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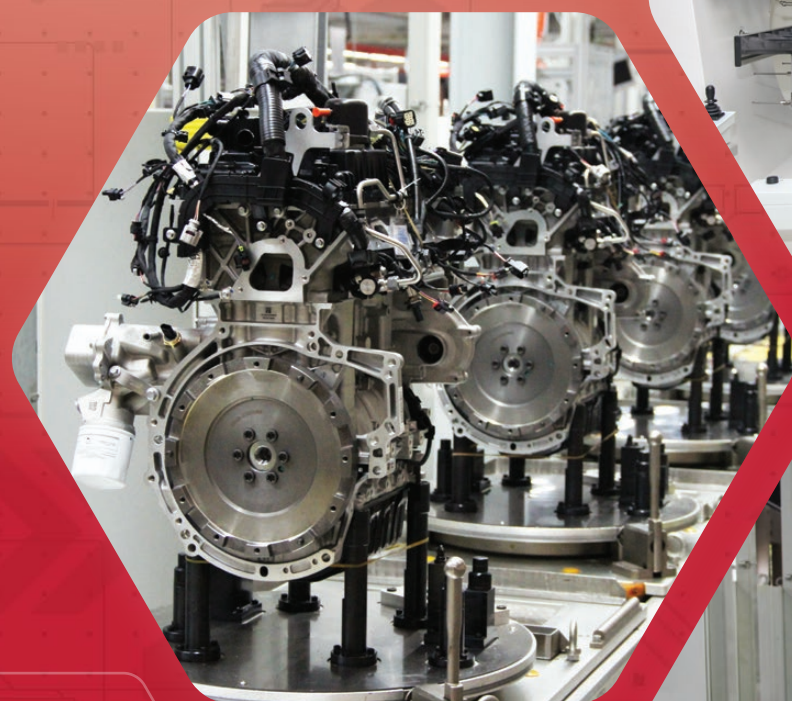
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XINCHEN CHINA POWER HOLDINGS LIMITED

新晨中國動力控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

Stock Code: 1148



Annual Report 2023

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Corporate Information

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Financial Highlights

SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF XINCHEN CHINA POWER HOLDINGS LIMITED (THE “COMPANY”) AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES (ALL TOGETHER THE “GROUP”)

(Amounts in thousands of Renminbi (“RMB”) except earnings per share)

	Year ended and as at 31 December				
	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000	2021 RMB'000	2020 RMB'000	2019 RMB'000
Income Statement Data:					
Revenue	5,340,830	1,652,481	1,462,777	1,711,955	2,076,173
Profit/(Loss) before Income Tax Expense	48,515	(110,731)	(399,660)	(796,700)	7,461
Income Tax (Expense)/Credit	(7,444)	(5,098)	6,887	(11,939)	(613)
Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	22	139	(161)	269	(631)
Profit/(Loss) and Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the Year Attributable to Owners of the Company	41,093	(115,690)	(392,934)	(808,370)	6,217
Basic Profit/(Loss) per Share	RMB0.032	RMB(0.090)	RMB(0.306)	RMB(0.631)	RMB0.005
Diluted Profit/(Loss) per Share	RMB0.032	RMB(0.090)	RMB(0.306)	RMB(0.631)	RMB0.005
Statement of Financial Position Data:					
Non-current Assets	2,488,630	2,668,042	2,896,847	3,155,461	3,375,609
Current Assets	3,012,473	1,488,089	1,067,978	1,851,291	2,650,071
Current Liabilities	(3,308,163)	(1,815,665)	(1,974,757)	(2,470,489)	(2,407,938)
Non-current Liabilities	(476,921)	(665,540)	(199,452)	(352,713)	(625,822)
Shareholders' Equity	1,716,019	1,674,926	1,790,616	2,183,550	2,991,920

Note:

The shares of the Company (the “Shares”) were listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”) on 13 March 2013.

Chairman's Statement

Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the board of directors, I hereby present the annual results of Xincheng China Power Holdings Limited for the year ended 31 December 2023.

According to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers' statistics, the automobile industry showed a growth of 12.3% year on year in vehicle sales totaling approximately 30.1 million units in 2023, showing a double-digit growth despite the continual chip shortage and rise in raw material prices whilst recovered from the woe of the Covid-19 pandemic in China since the second quarter of 2023. It is a landmark sales figures as this is the first time vehicle sales reached 30 million units. The result is partially driven by the growth in automobile export during the year. The resurgence of consumer confidence in spending and the purchase tax cut policy also mitigated the negative impact to the automobile industry during the year. In 2023, sales of passenger vehicles, including sedan car, sport-utility vehicle and multi-purpose vehicle, amounted to about 26.1 million units, up by 11.0% year on year and sales of commercial vehicles reached 4.0 million units, up by 22.1%. The sales of new energy vehicles ("NEV") was 9.49 million units, up by 37.9% year on year, and accounted for only about 31.5% of the country's total sales in 2023, indicating a high potential growth. Thus, the NEV sector continued to provide a solid support to the sales of vehicles in 2023 and the growth of the NEV market will continue to accelerate in the future.

The People's Republic of China (the "PRC") government extended the reduction of value-added tax rate on used cars from 3.0% to 0.5% until the end of 2027 and encouraged the finance sector to offer consumers more attractive credit services to revitalize the automobile industry. In 2023, China's annual automobile sales continued to account for approximately one-third of the world's sales. It is such an important market that, in particular, the scale of NEV market in China accounted for approximately 66.7% of all the NEVs sold worldwide in 2023. China's State Council planned a development blueprint for the NEV industry from 2021 to 2035, targeting a 20% share of NEV in the country's total sales by 2025. This was achieved three years earlier than the schedule. In 2023, NEV sales represented about 31.5% of the total vehicle sales and is expected to rise to approximately 40% by 2030. In 2035, it is anticipated that NEV will account for over 50% of the total vehicle sales. The entire industry continues the process of transformation and upgrading and therefore, we are optimistic about the future of our industry.

During the year, demand for plug-in hybrids rose 85% to 2.81 million units, boosting the overall NEV growth. In comparison, pure battery-powered vehicles grew 25% to 6.68 million units. Our joint venture company (the "JVC") with Li Auto Inc. which marketed its range extender model showed a robust growth which was in line with the NEV market momentum in China and the increase in demand for plug-in hybrids as shown above. As mentioned, the PRC has become the world's largest NEV market and in recent years, the PRC government has provided great support such as subsidies and implemented various favorable policies to drive the development of the NEV market. Purchasers of NEV will benefit from vehicle-related tax exemptions in China and certain local government policies in favor of NEV, such as no quota limitations for vehicle license plate application and exemption from traffic restrictions. Thus, the business of the JVC will be well supported. The formation of the JVC is a first strategic move by the Group to enter the NEV market. The JVC will at the same time serve as the platform for the long-term strategic cooperation between the Group and Li Auto Inc., in providing a quality and stable supply of range extenders for use in NEV (e.g. L9, L8 and L7 vehicle models) produced by Li Auto Inc.. We have also been exploring cooperation opportunities with other NEV manufacturers, for example, Rox Motor and BAIC Foton Motor, in order to widen our market exposure during the beginning phase of NEV boom in China and worldwide.

Chairman's Statement (Cont'd)

We have been carrying out some re-engineering to our CE-family engines in order to pave a way out in the ever-changing automobile market in China. We developed NEV-compatible CE engines which are used in the range extender of the electric drive system for the latest generation of NEV. We are still working hard to explore more major NEV customers to adopt our NEV-compatible CE engines for range extension purpose. In simple terms, the range extender is an auxiliary power unit consisting of a small internal combustion engine coupled with an electric generator which is used to re-charge the battery pack of NEV. Lack of power points for recharging, too much time spent on long queues waiting to recharge specially during long holidays, the time spent on recharging and the power cut in certain areas in China in prior years, sparked the risk of commuting with pure electric vehicles as charging station suspended operation during rush hours. Consequently, the sales of extended-range electric vehicle showed an obvious growth and topped the sales table.

As disclosed in the interim report for the six months ended 30 June 2023, the diminished demand of traditional combustion engines continued to affect sales volumes of our traditional and the CE engines. However, the trading of the range extenders produced by the JVC accounted for the substantial increase in the revenue. In 2023, the Group recorded a total sales of approximately RMB5,340.83 million, representing an increase of approximately 223.20% as compared to 2022. Such a substantial increase was due to the increase in trading of range extenders produced by the JVC. There was an increase in sales of crankshafts by approximately 3.82%, amounting to approximately RMB558.41 million, which was mainly attributable to the increase in the demand by BMW Brilliance Automotive Ltd. (“**BMW Brilliance Automotive**”) for the Group's Bx8 crankshafts. Such increase was due to the business pick-up during the post-covid period. BMW officially nominated us as the non-exclusive Bx8 engine crankshaft supplier and connecting rod supplier and the supply period will be until 2030. In addition, BMW has fully affirmed our pursuit of excellent quality, and it is another milestone in the development components business. So far, we have delivered over 4.0 million crankshafts and 8.5 million connecting rods to BMW. During the year, we also supplied crankshafts to BYD and connecting rods to BYD and Li Auto Inc., and look forward to becoming a long term supplier to them.


Growth in business after the covid period and the increase in share of profits of the JVC led to change from loss to a net profit attributable to owners of the Company of approximately RMB41.07 million. Upon the turnover of the business results, we are seeking various measures to improve the liquidity situation in order to expand our business scale, in particular, the exploration of component businesses for the new energy vehicles and export business.

From the perspective of the development trend of the automobile industry and with the steady recovery of the economy in China upon the recovering from Covid-19 infections, consumer demand will resume and the overall potential of the Chinese automobile market is still huge. Therefore, it is estimated that the Chinese automobile market has already bottomed out. In the coming years, the market will continue its mild positive growth through the development of vehicle electrification, vehicle digitalization, vehicle built-in intelligence and in-car internet. These will accelerate the transformation and upgrading of the automotive industry.

Chairman's Statement (Cont'd)

A new round of price cut was announced in February by NEV manufacturers after a slowdown in demand amid subdued consumer sentiment in 2023, putting more pressure on sales of internal-combustion engine vehicles. The Group will continue to explore cooperation opportunities with BMW AG, BMW Brilliance Automotive, Li Auto Inc., BYD and other business partners in the future to cope with the ever-changing automobile industry trend. In particular, the Group will continue to actively identify potential merger and acquisition opportunities and assess possibilities of forming joint ventures with other potential partners to expand its product portfolio and strengthen its core competitiveness.

On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to our shareholders, business partners, management team and all other employees for their continued support and dedication to the Group.



Wu Xiao An
(also known as Ng Siu On)
Chairman
26 March 2024

Management's Discussion & Analysis

BUSINESS REVIEW

In 2023, the Group achieved total consolidated sales of approximately RMB5,340.83 million, representing an increase of approximately 223.20% compared to 2022 (approximately RMB1,652.48 million). The increase was mainly due to the increase in trading of range extenders produced by the JVC. As Covid-19 just took its toll during the first quarter of the reporting year, our business began to pick up since the second quarter onwards. The increase in trading of range extenders was due to pent-up demand since the second quarter of the year post-covid. Meanwhile, the increase in the sales of crankshafts was mainly due to the increase in the demand by BMW Brilliance Automotive for the Group's Bx8 crankshafts.

In respect of the engines business segment, the Group recorded approximately 358.17% increase in segment revenue, from approximately RMB1,015.15 million in 2022 to approximately RMB4,651.14 million in 2023. Sales volume of engines increased by approximately 382.08% from around 86,500 units in 2022 to around 417,000 units in 2023. The substantial increase was mainly due to the increase in the trading of range extenders produced by the JVC during the reporting period.

In respect of the engine components segment, the Group recorded approximately 8.22% increase in segment revenue, from approximately RMB637.33 million in 2022 to approximately RMB689.69 million in 2023. The increase was mainly due to more Bx8 crankshafts and connecting rods produced and supplied to BMW Brilliance Automotive during the year. The Group sold around 543,000 units of crankshafts to BMW Brilliance Automotive in 2023, representing an increase of approximately 10.59% from around 491,000 units in 2022. There was also an increase in the demand for connecting rods. The Group sold around 950,000 units of connecting rods to BMW Brilliance Automotive in 2023, up by approximately 32.87% from around 715,000 units in 2022.

The consolidated cost of sales in 2023 amounted to approximately RMB5,164.96 million, up by approximately 233.20% when compared to approximately RMB1,550.09 million in 2022. The increase in cost of sales was due to the increase in trading of range extenders.

The gross profit margin of the Group decreased from approximately 6.19% in 2022 to approximately 3.29% in 2023, which was mainly due to the higher proportion of trading of range extenders which derived a lower profit margin.

Impairment losses increased from approximately RMB1.01 million in 2022 to approximately RMB6.41 million in 2023. The increase was mainly due to impairment loss on a loan to a shareholder.

Other gains and losses decreased from gains of approximately RMB11.53 million in 2022 to gains of approximately RMB3.09 million in 2023. The decrease was mainly due to the one-off gain arising from sales and leaseback transaction in 2022. The gain recognized in 2023 was mainly due to the gain on disposal of miscellaneous materials.

Selling and distribution expenses increased by approximately 64.03%, from approximately RMB12.37 million in 2022 to approximately RMB20.29 million in 2023, representing approximately 0.75% and approximately 0.38% of the revenue in 2022 and 2023, respectively. The substantial increase of trading revenue of range extenders broadened the revenue base in 2023 which resulted in a sharp fall in percentage value. The increase in value was mainly due to the increase in business volume.

Administrative expenses decreased by approximately 14.42%, from approximately RMB143.89 million in 2022 to approximately RMB123.14 million in 2023, representing approximately 8.71% and approximately 2.31% of the revenue in 2022 and 2023, respectively. The percentage decrease was mainly due to a greater extent of increase in revenue during the reporting year. The decrease in value was mainly due to the decrease in salary expenses, professional fees and general office expenses.

Finance costs decreased by approximately 8.09%, from approximately RMB62.35 million in 2022 to approximately RMB57.31 million in 2023. The decrease was mainly due to repayment of borrowings during the year.

Management's Discussion & Analysis (Cont'd)

Other expenses increased by approximately 332.14% from approximately RMB12.61 million in 2022 to approximately RMB54.49 million in 2023, which was mainly due to the increase in general research expenses incurred in 2023.

Share of profit of the associate was approximately RMB80.61 million during the reporting year whereas share of loss of the associate was incurred for approximately RMB17.41 million in 2022.

The Group's profit before tax was approximately RMB48.52 million in 2023 whereas the Group's loss before tax was approximately RMB110.73 million in 2022.

Income tax expenses increased by 46.02%, from approximately RMB5.10 million in 2022 to approximately RMB7.44 million in 2023. This was due to more profitable businesses transacted during the reporting period.

For the year 2023, the profit attributable to owners of the Company was approximately RMB41.07 million, as compared to a net loss of approximately RMB115.83 million for the year ended 31 December 2022. Basic earnings per share in 2023 amounted to approximately RMB0.032, as compared to basic loss per share of approximately RMB0.09 in 2022.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

As at 31 December 2023, the Group had approximately RMB23.84 million in cash and cash equivalents (31 December 2022: RMB59.06 million), and approximately RMB105.08 million in pledged bank deposits (31 December 2022: RMB148.62 million). The Group had trade and other payables of approximately RMB545.13 million (31 December 2022: RMB601.46 million), borrowings due within one year in the amount of approximately RMB536.59 million (31 December 2022: RMB551.74 million), and borrowings due after one year in the amount of approximately RMB64.23 million (31 December 2022: RMB108.18 million).

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

As at 31 December 2023, the Group's total assets was approximately RMB5,501.10 million (31 December 2022: RMB4,156.13 million), which was funded by the following: (1) share capital of approximately RMB10.46 million (31 December 2022: RMB10.46 million), (2) reserves of approximately RMB1,716.02 million (31 December 2022: RMB1,674.93 million) and (3) total liabilities of approximately RMB3,785.08 million (31 December 2022: RMB2,481.20 million).

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

During the year, the Group (i) endorsed certain bills receivable for the settlement of trade and other payables; and (ii) discounted certain bills receivable to banks for raising cash. The Group considers that the risk of default in payment of the endorsed and discounted bills receivable is low because all endorsed and discounted bills receivable are issued and guaranteed by reputable banks in the PRC.

PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at 31 December 2023, the Group pledged certain of its receivables with an aggregate gross amount, before impairment loss, of approximately RMB1.51 million (31 December 2022: RMB10.50 million) to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group.

As at 31 December 2023, the Group has pledged certain land use rights, buildings, plant and machinery with an aggregate carrying value of approximately RMB310.04 million (31 December 2022: RMB327.15 million) to certain banks to secure general banking facilities and other borrowing granted to the Group.

As at 31 December 2023, the Group pledged bank deposits in the amount of approximately RMB104.01 million (31 December 2022: RMB135.13 million) to secure general banking facilities and other borrowing granted to the Group.

Management's Discussion & Analysis (Cont'd)

GEARING RATIO

As at 31 December 2023, the debt-to-equity ratio, computed by dividing total liabilities by total equity attributable to owners of the Company, was approximately 2.21 (31 December 2022: 1.48). The increase in the debt-to-equity ratio was mainly due to the increase in amount due to an associate in relation to the trading of range extenders in 2023.

As at 31 December 2023, the gearing ratio, computed by dividing borrowings by total equity attributable to owners of the Company, was approximately 35.01% (31 December 2022: 39.40%). The decrease in gearing ratio was mainly due to the decrease in borrowings as a result of continual repayment of loans in 2023.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISKS

The Group's functional currency is RMB. Since the Group has certain assets and liabilities, such as receivables, payables, bank borrowings and cash and cash equivalents, denominated in foreign currencies, such as United States Dollar and Hong Kong Dollar, the Group is exposed to foreign currency translation risk.

The Group has monitored and will continue to monitor its foreign exchange risks and may consider hedging its foreign currency exposure, if and when necessary.

EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 31 December 2023, the Group employed approximately 964 employees (31 December 2022: approximately 998 employees). Employee costs amounted to approximately RMB138.17 million for the year ended 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: approximately RMB139.60 million). The Group will endeavor to ensure that the employees' salary levels are in line with industry practice and prevailing market conditions and that employees' remuneration is based on their performance.

CAPITAL COMMITMENT

As at 31 December 2023, the Group had capital commitments of approximately RMB127.28 million (31 December 2022: RMB350.73 million), among which contracted capital commitments amounted to approximately RMB93.28 million (31 December 2022: RMB104.33 million), which is primarily related to capital expenditure in respect of acquisition of property, plant and equipment, capital injection to an associate and new engine development.

Directors, Senior Management and Company Secretary

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. Wu Xiao An (also known as Mr. Ng Siu On) (吳小安), aged 62, is the chairman of the Company. He was appointed as a director of the Company on 10 March 2011 and designated as an executive director of the Company on 24 April 2012. He has over 29 years of experience in the automotive industry and is primarily responsible for the overall strategic planning and business development of the Group. From April 1998 to September 2016, Mr. Wu was a director of Southern State Investment Limited. From April 1998 to September 2005 and from July 2011 to November 2016, he was a director of Mianyang Xincheng Engine Co., Ltd. (“**Mianyang Xincheng**”). Since February 2011, he has been a director of Brilliance Investment Holdings Limited (“**Brilliance Investment**”). Since 2002, Mr. Wu has served various positions in Brilliance China Automotive Holdings Limited (“**Brilliance China**”), a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 1114), including the chairman of Brilliance China since June 2002, an executive director since January 1994 and the vice chairman and chief financial officer from January 1994 to June 2002. He was the chairman of BMW Brilliance Automotive from May 2003 to February 2022, and has been its vice chairman since February 2022. He also has been the vice chairman of BMW Automotive Finance (China) Co., Ltd. since February 2023. From October 2002 to June 2020, Mr. Wu was a director of Huachen Automotive Group Holdings Company Limited (“**Huachen**”). He was a director of Shenyang Brilliance JinBei Automobile Co., Ltd. (now known as Renault Brilliance Jinbei Automotive Company Limited (“**RBJAC**”) from January 1994 to August 2016, and has been the chairman of RBJAC since January 2018. From 1988 to 1993, he was the deputy manager of the Bank of China, New York Branch. Mr. Wu obtained a bachelor’s degree of arts from Beijing Foreign Languages Institute (北京外國語學院) (now known as Beijing Foreign Studies University (北京外國語大學)) in 1985 and a master of business administration degree from Fordham University in New York in 1992. As disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 13 March 2023, the China Securities Regulatory Commission has issued a warning and imposed a fine against Mr. Wu. For further details, please refer to the said announcement.

Mr. Deng Han (鄧晗), aged 48, is the chief executive officer of the Company. He was appointed as an executive director of the Company on 26 June 2023. He has over 23 years of experience in the automotive industry. Mr. Deng has been serving as a director of Mianyang Xincheng since February 2023. He was the general manager of Mianyang Xinhua Internal Combustion Engine Joint Stock Company Limited (“**Xinhua Combustion Engine**”) from August 2016 to June 2023, and the deputy general manager of Xinhua Combustion Engine from January 2012 to August 2016. From January 2003 to January 2012, he held various positions in Mianyang Xincheng, including assistant to the general manager, general manager of sales company, factory manager, supervisor of assembly workshop, deputy supervisor of assembly workshop, and engaged in quality management work and administration management work. From September 2000 to January 2003, he was a workshop technician of Xinhua Combustion Engine. Mr. Deng obtained a bachelor’s degree in metallic material and heat treatment from Xi’an Technological Institute (西安工業學院) (now known as Xi’an Technological University (西安工業大學)) in July 2000.

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. Han Song (韓松), aged 54, was appointed as a non-executive director of the Company on 3 January 2022. Mr. Han was appointed as the chairman of Mianyang Xincheng and the chairman of Shenyang Brilliance Power Train Machinery Co., Ltd. (瀋陽華晨動力機械有限公司) in June 2019. Mr. Han was also appointed as the vice-president of Huachen in June 2018. From February 2018 to June 2018, he was the deputy general manager of China Aviation Development Changchun Control Technology Co., Ltd. (中國航發長春控制科技有限公司). From July 2016 to February 2018 and from September 2016 to October 2017, he acted as the deputy head of the development planning department and the deputy general manager respectively of Aero Engine Corporation of China (中國航空發動機集團有限公司). From July 2015 to September 2016, he was the head of the development planning department of AECC Aviation Power Co., Ltd. (中國航發動力股份有限公司), a company whose shares are listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange. From March 2011 to September 2016, he was the head of the engine development and planning department of Aviation Industry Corporation of China, Ltd. (中國航空工業集團有限公司). During the period from August 1991 to March 2011, Mr. Han successively served as the assistant to the general manager, the head of the development planning department, the director of the operation planning office, the head of the vane processing plant and the vice secretary of the Party Committee, the supervisor of the heat treatment centre, the chief engineer of the crankcase plant, the chief engineer of the vane plant, the supervisor of workshop number 88 of the sheet metal welding plant, the supervising engineer of the coating laboratory of the metallurgy office, and a technician and the supervisor of the metallurgy laboratory of the metallurgy office of AECC Shenyang Liming Aero-engine Co., Ltd. (中國航發瀋陽黎明航空發動機有限責任公司). Mr. Han obtained a master’s degree in material engineering from the Harbin Institute of Technology (哈爾濱工業大學) in April 2007 and a bachelor’s degree in mechanical design and manufacturing from the Northwestern Polytechnical University (西北工業大學) in July 1991.

