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CORPORATE INFORMATION

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Su Bo (Chairman) Tang Shengzhi Zeng Guanwei

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Tang Shengzhi (Chairman) Su Bo Zeng Guanwei

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Wang Jing (Chairman) Tang Shengzhi Zeng Guanwei

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 September 2023

		Six months ended 30 Septembe 2023 20		
	Notes	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Revenue	3	22,397	10,203	
Cost of sales		(18,237)	(3,247)	
Gross profit		4,160	6,956	
Other gain and loss	5	79	110	
Administrative expenses		(4,751)	(30,226)	
Finance costs		(1,251)	(2,602)	
Loss before tax	6	(1,763)	(25,762)	
Income tax expenses	7	(732)	(190)	
Loss for the period		(2,495)	(25,952)	
Other comprehensive loss: Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss: Exchange difference arising on translation				
of foreign operations		(17,925)	(37,274)	
Total comprehensive loss for the period		(20,420)	(63,226)	
		HK cents	HK cents	
Loss per share – Basic and diluted	9	(1.17)	(12.19)	

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2023

	Notes	30 September 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	31 March 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
Non-current assets Investment properties Property, plant and equipment Right-of-use assets	10 10 10	33,667 27,739 91	35,831 31,762 272
		61,497	67,865
Current assets Trade receivables, deposits and other receivables Properties for sale under development Properties held for sale Bank balances and cash	11 12	33,423 14,042 162,128 4,500 214,093	23,887 112,169 99,112 4,196 239,364
Current liabilities Amount due to a director Amount due to immediate holding company Trade payables and accrued charges Lease liabilities Contract liabilities Current tax liabilities Borrowings Bonds payable	13 13 14 15 16	343 23,378 110 7,895 5,349 20,404 6,764	86 7,728 26,296 301 5,749 5,304 21,716 8,282
Net current assets		64,243 	163,902
Total assets less current liabilities		211,347	231,767
NET ASSETS		211,347	231,767
Capital and reserves Share capital Reserves	17	2,128 209,219	2,128 229,639
TOTAL EQUITY		211,347	231,767

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 September 2023

	Share	Share	Translation	Capital redemption	Contributed	Accumulated	
	capital HK\$'000	premium HK\$'000	reserve HK\$'000	reserve HK\$'000	surplus HK\$'000	losses HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
	ΠΚΦ 000	ΠΚΦ 000	ΠΚΦ 000	ΠΚΦ 000	ΠΚΦΟΟΟ	ΠΚΦ 000	ΠΚΦ 000
At 1 April 2023 (audited)	2,128	394,379	(12,280)	577,204	64,349	(794,013)	231,767
Loss for the period						(2,495)	(2,495)
Other comprehensive loss: Exchange difference arising on translation of foreign							
operations			(17,925)				(17,925)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	_	_	(17,925)	-	_	(2,495)	(20,420)
F							
At 30 September 2023 (unaudited)	2,128	394,379	(30,205)	577,204	64,349	(796,508)	211,347
At 1 April 2022 (audited)	2,128	394,379	15,338	577,204	64,349	(742,803)	310,595
Loss for the period						(25,952)	(25,952)
Other comprehensive loss: Exchange difference arising on translation of foreign							
operations			(37,274)				(37,274)
Total comprehensive loss for the period			(37,274)			(25,952)	(63,226)
At 30 September 2022 (unaudited)	2,128	394,379	(21,936)	577,204	64,349	(768,755)	247,369

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended 30 September 2023

	Six months ended 30 September 2023 20 HK\$'000 HK\$'0 (unaudited) (unaudited)	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net cash flows generated from operating activities	12,273	5,231
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received Purchase of property, plant and equipment	3 (453)	11 (29)
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(450)	(18)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
 (Repayment to) Advance from immediate holding company Repayment to a director Repayment of borrowings Interest paid on lease liabilities Repayment of bonds payable Repayment of lease liabilities Net cash flows used in financing activities NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the reporting period Effect of foreign exchange rate changes 	(7,385) (82) - - (6) (1,518) (191) (9,182) 2,641 4,196 (2,337)	5,829 (67) (15,700) (1,320) (15) - (148) (11,421) (6,208) 12,673 (3,945)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the reporting period, represented by bank balances and cash	4,500	2,520

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 30 September 2023

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the "HKICPA") as well as with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") ("Listing Rules").

These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the 2023 annual financial statements. The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the same accounting policies adopted in the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 except for the adoption of new and revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS") issued by the HKICPA effective as of 1 April 2023.

2. ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED HONG KONG FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS

In the current period, the Group has adopted the following new/revised HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA that are relevant to the Group and effective for the current period:

HKFRS 17	Insurance Contracts
Amendments to HKAS 1 and	Disclosure of Accounting Policies
HKFRS Practice Statement 2	
Amendments to HKAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates
Amendments to HKAS 12	Deferred Tax Related to Assets and Liabilities Arising from a Single Transaction
Amendments to HKAS 12	International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules
Amendments to HKFRS 17	Initial Application of HKFRS 17 and HKFRS 9 – Comparative Information

The adoption of the amendments to standards, accounting guideline and interpretation stated above did not have any significant impact on the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements in the current and prior periods.

The Group has not applied any new standard or interpretation that is not yet effective for the current accounting period.

3. REVENUE

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2023	2022	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Revenue from contracts with customers within HKFRS 15:			
Development and sale of properties	18,442	4,241	
Properties management	301	276	
Operation and management of hydroelectric			
power stations	2,941	5,076	
	21,684	9,593	
Revenue from other sources:			
Rental income from operating leases:			
 – fixed lease payments 	593	494	
– variable lease payments	120	116	
	713	610	
	22,397	10,203	

In addition to the information shown in segment disclosures in note 4 to the condensed consolidated financial statements, the revenue from contracts with customers within HKFRS 15 is disaggregated as follows:

	Six months ended 30 September 2023			
	Development and sale of properties <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	Properties management <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	Operation and management of hydroelectric power stations <i>HK\$</i> '000 (unaudited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)
Type of transaction price:				
At fixed price	18,442	301	2,941	21,684
Timing of revenue recognition:				
At a point in time	18,442	-	-	18,442
Over time		301	2,941	3,242
	18,442	301	2,941	21,684
		Six months ended	30 September 2022	
	Development and sale of properties <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	Properties management <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	Operation and management of hydroelectric power stations <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)
Type of transaction price:				
At fixed price	4,241	276	5,076	9,593
Timing of revenue recognition:				
A	4,241	_	-	4 2 4 1
At a point in time	7,271			4,241
At a point in time Over time		276	5,076	5,352

As all of the revenue of the Group are attributable to the market in the People's Republic of China (the "**PRC**"), no geographical information is presented.

4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group's operating divisions are as follows:

- (1) Development and sale of properties ("Properties development")
- (2) Properties investment
- (3) Properties management
- (4) Operation and management of hydroelectric power stations ("Hydroelectric power business")

Segment revenue and results

	For the six months ended 30 September 2023				
	Properties development <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	Properties investment <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	Properties management HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Hydroelectric power business <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)
Revenue	18,442	713	301	2,941	22,397
Segment results Interest income Unallocated	(24)	32	28	688	724 3
expenses Finance costs					(1,239) (1,251)
Loss before tax					(1,763)
		For the six mo	nths ended 30 Se	otember 2022	
	Properties development HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Properties investment <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	Properties management <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	Hydroelectric power business HK\$'000 (unaudited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)
Revenue	4,241	610	276	5,076	10,203
Segment results Interest income Unallocated	(20,602)	(2,194)	(10)	527	(22,279) 11
expenses Finance costs					(892) (2,602)
Loss before tax					(25,762)

5. OTHER GAIN AND LOSS

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2023 20.		
	HK\$'000		
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Interest income	3	11	
Others	76	99	
	79	110	

6. LOSS BEFORE TAX

This is stated after charging:

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2023	2022	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Staff costs (including directors' remuneration):			
 wages and salaries 	801	757	
 – contribution to defined contribution schemes 	145	148	
Cost of inventories sold	17,552	3,247	
Depreciation:			
 property, plant and equipment 	1,483	1,597	
 right-of-use assets 	181	181	
Marketing and promotion expenses	561	8,660	
Repairs and maintenance:			
– anti-epidemic facilities	-	7,950	
 – environmental afforestation 	-	2,979	
Interest expenses on:			
- borrowings	1,245	2,288	
– bonds payable	-	296	
– lease liabilities	6	18	

7. INCOME TAX EXPENSES

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% (six months ended 30 September 2022: 16.5%) of the estimated assessable profits for the period. No provision for Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as the Group has no assessable profits derived from Hong Kong for each of the six months ended 30 September 2023 and 2022.

