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Interim Report

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# CORPORATE INFORMATION

## **DIRECTORS**

### **Executive directors**

Mr. Lam King Sang (Chief Executive Officer)

Mr. Tam Sui Kin. Chris

#### Non-executive directors

Mr. Cheng Chi Ming, Brian (Chairman)

Mr. Lee Chi Hin, Jacob

### Independent non-executive directors

Mr. Chow Shiu Wing, Joseph

Mr. Wong Man Chung, Francis

Mr. Chan Ting Bond, Michael

### **BOARD COMMITTEES**

#### **Executive Committee**

Mr. Lam King Sang (Chairman)

Mr. Tam Sui Kin, Chris

### **Audit Committee**

Mr. Wong Man Chung, Francis (Chairman)

Mr. Cheng Chi Ming, Brian

Mr. Chow Shiu Wing, Joseph

Mr. Chan Ting Bond, Michael

Mr. Lee Chi Hin, Jacob

## **Remuneration Committee**

Mr. Chan Ting Bond, Michael (Chairman)

Mr. Chow Shiu Wing, Joseph

Mr. Wong Man Chung, Francis

Mr. Lee Chi Hin, Jacob

#### **Nomination Committee**

Mr. Chow Shiu Wing, Joseph (Chairman)

Mr. Wong Man Chung, Francis

Mr. Chan Ting Bond, Michael

Mr. Lee Chi Hin, Jacob

## **COMPANY SECRETARY**

Ms. Ng Sum Yu, Phyllis

## **AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. Tam Sui Kin, Chris Ms. Ng Sum Yu, Phyllis

# **AUDITOR**

KPMG

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

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## **PRINCIPAL BANKERS**

Hang Seng Bank Limited Fubon Bank (Hong Kong) Limited

Bank of Communications Co., Ltd.

## **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

Although there are notable sign of increasing in economic activities since the uplifting of COVID-19 containment measures in the beginning of 2023, it is yet to resume to the pre-pandemic level. During the Period under review, our Confidential Materials Destruction Service ("CMDS") business segment has been a significant source of revenue for the Group, and we plan to adopt a more aggressive strategy to further enhance this business in light of the improved sentiment and business activity level.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The loss attributable to equity shareholders of the Company for the six months ended 30 September 2023 (the "Current Period") amounted to HK\$19.7 million, an increase of HK\$5.1 million loss compared to the six months ended 30 September 2022 (the "Last Period").

Results of operating segments decreased by HK\$2.3 million or 28.7% which was mainly caused by the decline in profitability of **Recovered Paper** and **Logistics** businesses in the Current Period. Due to the depreciation of the Renminbi, foreign exchange loss amounting to HK\$6.0 million and HK\$2.9 million are recognised in the Last Period and Current Period respectively.

Our second hazardous waste treatment project in Kaifeng City, Henan Province, the PRC commenced operations in January 2023, was in an operating loss position during its early stage of operation has contributed to the increase in share of loss of an associate when compared to the Last Period.

	6 months	6 months		
	ended	ended		
	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	Fav./(Unfa	v.) Change
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	%
Results of operating segments	5,730	8,038	(2,308)	(28.7)
Net corporate expenses	(25,490)	(27,298)	1,808	6.6
	(19,760)	(19,260)	(500)	(2.6)
Share of results of an associate	(3,702)	1,392	(5,094)	(365.9)
Share of results of joint ventures	3,761	3,315	446	13.5
Loss attributable to equity				
shareholders of the Company	(19,701)	(14,553)	(5,148)	(35.4)

# **Revenue Analysis**

	6 months	6 months		
	ended	ended		
	30.09.2023	30.09.2022	Fav./(Unfav	.) Change
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	%
Sales of Recovered Paper	10,089	11,418	(1,329)	(11.6)
CMDS service income	8,725	7,920	805	10.2
Logistics service income	1,261	2,279	(1,018)	(44.7)
Sales of tissue paper products	672	520	152	29.2
Sales of other waste materials	129	73	56	76.7
	20,876	22,210	(1,334)	(6.0)

The revenue of **Recovered Paper** business was approximately HK\$10.1 million, a decrease of approximately HK\$1.3 million or 11.6% when compared to the Last Period, due to decrease in sales quantity of 11.6% during the Current Period. The sales revenue of recovered office paper generated from the CMDS services has decreased by HK\$1.9 million or 17.2%, caused by the decrease in sales quantity of 18.7%. Accordingly, the gross profit and gross profit margin of recovered paper trading decreased from HK\$7.7 million to HK\$6.5 million and from 67.7% to 64.5% respectively since the sales revenue of recovered office paper generated from the CMDS services had higher margins.

**CMDS** service income has improved by HK\$0.8 million or 10.2%, to approximately HK\$8.7 million. The overall sentiment and activity level improved, and the segment's performance was on track, particularly after the impact of COVID-19 subsided since January 2023. With a diverse customer base that includes government authorities, financial and professional institutions, and private corporations in Hong Kong, we expect the income from this segment to improve steadily.

