are recognised when, and only when, the Group demonstrably commits itself to terminate employment or to provide benefits as a result of voluntary redundancy by having a detailed formal plan which is without realistic possibility of withdrawal.

#### (s) 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, 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.

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:

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# 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

- (s) Income tax (Continued)
- 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.

#### (t) Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognised for other liabilities of uncertain timing or amount when the Group or the Company 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.

#### (u) Revenue and other income

Income is classified by the Group as revenue when it arises from the sale of goods. Revenue is recognised when control over a product is transferred to the customer, at the amount of promised consideration to which the Group is expected to be entitled, excluding those amounts collected on behalf of third parties. Revenue excludes value added tax or other sales taxes and is after deduction of any trade discounts. The Group takes advantage of the practical expedient in paragraph 63 of HKFRS 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) Sale of goods

Revenue is recognised at point in time 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.

#### (ii) Interest income

Interest income is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method. For financial assets measured at amortised cost 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)).

#### (iii) 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 as deferred income which is recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the useful life of the asset.

#### (iv) Rental income from operating leases

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

# 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### (v) Research and development

Research and development costs comprise all costs that are directly attributable to research and development activities or that can be allocated on a reasonable basis to such activities. Because of the nature of the Group's research and development activities, the criteria for the recognition of such costs as an asset are generally not met until late in the development stage of the project when the remaining development costs are immaterial. Hence both research costs and development costs are generally recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

#### (w) Translation of foreign currencies

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. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are translated using the foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was measured.

The results of operations with functional currency other than Hong Kong dollars are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates approximating the foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Statement of financial position items including goodwill arising on consolidation of foreign operations acquired on or after 1 January 2005, are translated into Hong Kong dollars 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. On disposal of an operation with functional currency other than Hong Kong dollars, the cumulative amount of the exchange differences relating to that operation is reclassified from equity to profit or loss when the gain or loss on disposal is recognised.

### (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 completed.

#### (y) Related parties

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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).

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# 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### (y) Related parties (Continued)

- (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 (1).
- (vii) A person identified in (1)(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.

#### (z) Segment reporting

Operating segments, and the amounts of each segment item reported in the 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

Notes 27 and 30 contains information about assumptions and their risk factors relating to fair value of share options granted and financial instruments. Other significant sources of estimation uncertainty are as follows:

### (a) Valuation of trade receivables

The Group maintains a loss allowance account measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECL of receivables stated at amortised cost. The loss allowance is estimated using a provision matrix based on the Group's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factor that are specific to the debtors and an assessment of both the current and forecast general economic conditions at the reporting date. If there is a change in the financial condition of the debtors, actual credit losses would be higher or lower than estimated.

### (b) Write-down of inventories

The Group reviews the carrying amounts of the inventories at the end of each reporting period to determine whether the inventories are carried at lower of cost and net realisable value in accordance with the accounting policy set out in note 2(m). Management estimates net realisable value based on the current market situation and historical experience on similar inventories. Any change in the assumptions would increase or decrease the amount of inventories write-down or the related reversal of write-down made in prior years and affect the Group's net asset value and profit or loss.

# 4. **REVENUE**

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of the Group are the design, manufacture and sale of liquid crystal displays ("LCDs") and related products. The Group is principally engaged in the automotive and industrial display business and has monochrome display manufacturing capacity and TFT and touch panel display module assembly capacity.

Revenue represents the invoiced value of goods supplied to customer by the Group less returns and discounts within the scope of HKFRS 15.

The Group's customer base is diversified and includes two customers with whom transactions have exceeded 10% of the Group's revenues in 2022 (2021: two). In 2022 revenues from sales to these two customers amounted to approximately HK\$4,132,550,000 (2021: HK\$2,732,252,000). Details of concentrations of credit risk are set out in note 30(a).

The Group has applied the practical expedient in paragraph 121 of HKFRS 15 to its sales contracts such that the above information does not include revenue that the Group will be entitled to when it satisfies the remaining performance obligations under contracts with customers that had an original expected duration of one year or less.

Disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers by geographic markets is disclosed in note 12.

## 5. OTHER OPERATING INCOME, NET

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Changes in fair value of other financial assets	(736)	(1,720)
Gain on deemed disposal of a subsidiary	98	_
Government grants (note)	55,416	15,447
Impairment loss on an associate	-	(2,421)
Interest income on financial assets measured at amortised cost	52,849	25,403
Loss on deemed disposal of an associate	-	(2,400)
Net exchange gain	16,840	10,157
Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	884	912
Rental receivable from operating leases	14,122	14,594
Other income	4,021	2,417
	143,494	62,389

Note: The amount represents the incentives granted by the PRC authorities to the Group for engaging in research and development of high technology manufacturing and other subsidies of HK\$16,035,000 (2021: HK\$6,230,000), amortisation of government grants received from the PRC authorities in relation to acquisitions of machineries of HK\$10,197,000 (2021: HK\$6,037,000), incentive related to production of HK\$22,400,000 (2021: HK\$Nil), subsidies of HK\$2,748,000 (2021: HK\$Nil) under Employment Support Scheme of Hong Kong Government and incentives granted in relation to staff retention of HK\$4,036,000 (2021: HK\$3,180,000). There are no unfulfilled conditions attaching to these government grants.

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# 6. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

Profit before taxation is arrived at after charging:

		2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
(a)	Finance costs		
	Interest on lease liabilities		015
	(note 21(c))	669	915
	Interest on bank borrowings (note 21(c))	11,692	-
		12,361	915
(b)	Other items		
	Trade receivables in respect of:		
	– ECL allowance	20,372	16,379
	Cost of inventories (note 19(b))	9,530,183	6,795,531
	Research and development costs	190,165	199,705
	Contributions to defined		
	contribution retirement plans	44,799	40,080
	Equity settled share-based payment expenses	22,590	14,789
(c)	Other operating expenses	,	11,705
(C)	Amortisation of intangible assets	5,298	3,757
	Auditors' remuneration	0,200	5,757
	– Audit services	3,891	2,887
	- Other services	3,091	575
	Bank charges	1,680	1,439
	Building management fee	5,116	4,046
	ECL allowance	20,372	16,379
	Factory consumables, cleaning		.,
	and security service expenses	13,334	12,283
	Freight charges	62,032	52,456
	Insurance and quality assurance expenses	6,330	6,088
	Legal and professional fees	12,826	15,343
	Office expenses	12,340	5,691
	Other taxes, surcharge & duties	19,326	27,347
	Repair and maintenance	31,939	21,907
	Sales, marketing and commission		
	expenses	48,864	42,126
	Subcontracting fees	84,747	68,893
	Trademark licence fee	21,818	1,666
	Travelling and entertainment expenses	17,097	15,739
	Utilities expenses	70,012	56,053
	Miscellaneous expenses	7,475	4,798
		444,527	359,473

# 7. INCOME TAX IN THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

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

	2022	2021
	\$′000	\$′000
Current tax – Hong Kong		
Profits Tax		
Provision for the year	38,920	4,379
Over-provision in respect of prior		
years	(3,467)	
	35,453	4,379
Current tax – the PRC income		
taxes		
Provision for the year	57,761	20,597
Under/(over)-provision in respect of		<i>(</i>
prior years	332	(1,204)
	58,093	19,393
Current tax – Jurisdictions outside Hong Kong and		
the PRC		
Provision for the year	13,447	6,136
Under-provision in respect of prior		
years	1,137	94
	14,584	6,230
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of		
temporary differences		
(note 25(b))	(10,053)	8,958
	98,077	38,960

### (i) Hong Kong Profits Tax

The Group's operations in Hong Kong are subject to Hong Kong Profits Tax at a rate of 16.5%.

## 7. INCOME TAX IN THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS (CONTINUED)

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

### (ii) PRC income taxes

The Group's operations in the PRC are subject to Corporate Income Tax Law of the PRC. The standard PRC corporate income tax rate is 25%.

Varitronix (Heyuan) Display Technology Limited ("Varitronix Heyuan"), subsidiary of the Group, was designated as high and new technology enterprise, which qualified for a reduced corporate income tax rate of 15%. Chengdu BOE Automotive Display Technology Co., Ltd. (formerly known as Chengdu BOE Automotive Electronic Limited) ("Chengdu Automotive"), subsidiary of the Group was entitled to preferential tax policy of the western development and was subject to the preferential corporate income tax rate of 15%. Accordingly, the two subsidiaries' applicable tax rate are 15% for the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: 15%).

According to relevant laws and regulations promulgated by the State Administration of Taxation of the PRC, Varitronix Heyuan and Chengdu Automotive was entitled to the bonus deduction of its certain research and development costs incurred as tax deductible expenses when determining its assessable profits for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 2021. The Group made their best estimate for the bonus deduction to be claimed for Varitronix Heyuan in ascertaining its assessable profits for the years ended 31 December 2022 and 2021.

Other subsidiaries of the Group incorporated in the PRC are subject to the standard PRC corporate income tax rate of 25%.

Withholding tax is levied on dividend distributions arising from profits of the PRC entities of the Group earned after 1 January 2008 based on an applicable tax rate at 5%.

#### (iii) Jurisdictions outside Hong Kong and the PRC

Taxation for subsidiaries with operations outside Hong Kong and the PRC is charged at the appropriate current rates of taxation ruling in the relevant tax jurisdictions.