The PRC Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT") in respect of operations in the PRC is calculated at a rate of 25% (six months ended 30 September 2022: 25%) on the estimated assessable profits for the six months ended 30 September 2023 based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof.

The PRC Land Appreciation Tax ("LAT") is levied at progressive rates ranging from 30% to 60% on the appreciation of land value.

	Six months ended 3	Six months ended 30 September	
	2023 НК\$′000 НК		
Current period EIT	(unaudited) _	(unaudited) 14	
LAT	732	176	
	732	190	

8. DIVIDENDS

No dividends were paid, declared or proposed during the six months ended 30 September 2023 (six months ended 30 September 2022: nil). The Directors have determined that no dividend will be paid in respect of the six months ended 30 September 2023 (six months ended 30 September 2022: nil).

9. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted loss per share of the Company is based on the following data:

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2023		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Loss for the period	(2,495)	(25,952)	
	Number of shares	Number of shares	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the basic and diluted loss per share	212,839,878	212,839,878	
	HK cents	HK cents	
Basic and diluted loss per share	(1.17)	(12.19)	

Diluted loss per share is same as the basic loss per share for the six months ended 30 September 2023 and 2022. The Company did not have any dilutive potential ordinary shares during the six months ended 30 September 2023 and 2022.

10. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

During the six months ended 30 September 2023, the Group has not acquired or disposed of any items of investment properties and right-of-use assets (six months ended 30 September 2022: nil).

During the six months ended 30 September 2023, the Group acquired items of property, plant and equipment with a cost of HK\$453,000 (six months ended 30 September 2022: HK\$29,000).

11. TRADE RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

The ageing analysis of trade receivables, net of loss allowance, based on invoice dates which approximate the respective recognition dates, at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	30 September	31 March
	2023	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
0–30 days	2,629	542
31–60 days	1,009	12
61–90 days	2,172	267
Over 90 days	6,962	5,735
	12,772	6,556

The Group allows an average credit period ranging from 0 to 365 days (31 March 2023: 0 to 365 days) to its trade customers.

12. PROPERTIES FOR SALE UNDER DEVELOPMENT

At 30 September 2023, properties for sale under development of HK\$14,042,000 (31 March 2023: HK\$14,945,000) were pledged to secure banking facility with an aggregate principal amount of HK\$25,505,000 (31 March 2023: HK\$27,145,000) granted to third parties. All properties for sale under development are located in the PRC.

13. AMOUNTS DUE TO IMMEDIATE HOLDING COMPANY/A DIRECTOR

The amounts due are interest-free, unsecured and repayable on demand.

14. TRADE PAYABLES AND ACCRUED CHARGES

The ageing analysis of trade payables based on invoice dates at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	30 September 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	31 March 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
0–30 days 31–60 days		-
61–90 days	-	-
Over 90 days	3,948	7,790
	3,948	7,790

The average credit period is 90 days (31 March 2023: 90 days) and certain suppliers grant longer credit period on a case-by case basis.

	30 September	31 March
	2023	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Other borrowings, secured		
Current liabilities	20,404	21,716

As at 30 September 2023, other borrowings are interest-bearing at 12% per annum (31 March 2023: 12%), secured by investment properties of HK\$18,847,000 (31 March 2023: HK\$20,059,000) and repayable on 2 May 2024 (31 March 2023: 2 May 2023).

16. BONDS PAYABLE

	30 September 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	31 March 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
Corporate bonds Current liabilities	6,764	8,282

As at 30 September 2023, the Company had corporate bonds with principal amount of HK\$6,764,000 (31 March 2023: HK\$8,282,000) issued under the placing agreement dated 13 November 2018 for bonds issuance with an aggregate principal amount of up to HK\$200,000,000. The bonds carry fixed interest rates ranging from 6% to 6.5% per annum. The bonds are with a maturity period ranging from three to five years from the issue date, and the interests are paid semiannually in arrears on 30 June and 31 December in each year and on the maturity date.

On 10 November 2022, the Company received writs of summons with statements of claims from certain bond holders for certain outstanding principal and interest payables. Please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 11 November 2022 for details. The Company has reached settlements agreements with these bond holders for extension of the repayment of the outstanding amounts by instalments by December 2023. The outstanding balance as at 30 September 2023 and 31 March 2023, respectively, were interest-free and repayable in accordance with the repayment schedule pursuant to the aforesaid settlement agreements.

As at 30 September 2023, bonds payable amounting to HK\$5,841,000 (31 March 2023: HK\$6,460,000) was guaranteed by a director of the Company.