The joint venture with ALBA Group for treatment and recycling of **waste electrical and electronic equipment ("WEEE")** continued to be one of the major income contributors, with HK\$5.4 million share of profit to the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2023. We are confident that the WEEE operation will continue to grow and bring further revenue to the Group.

Our **Logistics** Division primarily focuses on providing support services to other business segments of the Group, and it also plays a major role in the transportation of WEEE items to the treatment plant of our joint venture. However, Logistics service income has decreased by HK\$1.0 million or 44.7% to HK\$1.3 million in the Current Period, as our joint venture has undertaken certain logistic function since July 2022 due to its cost optimisation strategy.

RGF Environmental New Material Limited, our joint venture for the production of **recycled engineering plastic pellets**, has transformed itself into an OEM solution provider for plastic wastes. The Group's share of loss in this joint venture for the Current Period has reduced by HK\$2.1 million or 56.5%, compared to the Last Period.

The Group's **Hazardous Waste Treatment** project in Mainland China operates through Dugong IWS HAZ Limited. Our hazardous waste treatment projects located in Lianyungang City, Jiangsu Province and Kaifeng City, Henan Province, the PRC are both operational. However, due to weak PRC domestic economy and unsatisfactory export performance, less hazardous waste quantity generated in result. The entire PRC hazardous waste treatment industry was so negatively impacted and our projects encountered a difficult operating environment due to keen market competition faced in the Current Period. We are confident that their performance will be improved once the PRC economy regains its growth momentum with the government's economic stimulation policy.

## **Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin**

The Gross Profit of the Group for the Current Period was HK\$12.7 million, a decrease of HK\$1.1 million or 7.9% when compared to the Last Period. The gross profit margin has been decreased from 62.3% to 61.0%, mainly due to the decrease in profitability of **Recovered Paper** and **Logistics** services.

## Selling, Distribution, Administrative and Other Operating Expenses

Selling, distribution, administrative and other operating expenses amounted to a total of HK\$35.9 million, representing a slight reduction of 0.1% when compared to the Last Period due to the cost control measures initiated by the management throughout the Current Period.

#### Loss Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation ("LBITDA")

With the increase in share of loss from an associate and without any subsidy income received from the Hong Kong SAR government, LBITDA rose by approximately HK\$5.5 million, from HK\$4.2 million in the Last Period to HK\$9.7 million in the Current Period.

### Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at 30 September 2023, the Group had unrestricted bank deposits and cash of approximately HK\$73.1 million (31 March 2023: HK\$74.4 million). The Group had no bank loans and overdrafts as at 30 September 2023 (31 March 2023: Nil).

As at 30 September 2023, the Group had net current assets of approximately HK\$130.7 million, compared to net current assets of approximately HK\$117.6 million as at 31 March 2023. The current ratio of the Group was 10.7 as at 30 September 2023 compared to 9.7 as at 31 March 2023.

The Group will continue to monitor its cash position and explore all possible financing options as and when required.

### Foreign Exchange Exposure

The Group mainly operates in Hong Kong with most of its sales denominated in Hong Kong dollars. Most of raw materials purchases are denominated in Hong Kong dollars. Furthermore, most of the Group's monetary assets and liabilities are denominated in Hong Kong dollars, Renminbi and United States dollars. Certain associate/joint venture companies have local currency project loans in place and these are naturally hedged against the investments in same local currency of the entity concerned.

For the six months ended 30 September 2023, the Group recorded a net foreign exchange loss of HK\$2.9 million due to depreciation of the Renminbi during the Current Period (six months ended 30 September 2022: HK\$6.0 million). The Group has not used any forward contracts, currency borrowings or other means to hedge its foreign currency exposure.

## **Major Capital Expenditure and Commitments**

During the Current Period, the Group incurred approximately HK\$4.5 million mainly for the capital expenditure in respect of the headquarters of the Group in Tseung Kwan O Industrial Estate, Hong Kong. As at 30 September 2023, the Group has capital commitments of approximately HK\$0.5 million, which are mainly related to the acquisition of machineries and I.T. infrastructure.

### **Capital Structure**

Details of the capital structure of the Company are set out in Note 16.

# **Contingent Liabilities**

At 30 September 2023, the Group has, upon legal advice, lodged certain claims against its former director and employee and the outcomes of which remain to be seen.

### **Employees and Remuneration Policies**

The Group employed approximately 99 employees in Hong Kong as at 30 September 2023. Employee costs, including directors' emoluments, amounted to HK\$18.9 million for the six months ended 30 September 2023 (six months ended 30 September 2022: HK\$19.3 million). All of the Group companies are equal opportunity employers, with the selection and promotion of employees based on suitability for the position offered. The Group also believes that, with proper training and guidance, people with intellectual disabilities can be capable, loyal and conscientious workers to contribute to society. By providing job opportunities to people with intellectual disabilities, we can enhance their social integration and assist them in seeking open employment.

The Group considers health and safety of employees as its first priority. We strictly comply with relevant laws and regulations related to occupational health and safety. A Safety Management Committee is in place to ensure occupational health and safety policies are up-to-date, by serving as a channel to facilitate actions related to safety issues within the Group.