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

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Profit before taxation	657,647	348,679
Notional tax on profit before taxation, calculated at the rates applicable to profits in the tax		
jurisdictions concerned Tax effect of non-deductible	99,100	52,057
expenses	11,751	8,085
Tax effect of non-taxable income	(6,727)	(6,031)
Effect on research and development bonus deduction	(30,649)	(23,816)
Tax effect of unused tax losses not recognised	32,407	16,781
Tax effect of other temporary difference not recognised	(6,284)	951
Utilisation of unused tax losses previously not recognised	395	(9,719)
Over-provisions in prior years	(1,998)	(1,110)
Others	82	1,762
Actual tax expense	98,077	38,960

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# 8. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

Directors' emoluments disclosed pursuant to section 383(1) of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance and Part 2 of the Companies (Disclosure of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation are as follows:

### Year ended 31 December 2022

	Directors' fees \$'000	Salary \$'000	Other benefit \$'000	Discretionary bonuses \$'000	Retirement scheme contributions \$'000	Sub-total \$'000	Share-based payments \$'000	Total \$′000
Executive Directors								
Gao Wenbao	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ko Wing Yan, Samantha	-	2,400	-	616	18	3,034	1,433	4,467
Su Ning	-	1,008	268	706	230	2,212	1,433	3,645
Non-executive Directors								
Shao Xibin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jin Hao	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zhang Shujun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zhang Jianqiang	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Independent non- executive Directors								
Hou Ziqiang	200	-	-	-	-	200	287	487
Fung, Yuk Kan Peter	200	-	-	-	-	200	287	487
Chu, Howard Ho Hwa	200	-	-	-	-	200	287	487
Total	600	3,408	268	1,322	248	5,846	3,727	9,573

# 8. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS (CONTINUED)

### Year ended 31 December 2021

	Directors' fees \$'000	Salary \$'000	Other benefit \$'000	Discretionary bonuses \$'000	Retirement scheme contributions \$'000	Sub-total \$'000	Share-based payments \$'000	Total \$'000
Executive Directors								
Gao Wenbao	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ko Wing Yan, Samantha	-	2,400	-	1,000	18	3,418	1,190	4,608
Su Ning	-	981	323	2,471	190	3,965	1,190	5,155
Non-executive Directors								
Shao Xibin	200	-	-	-	-	200	-	200
Jin Hao	200	-	-	-	-	200	-	200
Zhang Shujun	200	-	-	-	-	200	-	200
Zhang Jianqiang	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Independent non- executive Directors								
Hou Ziqiang	200	-	-	-	-	200	238	438
Fung, Yuk Kan Peter	200	-	-	-	-	200	238	438
Chu, Howard Ho Hwa	200	-	-	-	-	200	238	438
Total	1,200	3,381	323	3,471	208	8,583	3,094	11,677

Note: During the year, Ms. Ko Wing Yan, Samantha exercised 500,000 shares options on 7 December 2022; Mr. Su Ning exercised 500,000 shares options on 9 November 2022; Mr. Jin Hao exercised 100,000 share options on 3 October 2022; Mr. Fung, Yuk Kan Peter exercised 100,000 share options on 24 October 2022 and Mr. Chu, Howard Ho Hwa exercised 30,000 share options on 10 October 2022. (2021: Mr. Chu, Howard Ho Hwa exercised 70,000 share options on 13 September 2021).

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## 9. INDIVIDUALS WITH HIGHEST EMOLUMENTS

Of the five individuals with the highest emoluments, two (2021: two) are Directors, whose emoluments are disclosed in note 8. The aggregate of the emoluments in respect of the other three (2021: three) individuals are as follows:

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$′000
Salaries and other emoluments	3,957	3,970
Discretionary bonuses	1,793	1,881
Share-based payments	1,742	1,506
Retirement scheme contributions	83	85
	7,575	7,442

The emoluments of the three (2021: three) individuals with the highest emoluments are within the following band:

	2022	2021
	Number of individual	Number of individual
\$2,000,001 - \$2,500,000	1	2
\$2,500,001 - \$3,000,000	2	1

# **10. OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

There are no tax effects in respect of the components of other comprehensive income.

Components of other comprehensive income are as follows:

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Exchange translation adjustments:		
Exchange differences on translation of financial statements of operations outside Hong Kong	(235,491)	24,181
Net amount previously recognised in other comprehensive income transferred to profit or loss		
in the current year	214	_
	(235,277)	24,181

# **11. EARNINGS PER SHARE**

### (a) Basic earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the consolidated profit attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company of HK\$582,451,000 (2021: HK\$327,798,000) and the weighted average of 742,756,425 ordinary shares (2021: 727,080,789 ordinary shares) in issue during the year, calculated as follows:

### Weighted average number of ordinary shares

	2022	2021
Issued ordinary shares at 31		
December	742,756,425	727,080,789

### (b) Diluted earnings per share

The calculation of diluted earnings per share is based on the consolidated profit attributable to ordinary equity shareholders of the Company of HK\$582,451,000 (2021: HK\$327,798,000) and the weighted average of 748,648,454 ordinary shares (2021: 732,457,164 ordinary shares), calculated as follows:

#### Weighted average number of ordinary shares (diluted)

	2022	2021
Weighted average number of ordinary shares at 31 December	742,756,425	727,080,789
Effect of deemed issue of share under Company's share option scheme for		
nil consideration	2,400,478	2,320,123
Effect of Share Award Plan	3,491,551	3,056,252
Weighted average number of ordinary shares (diluted) at 31 December	748,648,454	732,457,164

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# **12. SEGMENT REPORTING**

### (a) Operating segment results

The Group manages its business as a single unit and, accordingly, the design, manufacture and sale of liquid crystal displays and related products is the only reporting segment and virtually all of the revenue and operating profits are derived from this business segment. The consolidated financial statements are already presented 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. Accordingly, no separate business segment information is disclosed.

The chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the Board. The Board reviews the Group's internal reporting in order to assess performance and allocate resources. Management has determined that a single operating segment exists based on this internal reporting.

The Board assesses the performance of the operating segments based on revenue which is consistent with that in the consolidated financial statements. Other information, being the total assets excluding deferred tax assets, other financial assets, current tax recoverable and the interest in associates, all of which are managed on a central basis, are provided to the Board to assess the performance of the operating segment.

### (b) Geographic information

The following tables set out information about the geographical location of (i) the Group's revenues from external customers and (ii) the Group's property, plant and equipment, intangible assets, goodwill and interest in associates ("specified non-current assets"). The geographical location of customers is based on the location at which the services were provided or the goods delivered. The geographical location of the specified non-current assets is based on the physical location of the asset, in the case of property, plant and equipment, the location of operation to which they are allocated, in the case of intangible assets and goodwill, and the location of operation, in the case of interests in associates.

#### (i) Group's revenues from external customers

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
The PRC (place of domicile)	7,494,766	5,067,853
Europe	1,607,278	1,440,522
America	680,320	435,503
Korea	396,589	334,185
Others	543,408	459,880
	3,227,595	2,670,090
Consolidated revenue	10,722,361	7,737,943

Revenue from external customers located in Europe are analysed as follows:

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Czech Republic	443,518	466,542
Germany	237,130	291,976
Romania	214,818	168,060
Portugal	73,059	88,793
Italy	112,275	79,923
France	99,060	68,991
United Kingdom	24,330	20,405
Other European countries	403,088	255,832
	1,607,278	1,440,522

#### (ii) Group's specified non-current assets

	2022 \$′000	2021 \$′000
The PRC (place of domicile)	1,515,654	626,290
Others	4,741	7,088
	1,520,395	633,378

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# **13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

	Ownership interests in land and buildings held for own use \$'000	Other properties leased for own use carried at cost \$'000	Plant, machinery, tools and equipment \$'000	Construction in progress \$'000	Others \$'000	Sub-total \$'000	Interest in leasehold land held for own use \$'000	Total \$'000
Cost								
At 1 January 2021	212,210	29,718	1,650,935	-	192,868	2,085,731	16,422	2,102,153
Exchange adjustments	4,919	97	18,559	-	2,898	26,473	414	26,887
Additions	6,380	14,866	172,633	-	24,275	218,154	51,429	269,583
Acquisition of a subsidiary through business combination (note 28) Disposals	-	- (13,110)	- (109,269)	-	698 (14,113)	698 (136,492)	-	698 (136,492)
	222.500						(0.265	
At 31 December 2021 At 1 January 2022	223,509 223,509	31,571 <b>31,571</b>	1,732,858		206,626 206,626	2,194,564 <b>2,194,564</b>	68,265 <b>68,265</b>	2,262,829 <b>2,262,829</b>
Exchange adjustments	(16,762)	(1,466)	(119,041)	- (2,320)	(14,921)	(154,510)	(4,906)	(159,416)
Additions	-	1,875	140,489	951,162	20,279	1,113,805	-	1,113,805
Transfer	63,129	-	-	(63,129)	-	-	-	-
Disposal of a subsidiary (note 32) Disposals	-	- (158)	- (6,157)	-	(2,818) (447)	(2,818) (6,762)	-	(2,818) (6,762)
At 31 December 2022	269,876	31,822	1,748,149	885,713	208,719	3,144,279	63,359	3,207,638

# **13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT** (CONTINUED)

	Ownership interests in land and buildings held for own use	Other properties leased for own use carried at cost	Plant, machinery, tools and equipment \$'000	Construction in progress \$'000	Others	Sub-total	Interest in leasehold land held for own use	Total
Accumulated amortisation and depreciation:	\$'000	\$'000	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
At 1 January 2021	89,992	12,186	1,357,295	-	166,698	1,626,171	8,936	1,635,107
Exchange adjustments	2,128	66	15,394	-	3,188	20,776	236	21,012
Charge for the year	9,312	10,878	124,777	-	13,627	158,594	1,140	159,734
Written back on disposals	-	(13,079)	(109,269)	-	(14,110)	(136,458)	-	(136,458)
At 31 December 2021	101,432	10,051	1,388,197		169,403	1,669,083	10,312	1,679,395
At 1 January 2022	101,432	10,051	1,388,197	-	169,403	1,669,083	10,312	1,679,395
Exchange adjustments	(8,866)	(249)	(98,845)	-	(13,853)	(121,813)	(282)	(122,095)
Charge for the year	10,496	10,476	127,255	-	14,992	163,219	2,551	165,770
Disposal of a subsidiary (note 32)	-	-	-	-	(1,329)	(1,329)	-	(1,329)
Written back on disposals	-	(158)	(3,902)	-	(343)	(4,403)	-	(4,403)
At 31 December 2022	103,062	20,120	1,412,705		168,870	1,704,757	12,581	1,717,338
Net book value:								
At 31 December 2022	166,814	11,702	335,444	885,713	39,849	1,439,522	50,778	1,490,300
At 31 December 2021	122,077	21,520	344,661	-	37,223	525,481	57,953	583,434

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# 13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

(a) Other property, plant and equipment comprise mainly leasehold improvements, furniture, fixtures, office equipment and motor vehicles.