17. SHARE CAPITAL

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	Nominal value per share HK\$	Number of shares	Amount <i>HK\$'000</i>
Authorised: At 1 April 2022, 31 March 2023 and 30 September 2023	0.01	50,000,000,000	500,000
Issued and fully paid: At 1 April 2022, 31 March 2023 and 30 September 2023 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	0.01	212,839,878	2,128
		30 September 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (unaudited)	31 March 2023 <i>HK\$'000</i> (audited)
Properties for sale under develop Contracted but not provided fo consolidated financial stater	or in the condensed	576	774

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Group entered into the following related party transaction:

	Six months ended 30 September		
	2023 2022		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Remuneration of key management personnel	418	408	

Key management personnel are deemed to be the members of the Board of Directors which have responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW

To align with the Group's business strategies and directions, the Group has reallocated its resources and reorganised its asset portfolio to enlarge its business scale in properties development and related services sectors in the past years. For the six months ended 30 September 2023, most of the Group's revenue were derived from properties development and hydroelectric power business, with a small proportion of revenue derived from properties investment and properties management business.

During the period from January to September 2023, the national real estate development investment, sales area and volume continued to decline on a year-on-year basis. The real estate development prosperity index had been declining for five consecutive months. As shown in the information issued by the National Bureau of Statistics in the PRC, from January to September 2023, the sales area of commodity housing in the PRC was approximately 848 million sq.m., representing a year-on-year decrease of 8%, of which the sales area of residential buildings decreased by 6%. The sales of commodity housing in the PRC were approximately RMB8,907 billion, representing a year-on-year decrease of 5%, of which the sales of residential buildings decreased by 3%. Whereas the investment in the real estate development in the PRC amounted to approximately RMB8,727 billion, representing a year-on-year decrease of 9%, among them, the investment in residential buildings down by 8%.

For the six months ended 30 September 2023, the property market in the PRC remained under downward pressure and the housing supply and prices dragged down by the weakened demands. The buyers were adopting a conservative and wait-and-see attitude on the property purchases in the PRC. The operations of the Group, especially properties sales and construction progress, were inevitably affected.

For the six months ended 30 September 2023, the Group recorded a revenue of approximately HK\$22,397,000 representing an increase of approximately 120% as compared to the revenue of approximately HK\$10,203,000 for the corresponding period in 2022. Administrative expenses decreased from approximately HK\$30,226,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2022 to approximately HK\$4,751,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2022 was mainly contributed to the extensive marketing and promotion activities and anti-epidemic facilities and environmental afforestation work on properties sales. For the six months ended 30 September 2023, the K\$1,251,000, representing a decrease of approximately 52% as compared to that of approximately HK\$2,602,000 for the corresponding period in 2022, such decrease was due to the repayments of certain borrowings and bonds payable for the Group's refinancing and general corporate purpose.

As a result, the Group recorded a loss for the period at the amount of approximately HK\$2,495,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2023, representing a decrease of approximately 90% as compared to that of approximately HK\$25,952,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2022.

Properties Development

Leveraging the experience and connection of the management and following the business directions of the Company, the Group started to engage in properties development business since the financial year of 2018. During the six months ended 30 September 2023, the Group owned three properties development projects in the PRC, namely Xiguan Project, Bagua Town Project I and Bagua Town Project II. For the six months ended 30 September 2023, revenue from properties development were derived from the sale of remaining completed properties of the Xiguan Project.

Xiguan Project

It is located at Xiguan Village, Huanren County, Benxi, Liaoning Province, the PRC, with a floor area of 46,242.6 sq.m. and a construction area of 80,462 sq.m.. Xiguan Project contained 19 buildings that created 775 residential and 30 commercial units and 121 parking units. The construction work of Xiguan Project was completed during the financial year of 2019.

For the six months ended 30 September 2023, the Group sold approximately 6% of the gross floor area and achieved total contracted sales of approximately HK\$18,442,000, while approximately 1% of the gross floor area was sold and total of contracted sales of approximately HK\$4,241,000 was recorded for the six months ended 30 September 2022.

Bagua Town Project I

It is located at Bagua Town, Huanren County, Benxi, Liaoning Province, the PRC, with a floor area of approximately 5,023 sq.m. and a construction area of approximately 7,543 sq.m. for other commercial use. Bagua Town Project I comprises 3 main buildings and 38 commercial units that creates a marketplace for the community. The construction work of Bagua Town Project I was completed during the six months ended 30 September 2023.