In addition to the mandatory MPF contributions by both employer and employees, the Group offers all full-time employees a comprehensive benefits package which includes discretionary performance bonus, annual leave, sick leave, maternity and paternity leave, marriage leave and compassionate leave entitlements, healthcare benefits and labour insurance.

## **SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On 5 October 2023, the Company, through its wholly owned subsidiary, entered into a conditional agreement with an independent third party to purchase share representing approximately 13.16% of the total number of shares of An Jie Supply Chain Management Co., Ltd. (廣東安捷供應鏈管理股份有限公司) ("An Jie") at the consideration of RMB50,000,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$54,000,000) (the "Acquisition"). An Jie, a company listed on the National Equities Exchange And Quotations of the PRC (NEEQ: 870009), is engaged in provisions of integrated supply chain solutions, including comprehensive logistics and warehousing services and transportation of chemical hazardous goods.

The Acquisition constitutes a very substantial acquisition for the Company under Chapter 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), and will be put forth for the shareholders' approval at an extraordinary general meeting to be held on 14 December 2023. Details of Acquisition were disclosed in the circular of the Company dated 27 November 2023.

### **OUTLOOK AND PROSPECT**

Although there are still risks and uncertainties that would hinder the global economic recovery and hence could impact our business in the future, we remain optimistic about volume recovery. We expect stable revenue streams from our high-quality CMDS services and an efficient logistics fleet. Our joint venture operations in WEEE will also provide steady sources of income. Whereas for the hazardous waste treatment project, we believe that it will become another major profit contributor after the treatment facility in Kaifeng City, Henan Province, the PRC has been fully operational, and the enhancement of operation efficiency.

We are committed to explore opportunities to increase its revenue base for future growth, and we will continue to enhance our capabilities and maintain our competitive edge in order to create long-term value for all our stakeholders and contribute to the sustainable development of our communities.

#### INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the payment of any interim dividend for the six months ended 30 September 2023 (2022 interim: Nil).

# OTHER INFORMATION

# **SHARE OPTION SCHEME**

The Company has adopted a share option scheme (the "Share Option Scheme") which was approved by the shareholders of the Company at the annual general meeting held on 30 August 2023. The Share Option Scheme is valid and effective for a period of 10 years commencing from 30 August 2023. The principal terms of the Share Option Scheme were summarized in the circular of the Company dated 28 July 2023.

The number of share options available for grant under the Share Option Scheme mandate is 482,300,900 as at the date of this Interim Report.

No share option of the Company has been granted, exercised nor cancelled/lapsed under the Share Option Scheme since its adoption and up to 30 September 2023.

# DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS OR SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES

As at 30 September 2023, none of the Directors or chief executive of the Company had registered an interest or a short position in the shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of, its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong (the "SFO")), which was required pursuant to: (a) Divisions 7 to 8 of Part XV of the SFO, to be notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"); (b) section 352 of Part XV of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or (c) the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers set out in Appendix 10 (the "Model Code") to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS IN SHARES

As at 30 September 2023, the following persons (other than the Directors and chief executive of the Company) had interests or short positions of 5% or more in the Shares as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 336 of the SFO:

# Long Positions in the ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the share capital of the Company ("Shares") and underlying Shares

Name of Shareholders	Note	Capacity	Number of Shares held*	% of the issued share capital of the Company
Cheng Yu Tung Family (Holdings) Limited	1	Interest in controlled corporations	2,742,514,028 (L)	56.86%
Cheng Yu Tung Family (Holdings II) Limited	1	Interest in controlled corporations	2,742,514,028 (L)	56.86%
Chow Tai Fook Capital Limited	1	Interest in controlled corporations	2,742,514,028 (L)	56.86%
Chow Tai Fook (Holding) Limited	2	Interest in controlled corporations	2,742,514,028 (L)	56.86%
Chow Tai Fook Nominee Limited	3	Beneficial owner Interest in controlled corporations	1,530,601,835 (L) 732,550,000 (L)	31.74% 15.19%
Victory Day Investments Limited	3	Interest in controlled corporation	732,550,000 (L)	15.19%
Smart On Resources Ltd.	3	Beneficial owner	732,550,000 (L)	15.19%
Prestige Safe Limited	2	Beneficial owner	479,362,193 (L)	9.94%
Firstrate Enterprises Limited	4	Beneficial owner	780,000,000 (L)	16.17%
Mr. Wong Kim Pun	4	Interest in controlled corporation	780,000,000 (L)	16.17%

<sup>\*</sup> The letter "L" denotes the person's long position in the Shares.