### (b) Right-of-use assets:

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

		2022	2021
	Note	\$'000	\$′000
Ownership interests in leasehold land and buildings held for own use	(i)		
– in Hong Kong		192	200
– outside Hong Kong		161,983	116,863
		162,175	117,063
Interest in leasehold land held for own use outside Hong Kong	(i)	50,778	57,953
Other properties leased for own use, carried at depreciated cost	(ii)	11,702	21,520
Motor vehicles carried at depreciated cost	(iii)	213	509
		224,868	197,045

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

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Depreciation charge of right-of-use assets by class of underlying asset:		
Ownership interests in leasehold land and buildings held for own		
use	10,014	8,444
Interest in leasehold land held for own use	2,551	1,139
Other properties leased for own use	10,476	10,878
Motor vehicles	265	302
	23,306	20,763
Interest on lease liabilities (note 6(a))	669	915
Expense relating to leases of low-value assets	197	245

During the year, additions to right-of-use assets were HK\$1,875,000 (2021: HK\$73,337,000). This amount included the purchase of a leasehold land of HK\$Nil (2021: HK\$51,429,000), and remainder primarily related to the capitalised lease payments payable under new tenancy agreements.

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

### 13. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

- (b) Right-of-use assets: (Continued)
- (i) Ownership interests in leasehold land and buildings held for own use

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

#### (ii) Other properties leased for own use

The Group has obtained the right to use other properties as its offices through tenancy agreements. The leases typically run for an initial period of 1 to 3 years.

#### (iii) Other leases

The Group leases motor vehicles under leases expiring within two years. None of the leases includes variable lease payments.

### (c) Machinery and equipment leased out under operating leases

During the year, the Group leases out a number of items of machinery under operating leases which is presented under "Plant, machinery, tools and other equipment". The net book value of these machinery and equipment leased out under operating leases is HK\$32,122,000 as of 31 December 2022 (2021: HK\$47,703,000). There is no addition being made during the years ended 31 December 2022 and 2021. Depreciation of HK\$15,581,000 has been charged to profit or loss for the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: HK\$15,581,000). The leases typically run for an initial period of 3 years. None of the leases includes variable lease payments. Undiscounted lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases in place at the reporting date will be receivable by the Group in future periods are HK\$16,833,000).

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# **14. INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

	Technology know-how \$'000	Computer software \$'000	Total \$'000
Cost:			
At 1 January 2021	-	6,356	6,356
Additions	-	17,205	17,205
Acquisition of a subsidiary through business combination (note 28)	20,016	128	20,144
Exchange adjustments	334	2	336
At 31 December 2021 and 1 January 2022	20,350	23,691	44,041
Additions	-	4,394	4,394
Disposal of a subsidiary (note 32)	(18,348)	(188)	(18,536)
Exchange adjustments	(2,002)	(146)	(2,148)
At 31 December 2022		27,751	27,751
Accumulated amortisation:			
At 1 January 2021	-	1,791	1,791
Charge for the year	2,661	1,096	3,757
Exchange adjustments	35	1	36
At 31 December 2021 and 1 January 2022	2,696	2,888	5,584
Charge for the year	2,586	2,712	5,298
Disposal of a subsidiary (note 32)	(4,869)	(49)	(4,918)
Exchange adjustments	(413)	27	(386)
At 31 December 2022		5,578	5,578
Net book value:			
At 31 December 2022	_	22,173	22,173
At 31 December 2021	17,654	20,803	38,457

The amortisation charge for the year is included in "other operating expenses" in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

# **15. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES AND A CONTROLLED STRUCTURED ENTITY**

### (a) Investments in subsidiaries

The following list contains only particulars of subsidiaries which principally affected the results, assets or liabilities of the Group. The class of shares held is ordinary unless otherwise stated.

			Proportio	n of ownersh	nip interest	
Name of company	Place of incorporation/ operation	Particulars of issued share capital/ registered capital	Group's effective interest	Held by the Company	Held by a subsidiary	Principal activities
Chengdu BOE Automotive Display Technology Co., Ltd. (formerly known as Chengdu BOE Automotive Electronic Limited) <sup>#</sup>	The People's Republic of China	Paid-up registered capital of RMB1,500,000,000	100%	-	100%	Manufacture and sales of LCDs and related products
Varitronix (Chengdu) Display Technology Co., Ltd. (formerly known as Chengdu BOE Vehicle Display Technology Co., Ltd.) ("Chengdu Vx")#	The People's Republic of China	Paid-up registered capital of RMB305,145,455	100%	-	100%	Sales of LCDs and related products
Hefei BOE Vehicle Display Technology Co., Ltd. <sup>#</sup>	The People's Republic of China	Paid-up registered capital of RMB372,714,246	100%	-	100%	Sales of LCDs and related products
Link Score Investment Limited	Hong Kong	100 ordinary shares	100%	-	100%	Investment holding
Varitronix Limited	Hong Kong	2 ordinary shares 1,848 non-voting deferred ordinary shares	100%	-	100%	Design and sale of LCDs and related products
Varitronix France SAS	France	2,500 ordinary shares of €15.25 each	100%	-	100%	Marketing and sales consultants
Varitronix GmbH	Germany	100,000 shares of €0.51 each	100%	-	100%	Marketing and sales consultants
Varitronix (Heyuan) Display Technology Limited <sup>#</sup>	The People's Republic of China	Paid-up registered capital of RMB1,054,353,144	100%	-	100%	Manufacture and sales of LCDs and related products
Varitronix Italy s.r.l.	Italy	12,000 ordinary shares of €1 each	100%	-	100%	Marketing and sales consultants
Varitronix (Shenzhen) Automobile Technology Co., Ltd. <sup>#</sup>	The People's Republic of China	Paid-up registered capital of RMB50,000,000	100%	-	100%	Design and sale of LCDs and related products

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# 15. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES AND A CONTROLLED STRUCTURED ENTITY (continued)

### (a) Investments in subsidiaries (continued)

			Proportio	n of ownersh	nip interest	
Name of company	Place of incorporation/ operation	Particulars of issued share capital/ registered capital	Group's effective interest	Held by the Company	Held by a subsidiary	Principal activities
Varitronix (Switzerland) GmbH	Switzerland	Registered capital of CHF30,000	100%	-	100%	Marketing and sales consultants
Varitronix (U.K.) Limited	United Kingdom	100 ordinary shares of GBP10 each	100%	-	100%	Marketing and sales consultants
VL Electronics, Inc.	United States	5,000 common stock of US\$10 each	100%	-	100%	Marketing and sales consultants
Varitronix (Japan) Limited	Japan	1,000 ordinary stock of JPY10,000 each	100%	-	100%	Marketing and sales consultants
睿合科技有限公司*	The People's Republic of China	Registered capital of RMB100,000,000 (note)	50.1%	-	50.1%	Manufacture and sales of LCDs and related products
Varitronix Automobile Electronic (Huizhou) Co., Ltd. <sup>#</sup>	s The People's Republic of China	Registered capital of RMB17,000,000 (note)	100%	-	100%	Design and sales of LCDs and related products

#### \* Name of company

– Varitronix (Chengdu) Display Technology Co., Ltd.

- Hefei BOE Vehicle Display Technology Co., Ltd.

– Varitronix (Heyuan) Display Technology Limited

- Varitronix (Shenzhen) Automobile Technology Co., Ltd.

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- Varitronix Automobile Electronics (Huizhou) Co., Ltd

### Type of legal entity

Wholly-owned foreign enterprise Wholly-owned foreign enterprise Wholly-owned foreign enterprise Wholly-owned foreign enterprise Non-wholly-owned foreign enterprise Wholly-owned foreign enterprise

Note: The amount represented the registered capital which is not fully paid up yet.

\* On 23 December 2021, an ordinary resolution of the Company has been passed at the special general meeting for the entering of the Capital Increase Agreement by the Group, its ultimate parent, BOE Technology Group Ltd., and Chengdu Automotive, pursuant to which each of the Group and BOE Technology Group Ltd. has conditionally agreed to make the Capital Increase in cash to the Chengdu Automotive of RMB810 million and RMB540 million respectively. As of 31 December 2021, Capital Increase of RMB246 million and RMB164 million has been made by the Group and BOE Technology Group Ltd. respectively.

On 12 August 2022, the Group entered into an equity transfer agreement with BOE in relation to the acquisition of the 40% equity interest in Chengdu Automotive, which was a non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Group. Pursuant to the equity transfer agreement, the Group has agreed to acquire, and BOE has agreed to sell the 40% equity interest of Chengdu Automotive at a cash consideration of RMB230 million.

Upon the completion of equity transfer, the Group holds 100% equity interest in Chengdu Automotive which is accounted for as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group. Further details are set out in the announcement of the Company date 12 August 2022.

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# 15. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES AND A CONTROLLED STRUCTURED ENTITY (continued)

### (b) Non-controlling interests

The following table lists out the information in respective each of the Group's subsidiaries which have material non-controlling interests ("NCI"). The summarised financial information presented below represents the amounts before any inter-company elimination.

	睿合科技 有限公司 2022 \$′000	睿合科技 有限公司 2021 \$'000	Chengdu Automotive 2021 \$'000
NCI percentage	<b>49.9</b> %	49.9%	40.0%
Non-current assets	67,328	58,146	51,001
Current assets	192,203	143,018	563,661
Current liabilities	(157,177)	(109,711)	(7,085)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	-
Net assets	102,354	91,453	607,577
Carrying amount of NCI	51,075	45,635	243,031
Revenue	462,939	210,673	-
Profit/(loss) for the year	3,595	(11,529)	(2,423)
Total comprehensive income	3,595	(11,529)	(2,423)
Profit/(loss) allocated to NCI	1,794	(5,753)	(969)
Cash outflows from operating activities	(82,130)	(36,872)	(4,706)
Cash outflows from investing activities	(25,670)	(33,389)	(51,001)
Cash inflows from financing activities	61,762	70,294	609,400

### (c) Investment in a controlled structured entity

The Company directly controlled a trust (the "Share Award Plan Trust") that was set up in relation to the Group's Share Award Plan adopted on 28 August 2020 (the "Share Award Plan"). The sole purpose of the Share Award Plan Trust is the purchasing, administering and holding the Company's shares under the Share Award Plan for the benefit of eligible employees (see note 27(b)). The Company has the power to direct the relevant activities of the Share Award Plan Trust and it has the ability to use its power over the trust to affect its exposure to returns. Therefore, the Share Award Plan Trust is considered as a controlled structured entity of the Group.