The sale of Bagua Town Project I commenced in mid-2023 but yet to contribute any revenue to the Group during the six months ended 30 September 2023.

Bagua Town Project II

It is located at Bagua Town, Huanren County, Benxi, Liaoning Province, the PRC, with a floor area of approximately 9,188.2 sq.m. and a construction area of approximately 14,700 sq.m. for other commercial use. The Bagua Town Project II is at the preliminary stage of preparation ahead of construction. The Bagua Town Project I and the Bagua Town Project II are important parts of the only restoration and reconstruction project of the Taiji Bagua Town in the PRC, with strong ethnic characteristics and historical significance, located in the Central Community of Huanren Manchu Autonomous County, Liaoning Province, the PRC. The two projects are a combination of work, life, education and tourism, located near the government square of Huanren Manchu Autonomous County, Liaoning Province, the PRC. The two projects are planned to include pedestrian streets, office buildings, retail stores, shopping malls, and tourism, historical and cultural facilities. The Bagua Town Project I and the Bagua Town Project II are expected to generate continuous growth and enhance future business performance of the Group.

During the six months ended 30 September 2023, the market sentiments stayed far from recovery and the sluggish market trading remained. With the extensive marketing and promotion activities and anti-epidemic facilities and environmental afforestation work on properties sales during the prior period, the segment loss decreased from approximately HK\$20,602,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2022 to approximately HK\$24,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2023.

Confronted with the downward pressure in economy, local governments persisted in epidemic prevention and control on one hand while ensuring economic stability on the other. Stability in real estate, economy and growth still remained the keynote of the macro-policy advocated by the state. The government of the PRC continued to adhere to the national strategies that "houses are built to be inhabited, not for speculation", implement city-specific policies to achieve the "three stabilities" of "stabilising land prices", "stabilising housing prices" and "stabilizing expectations", as well as the financial support policies launched by the People's Bank of China and the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission, thereby promoting the positive and healthy development of the real estate industry. Following the national strategies, the Board is positive towards the properties development industry in the PRC and will proactively align and respond to the adjustment and calling of such policies and capture the potential opportunities in the properties development market in order to enhance shareholder's value. Further, the Group will also enhance its portfolio of the existing projects and strive to generate a better result for the Group.

Properties Investment

Revenue generated from properties investment was mainly derived from the leasing of several parcels of land and rights-of-use assets located in Benxi City, Liaoning Province, the PRC for commercial use.

For the six months ended 30 September 2023, revenue was approximately HK\$713,000, representing an increase of approximately 17% as compared to approximately HK\$610,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2022. Segment profit of approximately HK\$32,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2023 was recorded as compared to a segment loss of approximately HK\$2,194,000 for the six months ended 30 September 2022, which was mainly resulted from the increased anti-epidemic facilities and maintenance work on certain investment properties during the six months ended 30 September 2022.

Properties Management

To complement the properties development business, the Group started to engage in properties management business and delivered comprehensive property management services for residential and commercial properties of the Xiguan Project since the financial year of 2020. The Group is committed to delivering the highest service standard and providing user-oriented services to its customers. Following the completion of construction work of the Bagua Town Project I and the Bagua Town Project II, it is expected that the Group will put more resources to build up a professional properties management team by providing integrated training in properties management sectors to its front line and back-office staff, acquiring and improving its properties management system and services to meet the increasing demand.

The revenue and segment profit for the six months ended 30 September 2023 were approximately HK\$301,000 and approximately HK\$28,000, respectively, whereas the revenue and segment loss for the six months ended 30 September 2022 were approximately HK\$276,000 and approximately HK\$10,000, respectively.

Hydroelectric Power Business

The Group started to engage in the business of clean and renewable energy since the financial year of 2016. Revenue was generated from the operation and management of two hydroelectric power stations located in the northern PRC which are connected to the national power grid and mainly for industrial use. The business of clean and renewable energy contributed to the stable income of the Group during the period.

The revenue and segment profit for the six months ended 30 September 2023 was approximately HK\$2,941,000 and approximately HK\$688,000, respectively, whereas the revenue and segment profit for the six months ended 30 September 2022 were approximately HK\$5,076,000 and approximately HK\$527,000, respectively.

Needless to say, the sustainable development in clean and renewable energy is the global trend. The Group believes that continued investments in renewable energy business will benefit the Group in the long run and generated sustainable revenue to the Group.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at 30 September 2023, bank balances and cash denominated mainly in Hong Kong dollars and Renminbi amounted to approximately HK\$4,500,000 as compared to approximately HK\$4,196,000 as at 31 March 2023.