# OTHER INFORMATION

#### Notes:

- 1. As at 30 September 2023, Cheng Yu Tung Family (Holdings) Limited and Cheng Yu Tung Family (Holdings II) Limited held approximately 48.98% and 46.65% interest in Chow Tai Fook Capital Limited respectively, which in turn held an approximately 81.03% interest in Chow Tai Fook (Holding) Limited. As such, each of Cheng Yu Tung Family (Holdings) Limited, Cheng Yu Tung Family (Holdings II) Limited and Chow Tai Fook Capital Limited is deemed to be interested in the 2,742,514,028 Shares.
- 2. Chow Tai Fook (Holding) Limited is the controlling shareholder of Chow Tai Fook Nominee Limited and the 100% holding company of Prestige Safe Limited, and accordingly Chow Tai Fook (Holding) Limited is deemed to be interested in an aggregate of 2,742,514,028 Shares.
- 3. Chow Tai Fook Nominee Limited is the beneficial owner of 1,530,601,835 Shares and is interested in 732,550,000 Shares through its interest in a wholly-owned subsidiary, Victory Day Investments Limited, which in turn wholly owns Smart On Resources Ltd.
- 4. Pursuant to the disclosure of interests notification received by the Company, Mr. Wong Kim Pun controls 100% interest in Firstrate Enterprises Limited and hence is deemed to be interested in 780,000,000 shares of the Company held by Firstrate Enterprises Limited.

Save as disclosed above, the Company has not been notified of any other person who had an interest or short position in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company as recorded in the register kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO as at 30 September 2023.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE**

The Group is a trusted integrated waste solutions provider in Hong Kong and Mainland China, with a commitment to sustainability that aligns with the demand from our customers for more recovery from waste materials. We recognise our share of environmental and social responsibilities and are dedicated to ensuring a sustainable future. By integrating environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") considerations into our daily business operations, we aim to contribute to the resolution of sustainability issues.

The Group is committed to putting its people first, positioning them to serve and care for customers, the environment, the communities where we have operations and our shareholders. Details of our ESG performance has been published in the Group's ESG report available on websites of the Stock Exchange and the Group, in compliance with the ESG Reporting Guide set out in Appendix 27 to the Listing Rules.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE**

The Company is committed to maintain a high standard of corporate governance and has adopted the principles and code provisions of the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules. The Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the CG Code throughout the six months ended 30 September 2023.

The Company will continue improving its corporate governance that is conducive to conduct and growth of its businesses, and reviewing regularly its governance practices to ensure compliance with the regulatory requirements, thereby meeting the expectations of shareholders and investors.

# OTHER INFORMATION

# **COMPLIANCE WITH MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS**

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

Having made specific enquiries by the Company with the Directors, all Directors have confirmed that they have complied with the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 September 2023.

# COMPLIANCE WITH CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY RELEVANT EMPLOYEES OF THE COMPANY

The Company has also adopted Code for Securities Transactions by Relevant Employees (the "Own Code") on no less exacting terms than the Model Code for governing securities transactions by employees who are likely to be in possession of inside information of the Company or its securities. No incident of non-compliance of the Own Code by any relevant employee was noted by the Company during the six months ended 30 September 2023.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE AND REVIEW OF INTERIM RESULTS**

The Audit Committee of the Company comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Wong Man Chung, Francis (chairman of the Audit Committee), Mr. Chow Shiu Wing, Joseph, Mr. Chan Ting Bond, Michael and two non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Cheng Chi Ming, Brian and Mr. Lee Chi Hin, Jacob.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and the unaudited interim financial report of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2023 with the management and the external auditor, KPMG. The unaudited interim financial report of the Group for the six months ended 30 September 2023 has been reviewed by the Company's external auditor, KPMG, in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410 "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity", issued by International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

## **PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES**

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the six months ended 30 September 2023.

By Order of the Board
Integrated Waste Solutions Group Holdings Limited
Cheng Chi Ming, Brian

Chairman

Hong Kong, 29 November 2023

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the six months ended 30 September 2023 - unaudited (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		Six months e	ended	
		30 September		
	Note	2023	2022	
		\$'000	\$'000	
Revenue	5	20,876	22,210	
Cost of sales and services		(8,138)	(8,382)	
Gross profit		12,738	13,828	
Other revenue	6	3,367	6,260	
Other net loss	7	(2,846)	(5,867)	
Selling and distribution expenses		(5,420)	(5,675)	
Administrative and other operating expenses		(30,476)	(30,251)	
Operating loss		(22,637)	(21,705)	
Finance income	8(a)	2,755	1,863	
Finance costs	8(b)	(6)	(5)	
Share of (loss)/profit of an associate		(3,702)	1,392	
Share of profit of joint ventures		3,761	3,315	
Loss before taxation	8	(19,829)	(15,140)	
Income tax	9	_	_	
Loss for the period		(19,829)	(15,140)	
Attributable to:				
Equity shareholders of the Company	10	(19,701)	(14,553)	
Non-controlling interests		(128)	(587)	
Loss for the period		(19,829)	(15,140)	
Basic and diluted loss per share	10	(0.4) cent	(0.3) cent	

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the six months ended 30 September 2023 - unaudited (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Six months en	ded
	30 Septembe	er
	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Loss for the period	(19,829)	(15,140)
Other comprehensive income for the period (net of nil tax):		
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Exchange difference on translation of financial statements of:		
<ul> <li>an associate operating outside Hong Kong</li> </ul>	(1,828)	(5,939)
Other comprehensive income for the period	(1,828)	(5,939)
Total comprehensive income for the period	(21,657)	(21,079)
Attributable to:		
Equity shareholders of the Company	(21,529)	(20,492)
Non-controlling interests	(128)	(587)
Total comprehensive income for the period	(21,657)	(21,079)