### (d) Amount due from a subsidiary

The amount due from a subsidiary is non-trade nature, interest bearing at Hong Kong Interbank Offered Rate plus 0.9% unsecured and repayable within one year.

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# **16. INTEREST IN ASSOCIATES**

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Share of net assets	4,471	-
Amounts due from associates	3,451	-
	7,922	-

The amounts due from associates were unsecured, interest-free and had no fixed repayment terms.

### Particulars of the associates

Set out below are the particulars of the major associate of the Group:

Name of associate	Place of incorporation and operation	Particulars of issued share capital/ registered capital	Attributable indirect equity interest % held	Principal activity
Hefei Jiangcheng Technology Co., Ltd. ("Hefei Jiangcheng")	The People's Republic of China	Registered capital of RMB38,481,809	46.24%	Design and sale of display products

Aggregate information of associates that are not individually material:

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Aggregate carrying amounts of individually immaterial associates in the consolidated financial statements	4,471	_
Aggregate amounts of the Group's share of those associates' loss and total comprehensive income	(456)	(490)

# 17. GOODWILL

	\$'000
Cost and net book value:	
At 1 January 2021	-
Acquisition of a subsidiary through business combination (note 28)	11,299
Exchange adjustments	188
At 31 December 2021	11,487
Disposal of a subsidiary (note 32)	(11,487)
At 31 December 2022	-

Goodwill arose from the step acquisition of Hefei Jiangcheng during the year ended 31 December 2021 (see note 28) which had been disposed during the year ended 31 December 2022 (see note 32).

# **18. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS**

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Non-current portion	\$ 000	\$ 000
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss		
– Unlisted equity securities outside Hong Kong	42,588	40,614
Current portion		
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss		
– Listed equity securities outside Hong Kong	65	1,243
Financial assets measured at amortised cost		
<ul> <li>Issued by financial institutions outside Hong Kong</li> </ul>	-	3,124
	65	4,367

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# **19. INVENTORIES**

(a) Inventories in the consolidated statement of financial position comprise:

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Raw materials	637,604	287,760
Work in progress	281,089	128,402
Finished goods	649,308	416,455
	1,568,001	832,617

# (b) The analysis of the amount of inventories recognised as an expense is as follows:

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Carrying amount of inventories sold	9,466,518	6,752,435
Write-down of inventories	92,326	47,887
Reversal of write-down of inventories	(28,661)	(4,791)
	9,530,183	6,795,531

The reversal of write-down of inventories made in prior years arose due to subsequent utilisation of certain inventories as a result of a change in customers' specifications on the products.

# 20. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER CONTRACT COSTS

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Trade debtors and bills receivable, net of expected credit loss allowance	2,005,973	1,616,233
Other receivables	52,694	12,595
Amount due from non-controlling		
interest	14,012	14,012
Deposits and prepayments	159,969	66,656
Other contract costs	23,449	50,180
	2,256,097	1,759,676
Non-current deposits and prepayments	(98,265)	(15,332)
	2,157,832	1,744,344

Non-current deposits and prepayments were paid for the TFT panels toolings for manufacturing TFT modules and acquisition of plant and equipment. Except for the rental deposit of HK\$1,116,000 (2021: HK\$1,116,000), all of the current portion of trade and other receivables are expected to be recovered on demand or recognised as expense within 12 months from the end of the reporting period.

# 20. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER CONTRACT COSTS (CONTINUED)

### (a) Ageing analysis

As at the end of the reporting period, the ageing analysis of trade debtors and bills receivable (which are included in trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments and other contract costs), based on the invoice date and net of expected credit loss allowance and allowance for sales return, is as follows:

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Within 60 days of the invoice issue date	1,444,061	1,083,109
61 to 90 days after the invoice issue date	244,722	270,250
91 to 120 days after the invoice issue date	160,660	124,294
More than 120 days but less than 12 months after the invoice issue date	156,530	138,580
	2,005,973	1,616,233

Trade debtors and bills receivable are generally due within 60 to 90 days from the date of billing. Further details on the Group's credit policy are set out in note 30(a).

### (b) Contract costs

Contract costs capitalised relate to the incremental costs of obtaining contracts relating to the sale of goods. Contract costs are recognised in the 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 was HK\$14,973,000 (2021: HK\$10,307,000). There was no impairment in relation to the capitalised contract costs during the year (2021: HK\$Nil).

The Group applies the practical expedient in HKFRS 15 and recognises the incremental costs of obtaining contracts relating to the sale of goods as an expense when incurred if the amortisation period of the assets that the Group otherwise would have recognised is within the same reporting period as the date of entering into the contract.

The amount of capitalised contract costs that is expected to be recognised after more than one year is HK\$15,691,000 (2021: HK\$37,247,000).

### 21. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND FIXED DEPOSITS WITH BANKS

# (a) Cash and cash equivalents and fixed deposits with banks comprise:

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Fixed deposits with banks with more		
than three months to maturity when		
placed	61,723	-
Fixed deposits with banks with three		
months or less to maturity when		
placed	777,167	-
Cash at banks and on hand	2,041,656	2,267,118
Cash and cash equivalents	2,818,823	2,267,118

- (i) At 31 December 2022, included in cash and cash equivalents were amounts of approximately HK\$7,542,000 (2021: HK\$6,362,000) placed at the Share Award Plan Trust for purchasing its own shares through the trustee from the open market for the shares to be granted under the Share Award Plan.
- (ii) As at 31 December 2022, cash and cash equivalents and fixed deposits situated in Mainland China amounted to HK\$1,527,374,000 (2021: HK\$1,707,729,000). Remittance of funds out of Mainland China is subject to relevant rules and regulations of foreign exchange control.

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## 21. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND FIXED DEPOSITS WITH BANKS (CONTINUED)

(b) Reconciliation of profit before taxation to cash generated from operations:

		2022	2021
	Note	\$'000	\$′000
Profit before taxation		657,647	348,679
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	13	165,770	159,734
Amortisation	14	5,298	3,757
Finance costs	6(a)	12,361	915
Interest income	5	(52,849)	(25,403)
Share of losses of associates		456	490
Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	5	(884)	(912)
Equity settled share-based payment expenses	6(b)	22,590	14,789
Impairment loss on an associate	5	-	2,421
Gain on deemed disposal of a subsidiary	5	(98)	-
Loss on deemed disposal of an associate	5	-	2,400
Amortisation of government grants	5	(10,197)	(6,037)
Changes in fair value of other financial assets	5	736	1,720
Foreign exchange loss/(gain)		226,689	(44,486)
Changes in working capital:		1,027,519	458,067
Increase in inventories		(818,948)	(318,210)
Increase in trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments and other			
contract costs		(539,855)	(578,513)
Increase in trade and other payables		1,164,944	1,113,590
Cash generated from operations		833,660	674,934

# (c) Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

The table below details changes in the Group's liabilities from financing activities, including both cash and noncash 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 Ioans \$'000 (note 23)	Lease liabilities \$'000 (note 24)	Total \$'000
At 1 January 2021		19,429	19,429
Changes from financing cash flows:			
Capital element of lease rentals paid	-	(11,425)	(11,425)
Interest element of lease rentals paid	-	(915)	(915)
Total changes from financing cash flows	_	(12,340)	(12,340)
Exchange adjustment:		(977)	(977)
Other changes: Increase in lease liabilities from entering into new leases during the period	_	15,528	15,528
Finance costs (note 6(a))	-	915	915
Total other changes		16,443	16,443
At 31 December 2021 and 1 January 2022		22,555	22,555
Changes from financing cash flows:			
Capital element of lease rentals paid	-	(11,140)	(11,140)
Interest element of lease rentals paid	-	(669)	(669)
Proceeds from new bank loans	776,700	_	776,700
Repayment of bank loans	(83,023)	-	(83,023)
Interest paid	(11,692)	-	(11,692)
Total changes from financing cash flows	681,985	(11,809)	670,176
Exchange adjustment:	6,523	(769)	5,754
Other changes: Increase in lease liabilities from entering into new leases during the period Disposal of a subsidiary	_	1,148	1,148
(note 32)	(33,000)	-	(33,000)
Finance costs (note 6(a))	11,692	669	12,361
Total other changes	(21,308)	1,817	(19,491)
At 31 December 2022	667,200	11,794	678,994

### 21. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND FIXED DEPOSITS WITH BANKS (CONTINUED)

### (d) Total cash outflow for leases

Amounts included in the cash flow statements for leases comprise the following:

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Within operating cash flows	197	245
Within financing cash flows	11,809	12,340
	12,006	12,585

# **22. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Trade creditors	2,940,097	1,651,859
Accrued charges and other payables	267,777	276,789
Tooling fees received in advance	151,409	126,375
Contract liabilities	30,411	80,781
	3,389,694	2,135,804

All creditors and accrued charges are expected to be settled or recognised as income within one year or are repayable on demand. During the year ended 31 December 2022, HK\$31,144,000 of tooling fees received in advance has been recognised as revenue in the profit or loss (2021: HK\$16,346,000) and advanced payments of HK\$56,177,000 has been received from customers (2021: HK\$65,088,000). As of 31 December 2022, the amount of tooling fees received in advance which are expected to be recognised as income after more than one year is HK\$136,134,000 (2021: HK\$118,123,000).

### (a) Ageing analysis:

As at the end of the reporting period, the ageing analysis of trade creditors and bills payable (which are included in trade and other payables), based on the invoice date, is as follows:

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Within 60 days of supplier invoice date	2,408,202	1,170,681
61 to 120 days after supplier invoice date	462,904	454,423
More than 120 days but within 12 months after supplier invoice date	50,119	16,822
More than 12 months after supplier invoice date	18,872	9,933
	2,940,097	1,651,859

### (b) Movements in contract liabilities

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Balance at 1 January	80,781	52,486
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 period	(80,781)	(52,486)
Increase in contract liabilities as a result of receiving advances from customers during the year	30,411	80,781
Balance at 31 December	30,411	80,781

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. The amount of deposit is negotiated on a case by case basis with customers. All contract liabilities are expected to be recognised as income within one year. (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars unless otherwise indicated)

# 23. BANK LOANS

The analysis of the repayment schedule of bank loans is as follows:

### **The Group**

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$′000
Within 1 year or on demand	636,288	-
After 1 year but within 2 years	30,912	-
	667,200	_

### **The Company**

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$′000
Within 1 year or on demand	600,000	-

All of the above bank loans were unsecured.