As at 30 September 2023, gearing ratio was 0.13 (31 March 2023: 0.13), which was calculated based on the total borrowings and bonds payable divided by total equity. The Group will continue to monitor and manage its financial structure and their potential risks in the course of development.

As at 30 September 2023, the current ratio was 3.33 (31 March 2023: 3.17), which was calculated by dividing the total current assets by the total current liabilities.

Financing and Capital Structure

The Group finances its operations by a combination of equity and borrowings. As at 30 September 2023, the Group had borrowings of approximately HK\$20,404,000 (31 March 2023: HK\$21,716,000) and bonds payable of approximately HK\$6,764,000 (31 March 2023: HK\$8,282,000), which were for the Group's refinancing and general corporate purpose. Details regarding the borrowings and bonds payable of the Group are set out in notes 15 and 16 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Exposure to Fluctuation in Exchange Rates

For the six months ended 30 September 2023, the Group's transactions were mostly denominated in Hong Kong dollars and Renminbi. No foreign currency hedge was made during the six months ended 30 September 2023. The Group did not have significant exposure to foreign exchange fluctuation as the management monitors the related foreign currencies closely and will consider hedging for significant foreign currency exposure, if necessary.

Pledge of Assets

Details regarding the pledge of assets are set out in notes 12 and 15 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Contingent Liabilities

As at 30 September 2023, the Group had no material contingent liabilities (31 March 2023: nil).

STAFF

As at 30 September 2023, the Group had a total of 17 employees (31 March 2023: 21), of which 14 (31 March 2023: 18) were employed in the PRC. Details regarding the total amount of staff costs of the Group are set out in note 6 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

The employees' remuneration, promotion, salary increments and discretionary bonus are assessed based on both individual's and the Group's performance, professional and working experience and by reference to prevailing market practice and standards. In addition, the Group also provides employee benefits such as employee insurance, retirement scheme and training programmes.

MATERIAL ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL

The Group did not have any material acquisitions or disposals during the six months ended 30 September 2023.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT HELD

Save as disclosed in the paragraphs headed "Business Review", the Group did not have any significant investment held as at 30 September 2023.

FUTURE PLANS RELATING TO MATERIAL INVESTMENT OR CAPITAL ASSET

Save as disclosed in the paragraphs headed "Business Review", "Prospect" and "Material Acquisition and Disposal", the Group will actively seek potential opportunities in different industries and business sectors. However, the Group has not executed any legally binding agreement in relation to material investment or acquisition of capital assets and did not have any plans relating to material investment or capital assets as at the date of this report.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved not to declare an interim dividend in respect of six months ended 30 September 2023.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

During the six months ended 30 September 2023, neither the Company nor its subsidiaries have purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

EVENT AFTER REPORTING PERIOD

Save as disclosed, the Board is not aware of any important event affecting the Group which occurred after the end of the reporting period and up to the date of this report.

PROSPECT

Looking forward, the Group will adhere to its business orientation and reinforce its product brand and industry positioning and continue to upgrade its products and services qualities and capabilities in the northern PRC. Further, the Group will continue to maintain its prudent investment and business strategies and will adhere to its strategy to diversify its business models into different business sectors and to strengthen and expand its revenue streams and generate better results and prospect for the Group.

OTHER INFORMATION

DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND/OR SHORT POSITIONS IN THE SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY OR ANY SPECIFIED UNDERTAKING OF THE COMPANY OR ANY OTHER ASSOCIATED CORPORATION

As at 30 September 2023, the interests and short positions of the Directors or chief executive of the Company in the shares and share options of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance in Hong Kong (the "SFO")) which are required (a) to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests or short positions which they are taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or (b) pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein; or (c) pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules (the "Model Code") to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange were as follows:

(i) Long Position in the shares of the Company (the "Shares")

Name of Directors	Long Position/ Short Position	Capacity	Number of Shares held	Approximate percentage of issued share capital in the Company
Executive Director Wang Jing	Long Position	Interest of controlled corporation	108,591,364 (Note)	51.02%
Wang Xing Qiao	Long Position	Beneficial Owner	163,750	0.08%
Independent non-executive Director Zeng Guanwei	Long Position	Beneficial Owner	275,500	0.13%

Note: These 108,591,364 Shares are held by Achieve Prosper Capital Limited, a company wholly and beneficially owned by Hong Kong Shihua Holdings Limited, which is in turn wholly and beneficially owned by Liaoning Shihua (Group) Property Development Limited* (遼 寧實華 (集團) 房地產開發有限公司) ("Liaoning Shihua"). Mr. Wang Jing is the beneficial owner of 82.8% of the equity interest in Liaoning Shihua. By virtue of the SFO, Mr. Wang Jing is deemed to be interested in these 108,591,364 Shares.