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

at 30 September 2023 - unaudited (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

		At	At
		30 September	31 March
	Note	2023	2023
		\$'000	\$'000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets	11	553,457	561,783
Interests in an associate	12	62,987	84,976
Interests in joint ventures	13	8,302	12,797
Deposits and prepayments		1	12
		624,747	659,568
Current assets			
Inventories		339	359
Trade receivables	14	3,851	3,158
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments		14,762	14,385
Amount due from an associate	12	31,546	18,639
Amounts due from joint ventures	13	20,611	20,170
Amount due from a related company		12	12
Bank deposits and cash		73,132	74,399
		144,253	131,122
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	15	702	635
Other payables and accruals		12,824	12,924
Amount due to a related company		10	10
		13,536	13,569
Net current assets		130,717	117,553
NET ASSETS		755,464	777,121
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	16	482,301	482,301
Reserves		273,147	294,676
Total equity attributable to equity shareholders of the	ne		
Company		755,448	776,977
Non-controlling interests		16	144
TOTAL EQUITY		755,464	777,121

The notes on pages 15 to 27 form part of this interim financial report.

# **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

for the six months ended 30 September 2023 - unaudited (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

Attributable	to equity of	shareholders	of the Company

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Share capital \$'000	Share premium \$'000	Capital reserve \$'000	Share- based capital reserve \$'000	Exchange reserve \$'000	Accumulated losses \$'000	Total \$'000	Non- controlling interests \$'000	Total equity \$'000
482,301	3,092,937	(964,044)	4,958	1,613	(1,799,424)	818,341	971	819,312
-	-	-	-	-	(14,553)	(14,553)	(587)	(15,140)
-	_	-		(5,939)	_	(5,939)	-	(5,939)
-	-	-		(5,939)	(14,553)	(20,492)	(587)	(21,079)
-	_	-	(4,958)	-	4,958	-	-	-
482,301	3,092,937	(964,044)	-	(4,326)	(1,809,019)	797,849	384	798,233
-	-	-	-	-	(25,247)	(25,247)	(240)	(25,487)
-	-	-	-	4,375	-	4,375	-	4,375
-	-	-	-	4,375	(25,247)	(20,872)	(240)	(21,112)
482,301	3,092,937	(964,044)	-	49	(1,834,266)	776,977	144	777,121
-	-	-	-	-	(19,701)	(19,701)	(128)	(19,829)
-	-	-	-	(1,828)	-	(1,828)	-	(1,828)
	-	-	-	(1,828)	(19,701)	(21,529)	(128)	(21,657)
482,301	3,092,937	(964,044)		(1,779)	(1,853,967)	755,448	16	755,464
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# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

for the six months ended 30 September 2023 – unaudited (Expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	Six months ended		
	30 Septembe	er	
	2023	2022	
Note	\$'000	\$'000	
Operating activities			
Operating loss before working capital changes	(7,656)	(4,234)	
Cash used in operations	(1,169)	(1,411)	
Net cash used in operating activities	(8,825)	(5,645)	
Investing activities			
Payment for purchase of property, plant and equipment	(4,652)	(48)	
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	35	133	
Loan repaid by an joint venture 13(a)	1,500	_	
Dividends received from joint ventures	9,875	12,000	
Increase in amounts due from joint ventures	(3,281)	(4,051)	
Interest received	4,087	364	
Net cash generated from investing activities	7,564	8,398	
Financing activities			
Loan from non-controlling interests shareholder	-	392	
Interest paid on loan from non-controlling			
interests shareholder	(6)	(5)	
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	(6)	387	
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,267)	3,140	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	74,399	76,462	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	73,132	79,602	

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars unless otherwise indicated)

## 1 General information

Integrated Waste Solutions Group Holdings Limited ("the Company") was incorporated and registered as an exempted company with limited liability in the Cayman Islands on 11 November 2009 under the Companies Law, Cap. 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands. The Company is an investment holding company and is listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("the Stock Exchange"). The registered address of the Company is Windward 3, Regatta Office Park, PO Box 1350, Grand Cayman KY1-1108, Cayman Islands.

The Company and its subsidiaries are collectively referred to as "the Group". The subsidiaries of the Group are principally engaged in the trading of recovered paper and materials, trading of tissue paper products, provision of confidential materials destruction services, provision of logistics services and investment holding.

# 2 Basis of preparation

This interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, including compliance with International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34, *Interim financial reporting*, promulgated by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). It was authorised for issue on 29 November 2023.

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the 2023 annual financial statements, except for the accounting policy changes that are expected to be reflected in the 2024 annual financial statements. Details of any changes in accounting policies are set out in note 3.

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

The interim financial report contains condensed consolidated financial statements and selected explanatory notes. The notes include an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the Group since the 2023 annual financial statements. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements and notes thereon do not include all of the information required for full set of financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs").

The interim financial report is unaudited, but has been reviewed by KPMG in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity" issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. KPMG's independent review report to the Board of Directors is included on page 28.