Directors, Senior Management and Company Secretary (Cont'd)

Mr. Yang Ming (楊明), aged 55, was appointed as a non-executive director of the Company on 7 November 2016. Mr. Yang has been serving as a deputy secretary of the Communist Party of China and general manager of Sichuan Yibin Pushi Group Co., Ltd. (四川省宜賓普什集團有限公司) (“**Pushi Group**”) since August 2021. From December 2016 to April 2023, he was a director of Mianyang Xinchun. From May 2020 to August 2021, he was a committee member of the Communist Party of China and vice president of Pushi Group. From May 2016 to May 2020, he was a committee member of the Communist Party of China and vice president of Pushi Group, the chairman of Sichuan Yibin Pushi Dies Co., Ltd. (四川省宜賓普什模具有限公司) (“**Pushi Dies**”) and the chairman and general manager of Chengdu Pushi Vehicle Dies Co., Ltd. (成都普什汽車模具有限公司). From May 2014 to May 2016, Mr. Yang was a committee member of the Communist Party of China and vice president of Pushi Group and the general manager and branch secretary of the Communist Party of China of Pushi Dies. From December 2007 to May 2014, he was a committee member of the Communist Party of China of Pushi Group and the general manager and branch secretary of the Communist Party of China of Pushi Dies. From June 2006 to December 2007, he was a committee member of the Communist Party of China of Pushi Group and the deputy general manager, chairman of the labour union and branch secretary of the Communist Party of China of Pushi Dies. From July 2003 to December 2007, he was the deputy general manager, chairman of the labour union and branch secretary of the Communist Party of China of Pushi Dies. From August 2002 to July 2003, Mr. Yang was the supervisor at the vehicle dies workshop of Pushi Dies. From July 1988 to August 2002, he worked at the tools factory of Chongqing Changan Machinery Factory (重慶長安機械製造廠工具分廠) and the dies centre of Chongqing Changan Automobile Co., Ltd. (重慶長安汽車股份責任公司模具中心). Mr. Yang graduated from the department of mechanical engineering of Beijing Institute of Technology (北京理工大學), majoring in mechanical manufacturing process and automation in July 1988.

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Mr. Chi Guohua (池國華), aged 49, was appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company on 22 November 2012. He is a certified public accountant (non-practicing member) in the PRC. From March 2000 to October 2017, Mr. Chi was a teaching assistant, lecturer, associate professor and professor of the School of Accounting of Dongbei University of Finance and Economics (東北財經大學). He has been appointed as the doctoral supervisor of Financial Management Department by Dongbei University of Finance and Economics since 1 January 2013. Mr. Chi has been the professor in Nanjing Audit University since October 2015. He was the associate dean of the Audit Science Graduate School of Nanjing Audit University from November 2017 to March 2020 and the dean of the School of Internal Audit of Nanjing Audit University and China Institute of Internal Audit from November 2018 to March 2020. Furthermore, Mr. Chi has also been serving as an independent director of Forewin Flex Limited Corporation (福萊盈電子股份有限公司) since December 2020 and an independent director of Nanjing Huijiang Composite Materials Co., Ltd. (南京滬江復合材料股份有限公司) since May 2021. From April 2012 to March 2017, he was an independent director of Dalian Tianbao Green Foods Co., Ltd. (大連天寶綠色食品股份有限公司), a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. From May 2016 to July 2022, he was an independent director of Zhejiang XinNong Chemical Co., Ltd. (浙江新農化工股份有限公司). From September 2017 to September 2023, he was an external director of Jiangsu Huilong Assets Management Co., Ltd. (江蘇省惠隆資產管理有限公司). From February 2005 to February 2006, Mr. Chi was the head of the strategic investment department of Shenyang Machine Tool (Group) Co., Ltd. (瀋陽機床(集團)有限公司); and from March 2006 to March 2007, he was the financial adviser of Shenyang Machine Tool (Group) Co., Ltd. (瀋陽機床(集團)有限公司). From February 2017 to October 2023, he was a consultant in the Committee on Internal Control Standards for the Ministry of Finance of the PRC (中國財政部內部控制標準委員會). Mr. Chi currently also holds positions in certain academic and professional organisations, including serving as a member of the Internal Control Committee of Accounting Society of China (中國會計學會內部控制專業委員會) since 2014 and a councillor of the Audit Education Branch of China Audit Society (中國審計學會審計教育分會) since March 2018. Mr. Chi was awarded the leading accounting representative of the Ministry of Finance of the PRC (中國財政部全國會計學術領軍人才) in November 2014. Mr. Chi obtained a post doctorate degree in business administration from the Xiamen University (廈門大學) in January 2008 and a doctorate degree in management (accounting studies) from Dongbei University of Finance and Economics in April 2005.

Mr. Wang Jun (王隽), aged 62, was appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company on 24 April 2012. He has over 33 years of experience in the legal field, especially in corporate compliance operation, risk control, corporate law, litigation and arbitration. Since February 2009, Mr. Wang has been practising law at the Beijing Office of Dacheng Law Offices (北京大成律師事務所). From April 2000 to February 2009, he practised law at the Beijing Jian Yuan Law Offices (北京市建元律師事務所). From September 1987 to March 2000, he was employed by China University of Petroleum (中國石油大學) as a teacher. From September 1983 to September 1985, he served as the cadre of the Railway Transport High Court (鐵路運輸高級法院). Mr. Wang obtained a postgraduate degree in economic law in July 1987 and a bachelor's degree in law from the department of law in July 1983, both from the China University of Political Science and Law (中國政法大學).

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Mr. Huang Haibo (黃海波), aged 69, was appointed as a director of the Company on 30 November 2011, and designated as an independent non-executive director of the Company on 24 April 2012. He has spent over 39 years researching and applying his expertise in automotive technology. Since September 1983, Mr. Huang has been serving as a teaching assistant, lecturer, associate professor and professor in the Department of Automotive Engineering of Sichuan University of Science and Technology (四川工業學院) (renamed as the Transport and Automotives Engineering School in Xihua University (西華大學) in 2003). From 2003 to 2012, he served as the dean of the Transport and Automotive Engineering School in Xihua University. From July 2008 to August 2013, Mr. Huang served as an independent non-executive director of Hunan Jiangnan Red Arrow Co. Ltd. (湖南江南紅箭股份有限公司), a company listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. He was the chairman of the Sichuan Xihua Vehicle Authentication Institution (四川西華機動車司法鑒定所) from August 2005 to November 2018 and a member of National Technical Committee on Operating Safe Technology and Testing Equipment of Motor Vehicles and of Standardization Administration of China (全國機動車運行安全技術檢測設備標準化技術委員會) from 2008 to 2018. Mr. Huang was the supervisor of Sichuan Xihua Jiaotong Forensics Center (四川西華交通司法鑒定中心) from December 2018 to October 2022. He received a master's degree in engineering from Beijing Institute of Agricultural Mechanization (北京農業機械化學院) in December 1983 and a doctorate degree in engineering from Sichuan University (四川大學) in December 2004.

Ms. Dong Yan (董艷), aged 45, was appointed as an independent non-executive director of the Company on 19 June 2023. She is currently a finance professor and doctoral advisor at the Southwestern University of Finance and Economics (西南財經大學) ("SWUFE") in the PRC. Since July 2022, Ms. Dong has been the Executive Vice Dean of the Research Institute of Economics and Management (經濟與管理研究院常務副院長) of SWUFE. She previously held various positions at SWUFE, including Secretary of the Branch Party Committee (分黨委書記) from March 2017 to July 2022, Vice Dean and Deputy Secretary (副院長兼副書記) from July 2013 to March 2017 and Associate Professor from December 2006 to December 2015. Ms. Dong also served as a visiting professor at Lingnan University in Hong Kong in 2008 and a part-time economics lecturer at the University of Essex from October 2003 to December 2006. Ms. Dong obtained a bachelor's degree in Economics from the China University of Geosciences (中國地質大學) in June 2000, a master's degree in Finance and Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science in July 2002 and a doctorate degree in Economics from the University of Essex in March 2007.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Le Ji Xiang (樂吉祥), aged 46, is the executive vice general manager of Mianyang Xinchun. Mr. Le has over 23 years of experience in the automotive industry and is primarily responsible for the research and development and sales business of the Group. He has been serving as the executive vice general manager of Mianyang Xinchun since July 2018. From June 2015 to June 2018, he served as a vice general manager of Mianyang Xinchun. From March 2012 to May 2015, he was an assistant to the general manager of Mianyang Xinchun as well as the project director of N20 engine. From October 2006 to March 2012, he held various positions in Mianyang Xinchun, including the head of product development of the technology centre, the head of technical planning and the head of quality assurance. Mr. Le graduated from the department of automotive engine in Sichuan University of Science and Technology (四川工業學院) (now merged into Xihua University (西華大學)) in 2001 and received a master of engineering degree in software engineering from the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (電子科技大學) in 2010. He was certified as a senior engineer by Sichuan Provincial Department of Human Resources and Social Security (四川省人力資源和社會保障廳) in December 2018.

Mr. He Xuzong (何旭宗), aged 57, is the chief engineer of Mianyang Xinchun. Mr. He has over 33 years of experience in the automotive industry and is primarily responsible for the quality management and production and operation and safety management of the Group. He has been serving as the chief engineer of Mianyang Xinchun since May 2015. From January 2008 to April 2015, he served as the vice general manager of Mianyang Xinchun. From February 2004 to January 2008, he had been an assistant to the general manager and director of technology and quality of Mianyang Xinchun. From November 2008 to January 2012, he served as the vice general manager of Xinhua Combustion Engine. From July 1989 to February 2004, he held various positions in Xinhua Combustion Engine, including technical engineer, managing deputy head of technology department, head of the technical center, and head of the product development department. Mr. He obtained a bachelor's degree in automotive engineering from Sichuan University of Science and Technology (四川工業學院) (now merged into Xihua University (西華大學)) in July 1989. Mr. He was certified by Sichuan Province Title Reform Leading Group Office (四川省職稱改革工作領導小組辦公室) as a senior engineer in January 2002.

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Mr. Lan Xingping (蘭興平), aged 48, is the vice general manager of Mianyang Xincheng. Mr. Lan has over 25 years of experience in the automotive industry and is primarily responsible for components business of the Group. He has been serving as the vice general manager of Mianyang Xincheng since July 2020. From November 2015 to June 2020, he was an assistant to the general manager of Mianyang Xincheng. From July 2006 to October 2015, he held various positions in Mianyang Xincheng, including regional manager of sales company, marketing manager, deputy general manager and general manager of sales company. From July 1998 to June 2006, he held various positions in Mianyang Xincheng, including workshop staff, engineer of technical center, and engineer of technology and quality department. Mr. Lan graduated from the department of automotive engine in Sichuan University of Science and Technology (四川工業學院) (now merged into Xihua University (西華大學)) in June 1998.

Mr. Ng Yiu Fai (吳耀輝), aged 49, is the senior vice president and the chief financial officer of the Company. Mr. Ng joined the Company as the senior vice president in May 2017 and was appointed as the chief financial officer on 22 February 2020. He is primarily responsible for the Group's financial management, investor relations, capital markets and financial reporting matters. Mr. Ng holds a bachelor's degree of business administration majoring in accounting from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Mr. Ng has more than 26 years of experience in financial management and corporate finance. Prior to joining the Company, he worked at KPMG and several Hong Kong-listed companies serving in several positions from 1997 to 2017, culminating in the position of chief financial officer, including being the Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of CNQC International Holdings Limited (a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 1240)) between May 2014 and May 2017. Mr. Ng is a qualified accountant and a fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr. Wan Xing (萬幸), aged 49, is the vice president of the Company and the chief financial officer of Mianyang Xincheng. Mr. Wan started his career in the internal audit of a domestic well-known home appliance enterprise group, and has over 23 years of experience in automotive industry and 16 years of experience in overseeing financial management in several multinational corporations. Mr. Wan participated in a number of new plant establishments, mergers and acquisitions, and led the restructuring of enterprises. He is primarily responsible for the financial management of the Group. He served as the chief financial officer of Company and the chief financial officer of Mianyang Xincheng from June 2018 to February 2020 and re-joined the Group in June 2021. He was the chief financial officer and financial controller of several multinational companies before joining the Group and he served as the vice president of other listed company during leaving the Group. Mr. Wan obtained a Master degree in Business Administration from the Chongqing University of China (中國重慶大學) in 2009.

COMPANY SECRETARY

Ms. Ngai Ka Yan (魏嘉茵), aged 41, is the company secretary of the Company. Ms. Ngai joined the Company in March 2015. Ms. Ngai obtained a Bachelor of Business degree from Queensland University of Technology in Australia and a Master of Corporate Governance degree from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Ms. Ngai is a fellow member of The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and The Chartered Governance Institute. Ms. Ngai has extensive experience in company secretarial and compliance matters and has worked for various listed companies in Hong Kong.

Report of Directors

The directors of the Company present this report together with the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company is a holding company. The principal activities of the Group are the development, manufacture and sale of automotive engines for passenger vehicles and light duty commercial vehicles and manufacture of engine parts and components of passenger vehicles in the PRC. The principal activities of the Company's subsidiaries are set out in note 44 to the consolidated financial statements.

BUSINESS REVIEW

The business review of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 is set out on pages 7 to 8 and in the following paragraphs.

1. Principal risks and uncertainties

We have identified in 2023 the following principal risks and uncertainties that may be faced by the Group:

Financial risk

The Group does not have any foreign currency loans. Therefore, the Group is not exposed to any exchange rate risk resulting from the appreciation of foreign currency against RMB. The Group's activities are exposed to other financial risks, including interest rate risk arising from bank loans and finance leases, credit risk arising from trade receivables, bills receivable and trade-related amounts due from related companies, as well as liquidity risk arising from operating activities, which are highlighted on pages 132 to 140 of this annual report.

Market risk

(i) Recent recovery in the growth of the PRC automobile market

In 2023, the PRC automobile industry achieved a breakthrough with record highs in terms of annual production and sales of 30.161 million and 30.094 million units, respectively, representing year-on-year growth of 11.6% and 12%, respectively. The production and sales of NEVs amounted to 9.587 million and 9.495 million units, respectively, representing year-on-year growths of 35.8% and 37.9%, respectively. Sales of new NEVs accounted for 31.6% of the total sales of new vehicles. Export also reached a new milestone. Total whole-car exports for the year amounted to 4.91 million units, representing a year-on-year growth of 57.9% and probably ranking first in the world. Against a backdrop of the guiding national automotive consumption policy, rapid new energy vehicle development, emerging domestic brands and the implementation of the carbon peak and carbon neutrality strategies, the Group strives to strengthen and enlarge our market share by improving product technologies and widening our product mix. In particular, the development and mass production of high-performance range extenders have brought us to the new energy vehicle market. Nevertheless, we will continue to tackle the risk by establishing an extended product line for our existing customers, such as developing new high-performance engines that meet the requirements of the existing customers as well as pursuing potential customers without their own engine production capability as well as customers that manufacture extended-range electric vehicles.

(ii) Fierce industry competition

Competition amongst manufacturers in the PRC engine and engine part and component industry will intensify due to new emission and fuel-consumption regulations implemented by the State. The application of new technologies in the industry will be accelerated while technologies that do not meet regulatory and market requirements will be abandoned. Thus, the market expansion of independent engine manufacturers might be hindered by the facts that some Chinese automobile manufacturers with proprietary brands have suspended their operations, the new energy vehicle industry is emerging rapidly as well as the shortage of chips and the rise in prices of raw materials due to the ups and downs in the Covid-19 pandemic. Although the Group's performance may be adversely affected in light of the fierce competition, the Group will continue to dedicate itself to strengthening product research and development capability, improving technical standards of its products, expanding product line-up to keep up with and exceed technical progress in the automobile market and securing exclusive sales of certain product lines to existing customers with better cost control and customer satisfaction.

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(iii) Regulatory risk

As the PRC automobile industry is highly regulated by the State, government and industry policies have a huge impact on the industry's development and performance. The Group, therefore, is subject to increasingly stringent regulatory requirements. For example, the Ministry of Environmental Protection and the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the PRC jointly released the Limits and Measurement Methods for Emissions from Light-Duty Vehicles (《輕型汽車污染物排放限值及測量方法》), which requires the implementation of China 6 limits for emissions from the second half of 2020. The Group has already upgraded and developed its products in accordance with the regulations in collaboration with its customers.

2. Environment and laws and regulations

Environmental policies and performance

The Group is concerned about preservation of natural resources and environmental protection, abides by national laws and regulations on environmental protection, pays attention to legal disposal of environmentally hazardous substances, establishes necessary environmental protection facilities, such as sewage treatment plants, ventilation and dust collection systems and solid waste collection stations that comply with environmental standards, and disposes of various wastes according to law to mitigate the environmental impact of its business operations in full measure. The Group also requires its suppliers to abide by relevant national laws and rules on environmental protection and obtain necessary approvals and permits from the PRC environment regulation authority. In 2023, the national, provincial and municipal environmental monitoring centers have conducted environmental inspections of the relevant production areas and found that all results met the required standards.

Compliance with laws and regulations

The Group operates in accordance with relevant laws and regulations in the PRC and Hong Kong. During the year ended 31 December 2023 and as at the date of this report, we have complied with all relevant laws and regulations in the PRC and Hong Kong.

3. Key relationships

Employees

To realise sustainable development, the Group has established a sound system that categorises its employees into four groups, namely management, technical, professional and skill, set up four career development schemes, namely career managers, engineering technologies, professional management and skilled technicians, that cater to each of these groups, tailored individual development plans for staff members at all professions and all levels by refining its qualification frameworks and appraisal system, and focused on strengthening product research and development, skill, quality as well as the professional competence and creativity, according to its strategies and annual business development plans. The Group ensures its sustainable growth and also secures human resources with high potentials that are in line with its future development directions and strategic plans through continuously improving its training system, university-business cooperation and campus recruitment programs, and establishing talent pools and reserves to identify candidate of the right calibre.

On top of the current comprehensive remuneration and benefit scheme, the Group has engaged professional and experienced external consultant to analyse and adjust the existing remuneration structure based on positions and levels, and to establish an all-round performance-oriented remuneration system, so as to ensure that the remuneration aligns with the value of each position and supports the business situation.

The Group respects employees' opinions, and collects them through a number of channels. It also praises and rewards employees who have given reasonable suggestions that can promote its sustainable development. The Group conducts an employee satisfaction survey each year and considers all valuable feedback on improving work efficiency and creating a harmonious working atmosphere.

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Customers

We are devoted to providing our customers with marketable products that are in compliance with regulations and feature reliable quality, advanced technology, outstanding performance, and great value for money. We maintain close communication and cooperation with our customers to improve and develop our products based on customers' needs and the development trend of engines in the future so as to ensure the marketability of our products and strive for market leadership. We fortify our market by establishing strategic partners through, amongst other things, joint planning and product development with key clients. Through communication with potential clients in regard to marketing projects, company website, industrial exhibitions, public relations activities, marketing materials and social media, we promote our products and maintain dialogue with and understand the needs from potential customers. We attach importance to the interests of end users and provide them with convenient and speedy aftersales service. To this end, we have set up a nationwide network of specialised maintenance shops and provide after-sale technical training to the maintenance shop network in collaboration with the clients in order to offer quality services to our end users. We mitigate the risk of losing business from our major customers by developing high-performance new products, expanding market presence, improving service quality, securing new customers and enlarging the existing market share.

Suppliers

We seek cooperation with world-class suppliers, and have established long-term partnership with a number of world-class suppliers. We identify qualified suppliers based on the standard supplier selection and assessment criteria of renowned European car manufacturers and perform regular evaluations on the suppliers' performance based on their technical capability, corporate vision, production capacity, brand reputation, industry experience, and market feedback. We ensure that the cooperation complies with laws and regulations through contracts, agreements and orders. Apart from ethical requirements on the staff, all suppliers are also required to comply with our anti-bribery policy.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

The results of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 are set out in the consolidated financial statements of the Group on page 69.

CASH FLOW POSITION

The cash flow position of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 is set out and analysed in the consolidated statement of cash flows on pages 73 to 74.

DIVIDEND

The board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") did not recommend the payment of any dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: Nil).

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Company's forthcoming annual general meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, 20 June 2024.

The Hong Kong branch register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 17 June 2024 to Thursday, 20 June 2024, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. Only shareholders of the Company whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Monday, 17 June 2024 or their proxies or duly authorised corporate representatives are entitled to attend the annual general meeting. In order to qualify for attending the annual general meeting, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 14 June 2024.

FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A summary of the results, assets and liabilities of the Group for the past five financial years is set out on page 3.

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RESERVES

Movements in the reserves of the Group during the year ended 31 December 2023 are set out in the consolidated statement of changes in equity on page 72.

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Movements of property, plant and equipment of the Group during the year ended 31 December 2023 are set out in note 16 to the consolidated financial statements.

CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Save as disclosed under the section headed “Continuing Connected Transactions” in this Report of Directors:

- (i) no contracts of significance in relation to the business of the Group, to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party and in which a controlling shareholder of the Company or any of its subsidiaries had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time throughout the year ended 31 December 2023; and
- (ii) no contracts of significance for the provision of services to the Company or any of its subsidiaries by a controlling shareholder of the Company or any of its subsidiaries subsisted at the end of the year or at any time throughout the year ended 31 December 2023.

SHARE CAPITAL

Details of the Company’s share capital as at 31 December 2023 are set out in note 33 to the consolidated financial statements.

SHARE INCENTIVE SCHEME ESTABLISHED BY LEAD IN

The share incentive scheme (the “**Incentive Scheme**”) was established in 2011 to serve as a retention tool, and to align the interests of certain directors, management, employees and relevant personnel of the Group (the “**Beneficiaries**”) with that of the Company. Lead In Management Limited (“**Lead In**”) was incorporated for the purpose of holding the Shares on trust for the Beneficiaries pursuant to the Incentive Scheme.

Lead In was incorporated in the British Virgin Islands on 18 May 2011 and is currently owned as to 50% by Mr. Wu Xiao An and 50% by Mr. Deng Han, both of whom are executive directors of the Company. On 31 October 2011, Lead In subscribed for 93,999,794 Shares, at a consideration of HK\$101,681,967.73, which was determined based on a valuation report of Mianyang Xinchun carried out by an independent valuer. Lead In held such Shares on trust for the Beneficiaries under two separate trust arrangements, namely the “Fixed Trust” and the “Discretionary Trust”.

The Company ceased the operation and further implementation of the Incentive Scheme with effect from 6 December 2021. The Company would explore and adopt other methods as retention tool in replacement of the Incentive Scheme to meet the current company operating conditions and market environment. Following the cessation of the operation and further implementation of the Incentive Scheme by the Company, depending on, among others, the prevailing trading prices of the Shares, Lead In may in future dispose of the Shares held under the Discretionary Trust gradually and in an orderly manner and use the sale proceeds to repay the loan advanced by the Company to Lead In. The particulars of such loan is set out in note 22 to the consolidated financial statements.

All Shares under the Fixed Trust were awarded to the Beneficiaries. No Share had been awarded under the Discretionary Trust during the year ended 31 December 2023. As at 31 December 2023, Lead In held 33,993,385 Shares under the Discretionary Trust.

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SHARE OPTION SCHEME

A share option scheme (the “**Old Share Option Scheme**”) adopted by the Company on 25 April 2012 and amended and restated on 8 February 2013 was effective for a period of 10 years commencing from 13 March 2013. The Old Share Option Scheme expired on 12 March 2023, after which no further options were granted thereunder. As at the date on which the Old Share Option Scheme expired, no options had remained outstanding.

The Company adopted a share option scheme by an ordinary resolution passed by the shareholders of the Company at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 19 June 2023 (the “**New Share Option Scheme**”).