* The English name is for identification purposes only.

(ii) Directors' interests in the shares of associated corporations

Name of associated corporation	Name of Director	Capacity	Long Position/ Short Position	Number of ordinary shares in Achieve Prosper Capital Limited	Approximate percentage of issued share capital in Achieve Prosper Capital Limited
Achieve Prosper Capital Limited	Wang Jing	Interest of controlled corporation	Long Position	1,000,000	100%

Save as disclosed above and other than certain nominee shares in subsidiaries held by Directors in trust for the Company or its subsidiaries, as at the date of this interim report, none of the Directors, chief executive of the Company nor their associates had any interests or short positions in any Shares, underlying Shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of the SFO) as 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 is taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or as recorded in the register required to be kept under section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30 September 2023, the following persons, other than the interest disclosed in the section headed "Directors and chief executive's interests and/or short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any specified undertaking of the Company or any other associated corporation", had 5% or more interest in the Shares and underlying Shares have notified to the Company and have been recorded in the register of substantial shareholders' interests in Shares and short positions required to be kept under Section 336 of Part XV of the SFO:

Name of shareholders	Nature of interest	Number of Shares and underlying Shares	Aggregate percentage of issued share capital as at 30 September 2023
Achieve Prosper Capital Limited	Beneficial owner	108,591,364	51.02%
Hong Kong Shihua Holdings Limited	Interest of controlled corporation	108,591,364	51.02%
Liaoning Shihua	Interest of controlled corporation	108,591,364	51.02%
Hu Bao Qin	Spouse interest	108,591,364	51.02%
Lushan Investment Holding Limited (Note 1)	Person having a security interest in shares	145,895,712	68.55%
China Huarong Asset Management Co., Ltd (Note 1)	Interest of controlled corporation	145,895,712	68.55%
China Huarong International Holdings Ltd (Note 1)	Interest of controlled corporation	145,895,712	68.55%
Lai Kar Yan (Note 2)	Receiver	108,591,364	51.02%
Chan Man Hoi <i>(Note 2)</i>	Receiver	108,591,364	51.02%

Notes:

- 1. These 145,895,712 Shares are held by Lushan Investment Holding Limited, a company wholly and beneficially owned by China Huarong International Holdings Ltd.
- 2. 108,591,364 Shares (the "Charged Shares") was pledged by Achieve Prosper Capital Limited in favour of Lushan Investment Holding Limited. On 6 November 2020, Lai Kar Yan and Chan Man Hoi were appointed as joint and several receivers over the Charged Shares. The Charged Shares represent approximately 51.02% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 30 September 2023.

As at 30 September 2023, Achieve Prosper Capital Limited is wholly and beneficially owned by Hong Kong Shihua Holdings Limited, which is in turn wholly and beneficially owned by Liaoning Shihua. Mr. Wang Jing is the beneficial owner of 82.8% of the equity interest in Liaoning Shihua. By virtue of the SFO, Hong Kong Shihua Holdings Limited, Liaoning Shihua, Mr. Wang Jing and Ms. Hu Bao Qin, the spouse of Mr. Wang Jing, were deemed to be interested in the said 108,591,364 Shares held by Achieve Prosper Capital Limited.

On 30 December 2015, Achieve Prosper Capital Limited transferred the 326,086,956 then existing shares of the Company (being 16,304,348 Shares) which were conversion shares (the "**Conversion Shares**") of the Company and were issuable upon the exercise of the convertible bonds to Lushan Investment Holding Limited. During the year ended 31 March 2018, the convertible bonds were fully converted and a total of 326,086,956 then existing shares of the Company (being 16,304,348 Shares) were allotted and issued, credited as fully paid to Lushan Investment Holding Limited.