The financial information relating to the financial year ended 31 March 2023 that is included in the interim financial report as comparative information does not constitute the Company's statutory annual consolidated financial statements for that financial year but is derived from those financial statements.

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# 3 Changes in accounting policies

The IASB has issued the following amendments to IFRSs for the current accounting period:

- IFRS 17, Insurance contracts;
- Amendments to IAS 8, Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors: Definition of accounting estimates;
- Amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of financial statements and IFRS Practice Statement 2, Making materiality judgements: Disclosure of accounting policies;
- Amendments to IAS 12, Income taxes: Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction; and
- Amendments to IAS 12, Income taxes: International tax reform Pillar Two model rules

None of the amendments have had a material effect on how the Group's result 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.

# 4 Financial risk management

# Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

The interim financial report does not include all financial risk management information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. There have been no changes in the risk management policies since 31 March 2023.

### Fair value measurement

At 30 September 2023, the fair values of financial assets and liabilities approximate their carrying amounts.

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# 5 Revenue and segment information

The Board of Directors of the Company, which is the chief operating decision maker of the Group, reviews the Group's internal reporting in order to assess performance and allocate resources. Management has determined the operating segments based on these reports. The Group is organised into four business segments:

- Confidential materials destruction service ("CMDS"): provision of confidential materials destruction services
- Logistics services: provision of logistics services
- Recovered paper and materials: sales of recovered paper and materials
- Tissue paper products: sales of tissue paper products

Although the Group's products and services are sold/rendered to Hong Kong only, the chief operating decision maker of the Group regularly reviews the financial information by business segments to assess performance and make resources allocation decisions. It assesses the performance of the operating segments based on a measure of segment gross profits or losses.

# Revenue from contracts with customers within the scope of IFRS 15

	Six months ended 30 September		
	<b>2023</b> 202.		
	\$'000	\$'000	
Disaggregated by major products or service lines			
– Provision of CMDS	8,725	7,920	
<ul> <li>Provision of logistics services</li> </ul>	1,261	2,279	
- Sales of recovered paper and materials	10,218	11,491	
<ul> <li>Sales of tissue paper products</li> </ul>	672	520	
	20,876	22,210	

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# 5 Revenue and segment information (continued)

The segment results and other segment items included in the loss for the six months ended 30 September 2023 are as follows:

_	Six months ended 30 September 2023					
			Recovered	Tissue		
		Logistics	paper and	paper		
	CMDS	services	materials	products	Total	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
Segment revenue:						
Sales to external customers	8,725	1,261	10,218	672	20,876	
Inter-segment sales	_	3,799	-	_	3,799	
Reportable segment revenue	8,725	5,060	10,218	672	24,675	
Elimination of inter-segment revenue	_	(3,799)	_	_	(3,799)	
	8,725	1,261	10,218	672	20,876	
Segment results:						
Reportable segment profit/(loss)	6,418	(301)	6,415	(70)	12,462	
Elimination of inter-segment loss				_	276	
Reportable segment profit derived						
from the Group's external customers					12,738	
Other revenue					3,367	
Other net loss					(2,846)	
Selling and distribution expenses					(5,420)	
Administrative and other operating expenses					(30,476)	
Finance income					2,755	
Finance costs					(6)	
Share of loss of an associate					(3,702)	
Share of profit of joint ventures				_	3,761	
Loss before taxation					(19,829)	
Income tax				_	-	
Loss for the period				_	(19,829)	

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# 5 Revenue and segment information (continued)

The segment results and other segment items included in the loss for the six months ended 30 September 2022 are as follows:

_	Six months ended 30 September 2022				
			Recovered	Tissue	
		Logistics	paper and	paper	
	CMDS	services	materials	products	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Segment revenue:					
Sales to external customers	7,920	2,279	11,491	520	22,210
Inter-segment sales	_	4,553	_	1	4,554
Reportable segment revenue	7,920	6,832	11,491	521	26,764
Elimination of inter-segment revenue	_	(4,553)	_	(1)	(4,554)
	7,920	2,279	11,491	520	22,210
Segment results:					
Reportable segment profit/(loss)	5,842	303	7,703	(542)	13,306
Elimination of inter-segment loss				-	522
Reportable segment profit derived					
from the Group's external customers					13,828
Other revenue					6,260
Other net loss					(5,867)
Selling and distribution expenses  Administrative and other					(5,675)
operating expenses					(30,251)
Finance income					1,863
Finance costs					(5)
Share of profit of an associate					1,392
Share of profit of joint ventures				_	3,315
Loss before taxation					(15,140)
Income tax				_	_
Loss for the period				_	(15,140)

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# 6 Other revenue

	Six months ended	
	30 September	
	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Licence fee income	2,100	2,100
Service income	41	40
Management fee income	757	757
Subsidy income (note (i))	-	2,620
Others	469	743
	3,367	6,260

(i) For the six months ended 30 September 2022, the Group successfully applied funding support from the Employment Support Scheme under the Anti-epidemic Fund, set up by The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The purpose of the funding is to provide financial support to enterprises to retain their employees who would otherwise be made redundant, which amounted to government grants of approximately \$2,620,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2022. Under the terms of the grant, the Group is required not to make redundancies during the subsidy period and to spend all the funding on paying wages to the employees.