The New Share Option Scheme will remain in force for a period of 10 years from 19 June 2023. The period during which an option may be exercised will be determined by the directors of the Company at their absolute discretion, save that no option shall be exercised later than 10 years from the date of grant.

The maximum number of shares which may be issued upon the exercise of all options to be granted under the New Share Option Scheme (the “**Scheme Mandate Limit**”) was 10% of the shares in issue as at the date of adoption of the New Share Option Scheme. The maximum entitlement of each individual eligible participant as defined in the New Share Option Scheme in any 12-month period must not exceed 1% of the shares in issue, provided that the maximum entitlement for any grantee being a substantial shareholder or an independent non-executive director or any of their respective associates shall be capped at 0.1% of the shares in issue. Any grant exceeding these individual limits shall be subject to shareholders’ approval, with (a) with respect to any grant exceeding the aforesaid 1% limit, the relevant grantee and his/her close associates (or associates if the relevant grantee is a connected person); and (b) with respect to any grant exceeding the aforesaid 0.1% limit, the relevant grantee, his/her associates and all core connected persons of the Company, abstaining from voting.

The number of share options available for grant as at 1 January 2023 was 125,359,979 Shares under the Old Share Option Scheme, whereas the number of share options available for grant was 128,221,179 Shares under the New Share Option Scheme as at 31 December 2023.

No share options had been granted by the Company under the Old Share Option Scheme and the New Share Option Scheme since their inception and during the year ended 31 December 2023 and no expenses were recognised by the Group for 2023 (2022: nil).

DIRECTORS

The directors of the Company who held office during the year ended 31 December 2023 and up to the date of this annual report were:

Executive directors:

Mr. Wu Xiao An (also known as Mr. Ng Siu On) (*Chairman*)

Mr. Wang Yunxian (*Chief Executive Officer*) (ceased to be an executive director on 19 June 2023 and resigned as Chief Executive Officer on 26 June 2023)

Mr. Deng Han (*Chief Executive Officer*) (appointed on 26 June 2023)

Non-executive directors:

Mr. Han Song

Mr. Yang Ming

Independent non-executive directors:

Mr. Chi Guohua

Mr. Wang Jun

Mr. Huang Haibo

Ms. Dong Yan (appointed on 19 June 2023)

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Pursuant to Article 108 of the Articles of Association of the Company and code provision B.2.2 as contained in Part 2 of the Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix C1 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the “**Listing Rules**”), Mr. Chi Guohua, Mr. Wang Jun and Mr. Huang Haibo will retire by rotation at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to be held on 20 June 2024.

Each of Mr. Chi Guohua and Mr. Wang Jun, being eligible, will offer himself for re-election and the Board has recommended them for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company. Mr. Huang Haibo has indicated that he will not offer himself for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company.

Pursuant to Article 112 of the Articles of Association of the Company, Mr. Deng Han will offer himself for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to be held on 20 June 2024.

Details of the directors of the Company standing for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting are set out in the circular published on the website of the Company and the website of the Stock Exchange together with this annual report.

CHANGE IN DIRECTORS’ INFORMATION

The annual emoluments of each independent non-executive director of the Company has been increased from HK\$250,000 to HK\$257,500 (subject to annual review) effective on 1 January 2024, of which director’s fee has been adjusted from HK\$150,000 to HK\$157,500. Save as disclosed above, there is no change in information of the directors of the Company as required to be disclosed under Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules since the date of the 2023 interim report up to the date of this annual report.

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

As at 31 December 2023, so far as known to the directors or chief executives of the Company, each of the following persons (other than a director or chief executive of the Company) had an interest or a short position in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the “**SFO**”):

Name of Shareholder	Capacity	Number of Shares	Approximate percentage of shareholding ⁽⁵⁾
Brilliance Investment	Beneficial owner	400,000,000	31.20%
Brilliance China ⁽¹⁾	Interest in a controlled corporation	400,000,000	31.20%
Xinhua Investment Holdings Limited (“ Xinhua Investment ”)	Beneficial owner	400,000,000	31.20%
Xinhua Combustion Engine ⁽²⁾	Interest in a controlled corporation	400,000,000	31.20%
Pushi Group ⁽³⁾	Interest in a controlled corporation	400,000,000	31.20%
Sichuan Province Yibin Wuliangye Group Co., Ltd. (“ Wuliangye ”) ⁽⁴⁾	Interest in a controlled corporation	400,000,000	31.20%

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Notes:

- (1) Brilliance Investment is wholly-owned by Brilliance China and Brilliance China is deemed or taken to be interested in approximately 31.20% of the issued share capital of the Company in which Brilliance Investment is interested.
- (2) Xinhua Investment is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Xinhua Combustion Engine and Xinhua Combustion Engine is deemed or taken to be interested in approximately 31.20% of the issued share capital of the Company in which Xinhua Investment is interested.
- (3) Xinhua Combustion Engine is a direct non wholly-owned subsidiary of Pushi Group and Pushi Group is deemed or taken to be interested in approximately 31.20% of the issued share capital of the Company in which Xinhua Investment is interested.
- (4) Pushi Group is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Wuliangye and Wuliangye is deemed or taken to be interested in approximately 31.20% of the issued share capital of the Company in which Xinhua Investment is interested.
- (5) These percentages are calculated on the basis of 1,282,211,794 Shares in issue as at 31 December 2023.

Save as disclosed herein, as at 31 December 2023, there was no other person (other than a director or chief executive of the Company) so far as known to the directors or chief executives of the Company, as having an interest or a short position in the shares and underlying shares of the Company as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 336 of the SFO.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at 31 December 2023, the interests and short positions of each director and chief executive of the Company in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which he was taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or were required pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO to be entered in the register referred to therein; or were required pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange, are set out below:

Interest in the shares of the Company

Name of Director	Nature of interest	Number and class of Shares	Approximate percentage of shareholding ⁽³⁾
Mr. Wu Xiao An (also known as Ng Siu On) ⁽¹⁾	Beneficial owner	8,320,041 ordinary	0.65%
	Trustee and interest in a controlled corporation	33,993,385 ordinary	2.65%
Mr. Deng Han ⁽²⁾	Beneficial owner	2,994,258 ordinary	0.23%
	Trustee and interest in a controlled corporation	33,993,385 ordinary	2.65%

Notes:

- (1) Mr. Wu Xiao An is a trustee of the Discretionary Trust (which holds 33,993,385 Shares for the Beneficiaries) and holds 50% interests in Lead In. Accordingly, Mr. Wu is deemed or taken to be interested in approximately 2.65% of the issued share capital of the Company.
- (2) Mr. Deng Han is a trustee of the Discretionary Trust (which holds 33,993,385 Shares for the Beneficiaries) and holds 50% interests in Lead In. Accordingly, Mr. Deng is deemed or taken to be interested in approximately 2.65% of the issued share capital of the Company.
- (3) These percentages are calculated on the basis of 1,282,211,794 Shares in issue as at 31 December 2023.

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Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2023, none of the directors and chief executives of the Company had any interests and short positions in the shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which were required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which he was taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO); or were required pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO to be entered in the register referred to therein; or were required pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange.

DIRECTORS' RIGHT TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Save as disclosed above, at no time during the year ended 31 December 2023 was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangements to enable the directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate; and none of the directors of the Company, or their spouses or children under the age of 18, had any right to subscribe for the securities of the Company, or had exercised any such right during the year.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS

No contracts of significance in relation to the Group's business to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries or associates was a party and in which any director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS

Mr. Deng Han, an executive director of the Company, has entered into a service agreement with the Company for a term of three years commencing from 26 June 2023, and such service agreement shall be terminated in accordance with the terms of the service agreement.

Save as disclosed herein, no director of the Company proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company has a service contract with members of the Group that is not determinable by the Group within one year without payment of compensation, other than statutory compensation.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN COMPETING BUSINESSES

During the year ended 31 December 2023, none of the directors of the Company was considered to have interests in business which competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the business of the Group.

PERMITTED INDEMNITY

Pursuant to the Articles of Association of the Company, the directors of the Company shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets of the Company from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they shall or may incur or sustain by reason of any act done, concurred in or omitted in or about the execution of their duty or supposed duty in their respective offices. The Company has taken out insurance against the liability and costs associated with defending any proceedings which may be brought against the directors of the Company.

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

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities during the year ended 31 December 2023.

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PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There are no provisions for pre-emptive rights under the Company's Articles of Association or the laws of the Cayman Islands which oblige the Company to offer new Shares on a pro-rata basis to existing shareholders.

MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS

In 2023, the aggregate sales attributable to the Group's five largest customers represented approximately 94% of the Group's total revenue while the sales attributable to the Group's largest customer was approximately 54% of the Group's total revenue. The Company's substantial shareholders are interested in one customer among the Group's five largest customers. The aggregate purchases attributable to the Group's five largest suppliers during the year represented approximately 10% of the Group's total purchases and the purchases attributable to the Group's largest supplier represented approximately 5% of the Group's total purchases. The Company's substantial shareholder is interested in two suppliers among the Group's five largest suppliers.

Save as disclosed above, none of the directors of the Company, their close associates or any shareholders of the Company, which to the knowledge of the directors of the Company, owns more than 5% of the Company's issued share capital, has any interests in the share capital of any of the above five largest customers or suppliers of the Group.

PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on the information that is publicly available to the Company and within the knowledge of the directors of the Company, as at the date of this annual report, the Company maintains the prescribed percentage of public float under the Listing Rules.

UNDERTAKING FROM HUACHEN AND BRILLIANCE CHINA AND DEED OF NON-COMPETITION

Each of Huachen and Brilliance China entered into a deed of undertaking in favour of the Company (the "**First Huachen and Brilliance China Undertaking**") on 25 February 2013 pursuant to which each of Huachen and Brilliance China has unconditionally and irrevocably undertaken to the Company (for itself and for the benefit of each other member of the Group) that it will procure its respective subsidiaries (i) to first purchase products from the Group if the products offered by the Group and Shenyang Xinguang Brilliance Automobile Engine Co., Ltd. ("**Shenyang Xinguang**") are of similar quality, specifications and price; and (ii) to maintain or increase the purchases of the products mentioned in (i) above from the Group going forward. In July 2021, the liquidation process of Shenyang Xinguang was officially completed. As a result, no assessment can be made as to the similarity of the quality of the products produced by the Group with that of the products of Shenyang Xinguang for the purposes of determining whether Huachen and Brilliance China (and their respective subsidiaries) shall first purchase products from the Group as required by the First Huachen and Brilliance China Undertaking. This renders the First Huachen and Brilliance China Undertaking unable to be performed.

Each of Huachen and Brilliance China entered into a deed of undertaking in favour of the Company (the "**Second Huachen and Brilliance China Undertaking**") on 25 February 2013 pursuant to which each of Huachen and Brilliance China has unconditionally and irrevocably undertaken to the Company (for itself and for the benefit of each other member of the Group) that it shall abstain from voting in the event that there are discussions on matters that involve both Shenyang Aerospace Mitsubishi Motors Engine Manufacturing Co., Ltd. ("**Aerospace Mitsubishi**") and the Group during Aerospace Mitsubishi's board meetings and that it will procure its respective subsidiaries (i) to first purchase products from the Group if the products offered by the Group and Aerospace Mitsubishi are of similar quality, specifications and price; and (ii) to maintain or increase the purchases of the products mentioned in (i) above from the Group going forward.

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On 25 February 2013, Brilliance Investment, Brilliance China, Xinhua Investment, Xinhua Combustion Engine, Pushi Group and Wuliangye (collectively the “**Controlling Shareholders**”) and Huachen entered into a deed of non-competition (the “**Deed of Non-competition**”) in favour of the Company, pursuant to which each of the Controlling Shareholders and Huachen has unconditionally and irrevocably agreed, undertaken and covenanted with the Company (for itself and for the benefits of each other member of the Group) that it would not, and would procure that its associates (other than any members of the Group) would not, directly or indirectly, either on its own account or in conjunction with or on behalf of any person, firm or company, among other things, carry on, participate or be interested or engaged in or acquire or hold (in each case whether as a shareholder, director, partner, agent, employee or otherwise, and whether for profit, reward or otherwise) any activity or business which competes or is likely to compete, directly or indirectly, with the business referred to in the prospectus of the Company dated 28 February 2013 and any other business from time to time conducted, carried on or contemplated to be carried on by any member of the Group or in which any member of the Group is engaged or has invested or which any member of the Group has otherwise publicly announced its intention to enter into, engage in or invest in (whether as principal or agent and whether undertaken directly or through any body corporate, partnership, joint venture, or other contractual or other arrangement) (the “**Restricted Business**”).

Each of the Controlling Shareholders and Huachen has further unconditionally and irrevocably agreed, undertaken to and covenanted with the Company the following:

- (i) to provide all information requested by the Company which is necessary for an annual review by the independent non-executive directors of the Company of its compliance with the Deed of Non-competition and the enforcement of the Deed of Non-competition;
- (ii) to procure the Company to disclose decisions on matters reviewed by the independent non-executive directors of the Company relating to the compliance and enforcement of the Deed of Non-competition either through the annual report, or by way of announcements to the public; and
- (iii) to make an annual declaration on compliance with its undertaking under the Deed of Non-competition in the annual reports of the Company as the independent non-executive directors of the Company think fit and/or as required by the relevant requirements under the Listing Rules.

The Controlling Shareholders and Huachen have further unconditionally and irrevocably agreed, undertaken to and covenanted with the Company to procure that any business investment or other commercial opportunity which directly or indirectly competes, or may lead to competition with the Restricted Business (the “**New Opportunities**”) given, identified or offered to it and/or any of its associates (other than any members of the Group) (the “**Offeror**”) is first referred to the Company in the following manner:

- (i) each of the Controlling Shareholders and Huachen is required to, and shall procure its associates (other than members of the Group) to, refer, or to procure the referral of, the New Opportunities to the Company, and shall give written notice to the Company of any New Opportunities containing all information reasonably necessary for the Company to consider whether (a) such New Opportunities would constitute competition with the Company’s core business; and (b) it is in the interest of the Group to pursue such New Opportunities, including but not limited to the nature of the New Opportunities and the details of the investment or acquisition costs (the “**Offer Notice**”); and
- (ii) the Offeror will be entitled to pursue the New Opportunities only if (a) the Offeror has received a notice from the Company declining the New Opportunities and confirming that such New Opportunities would not constitute competition with the Company’s core business; or (b) the Offeror has not received such notice from the Company within 10 business days from the receipt of the Offer Notice. If there is a material change in the terms and conditions of the New Opportunities pursued by the Offeror, the Offeror will refer the New Opportunities as so revised to the Company in the manner as set out above.

An annual declaration in respect of the Second Huachen and Brilliance China Undertaking from Huachen and Brilliance China, and the Deed of Non-competition from the Controlling Shareholders and Huachen respectively have been received by the Company in compliance with their respective undertakings thereof.

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The directors of the Company (including the independent non-executive directors) have reviewed the compliance with the Deed of Non-competition by the Controlling Shareholders and Huachen and the Second Huachen and Brilliance China Undertaking by Huachen and Brilliance China and confirmed that the respective undertakings have been fully complied with and duly enforced during the year ended 31 December 2023.

CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Group conducted various transactions which constituted continuing connected transactions under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. All the continuing connected transactions conducted during the year ended 31 December 2023 that need to be disclosed herein are in compliance with the Listing Rules. The actual monetary value of the continuing connected transactions of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 is set out below:

Connected Person	Nature of Transaction	Actual monetary value for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 RMB'000
<i>Non-exempt continuing connected transactions</i>		
1. Brilliance China and its subsidiaries	Purchase of engine components from Brilliance China and its subsidiaries	2,784
2. Brilliance China and its subsidiaries	Sale of engines and engine components to Brilliance China and its subsidiaries	27
3. Wuliangye and its subsidiaries (including Xinhua Combustion Engine)	Purchase of engine components from Wuliangye and its subsidiaries	55,618

Further information on transactions 1 to 3 are provided as follows:

Transaction 1: Brilliance China is a controlling shareholder of the Company and therefore is a connected person of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

On 30 September 2021, the Company entered into a purchase framework agreement with Brilliance China (the “**Brilliance China Purchase Agreement**”), pursuant to which the Company agreed to purchase various types of engine components from Brilliance China and its subsidiaries for a term of three years commencing from 1 January 2022 and ending on 31 December 2024. Unless the Brilliance China Purchase Agreement is terminated prior to its expiry date, the agreement is renewable for additional terms of three years subject to fulfillment of all necessary statutory and regulatory requirements including but not limited to any applicable requirement under the Listing Rules.

The annual caps of the continuing connected transactions contemplated under the Brilliance China Purchase Agreement for the two financial years ending 31 December 2024 are RMB3,200,000 and RMB2,800,000, respectively. The continuing connected transactions contemplated under the Brilliance China Purchase Agreement for the year ended 31 December 2023 did not exceed the annual cap of RMB3,200,000.

Details of the Brilliance China Purchase Agreement are set out in the announcement of the Company dated 30 September 2021.

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Transaction 2: Brilliance China is a connected person of the Company as described in Transaction 1 above.

On 30 September 2021, the Company entered into a sale framework agreement with Brilliance China (the “**Brilliance China Sale Agreement**”), pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell engines and engine components to Brilliance China and its subsidiaries for a term of three years commencing from 1 January 2022 and ending on 31 December 2024. Unless the Brilliance China Sale Agreement is terminated prior to its expiry date, the agreement is renewable for additional terms of three years subject to fulfillment of all necessary statutory and regulatory requirements including but not limited to any applicable requirement under the Listing Rules.

The annual caps of the continuing connected transactions contemplated under the Brilliance China Sale Agreement for the two financial years ending 31 December 2024 are RMB504,000,000 and RMB421,000,000, respectively. The continuing connected transactions under the Brilliance China Sale Agreement for the year ended 31 December 2023 did not exceed the annual cap of RMB504,000,000.

Details of the Brilliance China Sale Agreement are set out in the announcement of the Company dated 30 September 2021 and the circular of the Company dated 28 October 2021.

Transaction 3: Xinhua Combustion Engine is an indirect non wholly-owned subsidiary of Wuliangye and therefore is a connected person of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. The Company has been purchasing various gasoline and diesel engine components such as crankshafts, exhaust manifolds, cylinder chambers and cylinder heads from Xinhua Combustion Engine.

On 30 September 2021, Mianyang Xinchun entered into a purchase framework agreement with Xinhua Combustion Engine (the “**Xinhua Combustion Engine Purchase Agreement**”), pursuant to which Mianyang Xinchun agreed to purchase various gasoline and diesel engine components from Xinhua Combustion Engine for a term of three years commencing from 1 January 2022 and ending on 31 December 2024. Unless the Xinhua Combustion Engine Purchase Agreement is terminated prior to its expiry date, the agreement is renewable for additional terms of three years subject to fulfillment of all necessary statutory and regulatory requirements including but not limited to any applicable requirement under the Listing Rules.

The annual caps of the continuing connected transactions contemplated under the Xinhua Combustion Engine Purchase Agreement for the two financial years ending 31 December 2024 are RMB142,100,000 and RMB128,700,000, respectively. The continuing connected transactions under the Xinhua Combustion Engine Purchase Agreement for the year ended 31 December 2023 did not exceed the annual cap of RMB142,100,000.

Details of the Xinhua Combustion Engine Purchase Agreement are set out in the announcement of the Company dated 30 September 2021 and the circular of the Company dated 28 October 2021.

The independent non-executive directors of the Company confirmed that the internal control procedures put in place by the Company are adequate and effective and the above continuing connected transactions 1 to 3 have been entered into in the ordinary and usual course of business of the Group, on normal commercial terms or better, and in accordance with the relevant agreements governing them on terms that are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole. The independent non-executive directors of the Company further confirmed that the annual caps in respect of the above continuing connected transactions 1 to 3 are fair and reasonable and in the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole.

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The Company's external auditors, Grant Thornton Hong Kong Limited, was engaged to report on the Group's continuing connected transactions in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 "Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information" and with reference to Practice Note 740 "Auditor's Letter on Continuing Connected Transactions under the Hong Kong Listing Rules" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The auditors have issued their unqualified letter containing their findings and conclusions in respect of the continuing connected transactions 1 to 3 disclosed above in accordance with Rule 14A.56 of the Listing Rules.

The above continuing connected transactions 1 to 3 are also regarded as "related party transactions" under the applicable accounting standards. Details of these transactions are further disclosed in note 40 to the consolidated financial statements of this annual report.

Save as disclosed above, in the opinion of the directors of the Company, there are no other related party transactions in note 40 to the consolidated financial statements which constituted connected transactions or continuing connected transactions of the Group that were required to be disclosed pursuant to Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

The Company has complied with the disclosure requirements in accordance with Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Details of the Company's corporate governance practices are set out in the Corporate Governance Report on pages 27 to 44 of this annual report.

ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE

Details of the Company's environmental, social and governance practices are set out in the Environmental, Social and Governance Report on pages 45 to 61 of this annual report.

AUDITORS

Grant Thornton Hong Kong Limited, the auditors of the Company, will retire at the conclusion of the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company and be eligible to offer themselves for re-appointment. A resolution will be submitted to the annual general meeting to be held on 20 June 2024 to seek shareholders' approval for the re-appointment of Grant Thornton Hong Kong Limited as the Company's auditors until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting and to authorise the Board to fix their remuneration.

By order of the Board

Wu Xiao An
(also known as Ng Siu On)
Chairman

Hong Kong,
26 March 2024

Corporate Governance Report

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company is committed to achieving and maintaining the highest standards of corporate governance consistent with the needs and requirements of the business and its shareholders, and in compliance with the “Corporate Governance Code” (the “CG Code”) set out in Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules. The Group has considered the CG Code and has put in place corporate governance practices to meet the code provisions. The corporate governance principles of the Company emphasize a quality Board, sound internal controls, and transparency and accountability to all shareholders.

Throughout the accounting year ended 31 December 2023, the Group has complied with all the code provisions as set out in the CG Code.

A. CORPORATE PURPOSE, STRATEGY AND GOVERNANCE

A.1 Corporate strategy, business model and culture

We are governed by the Board which assumes the responsibility for leadership and control of the Company. Our directors are collectively responsible for promoting the success of the Company by developing the strategic direction of the Group and directing and supervising the affairs of the Company.

The Board has fiduciary duties and statutory responsibilities towards the Group and is directly accountable to the shareholders.

The Board is responsible for the management of the business and affairs of the Group with the objective of enhancing shareholder value and presenting a balanced, clear and understandable assessment of the Company’s performance, position and prospects in its annual and interim reports, other inside information announcements, other financial disclosures as required under the Listing Rules, reports to regulators, and information required to be disclosed pursuant to statutory requirements. The Board is also required to approve acquisitions or disposals that require shareholders’ notification or approval under the Listing Rules.

Daily management and administration functions are delegated to the management. The responsibilities and matters reserved to the Board are set out in paragraph C “Directors’ Responsibilities, Delegation and Board Proceedings” below.

The Board meets regularly, normally four times each year with a meeting scheduled at approximately three-month intervals and additional meetings will be arranged if and when necessary. Special Board meetings will be held when necessary. Matters on transactions where directors are considered having a conflict of interest which the Board has determined to be material would not be dealt with by way of written resolutions and a separate Board meeting shall be held where independent non-executive directors who have no material interests should be present at the meeting. Directors having a conflict of interest or material interests in a transaction before the meeting of the Board will declare his interest therein in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, shall abstain from voting on the resolution approving such transaction and shall not be counted in the quorum present at such Board meeting. Such declaration of interests will be duly noted in the minutes of the relevant Board meeting.

Notices are given to all the directors for attending regular Board meetings fourteen (14) days before such meetings generally. For other Board meetings, reasonable notices are given.