On 14 March 2016, Achieve Prosper Capital Limited entered into a share charge with Lushan Investment Holding Limited, pursuant to which Achieve Prosper Capital Limited has pledged 2,171,827,290 then existing shares of the Company (being 108,591,364 Shares) in favour of Lushan Investment Holding Limited. In addition, further 420,000,000 then existing shares of the Company (being 21,000,000 Shares) held by Achieve Prosper Capital Limited was transferred to Lushan Investment Holding Limited pursuant to the sale and purchase agreement entered by Achieve Prosper Capital Limited and Lushan Investment Holding Limited (please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 16 March 2016 for further details).

China Huarong International Holdings Ltd owns 100% of Lushan Investment Holding Limited, which is owned as to 88.1% by Huarong Real Estate Co., Ltd, which is in turn wholly-owned by China Huarong Asset Management Co., Ltd. By virtue of the SFO, both China Huarong International Holdings Ltd and China Huarong Asset Management Co., Ltd are deemed to be interested in the 145,895,712 Shares held by Lushan Investment Holding Limited.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 September 2023, the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO recorded no other interests, short positions or long positions in the Shares.

CHARGED SHARES HELD BY ACHIEVE PROSPER CAPITAL LIMITED

With reference to the announcement of the Company dated 13 November 2020, the Company was informed by its controlling shareholder, Achieve Prosper Capital Limited, on 12 November 2020 that it received a letter from Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu dated 6 November 2020 regarding the appointment of Lai Kar Yan and Chan Man Hoi as joint and several receivers over 2,171,827,290 then existing shares of the Company (being 108,591,364 Shares) held by Achieve Prosper Capital Limited. The Charged Shares represent approximately 51.02% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 30 September 2023. Please refer to the announcements of the Company dated 13 November 2020, 13 December 2020, 13 January 2021, 13 February 2021, 13 March 2021, 13 April 2021, 13 May 2021, 13 June 2021, 13 July 2021, 13 August 2021, 13 September 2021, 13 October 2021, 13 November 2021, 13 December 2021, 13 January 2022, 13 February 2022, 13 March 2022, 13 April 2022, 13 May 2022, 13 June 2022, 13 July 2022, 12 August 2022, 13 September 2022, 13 October 2022, 11 November 2022, 12 December 2022, 12 January 2023, 10 February 2023, 10 March 2023, 11 April 2023, 11 May 2023, 12 June 2023, 12 July 2023, 11 August 2023, 11 September 2023, 11 October 2023 and 10 November 2023 for further details.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company adopted all the code provisions in Corporate Governance Code (the "Code Provisions") set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules as its own code on corporate governance practices and guidance. During the six months ended 30 September 2023 and up to the date of this report, the Company has complied with the Code Provisions except the following:

- 1. Pursuant to Code Provision F.2.2, the chairman of the board should attend the annual general meeting. Mr. Wang Jing, the chairman of the Board, was unable to attend the annual general meeting of the Company held on 27 September 2023 (the "2023 AGM") due to his other engagement. Mr. Wang Xing Qiao, the executive Director acted as the chairman of the 2023 AGM, and attended the 2023 AGM with other members of the management. At the 2023 AGM, there was sufficient caliber for answering questions at the 2023 AGM and answered questions at the 2023 AGM competently.
- 2. Pursuant to Code Provision C.1.6, independent non-executive director and other non-executive director should attend general meetings to gain and develop a balanced understanding of the views of shareholders. Mr. Su Bo, Mr. Tang Shengzhi and Mr. Zeng Guanwei, the independent non-executive Directors, were unable to attend the 2023 AGM due to other business commitments.

ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED BYE-LAWS OF THE COMPANY

By passing a special resolution at the 2023 AGM, the Company adopted the amended and restated Bye-laws of the Company. An up-to-date version of the Company's Bye-laws is available on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code as the code of conduct regarding Director's securities transactions. Having made specific enquiry to all Directors, all of them confirmed that they have complied with the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 September 2023.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee comprises three independent non-executive Directors and reports directly to the Board. The Audit Committee meets regularly with the Group's senior management and the external auditor to review the financial reporting and internal control systems of the Group as well as the financial statements of the Company. The Audit Committee has reviewed this report together with the unaudited condensed consolidated interim results of the Company for the six months ended 30 September 2023.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As at 30 September 2023, the Board comprises Mr. Wang Jing, Mr. Wang Xing Qiao, Mr. Zhao Shuang as executive Directors; and Mr. Su Bo, Mr. Tang Shengzhi and Mr. Zeng Guanwei as independent non-executive Directors.

For and on behalf of China Sinostar Group Company Limited Wang Xing Qiao Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 30 November 2023