Certain of the Group's banking facilities are subject to the fulfilment of covenants relating to certain of the Group's balance sheet ratios, as are commonly found in lending arrangements with financial institutions. If the Group were to breach the covenants the drawn down facilities would become payable 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 30(b). As at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2021, none of the covenants relating to drawn down facilities had been breached.

# **24. LEASE LIABILITIES**

The following table shows the remaining contractual maturities of the Group's lease liabilities at the end of the current and previous reporting periods and at the date of transition to HKFRS 16:

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Within 1 year	7,392	11,513
After 1 year but within 2 years	3,969	7,203
After 2 years but within 5 years	433	3,839
	4,402	11,042
	11,794	22,555

# 25. INCOME TAX IN THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

### (a) Current taxation in the consolidated statement of financial position represents:

	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Tax payable in respect of Hong Kong Profits Tax	28,216	4,379
Tax payable in respect of PRC income taxes	25,337	4,817
Tax payable in respect of jurisdictions outside Hong Kong and the PRC	7,649	3,540
	61,202	12,736
Representing:		
Current tax recoverable	(4,122)	(4,740)
Current tax payable	65,324	17,476
	61,202	12,736

## (b) Deferred tax assets and liabilities recognised:

The components of deferred tax (assets)/liabilities recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position and the movements during the year are as follows:

	Depreciation allowances in excess of the related depreciation \$'000	Intangible assets \$'000	Provisions \$'000	Deferred income \$'000	Unremitted earnings \$'000	Future benefits of tax losses \$'000	Total \$'000
Deferred tax arising from:							
At 1 January 2021	859	-	(220)	-	7,000	(9,623)	(1,984)
Acquisition of a subsidiary through business combination (note 28)	-	5,004	-	-	-	-	5,004
(Credited)/charged to profit or loss (note 7(a))	-	(665)	-	-	-	9,623	8,958
Exchange difference	459	74	-	-	-	-	533
At 31 December 2021	1,318	4,413	(220)	-	7,000	-	12,511
At 1 January 2022	1,318	4,413	(220)	-	7,000	-	12,511
Charged/(Credited) to profit or loss (note 7(a))	170	2,336	(10,039)	(2,520)	-	-	(10,053)
Disposal of a subsidiary (note 32)	-	(4,174)	-	-	-	-	(4,174)
Exchange difference	(155)	562	-	-	-	-	407
At 31 December 2022	1,333	3,137	(10,259)	(2,520)	7,000	-	(1,309)

The reconciliation to the consolidated statement of financial position is as follows:

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Net deferred tax assets recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position	(11,286)	(654)
Net deferred tax liabilities recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position	9,977	13,165
	(1,309)	12,511

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### 25. 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(s), the Group has not recognised deferred tax assets in respect of cumulative tax losses of HK\$163,180,000 (2021: HK\$153,130,000) as it is not probable that future taxable profits against which the losses can be utilised will be available in the relevant tax jurisdictions and entities for the foreseeable future. The Group has not recognised deferred tax assets in respect of tax losses, whose expiry dates are:

	2022 \$′000	2021 \$'000
In December 2023	-	7,415
In December 2024	-	7,018
In December 2025	1,325	16,360
In December 2026	30,401	62,652
In December 2027	66,957	-
Do not expire under current tax		
legislation	64,497	59,685
	163,180	153,130

# **26. DEFERRED INCOME**

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$′000
Current portion	4,427	3,260
Non-current portion	18,911	5,279
	23,338	8,539

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group received government grants of HK\$33,324,000 (2021: HK\$2,495,000) from the PRC authorities as incentives for acquiring machineries. The amount received is to be amortised and released to profit or loss over the useful lives of the relevant assets. During the year ended 31 December 2022, HK\$10,197,000 (2021: HK\$6,037,000) of the grants are credited to profit or loss.

### 27. EQUITY SETTLED SHARE-BASED TRANSACTIONS

### (a) Share option scheme

The share option scheme of the Company was adopted on 3 June 2013 (the "Scheme") as an incentive for the Group's employees and business associates. The Directors are authorised, at their discretion, to invite any employee, director, including executive and non-executive directors or business associate of any company in the Group (the "Participants") to take up options to subscribe for shares in the Company at a price determined by the Board and notified to each grantee and which will not be less than the closing price of the shares on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (the "Stock Exchange") on the date of offer of the option granted to such grantee or the average of the closing prices of the shares on the Stock Exchange on the five trading days immediately preceding the date of offer of the option granted to such grantee or the nominal value of the shares, whichever is higher.

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 may not exceed 10 percent of the issued share capital of the Company at the date of approval of the share option scheme. The options under the share option schemes are exercisable for a period of ten years from the date of grant.

On 24 January 2019, the Company granted 4,500,000 share options to the Participants under the Scheme. Each share option entitles the holder to subscribe for one share of \$0.25 of the Company at an exercise price of HK\$2.00. The contractual life of these share options is the period from the date on which an option certificate is issued after acceptance by the grantees and expiring on 31 January 2023. Among the 4,500,000 share options granted, 1,800,000 share options were granted to the Directors. Further details are set out in the Company's announcement dated 24 January 2019.

# 27. EQUITY SETTLED SHARE-BASED TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

- (a) Share option scheme (continued)
- (i) The terms and conditions of the grants that existed during the years are as follows, whereby all options are settled by physical delivery of shares:

	Number of options	Vesting conditions	Contractual life of options
Options granted to directors:			
24 January 2019	1,800,000	Exercisable in three tranches immediately from 1 February of each year from 2020 to 2023	Expire at the close of business on 31 January 2023
Options granted to employees:			
24 January 2019	2,700,000	Exercisable in three tranches immediately from 1 February of each year from 2020 to 2023	Expire at the close of business on 31 January 2023

### (ii) The number and weighted average exercise prices of share options are as follows:

	202	2	2021		
	Weighted average exercise price	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price	Number of options	
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	\$2.00	2,890,000	\$2.00	4,000,000	
Exercised during the year	\$2.00	(2,225,000)	\$2.00	(980,000)	
Forfeited during the year	N/A	-	\$2.00	(130,000)	
Outstanding at the end of the year	\$2.00	665,000	\$2.00	2,890,000	
Exercisable at the end of the year		665,000		1,755,000	

The weighted average share price at the date of exercise for shares options exercised during the year was HK\$13.07 (2021: HK\$6.39).

The options outstanding at 31 December 2022 had an exercise price of HK\$2.00 (2021: HK\$2.00) and a weighted average remaining contractual life of 0.08 year (2021: 1.08 years).

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## 27. EQUITY SETTLED SHARE-BASED TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

(a) Share option scheme (continued)

#### (iii) Fair value of share options and assumptions

The fair value of services received in return for share options granted was measured by reference to the fair value of share options granted. The estimate of the fair value of the share options granted was measured based on the Binomial Option pricing model. The contractual life of the share option and expectations of early exercise were incorporated into the Binomial Option pricing model.

	Granted on 24 January 2019
Fair value of and assumptions for share	
options	
Fair value at measurement date	\$0.59
Share price	\$2.00
Exercise price	\$2.00
Weighted average volatility	38.81%
Weighted average share option life	4.02 years
Expected dividends	0.50%
Risk-free interest rate (based on Exchange Fund	
Notes)	1.83%

The expected volatility was based on the historic volatility (calculated based on the weighted average remaining life of the share options), adjusted for any expected changes to future volatility based on publicly available information. Expected dividends were based on historical dividends. Changes in the subjective input assumptions could materially affect the fair value estimate.

Share options were granted under a service condition. This condition had not been taken into account in the grant date fair value measurement of the services received. There were no market conditions associated with the share option grants.

### (b) Share Award Plan

The Company has adopted the Share Award Plan on 28 August 2020 (the "Adoption Date") for the purpose of retaining participants for the continual operation and development of the Group and to attract suitable personnel for further development of the Group.

Pursuant to the rules of the Share Award Plan, the Directors may grant an award to anyone (other than any excluded participant) who is an employee, director, or consultant of any member of the Group for participation in the Share Award Plan and determine the terms of the award.

The Share Award Plan is subject to the administration of the Board and the trustee in accordance with the rules of the Share Award Plan and the terms of the trust deed which entered between the Company and the trustee on 28 August 2020. The Share Award Plan will be terminated on the tenth anniversary of the Adoption Date or such earlier date as the Board may determine.

The Trustee may purchase the Shares on the Stock Exchange at the prevailing market price (subject to such maximum price as may be from time to time prescribed by the Board), or off the market. In the event that the trustee effects any purchases by off-market transactions, the purchase price for such purchases shall not be higher than the lower of the following: (i) the closing market price on the date of such purchase, and (ii) the average closing market price for the five preceding trading days on which the Shares were traded on the Stock Exchange. The maximum number of Shares to be subscribed for and/or purchased by the trustee for the purpose of the share award plan shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares as at the Adoption Date. The Board shall not instruct the Trustee to subscribe for and/or purchase any Shares for the purpose of the share award plan when such subscription and/or purchase will result in such threshold being exceeded.

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Company did not remit cash (2021: HK\$26,000,000) to the trustee for the purchase of Shares of the Company pursuant to the share award plan. During the year ended 31 December 2022, the trustee purchased a total Nil (2021: 5,856,000) shares on the market at a total consideration of HK\$Nil (2021: approximately HK\$23,183,000) for the purpose of the Share Award Plan. During the year ended 31 December 2022, the trustee transferred 2,870,000 (2021: 2,504,000) ordinary shares of the Company to the share awardees upon vesting of the awards.