# 7 Other net loss

	Six months ended	
	30 September	
	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Gain on disposals of property, plant and equipment, net	68	133
Foreign exchange loss, net	(2,914)	(6,000)
	(2,846)	(5,867)

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## 8 Loss before taxation

Loss before taxation is stated after (crediting)/charging:

		Six months e	nded
		30 Septem	ber
		2023	2022
		\$'000	\$'000
(a)	Finance income		
	Interest income from bank deposits	(1,144)	(364)
	Interest income from loans to an associate	(842)	(1,031)
	Interest income from loans to a joint venture	(769)	(468)
		(2,755)	(1,863)
(b)	Finance costs		
	Interest on loan from non-controlling interests shareholder	6	5
(c)	Other items		
	Cost of inventories sold	4,266	4,323
	Depreciation charge:		
	<ul> <li>Owned property, plant and equipment</li> </ul>	12,296	12,243
	- Right-of-use assets	546	545
	Short-term lease payments not included in the measurement of		
	lease liabilities	19	23

### 9 Income tax

No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax for the six months ended 30 September 2023 and 30 September 2022 has been made in respect of the subsidiaries in Hong Kong as either the tax losses brought forward from previous years exceed the estimated assessable profits for the period or the subsidiaries have no estimated assessable profits in Hong Kong.

# 10 Loss per share

## (a) Basic loss per share

The calculation of the basic loss per share is based on the loss attributable to equity shareholders of the Company of \$19,701,000 (six months ended 30 September 2022: \$14,553,000) and the weighted average of 4,823,009,000 (2022: 4,823,009,000) ordinary shares in issue during the interim period.

## (b) Diluted loss per share

No adjustment had been made to the basic loss per share presented for the six months ended 30 September 2023 and 30 September 2022 in respect of a dilution as the outstanding share options had an anti-dilutive effect on the basic loss per share presented.

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# 11 Property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets

During the six months ended 30 September 2023, the Group acquired items of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets with aggregate cost of \$4,518,000 (2022: \$1,541,000).

# 12 Interests in an associate

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2023	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Share of net assets	62,987	68,517
Loans to an associate (note 12(a))	31,118	32,918
Amount due from an associate (note 12(b))	428	2,180
	94,533	103,615
Represented by:		
Non-current portion	62,987	84,976
Current portion	31,546	18,639
	94,533	103,615

### (a) Loans to an associate

- (i) Loan of RMB14,400,000 (equivalent to approximately \$15,559,000) at 30 September 2023 (31 March 2023: \$16,459,000) which is unsecured, interest-bearing at the rate of 5% per annum and repayable on 16 March 2024; and
- (ii) Loan of RMB14,400,000 (equivalent to approximately \$15,559,000) at 30 September 2023 (31 March 2023: \$16,459,000) which is unsecured, interest-bearing at the rate of 5% per annum and repayable on 28 September 2024.

### (b) Amount due from an associate

The amount due from an associate at 30 September 2023 and 31 March 2023 is unsecured, interest-free and has no fixed terms of repayment.

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# 13 Interests in joint ventures

At	At
30 September	31 March
2023	2023
\$'000	\$'000
(27,466)	(21,351)
18,000	19,500
38,379	34,818
28,913	32,967
8,302	12,797
20,611	20,170
28,913	32,967
	30 September 2023 \$'000  (27,466) 18,000 38,379 28,913  8,302 20,611

## (a) Loans to a joint venture

At 30 September 2023, loans to a joint venture of \$18,000,000 (31 March 2023: \$19,500,000) are unsecured, interest-bearing at the rate of HIBOR plus 4% per annum and repayable on demand.

The joint venture has repaid the loans by \$1,500,000 during the period ended 30 September 2023.

# (b) Amounts due from joint ventures

The amounts due from joint ventures at 30 September 2023 and 31 March 2023 are unsecured, interest-free and has no fixed terms of repayment.

# 14 Trade receivables

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2023	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Trade receivables	4,489	3,796
Less: Loss allowance	(638)	(638)
Trade receivables, net	3,851	3,158

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# 14 Trade receivables (continued)

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

61 - 90 days <b>54</b>	Αt
\$'000       \$'000         0 - 30 days       3,722       2,98         31 - 60 days       63       8         61 - 90 days       54       3         91 - 120 days       8       4	ch
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<b>4,489</b> 3,79	<del>)</del> 6
Less: Loss allowance (638) (63	38)
<b>3,851</b> 3,15	58

Payment terms granted to customers are mainly cash on delivery and on credit. The average credit period ranges from 10 days to 90 days.