Board meetings involve active participation, either in person or through other electronic means of communication, by all of the directors present. The company secretary assists the Chairman in preparing the meeting agenda, and each director may request the inclusion of items in the agenda. Directors are also consulted to suggest matters to be included in the agenda for all regular Board meetings.

Minutes of the Board meetings are recorded in detail and draft minutes are circulated within a reasonable time after the relevant meeting to all directors for their review and comments before being approved by the Board. All the minutes of the meetings are properly kept by the company secretary and are available for inspection by the directors during normal office hours.

Corporate Governance Report (Cont'd)

Participation of individual directors at the Board meetings in 2023 is as follows:

	Number of Board meetings attended/Number of meetings eligible to attend	Attendance Rate
<i>Executive directors:</i>		
Mr. Wu Xiao An (<i>Chairman</i>)	4/5	80%
Mr. Wang Yunxian (<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>) (ceased to be an executive director on 19 June 2023 and resigned as Chief Executive Officer on 26 June 2023)	1/1	100%
Mr. Deng Han (<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>) (appointed on 26 June 2023)	3/3	100%
<i>Non-executive directors:</i>		
Mr. Han Song	5/5	100%
Mr. Yang Ming	5/5	100%
<i>Independent non-executive directors:</i>		
Mr. Chi Guohua	5/5	100%
Mr. Wang Jun	5/5	100%
Mr. Huang Haibo	5/5	100%
Ms. Dong Yan (appointed on 19 June 2023)	4/4	100%
Average attendance rate		98%

Apart from the five (5) Board meetings, consent/approval from the Board had also been obtained by written resolutions on a number of matters.

Participation of individual directors at the general meeting in 2023, including the annual general meeting held on 19 June 2023, is as follows:

	Number of general meetings attended/Number of meetings eligible to attend	Attendance Rate
<i>Executive directors:</i>		
Mr. Wu Xiao An (<i>Chairman</i>)	1/1	100%
Mr. Wang Yunxian (<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>) (ceased to be an executive director on 19 June 2023 and resigned as Chief Executive Officer on 26 June 2023)	1/1	100%
Mr. Deng Han (<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>) (appointed on 26 June 2023)	-	-
<i>Non-executive directors:</i>		
Mr. Han Song	1/1	100%
Mr. Yang Ming	1/1	100%
<i>Independent non-executive directors:</i>		
Mr. Chi Guohua	1/1	100%
Mr. Wang Jun	1/1	100%
Mr. Huang Haibo	1/1	100%
Ms. Dong Yan (appointed on 19 June 2023)	-	-
Average attendance rate		100%

The Company considers that it has taken out appropriate insurance cover for its directors and officers in respect of legal actions that may be taken against directors and officers. The Company reviews the extent of the insurance coverage every year and was satisfied with the insurance coverage for year 2023.

Corporate Governance Report (Cont'd)

A.2 Corporate governance function

The Company has adopted the terms of reference for the corporate governance function on 25 April 2012 (which were amended and restated on 8 February 2013) in compliance with code provision A.2 as contained in Part 2 of the CG Code. Pursuant to the terms of reference of the corporate governance function, the Board shall be responsible for developing, reviewing and/or monitoring the policies and practices on corporate governance of the Company; training and continuous professional development of directors and senior management; and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements of the Company. This corporate governance report has been reviewed by the Board in discharge of its corporate governance function.

B. BOARD COMPOSITION AND NOMINATION

B.1 Board composition, succession and evaluation

Currently, the Board comprises eight directors: two executive directors, two non-executive directors and four independent non-executive directors. The current composition of the Board is as follows:

	Membership of Board Committee(s)
<i>Executive directors:</i>	
Mr. Wu Xiao An (<i>Chairman</i>)	Member of Remuneration Committee Member of Nomination Committee
Mr. Deng Han (<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>)	–
<i>Non-executive directors:</i>	
Mr. Han Song	–
Mr. Yang Ming	–
<i>Independent non-executive directors:</i>	
Mr. Chi Guohua	Chairman of Audit Committee
Mr. Wang Jun	Chairman of Nomination Committee Member of Audit Committee Member of Remuneration Committee
Mr. Huang Haibo	Chairman of Remuneration Committee Member of Audit Committee Member of Nomination Committee
Ms. Dong Yan	–

Pursuant to the Listing Rules, every listed issuer is required to have such number of independent non-executive directors representing at least one-third of the board, and at least one of whom must have appropriate professional qualifications, or accounting or related financial management expertise. Throughout the year 2023, the number of independent non-executive directors of the Company has met the minimum requirement under the Listing Rules. Mr. Chi Guohua is a certified public accountant (non-practicing member) in the PRC. Mr. Chi has over 21 years of experience in finance, internal control and strategic investment in the PRC. He currently also holds positions in certain academic and professional organizations in the PRC.

The Company has received from each of the independent non-executive directors an annual confirmation of independence. The Board has assessed the independence of all the independent non-executive directors and considered that all the independent non-executive directors have met the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

Corporate Governance Report (Cont'd)

The Board members do not have any family, financial or business relations with each other. The biographies of the directors are set out on pages 10 to 12 of this annual report.

The list of directors has been published on the website of the Company and the website of the Stock Exchange, and is disclosed in all corporate communications issued by the Company pursuant to the Listing Rules from time to time.

B.2 Appointment, re-election and removal of directors

Directors of the Company are aware that they should give sufficient time and attention to the affairs of the Company.

Code provision B.2.2 as contained in Part 2 of the CG Code stipulates that every director, including those appointed for a specific term, should be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. Pursuant to Article 112 of the Articles of Association of the Company, a director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office until the first annual general meeting while a director appointed by the Board as an addition to the Board shall hold office until the first annual general meeting.

Mr. Deng Han was appointed as executive director of the Company on 26 June 2023 to fill the vacancy left by the cessation of Mr. Wang Yunxian as an executive director. Therefore, Mr. Deng Han is subject to re-election by the shareholders of the Company at the first annual general meeting after his appointment. Mr. Deng Han will offer himself for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to be held on 20 June 2024.

Each of the executive directors was appointed to the Board pursuant to their respective service agreements and each of the non-executive directors and independent non-executive directors was appointed to the Board pursuant to their respective letters of appointment for a term of three (3) years commencing from their respective appointment date and their appointments are subject to the retirement by rotation provisions in the Articles of Association of the Company and the Listing Rules. At every annual general meeting, one-third of the directors for the time being, or if their number is not three or a multiple of three, the number nearest to but not less than one-third, shall retire from office by rotation according to Article 108(a) of the Articles of Association of the Company. All directors of the Company are subject to the retirement by rotation provision in the Articles of Association of the Company and are subject to the retirement by rotation at least once every three years pursuant to code provision B.2.2 as contained in Part 2 of the CG Code.

To comply with code provision B.2.2 as contained in Part 2 of the CG Code and in accordance with Article 108 of the Articles of Association of the Company, Mr. Chi Guohua, Mr. Wang Jun and Mr. Huang Haibo will retire by rotation at the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to be held on 20 June 2024. Mr. Chi Guohua and Mr. Wang Jun have offered themselves for re-election at that annual general meeting. Mr. Huang Haibo has indicated that he will not offer himself for re-election at that annual general meeting.

B.3 Nomination Committee

The Board adopts a formal, considered and transparent procedure for appointment of new directors to the Board. The appointment of a new director has been a collective decision of the Board, taking into consideration the candidate's qualification, expertise, experience, integrity and commitment to his/her responsibilities within the Group. In addition, all candidates to be selected and appointed as a director must be able to meet the standards set out in Rules 3.08 and 3.09 of the Listing Rules. A candidate who is to be appointed as an independent non-executive director must also meet the independence criteria set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules.

The Nomination Committee of the Company was established on 25 April 2012 with specific written terms of reference (which was amended and restated on 25 March 2019) which include the duties set out in code provisions B.3.1 as contained in Part 2 of the CG Code. The existing members of the Nomination Committee comprise Mr. Wang Jun and Mr. Huang Haibo, all of whom are independent non-executive directors, and Mr. Wu Xiao An, an executive director. Mr. Wang Jun is the chairman of the Nomination Committee.

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In 2023, the Nomination Committee held one (1) meeting and discharged its responsibilities. Attendance of individual members at the Nomination Committee meeting is as follows:

	Attendance by directors/ Number of meetings	Attendance Rate
Mr. Wang Jun (<i>chairman of the Nomination Committee</i>)	1/1	100%
Mr. Huang Haibo	1/1	100%
Mr. Wu Xiao An	1/1	100%
Average attendance rate		100%

The Nomination Committee is responsible for reviewing the Board's composition and diversity, developing the relevant procedures for nomination and appointment of directors and assessing the independence of the independent non-executive directors to ensure that the Board has a balance of expertise, skills and experience and formulating succession plans for executive directors and senior executives. The Nomination Committee is also authorised to obtain outside professional advice and to seek information from employees, and the Company will provide sufficient resources to the Nomination Committee for performance of its duties.

The work performed by the Nomination Committee in 2023 included:

- nominated new executive director as the replacement of ceased executive director;
- nominated an additional and female independent non-executive director to comply with the additional requirements of the Listing Rules relating to independent non-executive directors serving more than nine years on board and having at least a director of a different gender on board;
- reassessed the independence of the independent non-executive directors; and
- made recommendation to the Board for re-election of retiring directors at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 19 June 2023.

Full minutes of the Nomination Committee meetings are kept by the company secretary. Draft and final versions of the minutes of the Nomination Committee meetings are sent to all members of the Nomination Committee for comments and approval and all decisions of the Nomination Committee are reported to the Board.

The terms of reference of the Nomination Committee are available on the website of the Company and the website of the Stock Exchange.

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The Company has adopted a board diversity policy on 17 December 2013. Selection of candidates will be based on a range of diversity perspectives, including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of service. The ultimate decision will be based on merit and contribution that the selected candidates will bring to the Board. The Board's composition, including gender, ethnicity, age, length of service, is set out below:

	Gender	Ethnicity	Age	Length of Service
Mr. Wu Xiao An	Male	Chinese	62	13 years
Mr. Deng Han	Male	Chinese	48	1 year
Mr. Han Song	Male	Chinese	54	2 years
Mr. Yang Ming	Male	Chinese	55	8 years
Mr. Chi Guohua	Male	Chinese	49	11 years
Mr. Wang Jun	Male	Chinese	62	12 years
Mr. Huang Haibo	Male	Chinese	69	12 years
Ms. Dong Yan	Female	Chinese	45	1 year

The members of the Nomination Committee are of the opinion that the Board's composition meets with the board diversity policy of the Company.

Gender diversity at workforce levels (including our senior management) is disclosed in paragraph "B1 Employment" set out in Environmental, Social and Governance Report of this annual report.

C. DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES, DELEGATION AND BOARD PROCEEDINGS

C.1 Responsibilities of directors

Newly appointed directors of the Company are provided with a package of orientation materials setting out the required duties and responsibilities of directors under the Listing Rules and other relevant statutory requirements of Hong Kong. An orientation as to a director's duties and obligations under the Listing Rules and relevant legislations will be arranged for all newly appointed directors of the Company. The directors are kept informed from time to time on the latest development of any changes to the regulatory requirements and the progress of compliance of applicable rules and regulations by the Company. The directors will also be updated from time to time on the business development and operation plans of the Company.

In compliance with code provision C.1.4 as contained in Part 2 of the CG Code, the Company has arranged for, and provided fund for, all directors of the Company to participate in continuous professional development organised in the form of in-house training, seminars or other appropriate courses to keep them refreshed of their knowledge, skill and understanding of the Group and its business or to update their skills and knowledge on the latest development or changes in the relevant statutes, the Listing Rules and corporate governance practices. As part of the continuous professional development program, the Company has also updated the directors of the Company on any material changes in the Listing Rules and corporate governance practices from time to time. Directors of the Company are provided with reading materials summarizing the duties and responsibilities in acting as directors from time to time to keep the directors of the Company abreast of such duties and responsibilities.

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In addition to directors' attendance at meetings and review of papers and circulars sent by management during 2023, each director of the Company has participated in the continuing professional development training arranged and funded by the Company as follows:

Name of Directors	Type of training <i>(Notes)</i>
Mr. Wu Xiao An	1 and 2
Mr. Wang Yunxian (ceased to be an executive director on 19 June 2023 and resigned as Chief Executive Officer on 26 June 2023)	–
Mr. Deng Han (appointed on 26 June 2023)	1 and 2
Mr. Han Song	1 and 2
Mr. Yang Ming	1 and 2
Mr. Chi Guohua	1 and 2
Mr. Wang Jun	1 and 2
Mr. Huang Haibo	1 and 2
Ms. Dong Yan (appointed on 19 June 2023)	1 and 2

Notes:

1. Reading seminar materials and updates relating to the latest development of the Listing Rules and other applicable regulatory requirements.
2. Attending a briefing session conducted by legal professional relating to updates on the Listing Rules and corporate governance practices.

The functions of non-executive directors of the Company include the functions as specified in code provisions C.1.2 as contained in Part 2 of the CG Code.

All independent non-executive directors of the Company and the non-executive director of the Company have attended the general meetings held in 2023 in person or by way of telephone conference as required by code provision C.1.6 as contained in Part 2 of the CG Code.

The Company has adopted the standard set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “**Model Code**”) contained in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules, in relation to the dealings in securities of the Company by the directors.

Having made specific enquiry of all directors, each director of the Company has confirmed that he has complied with the standards set out in the Model Code during the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Company also established on 25 April 2012 written guidelines on no less exacting terms than the Model Code (the “**Code for Securities Transactions by Employees**”) for securities transactions by the employees of the Company and also the directors and employees of its subsidiaries and its holding company who, because of such office or employment, are likely to be in possession of unpublished inside information of the Group or the securities of the Company.

No incident of non-compliance of the Code for Securities Transactions by Employees by the employees of the Company and the directors and employees of its subsidiaries and its holding company during the year ended 31 December 2023 was noted by the Company.

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C.2 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Code provision C.2.1 as contained in Part 2 of the CG Code stipulates that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual.

The Company has segregated the roles of the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Mr. Wu Xiao An is the Chairman of the Board and Mr. Deng Han is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. On 25 April 2012, the Board adopted a set of guidelines (which were amended and restated on 25 March 2019) regarding the power and duties of each of the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer.

One meeting was held by the Chairman of the Board with the independent non-executive directors of the Company without other directors present in 2023 in compliance with code provision C.2.7 as contained in Part 2 of the CG Code. This provides an additional platform for direct communication of the independent non-executive directors of the Company with the Chairman of the Board without the presence of other directors.

C.3 Management functions

In general, the Board oversees the Company's strategic development and determines the objectives, strategies and policies of the Group. The Board also monitors and controls operating and financial performance and sets appropriate policies for risk management in pursuit of the Group's strategic objectives. The Board delegates the implementation of strategies and day-to-day operation of the Group to the management. The Board is entrusted with the following reserved powers:

1. *Business strategy*

- approval of strategic objectives, annual plans and performance targets for the Group;
- approval of proposals for expansion or closures other than those which have been specifically approved in the strategic objectives and/or annual plans of the Group;
- approval of budgets; and
- approval of performance indicators.

2. *Appointment*

- appointment of any person as director to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional director;
- appointment of the chairman and the chief executive officer;
- appointment of senior executives;
- fixing of auditors' remuneration;
- selection, appointment and dismissal of company secretary; and
- formation of board committees and approval of the membership and terms of reference of the board committees.

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3. *Board and senior management*

- delegation of authority to the chairman, chief executive officer, management and board committee(s);
- approval of remuneration and incentive policies;
- approval of Group benefit policies;
- approval of remuneration of directors and senior management; and
- assessment of the performance of the Company and the Board.

4. *Relations with the shareholders*

- arrangements for annual general meetings and any other shareholders' meetings;
- matters relating to disclosure as required by the applicable law and regulations; and
- formation of shareholders' communication policy.

5. *Financial matters*

- approval of annual accounts and directors' reports;
- approval of accounting policies;
- approval of any substantial change in the policies of the Company for statements of financial position management including but without limitation capital adequacy, credit, liquidity, debt maturity profile, interest rate and exchange rate risks and asset concentration both geographically and by sector;
- approval of internal audit plan;
- approval of internal control policy and procedures;
- acceptance of auditors' reports including management letters; and
- declaration of interim dividends and making recommendations on final dividends.

6. *Capital expenditures*

- approval of the capital expenditure budget;
- approval of capital commitment, whether or not the same has been provided for in the capital expenditure budget and/or annual budget; and
- approval of priorities.

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7. Any transaction that constitutes notifiable transaction or connected transaction for the Company under the Listing Rules (as amended from time to time).
8. To assess the likely impact of unexpected and significant events and other events which can affect price and market activity of the shares of the Company and to decide whether the relevant information would be price-sensitive and need to be disclosed.
9. *Risk management*
 - risk assessment and insurance; and
 - risk management policies.
10. *Internal controls and reporting system*
 - approval and establishment of any effective procedures for monitoring and control of operations including internal procedures for audit and compliance.
11. Use of the company seal(s).
12. Donations and sponsorships (if any) above approved limits.

C.4 Non-executive directors

Each of the non-executive directors of the Company has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three years commencing from their respective appointment date.

C.5 Conduct of board proceedings and supply of and access to information

With respect to regular Board meetings, and so far as practicable in all other cases, an agenda and accompanying board papers are sent in full to all directors in a timely manner as permitted under the circumstances. Notices are given to all the directors for attending regular Board meetings fourteen (14) days before such meetings generally. For other Board meetings, reasonable notices are given. It has been the practice of the Board and accepted by all members of the Board that relevant information of Board meetings will be sent to all directors three (3) days in advance of the relevant meetings or any reasonable time before such meetings where it is not practicable to send out the information three (3) days in advance.

Members of the management have been reminded that they have an obligation to supply the Board and the Board committees with adequate information on a timely basis to enable each of them to make informed decisions. The Board and each director have separate and independent access to the Group's senior management.

All directors of the Company are entitled to have access to board papers, minutes and related materials.

C.6 Company Secretary

Ms. Ngai Ka Yan, the company secretary appointed by the Board and an employee of the Company, in the opinion of the Board, possesses the necessary qualification and experience and is capable of performance of the functions of the company secretary and the Company will provide fund for Ms. Ngai to take not less than 15 hours of appropriate professional training in each financial year as required under Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules. During 2023, Ms. Ngai has attended training programs and seminars arranged by The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute and has satisfied the 15 hours professional training requirement of the Listing Rules.

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D. AUDIT, INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT

D.1 Financial reporting

The management shall provide such explanation and information to the Board as will enable the Board to make an informed assessment of the financial and other matters put before the Board for approval.

The directors are responsible for overseeing all financial aspects of the Company and for keeping proper accounting records and preparing financial statements for each financial period, that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and of the results and cash flow for that period. In preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, the directors of the Company have:

- approved the adoption of all applicable Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards which are issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants;
- selected and applied consistently appropriate accounting policies;
- made judgments and estimates that are prudent and reasonable; and
- prepared the accounts on a going concern basis.

The Board is accountable to shareholders for a clear and balanced assessment of the Company's financial position and prospects. In this regard, the directors' responsibility to present a balanced, clear and understandable assessment extends to annual and interim reports, other inside information announcements and other financial disclosures required under the Listing Rules, reports to regulators, and information required to be disclosed pursuant to statutory requirements.

Financial results of the Group are announced in a timely manner in accordance with all statutory requirements, particularly the timeframe stipulated in Rules 13.49(1) and (6) of the Listing Rules.

All directors of the Company acknowledge their responsibility for preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. Currently, the Company's external auditors are Grant Thornton Hong Kong Limited (the "Auditors").

In 2023, the audit and non-audit service fees paid or payable by the Company amounted to approximately HK\$1,100,000 and HK\$403,100, respectively. The non-audit services mainly included interim review of condensed consolidated financial statements and advisory service.

The statement of the Auditors about their reporting responsibilities on the financial statements of the Group is set out in the Independent Auditor's Report on pages 62 to 68 of this annual report.

D.2 Risk management and internal control

The Board is entrusted with the responsibility of evaluating and determining the nature and extent of the risks exposure for the Company, and ensuring that the Company has established and maintained appropriate and effective risk management and internal control systems for the Group's various business and operational functions. The Board is also responsible for overseeing such systems' design and implementation on an ongoing basis and reviewing their effectiveness annually so that the interests of the shareholders are well protected. The review has fully covered all important aspects of the Company's operations, including financial, operational and compliance monitoring. It is important to note that such systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risks of failure to achieve business objectives, and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

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The Company has an internal audit function to review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Group's risk management and internal control systems. The risk management and internal control function set up by the Group is responsible for coordinating, monitoring and commenting on the risk management and internal control activities of all departments and subsidiaries. The risk management and internal control function holds regular meetings with the heads of departments and subsidiaries to discuss matters in relation to risk management and internal control and the corresponding policies. It also submits annual reports on risk management and internal control to the Board and the Audit Committee. The Board and the Audit Committee are responsible for the final assessment of the work of risk management and internal control as well as the effectiveness of the systems, discussing specific major risks and material failure of internal control; and providing support and comprehensive action plans to the management so as to ensure the adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programmes and budget of the Group's accounting, internal audit, financial reporting functions, as well as those relating to the Group's environmental, social and governance performance and reporting.

The Group's risk management and internal control systems focuses on identifying and analysing risks faced by the Group and reviewing the Group's strategies, finance, markets, operations and compliance. It also establishes appropriate risk appetite and risk management, and controls risks in a timely and reliable manner, so as to contain the risks within the established risk appetite. We review the major risks of the Group from five perspectives, namely causes, management strategies, responsible entities, solutions and progress. In case of any material risk, we analyse and deliberate to identify the cause(s) of the risk, formulate risk management strategies for each cause and identify the departments who will be the responsible entities to take charge of the implementation of the strategies. We also adopt effective solutions for controlling and mitigating risks and follow up the implementation progress to ensure effective risk control.

In 2023, the Company also engaged Moore Advisory Services Limited (the "**Internal Control Consultant**") as the independent internal control consultant of the Company to carry out a review of the internal control systems and procedures of the Group and make recommendations for remedial action. For the year ended 31 December 2023 (the "**Reporting Period**"), the Internal Control Consultant has reviewed a number of material internal control areas of the Group, such as compliance review of human resources and payroll management and taxation management. The result of the review was independently reported to the Board and the Audit Committee. The findings in the report are confirmed with the management of each company of the Group. No significant internal control defects were observed during the Reporting Period.

The Board and the Audit Committee have conducted a review of the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems on all major operations of the Group and noted that recommendations on certain areas of improvement identified in previous years have been properly followed up and implemented. The Board and the Audit Committee will continue to improve the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems of the Group and to monitor the systems and the progress of improvements. The Board and the Audit Committee considered that the key areas of the Group's risk management and internal control systems are effective and adequate and the Group has fully complied with the relevant code provisions set out in the CG Code regarding risk management and internal control systems generally.

In addition, the Company complies with the requirements of the Listing Rules and the SFO to handle and disclose inside information. The Company and its directors maintain strict confidentiality of the inside information until disclosure. Employees are reminded regularly that they must not make any unauthorized disclosure of inside information or make any use of such information for the advantage of himself or herself or others.

A system with good moral integrity and anticorruption mechanism is the cornerstone for a sustainable and healthy development of the Group. The Group strictly forbids any form of corruption, bribery, fraud and all other acts against professional ethics. In order to promote a clean working environment, the Group has established policies and systems related to anti-corruption in accordance with the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (Chapter 201) and requires all employees to comply with them. In addition, the Group has established a whistleblowing policy and has set up channels for employees and other stakeholders to report to the Audit Committee in an anonymous manner, in order to enhance the effectiveness of monitoring of management within the Group.