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# **28. ACQUISITION OF A SUBSIDIARY**

### Step acquisition of Hefei Jiangcheng

On 9 February 2021, the Group acquired an additional 34.9% equity interest in Hefei Jiangcheng at a total consideration of HK\$7,100,000. The principal activity of Hefei Jiangcheng is to design and sales of display products. Upon the completion of the step acquisition, Hefei Jiangcheng became a 57.4% owned subsidiary of the Group.

The fair value of the Group's then 22.5% equity holding in Hefei Jiangcheng previously held as an associate was determined at HK\$3,857,000 which formed part of the total consideration of the step acquisition. As a result of the Step Acquisition, a loss on deemed disposal, being the deficits between the fair value and carrying amounts of the interest in Hefei Jiangcheng previously held as an associate, of HK\$2,400,000 was recognised.

The fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition date were as follows:

Fair value of and assumptions of Hefei Jiangcheng	Acquired on 9 February 2021 \$'000
Property, plant and equipment	698
Intangible assets	20,144
Cash and cash equivalents	3,722
Inventories	29
Trade and other receivables	1,232
Trade and other payables	(13,856)
Deferred tax liabilities	(5,004)
Fair value of net assets acquired	6,965
Less: fair value of previously held equity interests	(3,857)
Less: non-controlling interests	(7,307)
Goodwill	11,299
Total consideration, satisfied by waiver of receivables	7,100
Net cash inflow, cash and cash equivalents acquired	3,722

Goodwill arising from the acquisition of the Hefei Jiangcheng represented the benefits of expected synergies to be achieved from integrating the subsidiaries into the Group's existing businesses and future market development. None of the goodwill recognised is expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

Hefei Jiangcheng contributed revenue of HK\$27,531,000 and loss of HK\$20,861,000 to the Group for the period from 9 February 2021 to 31 December 2021. If the Step Acquisition had occurred on 1 January 2021, the Group's revenue and loss for the year ended 31 December 2021 would have increased by HK\$Nil and HK\$775,000 (after deduction of share of loss from 1 January 2021 to 8 February 2021) respectively.

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# 28. ACQUISITION OF A SUBSIDIARY (CONTINUED)

### **Measurement of fair value**

The valuation techniques used for measuring the fair value of material assets acquired were as follows:

Assets acquired	Valuation techniques
Intangible assets	Excess earnings method: The method determines the value of an intangible asset as the present value of the cash flows attributable to the subject intangible asset after excluding the proportion of cash flows that are attributable to contributory assets.

# 29. CAPITAL, RESERVES AND DIVIDENDS

### (a) Movements in components of equity of the Company

The reconciliation between the opening and closing balances of each component of the Group's consolidated equity is set out in the consolidated statement of changes in equity. Details of the changes in the Company's individual components of equity between the beginning and the end of the year are set out below:

	Note	Share capital (note 29(c)) \$'000	Share premium (note 29(d)(i)) \$'000	Awarded shares held under the Share Award Plan (note 29(d)(v)) \$'000	Contributed surplus (note 29(d)(ii)) \$'000	Capital reserve (note 29(d)(iv)) \$'000	Retained profits/ (Accumulated losses) \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance at 1 January 2021		183,794	1,307,585	(16,932)	771,827	2,060	45,826	2,294,160
Changes in equity for 2021:								
Final dividends approved in respect of the previous year	29(b)(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	(36,302)	(36,302)
Share purchased by the trustee under the Share Award Plan		-	-	(23,183)	-	-	-	(23,183)
Issuance of share upon exercise of share options	29(c)(ii)	245	2,261	-	-	(546)	-	1,960
Vesting of shares under the Share Award Plan		-	-	6,506	-	(8,088)	1,582	-
Loss and total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	-	-	(8,788)	(8,788)
Equity settled share-based transaction	6(b)	-	-	-	-	14,789	-	14,789
Balance at 31 December 2021		184,039	1,309,846	(33,609)	771,827	8,215	2,318	2,242,636
Balance at 1 January 2022		184,039	1,309,846	(33,609)	771,827	8,215	2,318	2,242,636
Changes in equity for 2022:								
Final dividends approved in respect of the previous year	29(b)(ii)	-	-	-	(109,284)	-	-	(109,284)
Issuance of share upon exercise of share options	29(c)(ii)	556	5,215	-	-	(1,321)	-	4,450
Vesting of shares under the Share Award Plan		-	-	9,774	-	(17,446)	7,672	-
Loss and total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	-	-	(14,403)	(14,403)
Placing and shareholder subscription of new shares	29(c)(iii)	13,258	792,798	-	-	-	-	806,056
Capitalisation of placing and shareholder subscription expenses		-	(6,395)	-	-	-	-	(6,395)
Equity settled share-based transaction	6(b)	-	-	-	-	22,590	-	22,590
Balance at 31 December 2022		197,853	2,101,464	(23,835)	662,543	12,038	(4,413)	2,945,650

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## 29. CAPITAL, RESERVES AND DIVIDENDS (CONTINUED)

## (b) Dividends

#### (i) Dividends payable to equity shareholders of the Company attributable to the year

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$′000
Final dividend proposed after the end of reporting period of 23.0 HK cents		
(2021: 15.0 HK cents) per share	182,062	110,449

The final dividend proposed after the end of the reporting period have not been recognised as liabilities at the end of the reporting period.

## (ii) Dividends payable to equity shareholders of the Company attributable to the previous financial year, approved and paid during the year

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$′000
Final dividend in respect of the previous financial year, approved and paid during the year, of		
15.0 HK cent (2021: 5.0 HK cent) per share	109,284	36,302

## (c) Share capital

#### (i) Authorised and issued share capital

	202	2	2021	
	No. of shares	Amount	No. of shares	Amount
	<b>'000</b>	\$'000	'000	\$'000
Authorised:				
Ordinary shares of \$0.25 each (note)	5,000,000	1,250,000	800,000	200,000
Ordinary shares, issued and fully paid:				
At 1 January	736,155	184,039	735,175	183,794
Issuance of shares upon exercise of share options	2,225	556	980	245
Placing and shareholder subscription of new				
shares	53,030	13,258	-	
At 31 December	791,410	197,853	736,155	184,039

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company. All ordinary shares rank equally with regard to the Company's residual assets.

Note: On 14 October 2022, the Company passed an ordinary resolution to approve the authorised share capital of the Company be increased from HK\$200,000,000 divided into 800,000,000 shares of HK\$0.25 each to HK\$1,250,000,000 divided into 5,000,000,000 shares of HK\$0.25 each by the creation of an additional 4,200,000,000 shares.

#### (ii) Issuance of shares upon exercise of share options

During the year ended 31 December 2022, options have been exercised to subscribe for 2,225,000 ordinary shares (2021: 980,000 ordinary shares) in the Company at a consideration of HK\$4,450,000 (2021: HK\$1,960,000) of which HK\$556,000 (2021: HK\$245,000) was credited to share capital and the balance of HK\$3,894,000 (2021: \$1,715,000) was credited to the share premium account. HK\$1,321,000 (2021: HK\$546,000) has been transferred from the capital reserve to the share premium account in accordance with policy set out in note 2(r)(ii).

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## 29. CAPITAL, RESERVES AND DIVIDENDS (CONTINUED)

## (c) Share capital (Continued)

#### (iii) Placing and shareholder subscription of new shares

During the year ended 31 December 2022, 53,030,000 ordinary shares of the Company were allotted and issued as fully paid to the subscriber at an issue price of HK\$15.20 per share totaling HK\$806,056,000, of which HK\$13,258,000 was credited to share capital and the balance of HK\$792,798,000 was credited to the share premium account. Issuing expenses in relation to the issuance of new shares of HK\$6,395,000 was also capitalised into the share premium account.

#### (d) Nature and purpose of reserves

#### (i) Share premium

The application of the share premium account is governed by sections 150 and 157 of the Company's Articles of Association and the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda.

#### (ii) Contributed surplus

Contributed surplus comprises the capital reduction transferred from the share premium account and the excess value of the shares of the subsidiaries acquired pursuant to the Group reorganisation scheme in 1991 over the nominal value of the new shares of the Company issued in exchange is credited to the contributed surplus account. Under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended) and the Byelaws of the Company, the contributed surplus is distributable to shareholders.

#### (iii) Exchange reserve

The exchange reserve comprises all foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of operations outside Hong Kong. The reserve is dealt with in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2(w).

#### (iv) Capital reserve

The capital reserve comprises of the Company's equity settled share-based payments recognised in accordance with the accounting policy adopted for share-based payments in notes 2(r)(ii) and 2(r)(iii).

#### (v) Awarded shares held under the Share Award Plan

Treasury shares held under the Share Award Plan represents the shares purchased by the Group that are not yet granted to directors and employees of the Company under the Share Award Plan (see note 27(b)). The consideration paid for the purchase of the Company's shares is reflected as a decrease in the equity of the Company.

#### (vi) Other reserves

Other reserves comprise statutory reserves required in respect of a subsidiary in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations in the PRC and the consideration in exceed of carrying amount of non-controlling interests acquired.

#### (vii) Distributability of reserves

At 31 December 2022, the aggregate amount of reserves available for distribution to shareholders of the Company was HK\$658,130,000 (2021: HK\$774,145,000).

#### (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.

## 29. CAPITAL, RESERVES AND DIVIDENDS (CONTINUED)

## (e) Capital management (Continued)

The Group monitors its capital structure on the basis of a net debt-to-adjusted capital ratio. For this purpose the Group defines net debt as total debt (which includes lease liabilities and trade and other payables), less fixed deposits with banks and 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 2022 and 2021 was as follow:

		2022	2021
	Note	\$'000	\$'000
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	22	3,389,694	2,135,804
Lease liabilities	24	7,392	11,513
Bank loans	23	636,288	
		4,033,374	2,147,317
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	24	4,402	11,042
Bank loans	23	30,912	
		35,314	11,042
Total debt		4,068,688	2,158,359
Fixed deposits with banks with more than three months to maturity when			
placed	21	(61,723)	-
Cash and cash equivalents	21	(2,818,823)	(2,267,118)
Net debt/(cash)		1,188,142	(108,759)
Total equity		4,115,773	3,345,625
Adjusted capital		4,115,773	3,345,625
Adjusted net debt-to-capital ratio		0.29	N/A

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries are subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

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## **30. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES**

Exposure to credit, liquidity, currency and interest rate 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. The Group's exposure to credit risk arising from cash and cash equivalents and bills receivable is limited because the counterparties are banks and financial institutions for which the Group consider the credit risk is low.