# 15 Trade payables

Trade payables 702	635
\$'000	\$'000
202	2023
30 Septembe	r 31 March
A	<b>t</b> At

As at the end of the reporting period, the ageing analysis of trade payables, based on the invoice due date, is as follows:

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2023	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Current	193	147
1 - 30 days	129	54
31 - 60 days	37	36
61 - 90 days	22	10
91 - 120 days	9	14
Over 120 days	312	374
	702	635

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# 16 Share capital

# (a) Authorised share capital of the Company

	Αι	/ ((
	30 September	31 March
	2023	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Authorised:		
7,500,000,000 (31 March 2023: 5,000,000,000)		
ordinary shares of \$0.10 each	750,000	500,000

# (b) Issued share capital of the Company

	Number of ordinary shares	Amount \$'000
Issued and fully paid:		
At 1 April 2022, 30 September 2022, 31 March 2023,		
1 April 2023 and 30 September 2023	4,823,009	482,301

## (c) Equity settled share-based transactions

Pursuant to the resolutions passed by the shareholders of the Company on 30 August 2023, the Company adopted a share option scheme ("Share Option Scheme") on 30 August 2023. The Share Option Scheme is valid and effective for a period of 10 years commencing from 30 August 2023 and the number of share options available for grant under the Share Option Scheme mandate is 482,300,900. Under the Share Option Scheme, no option has been granted, exercised nor cancelled since its adoption and up to 30 September 2023.

No expenses related to equity settled share-based payment transactions was recognised by the Group during the six months ended 30 September 2023 (2022: Nil).

#### (d) Dividends

No dividends had been paid or declared by the Company for the six months ended 30 September 2023 (2022: Nil).

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## 17 Commitments

Capital commitments outstanding at the end of the reporting period not provided for in the interim financial report were as follows:

	At	At
	30 September	31 March
	2023	2023
	\$'000	\$'000
Contracted but not provided for		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	460	567

# 18 Claims against former directors and employees

At 30 September 2023, the Group has lodged certain claims against its former directors and employees. The outcome of these claims and the recovery of loss and damages from these claims cannot yet be reliably estimated.

# 19 Employee retirement benefits

The Group only operates a Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme ("the MPF scheme") under the Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance for employees employed under the jurisdiction of the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance and not previously covered by the defined benefit retirement plan. The MPF scheme is a defined contribution retirement plan administered by independent trustees. Under the MPF scheme, the employer and its employees are each required to make contributions to the plan at 5% of the employees' relevant income, subject to a cap of monthly relevant income of \$30,000. Contributions to the plan vest immediately. As the contributions to the plan vest immediately, there are no forfeited contributions hence no forfeited contributions might be used by the employer to reduce the existing level of contribution.

# 20 Material related party transactions

In addition to the transactions disclosed elsewhere in the interim financial report, the Group entered into the following material related party transactions during the period:

## (a) Remuneration of key management personnel

	Six months ended		
	30 September		
	2023	2022	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Salaries, wages and other short-term benefits	4,673	3,985	
Contributions to defined contribution retirement plan	18	18	
	4,691	4,003	

(Expressed in Hong Kong dollars unless otherwise indicated)

# 20 Material related party transactions (continued)

# (b) Transactions with related parties

	Six months ended 30 September	
	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Interest income received from an associate	842	1,031
Interest income received from a joint venture	769	468
Logistics service income received from joint ventures	1,260	1,845
Licence fee income received from a joint venture	2,100	2,100
Management fee income received from a joint venture	757	757
Dividend income received from joint ventures	9,875	10,000
Purchase of property, plant and equipment from a joint venture	4,187	_

# 21 Non-adjusting events after reporting period

On 5 October 2023, Integrated Waste Solutions Services Limited ("IWS Services"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into an agreement with an independent third party, Zhang Yan, to purchase shares representing approximately 13.16% of the total number of shares of An Jie Supply Chain Management Co., Ltd., a company listed on the National Equities Exchange and Quotations ("NEEQ"), at the consideration of RMB50,000,000 (equivalent to approximately \$54,000,000) in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

On 13 October 2023, IWS Services has established 綜環投資(珠海橫琴)有限公司 (IWS Investment (Zhuhai Hengqin) Company Limited\*) ("IWS Investment") in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") as a wholly foreign-owned enterprise. After its establishment, IWS Investment replaced IWS Services as the purchaser in the acquisition under the agreement. No adjustment has been made in this interim financial report as a result of this acquisition.

On 6 November 2023, Chow Tai Fook Nominee Limited and the Company had entered into a loan agreement with an facility amount of \$50,000,000 which was unsecured, interest-bearing at the rate of HIBOR plus 2.5% per annum and repayable within three years from the drawdown date. As at 29 November 2023, the drawdown amount was \$Nil and the available facility amount was \$50,000,000. No adjustment has been made in this interim financial report as a result of this loan.

# 22 Approval of interim financial report

The interim financial report was approved by the Board on 29 November 2023.

<sup>\*</sup> The company name in English is a direct translation of the registered Chinese name for the purpose of identification.

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT**



Review report to the Board of Directors of Integrated Waste Solutions Group Holdings Limited

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

#### Introduction

We have reviewed the interim financial report set out on pages 10 to 27 which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position of Integrated Waste Solutions Group Holdings Limited as of 30 September 2023 and the related consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the six months period then ended and explanatory notes. The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of an interim financial report to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof and International Accounting Standard 34, *Interim financial reporting*, issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. The directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the interim financial report in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34.

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

# Scope of review

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

### Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial report as at 30 September 2023 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, *Interim financial reporting*.

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29 November 2023