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D.3 Audit Committee

The Audit Committee of the Company was established on 25 April 2012 with reference to “A Guide for the Formation of an Audit Committee” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The terms of reference of the Audit Committee (which was amended and restated on 25 March 2019) include the duties set out in code provisions D.3.3 as contained in Part 2 of the CG Code. The existing members of the Audit Committee comprise Mr. Chi Guohua, Mr. Wang Jun and Mr. Huang Haibo, all of whom are independent non-executive directors. Mr. Chi Guohua is the chairman of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee does not have any former partner of the Group’s existing audit firm as a member. The Company has adopted policy for hiring of employees and former employees of its external auditors on 25 April 2012 (which was amended and restated on 25 March 2019) to ensure judgment and independence of the audit of the Group will not be impaired.

In 2023, the Audit Committee held two (2) meetings and discharged its responsibilities. Attendance of individual members at the Audit Committee meetings is as follows:

	Attendance by directors/ Number of meetings	Attendance Rate
Mr. Chi Guohua (<i>chairman of the Audit Committee</i>)	2/2	100%
Mr. Wang Jun	2/2	100%
Mr. Huang Haibo	2/2	100%
Average attendance rate		100%

The principal duties of the Audit Committee include reviewing the Company’s financial controls, internal controls and risk management system, annual reports, accounts and half-yearly reports. The Audit Committee is also authorised to obtain outside professional advice and to seek information from employees, and the Company will provide sufficient resources to the Audit Committee for performance of its duties.

The following is a summary of the work performed by the Audit Committee in 2023:

- reviewed the auditors’ management letter and the management’s response;
- reviewed and considered the recently issued accounting standards, the adoption of new accounting standards and the change in significant accounting policies;
- reviewed the audited financial statements, the annual report and the final results announcement for the year ended 31 December 2022;
- reviewed the interim report and the interim results announcement for the six months ended 30 June 2023;
- met with the auditors to go through any significant audit issues or key findings noted during the audit of the Group’s 2022 final results;
- met with the auditors to go through any significant key findings on the internal control and financial reporting matters based on the agreed-upon procedures performed for the Group’s 2023 unaudited interim results;
- reviewed risk management and internal control systems and the effectiveness of the Company’s internal audit function;

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- reviewed the continuing connected transactions; and
- made recommendations to the Board regarding the appointment of external auditors and auditors remuneration.

In 2023, all issues raised by the Audit Committee were addressed by the management. The work and findings of the Audit Committee were reported to the Board. In 2023, no issues brought to the attention of the management and the Board were of sufficient importance to require disclosure in this annual report.

The Audit Committee reviewed the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 in conjunction with the Company's external auditors. Based on the review and discussions with management, the Audit Committee was satisfied that the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group were prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and fairly present the Group's financial position and results for the year ended 31 December 2023. The Audit Committee therefore recommended the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 be approved by the Board.

Full minutes of the Audit Committee meetings are kept by the company secretary. Draft and final versions of the minutes of the Audit Committee meetings are sent to all members of the Audit Committee for comments and approval and all decisions of the Audit Committee are reported to the Board.

The terms of reference of the Audit Committee are available on the website of the Company and the website of the Stock Exchange. This annual report has been reviewed by the Audit Committee.

E. REMUNERATION

E.1 Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee of the Company was established on 25 April 2012 with specific written terms of reference. The existing members of the Remuneration Committee comprise Mr. Huang Haibo and Mr. Wang Jun, all of whom are independent non-executive directors, and Mr. Wu Xiao An, an executive director. Mr. Huang Haibo is the chairman of the Remuneration Committee. The terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee are adopted with reference to the CG Code, including the specific duties set out in code provisions E.1.2 as contained in Part 2 of the CG Code.

In 2023, the Remuneration Committee held one (1) meeting and discharged its responsibilities. Attendance of individual members at the Remuneration Committee meeting is as follows:

	Attendance by directors/ Number of meetings	Attendance Rate
Mr. Huang Haibo (<i>chairman of the Remuneration Committee</i>)	1/1	100%
Mr. Wang Jun	1/1	100%
Mr. Wu Xiao An	1/1	100%
Average attendance rate		100%

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The Remuneration Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board regarding the Group's policy and structure for all remuneration of directors and senior management and approving the remuneration package of the individual executive directors. The Remuneration Committee is authorised to seek any information it requires from any employee of the Group and has the power to request the executive directors and other persons to attend its meetings. The Remuneration Committee is also authorised to obtain outside professional advice and to secure the attendance of other persons with relevant experience and expertise if it considers as necessary, and the Company will provide sufficient resources to the Remuneration Committee for performance of its duties.

The work performed by the Remuneration Committee in 2023 included:

- reviewing the director's service agreement of new executive director and letter of appointment of new independent non-executive director;
- approving the remuneration of directors (including the independent non-executive directors);
- approving the bonus payment to the staff of the Group; and
- considering the grant of share options when necessary as a means to provide incentives or rewards to the directors and/or employees of the Group.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, since there was no share option granted under the share option schemes of the Company, no material matter relating to the share option scheme has been reviewed by the Remuneration Committee.

The remuneration of directors is determined with reference to their respective qualifications, experience, duties and responsibilities in the Group. When approving the remuneration of directors, no individual directors will be involved in decisions relating to his own remuneration.

Full minutes of the Remuneration Committee meeting are kept by the company secretary. Draft and final versions of the minutes of the Remuneration Committee meetings are sent to all members of the Remuneration Committee for comments and approval and all decisions of the Remuneration Committee are reported to the Board subject to applicable restriction.

The terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee are available on the website of the Company and the website of the Stock Exchange.

F. SHAREHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT

F.1 Effective communication

The Company communicates information to the shareholders through different channels, including, among others, its periodical financial announcements and reports, annual general meetings and other general meetings (if any), all the corporate communications and other publications on the Company's website. The Board is responsible for maintaining an on-going dialogue with shareholders and in particular, using annual general meetings or other general meetings to communicate with them and encourage their participation.

Dividend policy

Pursuant to code provision F.1.1 as contained in Part 2 of the CG Code, the Company should have a policy on payment of dividends and should disclose it in its annual report.

On 25 March 2019, the Board approved and adopted a dividend policy (the "**Dividend Policy**").

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According to the Dividend Policy, the declaration, payment and amount of dividends will be subject to the discretion of the Board with reference to the following factors:

- (a) the operating and financial results of the Group;
- (b) the Group's cash flow position;
- (c) the Group's liquidity position;
- (d) the Group's business conditions and strategies;
- (e) the retained earnings and distributable reserves of the Company;
- (f) the capital requirements and expenditure plans;
- (g) the future prospects, operations and earnings of the Group;
- (h) the interests of the shareholders of the Company; and
- (i) other factors that the Board deems relevant and appropriate.

Any declaration and payment of the dividend by the Company is also subject to any restrictions under the Companies Act (Revised) of the Cayman Islands, any other applicable laws, rules and regulations and the Articles of Association of the Company.

Any declaration and payment of future dividends under the Dividend Policy are subject to the Board's determination that it is in best interests of the Group and the shareholders of the Company as a whole. The Board will review the Dividend Policy from time to time and may exercise at its sole and absolute discretion to update, amend and/or modify the Dividend Policy at any time as it deems fit and necessary. There is no assurance that dividends will be paid in any particular amount for any given period.

F.2 Shareholders meetings

The Company attaches great importance to communications with its shareholders. Information on the Group's activities, business, strategies and developments is provided in the Company's annual reports and interim reports. Shareholders of the Company are encouraged to attend the annual general meetings of the Company which offer a valuable forum for dialogue and interaction with management.

In line with the practice of the Company, in respect of each matter to be considered at the annual general meetings and extraordinary general meetings, including the re-election of directors, a separate resolution will be proposed by the Chairman.

An annual general meeting of the Company was held on 19 June 2023 at which Mr. Wu Xiao An, the Chairman of the Board, and the chairman of each of the Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee attended the meeting either in person or by way of telephone conference to answer questions raised by the shareholders at the meeting in accordance with code provision F.2.2 as contained in Part 2 of the CG Code.

The Chairman of the Board, the chairman of each the Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee, or in their absence, another member of the relevant committee or an appointed representative, will attend the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to answer questions of shareholders.

Pursuant to code provision F.2.2 as contained in Part 2 of the CG Code, the Company will invite representatives of the external auditors to attend the forthcoming annual general meeting of the Company to answer shareholders' questions about the conduct of the audit, the preparation and content of the auditors' report, the accounting policies and auditors independence.

At the annual general meeting held on 19 June 2023, the Chairman provided an explanation of the procedures for conducting a poll at the commencement of the meetings. Poll results were posted on the website of the Stock Exchange and the website of the Company on the day of the holding of the shareholders' meetings.

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G. SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHT

G.1 Shareholders' right to convene extraordinary general meetings

Pursuant to Article 64 of the Articles of Association of the Company, extraordinary general meetings of the Company shall also be convened on the requisition of one or more shareholders holding, at the date of deposit of the requisition, not less than one tenth of the paid up capital of the Company having the right of voting at general meetings. Such requisition shall be made in writing to the Board or the company secretary for the purpose of requiring an extraordinary general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business or resolution specified in such requisition. Such meeting shall be held within 2 months after deposit of such requisition. If within 21 days of such deposit, the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting, the requisitionist(s) himself/herself (themselves) may do so in the same manner, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Board shall be reimbursed to the requisitionist(s) by the Company.

G.2 Procedures for putting forward proposals at shareholders' meetings

To put forward proposals at a general meeting of the Company, a shareholder should lodge a written notice of his/her/its proposal with his/her/its detailed contact information to the principal place of business of the Company in Hong Kong. The identity of the shareholder and his/her/its request will be verified with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong and upon confirmation by the branch share registrar that the request is proper and in order and made by a shareholder, the Board will determine in its sole discretion whether the proposal may be included in the agenda for the general meeting.

The Company also adopted a set of guidelines on procedures for shareholders to propose a person for election as a director of the Company on 25 April 2012 which is available on the website of the Company.

G.3 Shareholders' enquiries

Shareholders may at any time make a request for the Company's information to the extent such information is publicly available and the Company has an investor relationship personnel to attend to enquiries from the shareholders. Details of the contact person are set out below:

Name	:	The Company Secretary
Telephone	:	2516 6918
Email	:	xce@xinchenpower.com

Shareholders may also make enquiries with the Board at the general meetings of the Company and/or by sending them to the Company's principal place of business in Hong Kong and addressing to the Board.

Shareholders should direct their questions about their shareholdings, share transfer, registration and payment of dividend to the Company's branch share registrar.

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H. INVESTOR RELATIONS

H.1 Constitutional documents

Pursuant to a special resolution of the shareholders of the Company passed on 19 June 2023, the second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association of the Company were adopted with effect from 19 June 2023. Save as disclosed above, during the year ended 31 December 2023, there was no change in the memorandum and articles of association of the Company.

The second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association of the Company are available on the website of the Stock Exchange and the website of the Company.

H.2 Shareholders' communication policy

The Company adopted a shareholders' communication policy on 25 April 2012 (which was amended and restated on 26 March 2024) which is available on the website of the Company. To promote effective communication with shareholders of the Company, the Company adopts this policy with the objectives to ensure that the Company provides timely, clear and reliable information to the shareholders of the Company to allow them to make informed decisions and assessment of the performance and prospect of the Company, and that views of the shareholders of the Company are communicated to the Company in assistance to the Company's development of appropriate strategies and measures in line with the interests of the shareholders of the Company.

The Board shall be responsible for maintaining effective communication with the shareholders of the Company and shall regularly review this policy to ensure its effectiveness. The Board concluded that such communication policy was effective during the year ended 31 December 2023 because no negative feedback has been received.

Environmental, Social and Governance Report

The Group is one of the leading automotive engine manufacturers in the indigenous branded passenger vehicle and light duty commercial vehicle engine market in the PRC. This environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) report (“ESG Report”) covers the Group’s principal operations in the PRC, namely the development, manufacturing and sale of light duty gasoline and diesel engines that are used by domestic passenger vehicle and light duty commercial vehicle manufacturers, and the manufacture and sale of core engine parts and components for domestic passenger vehicles. There was no change in the entities covered by this ESG Report from the ESG report for the year ended 31 December 2022.

This ESG Report covers the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. The Group fosters sustainable growth by fulfilling its corporate governance, environmental and social responsibilities. This ESG Report has been reviewed by the Board. For information on corporate governance, please refer to the Corporate Governance Report in this annual report.

As a responsible corporation, the Group is committed to maintaining the highest environmental and social standards to ensure the sustainable development of its business. During the year, the Group has endeavoured to manage, monitor, and make recommendations and report on environmental and social aspects.

The Group has complied with all relevant laws and regulations in relation to its business including health and safety, workplace conditions, employment and the environment. The Group understands a better future depends on everyone’s participation and contribution. Towards that end, it has encouraged employees, customers, suppliers and other stakeholders to participate in environmental and social activities which benefit the community as a whole.

The Group maintains strong relationships with its employees, has enhanced cooperation with its suppliers and has provided high quality products and services to its customers so as to ensure sustainable development.

Reporting Principles

This ESG Report is prepared in accordance with the Environmental, Social and Governance Reporting Guide (the “ESG Guide”) as set out in Appendix C2 to the Listing Rules. The preparation of this ESG Report has applied the following principles:

Materiality: In accordance with principles and requirements of the ESG Guide, the Group has identified and selected the ESG factors that are highly relevant. The Group’s management and staff in major functions are involved in the preparation of this ESG Report, so as to assist the Group in reviewing its operations, identifying the relevant ESG factors, and assessing the materiality of those factors to our business and stakeholders by communicating with various stakeholders and enabling them to provide their opinion on the ESG factors of the Group.

Quantitative: The Group monitors regularly statistics on the quantitative key performance indicators (“KPIs”) as stated in the ESG Guide, summarises and discloses them at the end of the year. Information on the standards, its methodologies and assumptions, calculation tools used and sources of conversion factors used have been disclosed in respective sections of this ESG Report when applicable.

Balance: All information disclosed in this ESG Report shall be unbiased. There will not be any misleading presentation format, selection and omission that may inappropriately influence the decision or judgment by stakeholders.

Consistency: Consistent statistical methodologies and presentation of KPIs have been used to allow meaningful comparisons of related data over time.

A. ENVIRONMENTAL

A1 Emissions

Being a mechanical manufacturing corporation, the Group enhances the management of its emissions to mitigate the impacts of its operations on the environment in strict compliance with environmental protection laws and regulations, such as the Environmental Protection Law of the People’s Republic of China (《中華人民共和國環境保護法》), the Air Pollution Prevention and Control Law of the People’s Republic of China (《中華人民共和國大氣污染防治法》), the Water Pollution Prevention and Control Law of the People’s Republic of China (《中華人民共和國水污染防治法》) and the Law of the People’s Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Solid Waste (《中華人民共和國固體廢物防治法》). In 2023, the types of emissions of the Group were as follows:

- Atmospheric: industrial emissions and cooking fumes, the major pollutants of which are mainly nitrogen oxide (NOx), sulphur dioxide (SO₂) and non-methane hydrocarbons (C₂-C₈) and other pollutants.

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- Water: effluents from production activities and domestic sewage, the major pollutants of which are chemical oxygen demand by dichromate (CODcr), suspended solids (SS), grease, ammoniacal nitrogen (NH₃-N) and other pollutants.
- Solid waste: solid waste (non-hazardous) including non-metal scrap, used packaging materials and domestic waste; and dangerous waste (hazardous) including oil-stained cloth, oil sludge, used mineral oil, used containers, effluents containing mineral oils and generated by sewage treatment plants, and liquid waste generated by online monitoring and aluminium waste.

(I) Mitigate air emissions, greenhouse gases (GHG) and effluents

Measures to mitigate air emissions, GHG and effluents implemented by the Group in 2023 were as follows:

- Atmospheric emissions were dispersed at higher altitudes using chimney after being treated by mechanical ventilators, dust collectors and fume filters, and fume treatment devices and an online monitoring system were installed, so as to comply with the requirements of environmental protection standards.
- Effluent from production activities was treated in the Group's sewage treatment station before being discharged to the municipal sewer systems so as to meet the required environmental protection standards in terms of CODcr, SS and other key pollutant treatment indicators.
- Domestic sewage was treated in the sewage treatment facilities of the plants before being discharged into the municipal sewer systems so as to meet level-3 standards under the Integrated Wastewater Discharge Standard (《污水綜合排放標準》) (GB 8978-1996).

(II) Waste treatment

The Group implemented the following measures to further strengthen waste treatment management in 2023:

- Solid waste (non-hazardous) was separated and collected throughout the production processes before being disposed of by local environmental and hygiene bureaus.
- Dangerous waste (hazardous) was disposed of by qualified professional waste disposal companies in strict compliance with the requirements of environmental protection regulations after reporting to local environmental protection bureaus.

KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
A1.1	The types of emissions and respective emissions data.	<p>The Group's equipment was mainly powered by electricity with no gaseous fuel consumption.</p> <p>The Group had 7 official vehicles. In 2023, their emissions (in kg) were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nitrogen oxides (NO_x): 1,322.53 • sulphur dioxide (SO₂): 261.32 • particulate matter: 660.03

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KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
A1.2	Direct (Scope 1) and energy indirect (Scope 2) greenhouse gas emissions (in tonnes) and, where appropriate, intensity (e.g. per unit of production volume, per facility).	<p>Scope 1 – Direct GHG emissions or removals</p> <p>A. GHG emissions from stationary combustion sources: 0.23 tonne of carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalent Breakdown of GHG emissions (in tonne(s)):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carbon dioxide (CO₂): 0.23 • methane (CH₄): 0.00005 • nitrous oxide (N₂O): 0.00023 <p>B. GHG emissions from mobile combustion sources (road, air and water transport): 41.99 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalent Breakdown of GHG emissions (in tonne(s)):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carbon dioxide (CO₂): 41.97 • methane (CH₄): 0.004 • nitrous oxide (N₂O): 0.019 <p>C. Hydrofluorocarbons (HFC) and perfluorocarbons (PFC) emissions for refrigeration/air-conditioning (both commonly known as refrigerants): not applicable as the Group did not store refrigerants.</p> <p>D. GHG removals from newly planted trees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • carbon dioxide (CO₂) removal: 0.46 tonne <p>Scope 2 – Energy indirect GHG emissions (the Group mainly purchased electricity instead of gas)</p> <p>32,369.40 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalent</p> <p>Total GHG emissions: 32,411.16 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalent</p> <p>GHG emission intensity (carbon dioxide equivalent (in tonnes)/unit of production): 1.2448</p>
A1.3	Total hazardous waste produced (in tonnes) and, where appropriate, intensity (e.g. per unit of production volume, per facility).	<p>Total hazardous waste produced: 529.13 tonnes</p> <p>Per unit data: 0.0203 tonne produced per unit of production volume</p>

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KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
A1.4	Total non-hazardous waste produced (in tonnes) and, where appropriate, intensity (e.g. per unit of production volume, per facility).	Total non-hazardous waste produced: 936.48 tonnes Per unit data: 0.0359 tonne produced per unit of production volume
A1.5	Description of emissions target(s) set and steps taken to achieve them.	<p>The Group's emissions target is that the pollutants, such as atmospheric emissions, effluent, noise, etc. meet the requirements under national environmental protection standards.</p> <p>Major steps taken to mitigate emissions in 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atmospheric emissions were dispersed at higher altitudes using chimney after being treated by mechanical ventilators, dust collectors and fume filters. After the treatment, 95% of pollutants such as dust and non-methane total hydrocarbon are removed, bringing the emissions up to the required environmental protection standards. • Effluent from production activities was treated in the Group's sewage treatment station before being discharged to the municipal sewer systems so as to meet the required environmental protection standards in terms of CODcr, SS and other key pollutant treatment indicators (concentration after the treatment was approximately 200/100 mg/L, which was far below 500/400 mg/L as required by the Integrated Wastewater Discharge Standard (《污水綜合排放標準》) (GB 8978-1996)). • Domestic sewage was treated in the sewage treatment facilities of the plants (CODcr concentration after the treatment was lower than 200 mg/L) before being discharged into the municipal sewer systems so as to meet level-3 standards under the Integrated Wastewater Discharge Standard (《污水綜合排放標準》) (GB 8978-1996).

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KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
A1.6	Description of how hazardous and non-hazardous wastes are handled, and a description of reduction target(s) set and steps taken to achieve them.	<p>The Group's target of disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes is to recycle as much as possible and dispose of the remainder in strict compliance with the requirements under environmental protection laws and regulations in order to reduce waste.</p> <p>In 2023, the Group's hazardous and non-hazardous wastes were handled as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of hazardous waste was disposed of by qualified handling companies approved by environmental protection departments. Non-hazardous waste was reused to the extent that direct internal reuse is possible, and then collected, recycled and disposed of by environmental and hygiene departments when reuse is not possible. The recycling rate based on the volume generated was 100%. <p>In 2023, the treatment rate of hazardous waste was 100% with no misplacement, leakage, dispersal or other accidents. As to valuable non-hazardous waste, the recycling rate based on the volume generated was 100%.</p>

A2 Use of Resources

The Group attaches great importance to the use of resources, and has formulated a number of documents including the Packaging Standards and Design Control Procedures (《包裝規範與設計控制程序》) and the Delivery Control Procedures (《交付控制程序》) and issued the Hints for Use of Office Air-conditioning (《辦公場所空調使用的溫馨提示》) and the Workplace Protocols (《文明辦公要求的通知》). Staff is encouraged to use resources efficiently in order to avoid wastage.

(I) Energy use efficiency

In 2023, the Group's energy use efficiency in production activities was enhanced through the following initiatives:

- Capitalising on Sichuan's preferential electricity use policies to reduce electricity cost by reasonably arranging production during rainy seasons.
- Energy-saving transformers were used to minimise wear and tear and ensure safe operation.
- LED energy-saving lighting was widely used in office buildings.
- Heating and cooling systems will only be turned on when it is below 18 °C during winter and over 25 °C during summer, respectively, and will be turned off 5 minutes before the closure of the relevant offices or workshops.
- Extended idling of office equipment was prohibited.

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(II) Water use efficiency

The Group stresses water recycling in its production activities. Recycled water is used in the cooling systems of laboratories and testing workshops to reduce fresh water consumption and save water. Collected rainwater and river water instead of tap water are used for greening and irrigation.

KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
A2.1	Direct and/or indirect energy consumption by type (e.g. electricity, gas or oil) in total (kWh in '000s) and intensity (e.g. per unit of production volume, per facility).	Electricity consumption in total: 51,383,957.64 kW Diesel consumption in total: 0 kW Energy consumption intensity: 2,346.31 kW per unit of production volume
A2.2	Water consumption in total and intensity (e.g. per unit of production volume, per facility).	Water consumption in total: 81,951.64 tonnes Water consumption intensity: 3.15 tonnes per unit of production volume
A2.3	Description of energy use efficiency target(s) set and steps taken to achieve them.	In 2023, the Group's target of energy use efficiency is to reduce electricity consumption by 5% year-on-year. The major steps taken were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capitalising on Sichuan's preferential electricity use policies by reasonably arranging production during rainy seasons. • LED energy-saving lighting was widely used in office buildings. • Heating and cooling systems will only be turned on when it is below 18℃ during winter and over 25℃ during summer, respectively, and will be turned off 5 minutes before the closure of the relevant offices or workshops. • Extended idling of office equipment was prohibited.