The Group does not provide any other guarantees which would expose the Group to credit risk.

#### Trade receivables

The Group's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer rather than the industry or country in which the customers operate and therefore significant concentrations of credit risk primarily arise when the Group has significant exposure to individual customers. At the end of the reporting period, 24% (2021: 24%) and 55% (2021: 52%) of the total trade receivables were due from the Group's largest customer and the five largest customers respectively.

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. Trade receivables are due within 60 to 90 days from the date of billing. Normally, the Group does not obtain collateral from customers. The Group measures loss allowances for trade receivables at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, which is calculated using a provision matrix. As the Group's historical credit loss experience indicates different loss patterns based on individual characteristics of customers, the loss allowance based on past due status is further distinguished between the Group's individual credit evaluations of customers.

The following table provides information about the Group's exposure to credit risk and ECLs for trade receivables:

	2022					
	Expected loss rate %	Gross carrying amount \$'000	Loss allowance \$'000			
Current (not past due)	0.2%	920,488	2,186			
Less than 1 month past due	0.8%	432,147	3,329			
1 to 12 months past due	3.5%	682,398	23,545			
More than 12 months past due	100%	10,405	10,405			
		2,045,438	39,465			

	2021					
	Gross					
	Expected	carrying	Loss			
	loss rate	amount	allowance			
	%	\$'000	\$'000			
Current (not past due)	0.1%	1,095,790	554			
Less than 1 month past due	1.0%	270,990	2,778			
1 to 12 months past due	3.7%	273,650	10,223			
More than 12 months past due	100%	6,368	6,368			
		1,646,798	19,923			

Expected loss rates are based on actual loss experience over the past 12 months. These rates are adjusted to reflect differences between economic conditions during the period over which the historic data has been collected, current conditions and the Group's view of economic conditions over the expected lives of the receivables.

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## **30. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES (CONTINUED)**

## (a) Credit risk (Continued)

## Trade receivables (Continued)

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

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$′000
Balance at 1 January	19,923	3,560
Amounts written off during the year	-	(16)
Disposal of a subsidiary (note 32)	(830)	-
Increase in ECL allowance during the year	20,372	16,379
Balance at 31 December	39,465	19,923

## (b) Liquidity risk

Individual operating entities within the Group are responsible for their own cash management, including the short-term investment of cash surpluses and the raising of loans to cover expected cash demands, subject to approval by the parent company's board when the borrowings exceed certain predetermined levels of authority. 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 cash equivalents and adequate committed lines of funding from major financial institutions to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and longer term.

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 currently applicable at the end of reporting period) and the earliest date that the Group can be required to pay:

	2022 Contractual undiscounted cash outflow					Contractua	2021 l undiscounted c	ash outflow		
	Within 1 year or on demand	More than 1 year but less than 2 years	More than 2 years but less than 5 years	Total	Carrying amount at 31 December	Within 1 year or on demand	More than 1 year but less than 2 years	More than 2 years but less than 5 years	Total	Carrying amount at 31 December
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade creditors, accrued charges and other payables	3,207,874	-	-	3,207,874	3,207,874	1,928,648	-	-	1,928,648	1,928,648
Bank loans	657,840	31,492	-	689,332	667,200	-	-	-	-	-
Lease liabilities	7,660	4,039	437	12,136	11,794	12,152	7,455	3,863	23,470	22,555
	3,873,374	35,531	437	3,909,342	3,886,868	1,940,800	7,455	3,863	1,952,118	1,951,203

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## **30. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES (CONTINUED)**

## (c) Currency risk

The Group is exposed to currency risk primarily through sales and purchases which give rise to receivables, payables and cash balances that are denominated in a foreign currency, i.e. a currency other than the functional currency of the operations to which the transactions relate. The Group is also exposed to currency risk through other financial assets acquired which are denominated in a foreign currency. The currencies giving rise to these risks are primarily United States dollars, Euros, Japanese Yen and Renminbi.

There is currently no hedging policy adopted by the Group with respect to its foreign exchange exposure. Most of the sales and purchases are made in the respective functional currency of each group entity, except for group entities whose functional currency is Hong Kong dollars, certain transactions are denominated in United States dollars, Euros and Japanese Yen. Given the Hong Kong dollar is pegged to the United States dollar, the Group does not expect that there will be any significant currency risk associated with such United States dollars denominated transactions. In respect of balances denominated in other currencies, the Group ensures that the net exposure is kept to an acceptable level by buying or selling foreign currencies at spot rates where necessary to address short-term imbalances.

#### (i) Exposure to currency risk

The following table details the Group's exposure at the end of the reporting period to currency risk arising from recognised assets or liabilities denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the entity to which they relate. For presentation purposes, the amounts of the exposure are shown in Hong Kong dollars, translated using the spot rate at the year end date. Differences resulting from the translation of the financial statements of operations outside Hong Kong into the Group's presentation currency are excluded.

	2022 Exposure to foreign currencies (expressed in Hong Kong dollars)						21 eign currencies ong Kong dollars)	
	United States Dollars \$'000	Euros \$'000	Japanese Yen \$'000	Renminbi \$'000	United States Dollars \$'000	Euros \$'000	Japanese Yen \$'000	Renminbi \$'000
Trade and other receivables	720,831	642	-	-	602,246	987	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	874,284	1,081	512	221	494,845	18,658	-	482
Trade and other payables	(109,216)	(1,053)	(19,992)	-	(485,842)	(5,914)	(12,156)	(1,743)
	1,485,899	670	(19,480)	221	611,249	13,731	(12,156)	(1,261)

In addition, the Group exposed to currency risk arising from inter-company receivables and payables denominated in currency other than the functional currency of either the lender or the borrower. The net inter-company receivables amounted to United States dollars 21,532,000 and receivables to amounted Renminbi 302,708,000 (2021: receivables amount to United States dollars 14,710,000 and payable to amounted Renminbi 636,358,000).

## **30. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES (CONTINUED)**

## (c) Currency risk (Continued)

## (ii) Sensitivity analysis

The following table indicates the instantaneous change in the Group's profit after taxation (and retained profits) and other components of consolidated equity that would arise if foreign exchange rates to which the Group has significant exposure at the end of the reporting period had changed at that date, assuming all other risk variables remained constant. In this respect, it is assumed that the pegged rate between the Hong Kong dollar and the United States dollar would be materially unaffected by any changes in movement in value of the United States dollar against other currencies for group entities whose functional currency is Hong Kong dollars.

	2	022	20	21
	Increase/ (decrease) in foreign exchange rates	Increase/ (decrease) in profit after taxation and retained profits \$'000	Increase/ (decrease) in foreign exchange rates	Increase/ (decrease) in profit after taxation and retained profits ¢'000
United States dollars	10%	138,351	10%	\$'000 59,288
	(10)%	(138,351)	(10)%	(59,288)
Euros	10%	74	10%	1,454
	(10)%	(74)	(10)%	(1,454)
Japanese Yen	10%	(1,624)	10%	(1,015)
	(10)%	1,624	(10)%	1,015
Renminbi	10%	22	10%	(97)
	(10)%	(22)	(10)%	97

Results of the analysis as presented in the above table represent an aggregation of the instantaneous effects on each of the Group entities' profit after taxation and equity measured in the respective functional currencies, translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rate ruling at the end of the reporting period for presentation purposes.

The sensitivity analysis assumes that the change in foreign exchange rates had been applied to remeasure those financial instruments held by the Group which expose the Group to currency risk at the end of the reporting period. The analysis excludes differences that would result from the translation of the financial statements of operations outside Hong Kong into the Group's presentation currency. The analysis has been performed on the same basis for 2021.

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## **30. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES** (CONTINUED)

## (d) 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 bank borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk. The Group's interest rate risk profile as monitored by management is set out in below.

#### (i) Interest rate risk profile

The following table, as reported to the management of the Group, details the interest rate risk profile of the Group's borrowings at the end of the reporting period:

		2022	2021
	Note	\$'000	\$′000
Fixed rate borrowings:			
Lease liabilities	24	11,794	22,555
Bank loans	23	33,600	
		45,394	22,555
Variable rate borrowings:			
Bank loans	23	633,600	-

#### (ii) Sensitivity analysis

At 31 December 2022, it is estimated that a general increase/decrease of 50 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 HK\$1,663,000 (2021: HK\$Nil).

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.

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## **30. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES (CONTINUED)**

## (e) Fair values

#### (i) Financial assets 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 HKFRS 13, *Fair value measurement*. The level into which a fair value measurement is classified is determined with reference to the observability and significance of the inputs used in the valuation technique as follows:

- Level 1 valuations: Fair value measured using only Level 1 inputs i.e. unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date.
- Level 2 valuations: Fair value measured using Level 2 inputs i.e. observable inputs which fail to meet Level 1, and not using significant unobservable inputs. Unobservable inputs are inputs for which market data are not available.
- Level 3 valuations: Fair value measured using significant unobservable inputs.

	Fair value at 31 December	31 December 2022 categorised into		Fair value at - 31 December –		e measurements a er 2021 categorise		
	2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	2021	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
	\$'000	\$′000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$′000
Recurring fair value measurements								
Trading securities	65	65	-	-	1,243	1,243	-	-
Unlisted equity securities	42,588	-	-	42,588	40,614	-	-	40,614
	42,653	65	-	42,588	41,857	1,243	-	40,614

During the years ended 31 December 2021 and 2022, 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 3 fair value measurements

As at 31 December 2022, the fair value of unlisted equity instruments is determined using the enterprise value/sales ratios 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 2022, it is estimated that with all other variables held constant, a decrease/increase in discount for lack of marketability by 3% would have increased/decreased the Group's profit after taxation and retained profits by HK\$125,000.

As at 31 December 2021, the fair value of unlisted equity securities is approximated using their purchase price based on comparable transactions approach as the Directors consider that it represents the unlisted equity securities' most recent market value. The valuation approach requires significant judgement, assumption and inputs, including market information of recent transactions (such as recent fund raising transactions undertaken by the investees).