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KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
A2.4	Description of whether there is any issue in sourcing water that is fit for purpose, water efficiency target(s) set and steps taken to achieve them.	<p>There was no issue in sourcing water as all water comes from fresh water supply systems of industrial parks.</p> <p>In 2023, the target of water efficiency is to reduce water consumption while meeting production and operation requirements. The major steps taken were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water consumption was effectively reduced by reusing water from cooling towers in engine testing and casting workshops. • Water consumption was reduced by using collected rainwater and river water instead of tap water for greening and irrigation.
A2.5	Total packaging material used for finished products (in tonnes) and, if applicable, with reference to per unit produced.	<p>The three major types of packaging materials used by the Group are steel, paper and wood, and plastic. If customers do not have special requests, we deliver our products by steel frames, which are recovered and reused after delivery. In other cases, we deliver our products in wooden boxes, cartons and plastic wrapping film.</p> <p>Total packaging material used for finished products: 218.40 tonnes</p> <p>Material used per unit produced: 0.0083 tonne</p>

A3 The Environment and Natural Resources

The Group advocates environmental protection and energy-saving amongst its staff. Actions taken to mitigate any substantial impacts on the environment and natural resources are as follows:

- Email, intranet and centralised printing systems are used to reduce the use of paper.
- Paperless quality inspection reports and electronic filing systems are adopted, and all documents of which the hard copy is required must be printed on both sides in order to reduce the use of paper.
- Corporate shuttle buses take the staff members to and from work collectively to reduce vehicle exhaust fumes.
- Office lighting is minimised by using natural light and turning off lights when the last person leaves the offices.

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KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
A3.1	Description of the significant impacts of activities on the environment and natural resources and the actions taken to manage them.	<p>The Group endeavours to minimise its impact on the environment in its production, manufacturing and technical modification processes. As the manufacturing operation requires the use of natural resources, public facilities and materials, we advocate sustainable improvement of the environment in its product design and production. We persistently improve our products in order to reduce their impact on the environment. Products produced and sold by us comply with national emissions and fuel consumption regulations for vehicles.</p> <p>Major actions taken in 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacing paper packaging and wooden pallets with reusable metal frames and conserving and recycling more paper to minimise the direct/indirect use of wood and thus indirectly reducing carbon emissions. • Engaging the suppliers to decontaminate and dispose of oilstained sodium salt of carboxymethyl ether of cellulose after grease removal treatment, and reusing the removed grease in the equipment after filtration to produce less hazardous waste, conserve more energy consumed by the suppliers during the disposal process, and directly/indirectly reduce total emissions to the environment and energy consumed during the disposal process. • Using natural ventilation instead of air-conditioning at offices during summer to reduce energy consumption. • Adopting paperless quality inspection reports and electronic filing systems, and printing all documents of which the hard copy is required on both sides in order to reduce the use of paper. • Using less corporate cars and more public transport. • Using collected rainwater and river water instead of tap water for greening and irrigation. • Turning on heating and cooling systems only when it is below 18 °C during winter and over 25 °C during summer, respectively, and turning them off 5 minutes before the closure of the relevant offices or workshops. Turning off lights before leaving the offices.

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A4 Climate Change

The Group strictly complies with the requirements under the Air Pollution Prevention and Control Law (《大氣污染防治法》) and the Implementation Measures of Sichuan Province Regarding the Air Pollution Prevention and Control Law of the People's Republic of China (Amendments) (《四川省(中華人民共和國大氣污染防治法)實施辦法(修訂)》) to reduce the emission of air pollutants.

KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
A4.1	Description of the significant climate-related issues which have impacted, and those which may impact, the issuer, and the actions taken to manage them.	<p>By being heedful of the warning of heavy pollution issued by the government, the Group lowers and limits production accordingly in order to reduce air pollutants.</p> <p>Major actions taken in 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The staff are encouraged to use video conferences so as to strictly control the number of business travels and reduce the use of air and other public transportation, thereby decreasing energy consumption.• 11 electric forklifts were used to move and transport products in order to reduce the emission of pollutants.• 4 electric vehicles were leased from a public transportation company to take the staff members to and from work.

B. SOCIAL

Employment and Labour Practices

B1 Employment

(1) Working environment

The Group creates a harmonious and comfortable working environment with 5S (i.e. sort (SEIRI), set in order (SEITON), shine (SEISO), standardise (SETKETSU) and sustain (SHIT-SUK)) and visual management methods. It also provides dormitories, canteens, gym halls, basketball courts and reading rooms to the staff so as to promote work-life balance and mental and physical well-being.

Team-building is fostered to boost collaboration amongst the staff. Performance-based appraisals and open communication channels are maintained for the staff to express their career expectations as well as their opinions on and suggestions for the Group. Four types of career paths have been established to provide the staff with a platform for diverse development. Through a fair working environment, it aims to motivate its staff to work and contribute proactively with passion so as to facilitate the Group's development.

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(II) Employment system

The Group has an open, fair and equitable staff recruitment system in place to maximise its human resources by matching employees with positions according to their capability for them to realise their full potential.

Newly-recruited employees must participate in safety, environmental protection, occupational health and other legal training in strict compliance with national, provincial and municipal regulations such as the Labour Contract Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國勞動合同法》) and the Environmental Protection Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國環境保護法》).

The Group has prepared the Guiding Handbook for Human Resources Management (《人力資源管理指導手冊》) and the Staff Handbook (《員工手冊》) that incorporate several rules and systems, such as the Measures for the Administration of Labour Contracts (《勞動合同管理辦法》), the Measures for the Administration of Staff Working Hours (《員工工作時間管理辦法》), the Measures for the Administration of Termination of Employment (《員工離職管理辦法》), the Measures for the Administration of Staff Training (《員工培訓管理辦法》), the Measures for the Administration of Performance (《績效管理辦法》), the Measures for the Administration of Staff Remuneration (《員工薪酬管理辦法》), the Management System for Career Paths (《職業發展通道管理制度》) and the Management System for Work Uniforms (《工作服管理制度》), which cover various aspects of employment that are closely related to the interests of the employees, including, amongst other matters, compensation and dismissal, recruitment and promotion, working hours, rest periods, equal opportunity, diversity, anti-discrimination and other benefits and welfare, to ensure the stringent implementation and execution of the relevant regulations.

The Group conducts annual staff satisfaction survey with the view to constantly boosting staff's satisfaction in terms of working environment, remuneration and benefits.

KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
B1.1	Total workforce by gender, employment type (for example, full- or part-time), age group and geographical region.	At the end of 2023, the number of full-time staff was 964, of which 822 were male and 142 were female. 158 aged 30 or below, 360 aged 31 to 40, 232 aged 41 to 50 and 214 aged 51 or above. 479 were located in Mianyang, 480 were located in Shenyang and 5 were located in Hong Kong.
B1.2	Employee turnover rate by gender, age group and geographical region.	At the end of 2023, the turnover rates for male and female staff were 3.3% and 4.2%, respectively. Turnover rates were 2.7% for the age group of below 40 and 4.5% for the age group of 40 or above. Turnover rates for staff in Mianyang, Shenyang and Hong Kong were 6.7%, 0% and 28.6% respectively.

B2 Health and Safety

The Group strives to reduce health and safety risks by persistently improving the working environment in strict compliance with health and safety laws and regulations, such as the Production Safety Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國安全生產法》) and the Prevention and Control of Occupational Diseases Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國職業病防治法》).

The Group adopted a people-oriented approach in respect of occupational health and safety in accordance with the safety-first, prevention-focused, comprehensive management and prevention-and-management-integrated national occupational health and safety guidelines.

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The Group believes that the number of work accidents and occupational diseases can be effectively reduced by constantly perfecting the relevant occupational health and safety management rules as well as offering a relatively safe and comfortable workplace and relevant training to the staff.

KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
B2.1	Number and rate of work-related fatalities occurred in each of the past three years including the reporting year.	With sustained effort, the Group successfully achieved its annual occupational health and safety goals of zero critical workplace injury and zero occupational disease in the past three years including 2023.
B2.2	Lost days due to work injury.	There were 0 lost days due to work injury in 2023.
B2.3	Description of occupational health and safety measures adopted, and how they are implemented and monitored.	In 2023, the Group conducted occupational health checkup for staff members who are exposed to occupational hazards. Staff members showing certain contraindications according to the checkup were re-examined and re-designated to other positions in a timely manner in order to prevent occupational diseases. It aims to mitigate corporate occupational health risk, safeguard the well-being of the entire staff, and promote their career development.

B3 Development and Training

In 2023, the Group further strengthened its training system, organised group training for different departments, refined its staff orientation procedures and training materials, and renewed the contents of the programmes and number of training hours.

The Group enhanced the performance of its staff by focusing on core operational training such as research and development, quality control, production, manufacturing and cost control according to its development directions and strategic goals. During the year, all staff members attended some sort of training and a total of 98 training sessions were conducted with 5,815 participants. Regular staff training topics included but were not limited to induction, IATF 16949 quality system standards and audit skills, legal risk prevention and control ability, safety, occupational health and environmental protection, tax management and planning in a new tax environment, tax arrangement, calculation, settlement and payment, physical and chemical measurements, and special operation practices.

KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
B3.1	The percentage of employees trained by gender and employee category (e.g. senior management, middle management).	In 2023, 80% of the participating staff was male and 20% was female. Top management, middle officers and other staff members accounted for 10%, 20% and 70% of the participating staff, respectively.
B3.2	The average training hours completed per employee by gender and employee category.	The training hours completed in 2023 were 32 for both male and female staff. Top management, middle officers and other staff members received 28, 30 and 35 hours of training, respectively.

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B4 Labour Standards

To establish a customer-friendly, open, transparent, responsible and innovative corporation, the Group makes concerted efforts to prohibit the use of child and forced labour and create a harmonious, safe and healthy working environment with its staff based on the principles of fairness, equity and mutual respect in strict compliance with the Labour Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國勞動法》), the Labour Contract Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國勞動合同法》) and other relevant laws and regulations.

KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
B4.1	Description of measures to review employment practices to avoid child and forced labour.	The Group formulated and implements the Recruitment Management Methods (《招聘管理辦法》) which stipulates the prohibition of child and forced labour. During the recruitment process, the Group verifies the particulars of all candidates and participates in legitimate job fairs, so as to strictly forbid child and forced labour.
B4.2	Description of steps taken to eliminate such practices when discovered.	Any irregularity, if identified, will be immediately stopped and handled in accordance with the Labour Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國勞動法》), the Labour Contract Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國勞動合同法》) and relevant laws and regulations.

Operating Practices

B5 Supply chain management

The Group has devised and implemented the Procurement Management Procedures (《採購管理程序》) for the procurement department to draw up procurement plans according to sales forecasts, production plans and inventory position, and the Supplier Management Procedures (《供方管理程序》) for it to select suppliers based on the assessment of their technical development capacity, technique, equipment and process designs, quality, and commercial terms. To ensure the product quality, safety, environmental management and other capacities of the suppliers, the Group designs its annual audit plan to conduct on-site audit on the suppliers in accordance with the Supplier APQP Management Procedures (《供貨商APQP管理流程》), the Supplier Quality Issue Resolution Management Procedures (《供貨商質量問題解決管理流程》), the Measures for the Administration of Supplier PPAP Audit and Production Capacity Assessment (《供貨商PPAP審核及產能評估管理辦法》) and the On-site Supplier Audit Management Procedures (《供貨商現場審核管理流程》). As supply chains are the key to sustainable business operation, the Group steadfastly manages its supply chain risks and uses green procurement practices in accordance with the Supplier Management Procedures (《供方管理程序》).

In 2023, the Group had 22 supply chain management staff members, of which 2 was a manager and 20 were general staff. The numbers of personnel responsible for direct and indirect procurement were 15 and 5, respectively. The duties of these teams and each member are clearly set out in the Departmental Functions (《部門職能》) and the Position Descriptions (《崗位說明書》) and include the identification of direct and indirect material suppliers, the execution of relevant documents and the management of suppliers.

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KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
B5.1	Number of suppliers by geographical region.	In 2023, the Group had 89 suppliers, of which 39 were located in eastern China, 7 in northern and northeast China, 20 in Sichuan and Chongqing, 15 in central China, 3 in southern China and 5 in other countries.
B5.2	Description of practices relating to engaging suppliers, number of suppliers where the practices are being implemented, and how they are implemented and monitored.	The Group formulated and implements the Supplier Engagement and Management Procedures (《供方引入及管理程序》) to engage suppliers through tendering. The existing 89 suppliers were all engaged according to established procedures, which strictly require suppliers to meet the standards under ISO 9000 or IATF 16949 quality systems. All selected suppliers are monitored and appraised under the Group's Measures for Comprehensive Management and Appraisal of Suppliers (《供方綜合管理考評辦法》). Audit plans are drawn up on an annual basis and on-site audits are carried out according to the Group's On-site Supplier Audit Management Procedures (《供貨商現場審核管理流程》). Suppliers are required to rectify any issue raised during the on-site audit and the Group will follow up the rectification in accordance with established procedures.
B5.3	Description of practices used to identify environmental and social risks along the supply chain, and how they are implemented and monitored.	<p>The Group has formulated and implemented the Measures for the Administration of Potential Suppliers (《潛在供方管理辦法》) and the Supplier Management Procedures (《供方管理程序》) to incorporate environmental and social responsibility index to be assessed by the quality assurance, technical, technology, business and other relevant departments into its supplier management system with the aim of ensuring that the suppliers are able to fulfil the Group's needs before selecting them.</p> <p>The Group has also formulated and implemented the On-site Supplier Audit Management Procedures (《供貨商現場審核管理流程》) and the Supplier Management Procedures (《供方管理程序》) for quality assurance, technical and other relevant departments to identify environmental and social risks in each part of the supply chain during on-site audits after selecting the suppliers. At the same time, the quality department conducts monthly supplier assessments. Going forward, it will focus on assessing the environmental and social risks of the suppliers so as to implement the Group's green procurement practices.</p> <p>The Group provides anti-corruption training for the suppliers by ways of meetings, on-site audits and mails in order to communicate the Group's anti-corruption requirements.</p>

Environmental, Social and Governance Report (Cont'd)

KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
B5.4	Description of practices used to promote environmentally preferable products and services when selecting suppliers, and how they are implemented and monitored.	<p>Upon being selected, suppliers sign the Mass Production and Supply Agreement (《量產供貨協議》), which requires that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A vendor shall establish and maintain a certified environmental management system in accordance with the requirements under ISO 14001 or other environmental management system derived from or approved or certified by ISO 14001. The purpose of a purchaser and a vendor shall be in line with the approaches under the United Nations Global Compact (Davos, 01/99) and the principals and rights proposed by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in the Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (Geneva, 06/98). Suppliers are required to ensure the compliance with such social responsibility commitments by all of their sub-contractors.

B6 Product Responsibility

The Group lays stress on product quality and production responsibility. It has established a quality assurance management system that covers the whole operation (including raw material procurement, product design, manufacturing, advertising, labelling, privacy, after-sale services and quality control), an assessment management system and laboratory management standards, and strengthened its testing systems, and persistently studies and minimises its environmental impacts, in order to always provide its customers with products that are in strict compliance with national and industrial standards, government policies and regulations such as the Product Quality Law of the People's Republic of China (《中華人民共和國產品質量法》), the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Consumer Rights and Interests (《中華人民共和國消費者權益保護法》), the Provisions on Repairing, Replacing & Returning Liabilities of Family Car Products (《家用汽車產品修理、更換、退貨責任規定》) and the Regulations on the Administration of Recall of Defective Auto Products (《缺陷汽車產品召回管理條例》), as well as prohibited substances, emission and fuel consumption standards such as Requirements for Prohibited Substances on Automobiles (GB/T 30512-2014), Limits and Measurement Methods for Emissions from Light-duty Vehicles (CHINA 5) (GB 18352.5-2013), Fuel Consumption Limits for Heavy-duty Commercial Vehicles (GB 30510-2014), Fuel Consumption Evaluation Methods and Targets for Passenger Cars (GB 27999-2014), and Limits and Measurement Methods for Emissions from Light-duty Vehicles (CHINA 6) (GB 18352.6-2016).

To reach higher standards, the Group has extended its product service coverage across the nation and even overseas so that timely and effective measures can be taken when its product is out of order. The Group collects and analyses customers' feedbacks on the experience and quality of the products in a timely manner so as to take preventive measures and constantly increase the reliability and satisfaction, while lowering the failure rates, of its products.

KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
B6.1	Percentage of total products sold or shipped subject to recalls for safety and health reasons.	In 2023, 0% of the total products sold or shipped by the Group was subject to recalls for safety and health reasons.

Environmental, Social and Governance Report (Cont'd)

KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
B6.2	Number of products and service related complaints received and how they are dealt with.	In 2023, no products and service related complaints were received. Corresponding plans for handling complaints have been formulated. The Group will respond to complaints inside and outside the province within 4 hours and 24 hours, respectively. The Group serves nearly 1,000 after-sales service stations (including customer service stations designated by car manufacturers) and 10 accessories distributors. The After-Sales Service Department employs expert technicians to provide advice to customers and training to the after-sales service stations. It has also set certain emergency maintenance quality standards, including technical triage and failure elimination, to meet customers' and users' demand for on-site services.
B6.3	Description of practices relating to observing and protecting intellectual property rights.	In relation to counterfeit Xincheng Power accessories in the market, two methods will be adopted to observe and protect intellectual property rights: (1) specialists from the Accessory Department will visit accessory markets across the PRC and enhance the awareness of distributors of accessories of distinguishing genuine and counterfeit products; (2) the Group will partner with distributors to investigate and take legal actions against infringement of Xincheng Power's trademark, sale of counterfeit and inferior goods and defending rights.
B6.4	Description of quality assurance process and recall procedures.	<p>The Group formulated and implements the Inspection and Testing Control Procedures (《檢驗和試驗控制程序》). Samples of raw and auxiliary materials are taken and tested in accordance with product drawings, inspection guidelines on purchased materials and relevant standards by the Quality Assurance Department pursuant to inspection control plans. Production processes are inspected by the Quality Assurance Department and workshops according to the inspection guidelines.</p> <p>The Group formulated and implements the Management Procedures for Non-conforming Products (《不合格品管理程序》). In case of any defects found in an engine, the engine number and locations will be the first to be identified. The engine in question will then be locked and moved to a separate area for repair/testing. Repaired engines will be unlocked and transported to a different place for storage.</p>
B6.5	Description of consumer data protection and privacy policies, and how they are implemented and monitored.	The commercial contracts entered into with service plants contain binding provisions in relation to the protection of consumer data. Abnormalities and consumers' complaints are reviewed by the Group and the service plants regularly. Corrective measures will be formulated and remedies will be taken in a timely manner in case of performance issues.

Environmental, Social and Governance Report (Cont'd)

B7 Anti-corruption

The Group's disciplinary and supervision department regularly conducts self-evaluations and implements improvements over its key aspects and activities such as construction work management, project investment, procurement of supplies, invitation and provision of tenders, utilization of substantial funds together with the audit, financial and compliance departments. They identify risk factors, evaluate risk level, formulate prevention and control measures, establish databases, and refine the systems and procedures against corruption. To promote party rules and anti-corruption culture as well as define relevant liabilities across the Group, it has implemented dual responsibilities for each position, defined the substance of the responsibilities, established assessment systems for such responsibilities and laid out the liabilities of breaches. Meetings for the promotion of Chinese Communist Party's rules and anti-corruption culture, comprehensive party committee standing order, leader management system and the management systems for the "Three Key and One Substantial (三重一大)" matters were established and refined. Whistle-blowing procedures were clarified and disciplinary review systems were reinforced to monitor the conducts and actions of the staff during daily operations and prevent bribery, extortion, fraud and money-laundering. As at the date of this report, the Group was not aware of any legal case regarding corrupt practices brought against the Group or its employees.

KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
B7.1	Number of concluded legal cases regarding corrupt practices brought against the issuer or its employees during the reporting period and the outcomes of the cases.	No legal case regarding corrupt practices was brought against the Group or its employees in 2023.
B7.2	Description of preventive measures and whistle-blowing procedures, and how they are implemented and monitored.	<p>The Group has put in place and perfect its interview system for the promotion of party rules and anti-corruption culture, the Rules of Procedures of the Party Committee and the management system for decision-making of "Three Key and One Substantial (三重一大)" matters. A regular mechanism for promoting anti-corruption is established in order to incorporate materials of caution and education into integrity talks for leaders and cadres as well as induction training for new cadres.</p> <p>Reminders and notices on clean operation are issued during major festivals and holidays and important occasions every year. Hotlines, mailboxes and email addresses are set up for whistle-blowing and the reports and tips received will be verified and investigated.</p>
B7.3	Description of anti-corruption training provided to directors and staff.	Educational activities are launched to demonstrate integrity with illustrations and video lessons are arranged regularly for party members and cadres in order to educate staff on compliance with party rules, laws and regulations.

Environmental, Social and Governance Report (Cont'd)

Community

B8 Community Investment

The Group values good social relationships with local communities and is therefore committed to its social responsibilities. It employs and offers a good working environment to local workers.

In 2023, the Veit Fund (懷特基金) set up by the Group and Dr. Veit Kohnhause, the former Consultant of General Manager, continued to subsidise 3 local underprivileged students with excellent academic results. In addition, individual employees and departments of the Group have raised funds for the Love Foundation (愛心基金) to support staff members in need. The labour union and senior staff union of the Group have established close support systems that document supports provided across the nation in order to offer regular support to employees in need according to their respective difficulties.

KPIs	Descriptions	What to report
B8.1	Focus areas of contribution (e.g. education, environmental concerns, labour needs, health, culture, sport).	<p>In 2023, the Group's focus areas of contribution were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subsidies to 3 local underprivileged students.• Establishment of the staff in need database and the Love Foundation (愛心基金) to timely support staff members in need.• Staff events to celebrate the International Women's Day organised by the labour union.
B8.2	Resources contributed (e.g. money or time) to the focus area.	<p>In 2023, the resources contributed by the Group to the focus areas were as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RMB4,250 for staff events to celebrate the International Women's Day.• RMB44,000 for subsidising underprivileged students.• RMB108,567 for helping staff in need.

Independent Auditor's Report



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To the members of Xincheng China Power Holdings Limited
(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

OPINION

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Xincheng China Power Holdings Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (together, the “Group”) set out on pages 69 to 148, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2023, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”) and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirement of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (“CO”).

BASIS FOR OPINION

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

MATERIAL UNCERTAINTY RELATED TO GOING CONCERN

We draw attention to Note 3.2 in the consolidated financial statements, which describes the principal conditions that raise doubt about the Group’s ability to continue as a going concern. These events or conditions indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Group’s ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Independent Auditor's Report (Cont'd)

KEY AUDIT MATTERS

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key audit matter

How the matter was addressed in our audit

Impairment assessment of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, prepaid lease payments and intangible assets

At 31 December 2023, the Group had significant property, plant and equipment amounting to approximately RMB1,121,871,000, right-of-use assets amounting to approximately RMB406,574,000, prepaid lease payments amounting to approximately RMB113,574,000 and intangible assets amounting to approximately RMB535,341,000.

The traditional-engines cash-generating unit ("CGU") performed below budget in the current year. The Group had reported losses in the current year which indicates the carrying amount of certain property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, prepaid lease payments and intangible assets may be impaired. The Group performed an impairment assessment on these assets as at 31 December 2023 to determine the recoverable amount of each CGU to which the assets belongs, using value-in-use calculation based on the valuations performed by an independent qualified professional valuer (the "Valuer").