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## 30. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND FAIR VALUES (CONTINUED)

- (e) Fair values (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 amortised cost were not materially different from their fair values as at 31 December 2021 and 2022.

#### (iii) Financial guarantees

The fair value of financial guarantees issued is determined by reference to fees charged in an arm's length transaction for similar services, when such information is obtainable, or is otherwise estimated by reference 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.

## **31. COMMITMENTS**

Capital commitments outstanding at the end of the reporting period not provided for in the Group's financial statements were as follows:

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$'000
Contracted for	905,255	93,518

## **32. DISPOSAL OF A SUBSIDIARY**

	2022 \$'000
Property, plant and equipment	1,489
Intangible assets	13,618
Goodwill	11,487
Other assets	59,445
Total assets	86,039
Total liabilities	(76,895)
Non-controlling interests	(4,529)
Net assets disposed	4,615
Cumulative exchange loss in respect of net assets of the subsidiary reclassified from equity to profit or loss on loss of control of	
the subsidiary	(214)
Remeasurement at fair value of retained interest in former subsidiary	4,927
	4,713
Gain on disposal	98
Net cash outflow is determined as follow:	
Cash and cash equivalents disposed	(14,822)

During the year ended 31 December 2022, Hefei Jiangcheng has issued additional shares to third party investors. Upon completion of the capital increase and a resulting change of board composition of Hefei Jiangcheng, the director considered that the Group no longer had the control over Hefei Jiangcheng. Since then, the Group holds 46.24% of equity interest in Hefei Jiangcheng which is accounted for as an associate of the Group.

## 33. MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

## (a) Key management personnel remuneration

Remuneration for key management personnel, including amounts paid to the Directors is disclosed in note 8 and certain of the highest paid employees is disclosed in note 9.

#### (b) Recurring transactions

The following transactions were carried out with related parties, including BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd. ("BOE"), the parent of the Company, and its subsidiaries other than the Group (collectively "BOE Group"), except for disclosed elsewhere in the annual financial report.

	2022	2021
	\$'000	\$'000
BOE Group:		
Purchase of goods from BOE Group (note (1))	6,475,616	4,635,780
Lease of property, plant and equipment to BOE Group (note (2))	14,089	14,594
Rental, management fee, utilities service fees and computer integrated manufacturing system fee charged by BOE Group (note (3))		
– Tenancy Agreements	97	101
Trademark licence fee paid to BOE Group (note (4))	21,818	1,622
Purchase of PPE and intangible assets from BOE Group (note (5))	43,788	_
Lease of PPE from BOE Group (note (5))	330	-
Subcontracting fee charged to BOE Group (note (6))	8,127	_

Notes:

- (2) The transactions were conducted based on the terms as governed by the renewed assets lease agreement entered into between Chengdu Vx, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and Chengdu BOE Optoelectronics Technology Co., Ltd. ("Chengdu BOE"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of BOE on 30 December 2021. Further details are set out in the Company's announcement dated 30 December 2021. The related party transactions constitute continuing connected transactions under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.
- (3) The transactions were conducted based on the terms as governed by the tenancy agreement ("Tenancy Agreement") for a term commencing from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2024. The transactions as contemplated under the Tenancy Agreement constitute continuing connected transactions under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.
- (4) The transactions were conducted based on the terms as governed by the trademark licence agreement ("Trademark Licence Agreement") for a term commencing from 1 December 2021 to 31 December 2022. The transactions as contemplated under the Trademark Licence Agreement constitute continuing connected transactions under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.
- (5) The transactions were conducted based on the terms as governed by the master framework agreement entered into between the Company and BOE on 22 July 2022. Further details are set out in the Company's announcement dated 22 July 2022. The related party transactions constitute continuing connected transaction as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.
- (6) The transactions were conducted based on the terms as governed by the Master Subcontracting Agreement entered into between the Company and BOE on 29 April 2022. Further details are set out in the Company's announcement dated 29 April 2022. The related party transactions constitute continuing connected transaction as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

The above transactions are presented net of value-added tax.

#### (c) Balances with related parties

At 31 December 2022, included in trade and other payables were amounts due to BOE Group for the purchase cost and other expenses payable of HK\$1,492,132,000 (2021: HK\$1,066,636,000). Non-current deposits of HK\$52,300,000 (2021: HK\$14,940,000) were paid to BOE Group for the purchase of TFT panels toolings for manufacturing TFT modules. Prepayment of HK\$33,083,000 (2021: HK\$16,444,000) made to BOE Group were included in trade and other receivables, deposits and prepayments and other contract costs in the consolidated statement of financial position.

The non-current deposits, balances with related parties are unsecured, interest-free and are recoverable above one year.

Other than non-current deposits, balances with related parties are unsecured, interest-free and are recoverable within one year.

<sup>(1)</sup> The transactions were conducted based on the terms as governed by the renewed master purchase agreement and renewed master subcontracting agreement entered into between the Company and BOE on 6 September 2021. Further details are set out in the Company's announcement dated 6 September 2021. The related party transactions constitute continuing connected transaction as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

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## 34. COMPANY-LEVEL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	2022 \$'000	2021 \$'000
Non-current asset			
Investments in subsidiaries	15	2,944,212	2,241,537
Current assets			
Amount due from a subsidiary	15(d)	600,000	-
Other receivables		7,718	6,730
Cash and cash equivalents		1,226	1,829
		608,944	8,559
Current liabilities			
Other payables		7,506	7,460
Bank loans	23	600,000	
		607,506	7,460
Net current assets		1,438	1,099
NET ASSETS		2,945,650	2,242,636
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	29(c)	197,853	184,039
Reserves	29(a)	2,747,797	2,058,597
TOTAL EQUITY		2,945,650	2,242,636

Approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 21 March 2023.

## 35. IMMEDIATE PARENT AND ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

At 31 December 2022, the directors consider the immediate parent and the ultimate controlling party of the Group to be BOE Technology (HK) Limited, which is incorporated in Hong Kong, and BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd., which is incorporated in the PRC, respectively. BOE Technology Group Co., Ltd. produces financial statements available for public use.

## 36. POSSIBLE IMPACT OF AMENDMENTS, NEW STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Up to the date of issue of these financial statements, the HKICPA has issued a number of new or amended standards which are not yet effective for the year ended 31 December 2022 and which have not been adopted in these financial statements. These developments include the following which may be relevant to the Group.

	Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after
Amendments to HKAS 1, Presentation of financial statements: Classification of liabilities as current or non-current	1 January 2023
Amendments to HKAS 1, Presentation of financial statements and HKFRS Practice Statement 2, Making materiality judgements: Disclosure of accounting policies	1 January 2023
Amendments to HKAS 8, Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors: Definition of accounting estimates	1 January 2023
Amendments to HKAS 12, Income taxes: Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction	1 January 2023

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

**Gao Wenbao** Director

## **Ko Wing Yan, Samantha** *Director*

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# FIVE YEAR SUMMARY

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	2018 \$'000	2019 \$'000	2020 \$′000	2021 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Results:	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000	\$ 000
Revenue	3,177,359	3,573,978	4,526,914	7,737,943	10,722,361
Profit from operations	26,162	29,440	70,443	350,084	670,464
Finance costs	20,102	(538)	(578)	(915)	(12,361)
Share of losses of associate	(606)	(552)	(1,850)	(490)	(456)
Profit before taxation	25,556	28,350	68,015	348,679	657,647
Income tax	(8,423)	(3,330)	(1,077)	(38,960)	(98,077)
Profit for the year	17,133	25,020	66,938	309,719	559,570
Profit attributable to:					
Equity shareholders of the Company	17,133	25,020	68,639	327,798	582,451
Non-controlling interests	_	-	(1,701)	(18,079)	(22,881)
Profit for the year	17,133	25,020	66,938	309,719	559,570
Assets and liabilities:					
Property, plant and equipment	539,198	504,215	467,046	583,434	1,490,300
Interest in associates	3,636	10,447	8,806	-	7,922
Intangible assets	5,899	5,269	4,565	38,457	22,173
Goodwill	-	-	-	11,487	-
Other financial assets	3,132	-	-	40,614	42,588
Non-current deposits	53,065	29,339	32,138	15,332	98,265
Deferred tax assets	10,348	10,277	10,277	654	11,286
Net current assets	2,162,947	2,212,120	2,269,774	2,685,133	2,507,441
Total assets less current liabilities	2,778,225	2,771,667	2,792,606	3,375,111	4,179,975
Lease liabilities	-	(3,143)	(9,934)	(11,042)	(4,402)
Deferred tax liabilities	(8,195)	(8,182)	(8,293)	(13,165)	(9,977)
Deferred Income	(11,006)	(8,907)	(7,225)	(5,279)	(18,911)
Non-current bank loans	-	-	-	-	(30,912)
Net assets	2,759,024	2,751,435	2,767,154	3,345,625	4,115,773
Capital and reserves					
Share capital	183,794	183,794	183,794	184,039	197,853
Reserves	2,575,230	2,567,641	2,526,142	2,848,385	3,866,845
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of					
the Company	2,759,024	2,751,435	2,709,936	3,032,424	4,064,698
Non-controlling interests	-	-	57,218	313,201	51,075
Total equity	2,759,024	2,751,435	2,767,154	3,345,625	4,115,773
Earnings per share (in HK cents)					
Basic	2.3	3.4	9.3	45.1	78.4
Diluted	2.3	3.4	9.3	44.8	77.8

## PROPERTIES HELD BY THE GROUP

	Location	Existing use	Percentage holding
1.	Flat G, 22nd Floor, Tower 1, Yue Man Centre, Nos. 300 and 302 Ngau Tau Kok Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon	Staff quarters	100%
2.	128 Heyuan Road, Yuancheng District Heyuan City, Guangdong, The People's Republic of China	Industrial	100%
3.	Unit 3 Milbanke Court, Milbanke Way, Bracknell, Berkshire, United Kingdom	Office	100%
4.	No.1188 Hexin Rd, (West Zone), Hi-Tech Zone, Chengdu, Sichuan	Industrial	100%

Note: The above properties are either freehold, held on long or medium-term leases or have no specified lease term.



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