Based on the results of the assessment, it is concluded that no impairment was recognised for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Our audit procedures in relation to assessment of the carrying values of property, plant and equipment, prepaid lease payments and intangible assets with impairment indicator included the following:

- discussed with management and obtained an understanding of management's impairment assessment process;
- evaluated management's identification of CGUs and the allocation of property, plant and equipment, prepaid lease payments and intangible assets to the corresponding CGUs;
- evaluated the competence, capabilities and objectivity of the Valuer and obtained an understanding of their scope of work and their terms of engagement; and
- assessed the arithmetical accuracy of the value-in-use calculation of the cash flow forecast and assessed the appropriateness of the methodology used. Tested the key assumptions used in the future cash flow forecast, including revenue growth rate and terminal growth rate, based on other available market data in the automobile industry taking into account the historical performance of the Group, where applicable indicative saleable units confirmed by customers and corroborating with the development plan based on our discussion with management. Tested the discount rate by benchmarking them to the rates used by similar companies in the market.

Independent Auditor's Report (Cont'd)

KEY AUDIT MATTERS (Cont'd)

Key audit matter

How the matter was addressed in our audit

Impairment assessment of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, prepaid lease payments and intangible assets (Cont'd)

We focused on this area due to the significance of the balance, the existence of impairment indicators and the determination of recoverable amount of these assets, using value-in-use calculation, require significant judgements and estimates by management about the future results of the related business and the discount rate applied to the cash flow forecast.

Management's disclosures with regard to the estimation are set out in Note 4.6 to the consolidated financial statements whilst the disclosures in respect of the carrying values of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, prepaid lease payments and intangible assets are set out in Note 16, Note 17, Note 18 and Note 20 to the consolidated financial statements, respectively.

Independent Auditor's Report (Cont'd)

KEY AUDIT MATTERS (Cont'd)

Key audit matter

Impairment assessment on trade receivables and trade related amounts due from related companies (collectively referred to as "Trade-related-receivables")

We identified impairment assessment on Trade-related-receivables as a key audit matter due to the significance of the balances to the consolidated financial statements as a whole and the involvement of subjective judgement and management estimates in evaluating the expected credit losses ("ECL") of Trade-related-receivables at the end of the reporting period.

At 31 December 2023, the carrying amounts of trade receivables and trade related amounts due from related companies are RMB2,281,122,000 and RMB30,695,000, respectively, which represented approximately 41.5% and 0.6% of total assets of the Group.

As disclosed in Note 4.4 to the consolidated financial statements, the Group recognises ECL allowance based on valuations performed by the Valuer, by taking into account the credit loss experience, ageing, repayment history, past due status of trade receivables and an assessment of both the current and forecast general economic conditions, all of which involve a significant degree of management judgements.

How the matter was addressed in our audit

Our audit procedures in relation to the impairment assessment on Trade-related-receivables included the following:

- evaluated the competence, capabilities and objectivity of the Valuer and obtaining an understanding of their scope of work and their terms of engagement;
- tested the integrity of information provided by management to the Valuer to develop the provision matrix and individual assessment, including Trade-related-receivables ageing analysis as at 31 December 2023, on a sample basis, by comparing individual items in the analysis with the relevant sales orders, sales invoices and other supporting documents;
- assessed the arithmetical accuracy of management, the Valuer's basis and reasonableness of judgement in determining the ECL based on historical credit loss records and with reference to other factors that have been taken into consideration by management and the Valuer;
- assessed the reasonableness of Valuer's grouping of the Trade-related-receivables in the provision matrix, and the basis of estimated loss rate applied in each category in the provision matrix with reference to historical default rates and forward-looking information; and
- evaluated the disclosures regarding the impairment assessment of Trade-related-receivables in Notes 24 and 25 to the consolidated financial statements.

Independent Auditor's Report (Cont'd)

KEY AUDIT MATTERS (Cont'd)

Key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
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Impairment assessment on trade receivables and trade related amounts due from related companies (collectively referred to as "Trade-related-receivables") (Cont'd)

As disclosed in Notes 24 and 25 to the consolidated financial statements, the Group recognises an additional impairment amount of RMB2,081,000 (net of reversal) charged to profit or loss for Trade-related-receivables for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the Group's lifetime ECL on Trade-related-receivables as at 31 December 2023 amounted to RMB954,125,000.

OTHER INFORMATION

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the 2023 annual report, but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

The directors assisted by the Audit Committee are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Independent Auditor's Report (Cont'd)

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion 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.

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

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSA's, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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

Independent Auditor's Report (Cont'd)

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

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

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

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

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Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	NOTES	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Revenue	5	5,340,830	1,652,481
Cost of sales		(5,164,964)	(1,550,089)
Gross profit		175,866	102,392
Other income	6	50,591	24,978
Impairment losses, net	7	(6,408)	(1,010)
Other gains and losses	8	3,085	11,528
Selling and distribution expenses		(20,290)	(12,370)
Administrative expenses		(123,140)	(143,883)
Finance costs	9	(57,309)	(62,350)
Other expenses		(54,493)	(12,610)
Share of profit/(loss) of an associate	19	80,613	(17,406)
Profit/(Loss) before tax		48,515	(110,731)
Income tax expense	10	(7,444)	(5,098)
Profit/(Loss) for the year	11	41,071	(115,829)
Other comprehensive income:			
<i>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>			
Fair value gain on:			
Receivables measured at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI")	12	22	139
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year		41,093	(115,690)
Profit/(Loss) per share – Basic and diluted (RMB)	15	0.032	(0.090)

The notes on pages 75 to 148 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2023

	NOTES	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	16	1,121,871	1,197,268
Right-of-use assets	17	406,574	510,517
Prepaid lease payments	18	113,574	117,695
Interest in an associate	19	291,876	211,263
Intangible assets	20	535,341	603,379
Deferred tax assets	21	10,583	16,044
Loan to a shareholder	22	8,811	11,876
		2,488,630	2,668,042
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories	23	482,997	483,140
Trade and other receivables	24(a)	2,369,834	783,560
Receivables measured at FVTOCI	24(b)	–	3,278
Amounts due from related companies	25	30,720	10,433
Pledged/restricted bank deposits	26	105,083	148,619
Bank balances and cash	26	23,839	59,059
		3,012,473	1,488,089
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	27	545,134	601,464
Amounts due to related companies	28	88,682	23,924
Amount due to an associate	29	1,996,281	467,461
Borrowings due within one year	30	536,589	551,740
Lease liabilities	31	140,037	170,024
Tax payable		1,440	1,052
		3,308,163	1,815,665
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(295,690)	(327,576)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,192,940	2,340,466

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (Cont'd)

As at 31 December 2023

	NOTES	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Borrowings due after one year	30	64,235	108,184
Lease liabilities	31	397,797	537,835
Deferred income	32	14,889	19,521
		476,921	665,540
NET ASSETS			
		1,716,019	1,674,926
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	33	10,457	10,457
Reserves		1,705,562	1,664,469
TOTAL EQUITY			
		1,716,019	1,674,926

The notes on pages 75 to 148 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements on pages 69 to 148 were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") on 26 March 2024 and are signed on its behalf by:

Wu Xiao An (also known as Ng Siu On)
Director

Deng Han
Director

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Share capital	Share premium [#]	Special reserve [#]	Surplus reserves [#]	Deemed distribution to a shareholder [#]	Contribution from a shareholder [#]	FVTOCI reserve [#]	Retained profits [#]	Total
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
		(Note a)	(Note b)	(Note c)	(Note d)	(Note e)			
At 1 January 2022	10,457	700,258	193,457	395,372	(11,285)	8,319	(161)	494,199	1,790,616
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(115,829)	(115,829)
Other comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	139	-	139
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	139	(115,829)	(115,690)
Transfer of reserves	-	-	-	1,327	-	-	-	(1,327)	-
At 31 December 2022	10,457	700,258	193,457	396,699	(11,285)	8,319	(22)	377,043	1,674,926
At 1 January 2023	10,457	700,258	193,457	396,699	(11,285)	8,319	(22)	377,043	1,674,926
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,071	41,071
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	22
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	41,071	41,093
Transfer of reserves	-	-	-	4,776	-	-	-	(4,776)	-
At 31 December 2023	10,457	700,258	193,457	401,475	(11,285)	8,319	-	413,338	1,716,019

Notes:

- Share premium represents the difference between the par value of the share issued and the subscription and issue price of new shares in prior years.
- Special reserve represents the difference between paid-in capital of Mianyang Xincheng Engine Co., Limited* (綿陽新晨動力機械有限公司) (“Mianyang Xincheng”) and issued share capital of the Company arising from group reorganization.
- Surplus reserves comprise statutory surplus reserve and discretionary surplus reserve of Mianyang Xincheng, a major operating subsidiary of the Group, which are non-distributable and the transfer to these reserves is determined according to the relevant laws in the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”) and by the board of directors of Mianyang Xincheng in accordance with its Articles of Association. Statutory surplus reserve amounting to approximately RMB271,731,000 as at 31 December 2023 (2022: RMB266,955,000), can be used to make up for previous year’s losses or convert into additional capital of Mianyang Xincheng. Discretionary surplus reserve amounting to approximately RMB129,744,000 as at 31 December 2023 (2022: RMB129,744,000) can be used to expand the existing operations of Mianyang Xincheng.
- Deemed distribution to a shareholder represents the fair value adjustments on interest-free loan to a subsidiary of a joint controlling shareholder of Mianyang Xincheng in prior years.
- Contribution from a shareholder represents the fair value adjustments on shares awarded by Lead In Management Limited (“Lead In”) to a third party in prior years.

[#] The reserves accounts comprise the Group’s reserves of RMB1,705,562,000 (2022: RMB1,664,469,000) in the consolidated statement of financial position.

* English name for reference only.

The notes on pages 75 to 148 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit/(Loss) before tax	48,515	(110,731)
Adjustments for:		
Interest expenses	57,309	62,350
Interest income	(2,750)	(3,701)
Depreciation and amortisation	265,278	183,782
Amortisation of government grants	(4,632)	(5,714)
Provision for warranty	5,928	7,876
Provision for inventories, net	28,825	983
Impairment loss of property, plant and equipment	1,198	8,528
Impairment loss of intangible asset	-	6,907
Impairment loss on trade and other receivables and amounts due from related companies, net	2,081	1,010
Impairment loss on loan to a shareholder	4,327	-
Unrealised exchange (gain)/loss	(655)	8,938
Imputed interest income from loan to a shareholder	(1,014)	(936)
Waiver of long-outstanding trade and other payables	-	(11)
Share of result of an associate	(80,613)	17,406
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(1,950)	(4,360)
Gain arising from sale and leaseback transactions	-	(12,674)
Gain on disposal of intangible assets	-	(4,000)
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	321,847	155,653
Increase in inventories	(28,682)	(12,237)
Increase in trade and other receivables	(1,591,726)	(661,894)
Decrease in receivables measured at FVTOCI	3,300	9,811
Decrease in trade and other payables	(62,258)	(262,907)
(Increase)/Decrease in amounts due from related companies	(16,916)	161,695
Increase/(Decrease) in amounts due to related companies	64,525	(43,879)
Increase in amount due to an associate	1,528,820	476,501
Cash generated from/(used in) operations	218,910	(177,257)
Income tax (paid)/recoverable	(1,595)	1,008
NET CASH GENERATED FROM/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	217,315	(176,249)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received	2,750	3,701
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(21,963)	(63,058)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	3,900	16,024
Proceeds from disposal of intangible assets	15,566	37,000
Proceeds from sale and leaseback transactions	-	319,349
Development costs paid	(10,530)	(24,364)
Decrease in pledged/restricted bank deposits	43,536	125,318
NET CASH GENERATED FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	33,259	413,970

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (Cont'd)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Interest paid	(57,309)	(71,964)
New borrowings raised	313,255	378,976
Repayment of borrowings	(371,948)	(469,455)
Payment of lease liabilities	(170,025)	(29,831)
Advance from related companies	233	759
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(285,794)	(191,515)
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(35,220)	46,206
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	59,059	12,853
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR, represented by bank balances and cash	23,839	59,059

Note:

The Group entered into the following non-cash operating activities which are not reflected in the consolidated statement of cash flows:

- (a) During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group entered into sales and leaseback agreement in which additions to right-of-use assets and lease liabilities amounting to RMB542,099,000 (Note 17) and RMB733,438,000 (Note 36) were recognised at the lease commencement date, respectively.
- (b) During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group completed the transfer of other assets of RMB213,696,000 to Sichuan Li Xinchun Technology Co., Ltd* (四川理想新晨科技有限公司) ("Li Xinchun") for capital injection with value added tax payable of RMB26,307,000, offsetting the construction payable of RMB2,294,000 which was recognised as "Other payables" settled by Li Xinchun and intercompany balance with Li Xinchun of RMB9,040,000 which was recognised as "Amount due to an associate". The total amount of RMB228,669,000 was recognised in "Interest in an associate" (Note 19) as at 31 December 2022.
- (c) During the year ended 31 December 2022, the net consideration of RMB319,349,000 received from the sale and leaseback transaction which represent the difference between the sales consideration of RMB925,864,000, reduced by the value added tax of RMB106,515,000 and the repayment of the borrowing from BMW Brilliance Automotive Ltd.* (華晨寶馬汽車有限公司) ("BMW Brilliance Automotive") amounted to RMB500,000,000.

* English name for reference only.

The notes on pages 75 to 148 are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated as an exempted company with limited liability in the Cayman Islands under the Companies Act (Revised) of the Cayman Islands on 10 March 2011. Brilliance China Automotive Holdings Limited (“Brilliance China”, Brilliance China and its subsidiaries collectively referred to as “Brilliance China Group”), a company listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”), and Sichuan Province Yibin Wuliangye Group Co., Ltd.* (四川省宜賓五糧液集團有限公司) (“Wuliangye”, Wuliangye and its subsidiaries collectively referred to as “Wuliangye Group”), a state owned enterprise registered in the PRC, are able to exercise significant influence over the Company. Huachen Automotive Group Holdings Company Limited* (華晨汽車集團控股有限公司) (“Huachen Automotive”, Huachen Automotive and its subsidiaries collectively referred to as “Huachen Group”) was a controlling shareholder of Brilliance China. Subsequent to the date of reporting period on 15 March 2024, Shenyang Automobile Co., Ltd.* (瀋陽汽車有限公司) has become the substantial shareholder of Brilliance China.

In March 2013, the Company completed the listing of its shares on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange. The addresses of the registered office and the principal place of business of the Company are disclosed in corporate information section of the annual report.

The principal activities of the Group are the development, manufacture and sale of automotive engines for passenger vehicles and light duty commercial vehicles and manufacture of engine parts and components of passenger vehicles in the PRC. The principal activities of the Company’s subsidiaries are set out in Note 44.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi (“RMB”), which is same as the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries.

* *English name for reference only.*

2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HKFRSs

2.1 New and amended HKFRSs that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023

In the current year, the Group has applied for the first time the following new and amended HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA, which are relevant to the Group’s operations and effective for the Group’s consolidated financial statements for the annual period beginning on 1 January 2023:

HKFRS 17	Insurance Contracts and related amendments
Amendments to Hong Kong Accounting Standard (“HKAS”) 1 and HKFRS Practice Statement 2	Disclosure of Accounting Policies
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

The adoption of the new and amended HKFRSs had no material impact on how the results and financial position of the Group for the current and prior periods have been prepared and presented.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

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2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HKFRSs (Cont'd)

2.2 Issued but not yet effective HKFRSs

At the date of authorisation of these consolidated financial statements, certain new and amended HKFRSs have been published but are not yet effective, and have not been adopted early by the Group.

Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28	Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture ³
Amendments to HKFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback ¹
Amendments to HKAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 ¹
Amendments to HKAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants ¹
Amendments to HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7	Supplier Finance Arrangements ¹
Amendments to HKAS 21	Lack of Exchangeability ²

¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024

² Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025

³ Effective date not yet determined

The directors anticipate that all of the pronouncements will be adopted in the Group's accounting policy for the first period beginning on or after the effective date of the pronouncement. Information on new and amended HKFRSs that are expected to have impact on the Group's accounting policies is provided below. Other new and amended HKFRSs are not expected to have a material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 "Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture"

The amendments remove an acknowledged inconsistency between the requirements in HKFRS 10 "Consolidated Financial Statements" and those in HKAS 28 "Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures" in dealing with the sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture and require that a full gain or loss is recognised when a transaction involves a business (whether it is housed in a subsidiary or not). A partial gain or loss is recognised when a transaction involves assets that do not constitute a business, even if these assets are housed in a subsidiary.

The effective date of the amendments has been postponed indefinitely with earlier adoption permitted. The directors expect that the amendments have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

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2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HKFRSs (Cont'd)

2.2 Issued but not yet effective HKFRSs (Cont'd)

Amendments to HKFRS 16 "Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback"

The amendments specify that, in subsequent measurement of the lease liability arising from a sale and leaseback transaction (where the transaction qualifies as a sale under HKFRS 15), a seller-lessee determines "lease payments" and "revised lease payments" in a way that does not result in the recognition of a gain or loss that relates to the right of use it retains. It would reduce the lease liability as if the "lease payments" estimated at the date of transaction had been paid. Any difference between those lease payments and the amounts actually paid is recognised in profit or loss. The amendments do not prescribe a particular method of subsequent measurement. The seller-lessee will need to develop and apply an accounting policy that results in relevant and reliable information in accordance with HKAS 8.

The illustrative examples to HKFRS 16 have also been amended. Example 24 now illustrates a sale and leaseback transaction with fixed payments and above-market terms. A new Example 25 illustrates a sale and leaseback transaction with variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate. The illustrative examples also clarify that the liability, that arise from a sale and leaseback transaction that qualifies as a sale applying HKFRS 15, is a lease liability.

Amendments to HKFRS 16 are effective for annual reporting period beginning on or after 1 January 2024 and are applied by seller-lessee retrospectively to sale and leaseback transactions entered into after the date of initial application of HKFRS 16. Earlier application is permitted. The directors expect that the amendments have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to HKAS 1 "Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current" ("2020 Amendments") and related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 and Amendments to HKAS 1 "Non-current Liabilities with Covenants" ("2022 Amendments")

The amendments provide further guidance to clarify how to classify debt and other liabilities as current or non-current which are summarised as follows:

- It clarifies that a liability is non-current if an entity has a right (instead of unconditional right as stated before the amendments) to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months from the end of the reporting period. This right has to be existed at the end of the reporting period, regardless of whether the lender tests for compliance at the date or at a later date;
- Any expectations about events after the reporting period do not impact the assessment made at the end of the reporting period as to the classification of the liability; and
- "Settlements" are newly defined as a transfer to the counterparty that results in the extinguishment of the liability. The transfer could be of cash, other economic resources (e.g. goods or services), or entity's own equity instruments. Thus, if the counterparty conversion option is classified as liability under HKAS 32 "Financial Instruments: Presentation", the transfer of equity instruments by exercising the conversion option constitute settlement of liability for the purpose of current or non-current classification of liabilities. One exception to the definition is that if the counterparty conversion option is classified as equity in accordance with HKAS 32, the transfer of equity instruments by exercising the conversion option does not constitute settlement of liability and would be disregarded when determining whether the liability is current or non-current.

2022 Amendments issued in 2022 clarified that only covenants of a liability arising from a loan arrangement, which an entity must comply with on or before the reporting date (even if the covenant is only assessed after the reporting date) affect the classification of that liability as current or non-current. Those covenants to be complied with after the reporting date do not affect such classification at the reporting date.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

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2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HKFRSs (Cont'd)

2.2 Issued but not yet effective HKFRSs (Cont'd)

Amendments to HKAS 1 “Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current” (“2020 Amendments”) and related amendments to Hong Kong Interpretation 5 and Amendments to HKAS 1 “Non-current Liabilities with Covenants” (“2022 Amendments”) (Cont'd)

Besides, the 2022 Amendments required an entity to provide additional disclosure when a liability arising from a loan agreement is classified as non-current and the entity's right to defer settlement is contingent on compliance with future covenants within twelve months.

The 2022 Amendments also deferred the effective date of the 2020 Amendments to the annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024, in which both amendments are to be applied as a package and apply retrospectively. Earlier application is permitted. The directors expect that the amendments have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7 “Supplier Finance Arrangements”

The amendments to HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7 clarify the characteristics of supplier finance arrangement (“SFA”) and require additional disclosures to enhance the transparency of SFAs and their effects on an entity's liabilities, cash flows and exposure to liquidity risk.

The additional disclosures required by the amendments complement the existing disclosures in HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7. They require entities to disclose:

- the terms and conditions of the arrangement;
- the amount of the liabilities that are part of the arrangement, breaking out the amounts for which the suppliers have already received payment from the finance providers, and stating where the liabilities are included on the statement of financial position;
- ranges of payment due dates; and
- liquidity risk information.

The amendments, with certain specific transition reliefs, are applicable for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024. Earlier application is permitted. The directors expect that the amendments have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements because the Group does not have SFA.

Amendments to HKAS 21 “Lack of Exchangeability”

The amendments to HKAS 21 clarify the approach that should be taken by entities when they are reporting foreign currency transactions, translating foreign operations, or presenting financial statements in a different currency, and there is a long-term lack of exchangeability between the relevant currencies.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

2. APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO HKFRSs (Cont'd)

2.2 Issued but not yet effective HKFRSs (Cont'd)

Amendments to HKAS 21 "Lack of Exchangeability" (Cont'd)

The amendments:

- a) introduce a definition of whether a currency is exchangeable and the process by which an entity should assess this exchangeability (i.e. a currency is exchangeable when there is an ability to obtain the other currency (with a normal administrative delay), and the transaction would take place through a market or exchange mechanism that creates enforceable rights and obligations); and
- b) set out a framework under which an entity can determine the spot exchange rate at the measurement date (by an observable exchange rate without adjustment or another estimation technique) when a currency lacks exchangeability.

Besides, the amendments also require an entity to disclose the additional information when it estimates a spot exchange rate due to lack of exchangeability.

The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025. Earlier application is permitted. The directors expect that the amendments have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

2.3 New HKICPA guidance on the accounting implication of the Mandatory Provident Fund ("MPF") – Long Service Payment ("LSP") offsetting mechanism

In June 2022, the Hong Kong SAR Government gazetted the Employment and Retirement Schemes Legislation (Offsetting Arrangement) (Amendment) Ordinance 2022 (the "Amendment Ordinance"), which will take effect on 1 May 2025 (the "Transition Date"). The Amendment Ordinance abolishes the use of the accrued benefits derived from employers' mandatory MPF contributions to offset LSP in respect of an employee's service from the Transition Date (the "Abolition"). In addition, the last month's salary immediately preceding the Transition Date is used to calculate the portion of the LSP in respect of the employment period before the Transition Date.

Prior to 1 January 2023, the Group applied practical expedient in paragraph 93(b) of HKAS 19 (the "Practical Expedient") to account for the offsettable MPF benefits as deemed employee contributions to reduce the current service costs in the period in which the related services were rendered.

In July 2023, the HKICPA published "Accounting implications of the abolition of the MPF-LSP offsetting mechanism in Hong Kong" ("the Guidance") that provides guidance for the accounting for the offsetting mechanism and the impact arising from the abolition of the MPF-LSP offsetting mechanism.

By following the Guidance, the Group has changed its accounting policy in connection with its LSP obligations. As a result of the Abolition, these contributions are no longer considered "linked solely to the employee's service in that period" since the employer's mandatory MPF contribution after the Transition Date can still be used to offset the pre-transition LSP obligation. Therefore, the Group ceased to apply the Practical Expedient and reattribute the deemed employee contributions to periods of service in the same manner as the gross LSP benefit by applying paragraph 93(a) of HKAS 192. This change in accounting policy upon the cessation in applying the Practical Expedient has resulted in a catch-up adjustment in profit or loss in June 2022 for the service cost up to that date and consequential impacts on current service cost, interest expense and remeasurement effects from changes in actuarial assumptions for the rest of 2022, with the corresponding adjustment to the carrying amount of the LSP obligations during the year ended 31 December 2022. This change in accounting policy did not have any impact on the opening balance of equity as at 1 January 2022, and the earnings per share amounts for the year ended 31 December 2022. It also did not have a material impact on the company-level statements of financial position as at 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2023.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

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3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

3.1 Basis of preparation

These annual consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with HKFRSs which collective term includes all applicable individual HKFRSs, HKAS and Interpretations issued by the HKICPA and the accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

The financial statements also comply with the applicable disclosure requirements of the CO and include the applicable disclosure requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange ("Listing Rules").

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for receivables measured at FVTOCI that are measured at fair values at the end of each reporting period. The measurement bases are fully described in the accounting policies below.

It should be noted that accounting estimates and assumptions are used in preparation of the consolidated financial statements. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge and judgement of current events and actions, actual results may ultimately differ from those estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements are disclosed in Note 4.

3.2 Going concern assumption

In preparing the consolidated financial statements of the Group, the directors of the Company have given consideration to the future liquidity of the Group, as at that date, the Group had net current liabilities of approximately RMB295,690,000.

As at 31 December 2023, the Group's total borrowings comprising bank and other borrowings and lease liabilities amounting to approximately RMB1,138,658,000. The balance of approximately RMB676,626,000 will be due in the coming twelve months from the end of the reporting period, including the borrowing of approximately RMB50,000,000 from a non-related party, which shall be due after twelve months from the end of reporting period in accordance with the scheduled repayment dates as set out in the respective loan agreements but are reclassified to current liabilities due to the unfulfillment of a loan covenant following the deterioration of the financial conditions of Huachen Automotive, the guarantor of this borrowing, and thereby triggered the default of this borrowing of the Group; accordingly, this borrowing became repayable on demand as at 31 December 2023.

Despite of these circumstances, the consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis on the assumption that the Group is able to operate as a going concern for the foreseeable future. In the opinion of the directors of the Company, the Group can meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due within the next year from the end of the reporting period, after taking into consideration of the measures and arrangements that the Group has implemented or is in the process of implementing as detailed below:

- The substantial shareholder, Brilliance China has undertaken to provide continuing financial support to the Group for a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the consolidated financial statements by the directors in order to maintain the Group as a going concern;
- The Group is in negotiation with financial institutions for the renewals of the Group's short term bank borrowings upon expiry, new borrowings and applying for future credit facilities. As at 31 December 2023, the Group had available unutilised bank facilities of RMB193,048,000. Up to the date of approval of these consolidated financial statements, the banks have shown the positive support on the Group and the Group has not received any demand notice from the banks for the repayment of the borrowing. Therefore, the directors of the Company are confident that the entire borrowings can be renewed upon expiration based on the Group's past experience and credit history; and
- The directors have evaluated all the relevant facts available to them and made a business plan to improve its liquidity by (i) monitoring the production activities in order to fulfill the forecast production volume and meet sales forecast, (ii) taking measures to tighten cost controls over various production costs and expenses, and (iii) any feasible financial arrangement.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

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3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3.2 Going concern assumption (Cont'd)

The directors of the Company have reviewed the Group's cash flow forecast prepared by management, which covers a period of twelve months from the end of the reporting period. They are of the opinion that, taking into account the above-mentioned plans and measures, the Group will have sufficient cash resources to satisfy its working capital and other financial obligations for the next twelve months from the end of the reporting period after having taken into account of the Group's projected cash flows, current financial resources and capital expenditure requirements with respect to the production facilities and development of its business. Accordingly, the directors are of the opinion that it is appropriate to prepare the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 on a going concern basis.

Notwithstanding the above, significant uncertainties exist as to whether the management of the Company will be able to achieve its plans and measures as described above. Whether the Group will be able to continue as a going concern would depend upon the Group's ability to generate adequate financing and operating cash flows in the near future and obtain the continuous financial support from its substantial shareholder.

Should the going concern assumption be inappropriate, adjustments may have to be made to write down the values of assets to their recoverable amounts, to provide for any further liabilities that might arise, and to reclassify non-current assets and non-current liabilities as current assets and current liabilities, respectively. The effects of these adjustments have not been reflected in the consolidated financial statements.

3.3 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries. Control is achieved when the Company:

- has power over the investee;
- is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and
- has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

The Group reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control listed above.

Intra-group transactions, balances and unrealised gains and losses on transactions between group companies are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Where unrealized losses on sales of intra-group asset are reversed on consolidation, the underlying asset is also tested for impairment from the Group's perspective. Amounts reported in the financial statements of subsidiaries have been adjusted where necessary to ensure consistency with the accounting policies adopted by the Group.

In the Company's statement of financial position, subsidiaries are carried at cost less any impairment loss. Cost also includes direct attributable costs of investment.

The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company on the basis of dividends received and receivable at the end of the reporting period. All dividends whether received out of the investee's pre or post-acquisition profits are recognized in the Company's profit or loss.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3.4 Associates

An associate is an entity over which the Group has significant influence, which is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee but is not control of those policies.

In consolidated financial statements, an investment in an associate is initially recognised at cost and subsequently accounted for using the equity method. Any excess of the cost of acquisition over the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the associate recognised at the date of acquisition is recognised as goodwill. The goodwill is included within the carrying amount of the investment and is assessed for impairment as part of the investment. The cost of acquisition is measured at the aggregate of the fair values, at the date of exchange, of assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed and equity instruments issued by the Group, plus any costs directly attributable to the investment. Any excess of the Group's share of the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities over the cost of acquisition, after reassessment, is recognised immediately in profit or loss in the determination of the Group's share of the associate's profit or loss in the period in which the investment is acquired.

Under the equity method, the Group's interest in the associate is carried at cost and adjusted for the post-acquisition changes in the Group's share of the associate's net assets less any identified impairment loss, unless it is classified as held for sale (or included in a disposal group that is classified as held for sale). The profit or loss for the year includes the Group's share of the post-acquisition, post-tax results of the associate for the year, including any impairment loss on the investment in associate recognised for the year. The Group's other comprehensive income for the year includes its share of the associate's other comprehensive income for the year.

Unrealised gains on transactions between the Group and its associate are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the associates. Where unrealised losses on assets sales between the Group and its associate are reversed on equity accounting, the underlying asset is also tested for impairment from the Group's perspective. Where the associate uses accounting policies other than those of the Group for like transactions and events in similar circumstances, adjustments are made, where necessary, to conform the associate's accounting policies to those of the Group when the associate's financial statements are used by the Group in applying the equity method.

When the Group's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, the Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate. For this purpose, the Group's interest in the associate is the carrying amount of the investment under the equity method together with the Group's other long-term interests that in substance form part of the Group's net investment in the associate, after applying the expected credit loss ("ECL") model to such other long-term interests where applicable.

After the application of equity method, the Group determines whether it is necessary to recognise an additional impairment loss on the Group's investment in its associate. At the end of each reporting period, the Group determines whether there is any objective evidence that the investment in associate is impaired. If such indications are identified, the Group calculates the amount of impairment as being the difference between the recoverable amount (i.e. higher of value in use and fair value less costs of disposal) of the associate and its carrying amount. In determining the value in use of the investment, the Group estimates its share of the present value of the estimated future cash flows expected to be generated by the associate, including cash flows arising from the operations of the associate and the proceeds on ultimate disposal of the investment.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Cont'd)

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3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3.4 Associates (Cont'd)

The Group discontinues the use of equity method from the date when it ceases to have significant influence over an associate. If the retained interest in that former associate is a financial asset, the retained interest is measured at fair value, which is regarded as its fair value on initial recognition as a financial asset in accordance with HKFRS 9. The difference between (i) the fair value of any retained interest and any proceeds from disposing of partial interest in the associate; and (ii) the carrying amount of the investment at the date the equity method was discontinued, is recognised in the profit or loss. In addition, the Group accounts for all amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in relation to that associate on the same basis as would have been required if the associate had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. Therefore, if a gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income by the investee would be reclassified to profit or loss on the disposal of the related assets or liabilities, the entity reclassifies the gain or loss from equity to profit or loss (as a reclassification adjustment) when the equity method is discontinued.

3.5 Revenue recognition

Revenue arises mainly from the sales of engines and engine components.

To determine whether to recognise revenue, the Group follows a 5-step process:

1. Identifying the contract with a customer
2. Identifying the performance obligations
3. Determining the transaction price
4. Allocating the transaction price to the performance obligations
5. Recognising revenue when/as performance obligation(s) are satisfied

In all cases, the total transaction price for a contract is allocated amongst the various performance obligations based on their relative stand-alone selling prices. The transaction price for a contract excludes any amounts collected on behalf of third parties.

Revenue is recognised either at a point in time or over time, when (or as) the Group satisfies performance obligations by transferring the promised goods or services to its customers.

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3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3.5 Revenue recognition (Cont'd)

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

Sales of engines and engine components

Revenue from the sales of engines and engine components for a fixed fee is recognised when or as the Group transfers control of the assets to the customer. Invoices for goods or services transferred are due upon receipt by the customer.

Sales-related warranties associated with engines and engine components cannot be purchased separately and are served as an assurance that the products sold comply with agreed-upon specifications (i.e. assurance-type warranties). Accordingly, the Group accounts for warranties in accordance with HKAS 37 "Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets".

Principal versus agent

When another party is involved in providing goods to a customer, the Group determines whether the nature of its promise is a performance obligation to provide the specified goods itself (i.e. the Group is a principal) or to arrange for those goods to be provided by the other party (i.e. the Group is an agent).

The Group is a principal if it controls the specified good before that goods or services is transferred to a customer.

Interest income

Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method. For financial assets measured at amortised cost or FVTOCI (recycling) that are not credit-impaired, the effective interest rate is applied to the gross carrying amount of the asset. For credit-impaired financial assets, the effective interest rate is applied to the amortised cost (i.e. gross carrying amount net of ECL allowance) of the asset.

Rental income

Accounting policies for rental income are set out in Note 3.6.

3.6 Leases

(a) *Definition of a lease and the Group as a lessee*

At inception of a contract, the Group considers whether a contract is, or contains a lease. A lease is defined as 'a contract, or part of a contract, that conveys the right to use an identified asset (the underlying asset) for a period of time in exchange for consideration'. To apply this definition, the Group assesses whether the contract meets three key evaluations which are whether:

- the contract contains an identified asset, which is either explicitly identified in the contract or implicitly specified by being identified at the time the asset is made available to the Group;
- the Group has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the identified asset throughout the period of use, considering its rights within the defined scope of the contract; and
- the Group has the right to direct the use of the identified asset throughout the period of use. The Group assesses whether it has the right to direct 'how and for what purpose' the asset is used throughout the period of use.

For contracts that contains a lease component and one or more additional lease or non-lease components, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease and non-lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone prices. However, for leases of properties in which the Group is a lessee, the Group elected not to separate non-lease components and will instead account for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

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3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3.6 Leases (Cont'd)

(a) Definition of a lease and the Group as a lessee (Cont'd)

Measurement and recognition of leases as a lessee

At lease commencement date, the Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability on the consolidated statement of financial position. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which is made up of the initial measurement of the lease liability, any initial direct costs incurred by the Group, an estimate of any costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset at the end of the lease, and any lease payments made in advance of the lease commencement date (net of any lease incentives received).

The Group depreciates the right-of-use assets on a straight-line basis from the lease commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term unless the Group is reasonably certain to obtain ownership at the end of the lease term. The Group also assesses the right-of-use asset for impairment when such indicator exists.

At the commencement date, the Group measures the lease liability at the present value of the lease payments unpaid at that date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Group's incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are made up of fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable payments based on an index or rate, and amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Group and payment of penalties for terminating a lease, if the lease term reflects the Group exercising the option to terminate.

Subsequent to initial measurement, the liability will be reduced for lease payments made and increased for interest cost on the lease liability. It is remeasured to reflect any reassessment or lease modification, or if there are changes in in-substance fixed payments. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as expense in the period on which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

The Group remeasures lease liabilities whenever:

- there are changes in lease term or in the assessment of exercise of a purchase option, in which case the related lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the date of reassessment.
- the lease payment changes due to changes in market rental rates following a market rent review, in which cases the related lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using the initial discount rate.

For lease modification that is not accounted for as a separate lease, the Group remeasures the lease liability based on the lease term of the modified lease by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the effective date of modification.

When the lease is remeasured, the corresponding adjustment is reflected in the right-of-use asset, or profit and loss if the right-of-use asset is already reduced to zero.

On the consolidated statement of financial position, right-of-use assets have been presented as a separate line. The prepaid lease payments for leasehold land are presented as "Prepaid lease payments" under non-current assets.

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3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3.6 Leases (Cont'd)

(b) *The Group as a lessor*

As a lessor, the Group classifies its leases as operating leases.

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset, and classified as an operating lease if it does not.

The Group also earns rental income from operating leases of its buildings. Rental income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Rental income from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to enter into an operating lease are recognised as a liability and as a reduction of rental expense over the lease term on a straight line basis.

(c) *Sale and leaseback transactions*

The Group as a seller-lessee

For a transfer that satisfies the requirements as a sale in accordance with HKFRS 15, the Group as a seller-lessee measures the right-of-use asset arising from the leaseback at the proportion of the previous carrying amount of the asset and recognises any gain or loss that relates to the rights transferred to the buyer-lessor only. Right of use asset and lease liability with fixed payments are subsequently measured in accordance with the Group's accounting policies above.

3.7 Foreign currencies

In preparing the financial statements of each individual group entity, transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of that entity (foreign currencies) are recorded in the respective functional currency (i.e. the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates) at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates of the transactions. At the end of the reporting period, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at that date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated (i.e. only translated using the exchange rates at the transaction date).

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items, and on the retranslation of monetary items, are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

3.8 Borrowing costs

All borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

3.9 Government grants

Government grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the Group will comply with the conditions attaching to them and that the grants will be received.

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3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3.9 Government grants (Cont'd)

Government grants are recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Group recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate. Specifically, government grants whose primary condition is that the Group should purchase, construct or otherwise acquire non-current assets are recognised as “Deferred income” in the consolidated statement of financial position and transferred to profit or loss over the useful lives of the related assets.

Government grants that are receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the Group with no future related costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they become receivable.

Government grants relating to income is presented in gross under “Other income” in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

3.10 Employee benefits

Retirement benefit

Retirement benefits to employees are provided through defined contribution plans. In addition, the employees employed under the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance are also entitled to LSP if the eligibility criteria are met. The LSP are defined benefits plans.

Short-term and other long-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits are recognised at the undiscounted amount of the benefits expected to be paid as and when employees rendered the services. All short-term employee benefits are recognised as an expense unless another HKFRS requires or permits the inclusion of the benefit in the cost of an asset.

A liability is recognised for benefits accruing to employees (such as wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave) after deducting any amount already paid.

3.11 Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit before tax because of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Current tax assets and current tax liabilities are presented in net if, and only if,

- (a) the Group has the legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts; and
- (b) intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3.11 Taxation (Cont'd)

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax base used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable nor the accounting profit or loss and does not give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries and an associate, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences associated with such investments are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that there will be sufficient taxable profits against which to utilise the benefits of the temporary differences and they are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

For leasing transactions in which the tax deductions are attributable to the lease liabilities, the Group applies the requirements in HKAS 12 to the lease liabilities and the related assets separately. The Group recognises a deferred tax asset related to the lease liabilities to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary difference can be utilised and a deferred tax liability for all taxable temporary differences.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of the reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

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

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Current and deferred tax is recognised in profit or loss, except when it relates to items that are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case the current and deferred tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively. Where current tax or deferred tax arises from the initial accounting for a business combination, the tax effect is included in the accounting for the business combination.

3.12 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment including buildings held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, or for administrative purposes (other than construction in progress as described below) are stated in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost less subsequent accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

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3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3.12 Property, plant and equipment (Cont'd)

Properties in the course of construction for production, supply or administrative purposes are carried at cost, less any recognised impairment loss. Costs include professional fees. Such properties are classified to the appropriate categories of property, plant and equipment when completed and ready for intended use. Depreciation of these assets, on the same basis as other property assets, commences when the assets are ready for their intended use.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost of items of property, plant and equipment other than construction in progress less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in profit or loss.

3.13 Prepaid lease payments

Prepaid lease payments (which meet the definition of right-of-use assets) represent the upfront payment for long-term land lease in which the payment can be reliably measured. It is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis over the term of the lease except where an alternative basis is more representative of the time pattern of benefits to be derived by the Group from use of the land.

3.14 Intangible assets

Internally-generated intangible assets – research and development expenditure

Expenditure on research activities is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred.

An internally-generated intangible asset arising from development activities (or from the development phase of an internal project) is recognised if, and only if, all of the following have been demonstrated:

- the technical feasibility of completing the intangible asset so that it will be available for use or sale;
- the intention to complete the intangible asset and use or sell it;
- the ability to use or sell the intangible asset;
- how the intangible asset will generate probable future economic benefits;
- the availability of adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the intangible asset; and
- the ability to measure reliably the expenditure attributable to the intangible asset during its development.

The amount initially recognised for internally-generated intangible assets is the sum of the expenditure incurred from the date when the intangible asset first meets the recognition criteria listed above. Where no internally-generated intangible asset can be recognised, development expenditure is charged to profit or loss in the period in which it is incurred.

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3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3.14 Intangible assets (Cont'd)

Subsequent to initial recognition, internally-generated intangible assets are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation for intangible assets with finite useful lives is recognised on a straight-line basis over their unit of production by reference to the expected saleable units of respective automotive engines. The expected saleable units are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis.

3.15 Impairment of tangible and intangible assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets with finite useful lives to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss, if any.

The recoverable amount of tangible and intangible assets are estimated individually. When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs. Where a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be identified, corporate assets are also allocated to individual cash-generating units, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of cash-generating units for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis can be identified.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair values less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or a cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or a cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss. In allocation the impairment loss, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill (if applicable) and then to the other assets on a pro-rate basis based on the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

3.16 Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventories are determined on a weighted average method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price for inventories less all estimated costs of completion and costs necessary to make the sale.

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3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3.17 Provision for warranty

Provision for warranty is recognised when the Group has a present obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that the Group will be required to settle that obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Provision for warranty is measured at the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision for warranty is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows (where the effect of the time value of money is material).

All provisions are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate.

3.18 Financial instruments

Recognition and derecognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and substantially all of its risks and rewards are transferred. A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled or expires.

Financial assets

Classification and initial measurement of financial assets

Except for those receivables that do not contain a significant financing component and are measured at the transaction price in accordance with HKFRS 15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers", all financial assets are initially measured at fair value, in case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"), plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at FVTPL are expensed in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Financial assets, other than those designated and effective as hedging instruments, are classified into the following categories:

- amortised cost;
- FVTPL; or
- FVTOCI.

The classification is determined by both:

- the entity's business model for managing the financial asset; and
- the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset.

All income and expenses relating to financial assets that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance costs, other income or other gains and losses, except for ECL of financial assets which are presented as a separate item in profit or loss.

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3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3.18 Financial instruments (Cont'd)

Financial assets (Cont'd)

Subsequent measurement of financial assets

Debt investments

Financial assets at amortised cost

Financial assets are measured at amortised cost if the assets meet the following conditions (and are not designated as FVTPL):

- they are held within a business model whose objective is to hold the financial assets and collect its contractual cash flows; and
- the contractual terms of the financial assets give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest income from these financial assets is included in other income in profit or loss. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. The Group's bank balances and cash, pledged/restricted bank deposits trade and other receivables, loan to a shareholder and amounts due from related companies fall into this category of financial instruments.

Financial assets at FVTOCI – recycling

If the contractual cash flows of the investment comprise solely payments of principal and interest and the investment is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both the collection of contractual cash flows and sale. Changes in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income, except for the recognition in profit or loss of ECL, interest income (calculated using the effective interest method) and foreign exchange gains and losses. When the investment is derecognised, the amount accumulated in other comprehensive income is recycled from equity to profit or loss. The Group's receivables classified as at FVTOCI fall into this category of financial instruments.

Subsequent changes in the carrying amounts for receivables classified as at FVTOCI as a result of interest income calculated using the effective interest method are recognised in profit or loss. All other changes in the carrying amount of these receivables are recognised in other comprehensive income ("OCI") and accumulated under the heading of FVTOCI reserve. Impairment allowances are recognised in profit or loss with corresponding adjustment to OCI without reducing the carrying amounts of these receivables, if any. The amounts that are recognised in profit or loss are the same as the amounts that would have been recognised in profit or loss if these receivables had been measured at amortised cost. When these receivables are derecognised, the cumulative gains or losses previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss.

Financial liabilities

Classification and measurement of financial liabilities

The Group's financial liabilities include borrowings, lease liabilities, trade and other payables and amounts due to related companies.

Financial liabilities other than lease liabilities are initially measured at fair value, and, where applicable, adjusted for transaction costs.

Subsequently, financial liabilities other than lease liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3.18 Financial instruments (Cont'd)

Financial liabilities (Cont'd)

Classification and measurement of financial liabilities (Cont'd)

All interest-related charges and, if applicable, changes in an instrument's fair value that are reported in profit or loss are included within finance costs.

Accounting policies of lease liabilities are set out in Note 3.6.

Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortised cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Other financial liabilities

They are recognised initially at their fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

3.19 Impairment of financial assets

HKFRS 9's impairment requirements use forward-looking information to recognise ECL – the “ECL model”. Instruments within the scope included loans and other debt-type financial assets measured at amortised cost and FVTOCI and trade receivables.

The Group considers a broader range of information when assessing credit risk and measuring ECL, including past events, current conditions, reasonable and supportable forecasts that affect the expected collectability of the future cash flows of the instrument.

In applying this forward-looking approach, a distinction is made between:

- financial instruments that have not deteriorated significantly in credit quality since initial recognition or that have low credit risk (“Stage 1”) and
- financial instruments that have deteriorated significantly in credit quality since initial recognition and whose credit risk is not low (“Stage 2”).

“Stage 3” would cover financial assets that have objective evidence of impairment at the reporting date.

“12-month ECL” are recognised for the Stage 1 category while “lifetime ECL” are recognised for the Stage 2 category.

Measurement of the ECL is determined by a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses over the expected life of the financial instrument.

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3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3.19 Impairment of financial assets (Cont'd)

Trade and bills receivables

For trade receivables and bills receivables, the Group applies a simplified approach in calculating ECL and recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECL at each reporting date. These are the expected shortfalls in contractual cash flows, considering the potential for default at any point during the life of the financial assets. In calculating the ECL, the Group has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience and external indicators, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

To measure the ECL, trade and bills receivables have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due.

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost and receivables measured at FVTOCI

The Group measures the loss allowance for other receivables, amounts due from related companies and receivables measured at FVTOCI equal to 12-month ECL, unless when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the Group recognises lifetime ECL. The assessment of whether lifetime ECL should be recognised is based on significant increase in the likelihood of risk of default occurring since initial recognition.

In assessing whether the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial assets at the reporting date with the risk of default occurring on the financial assets at the date of initial recognition. In making this assessment, the Group considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort.

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

- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the financial instrument's external (if available) or internal credit rating;
- significant deterioration in external market indicators of credit risk, e.g. a significant increase in the credit spread, the credit default swap prices for the debtor;
- existing or forecast adverse changes in regulatory, business, financial or economic conditions, or technology environment that are expected to cause a significant decrease in the debtor's ability to meet its debt obligations; and
- an actual or expected significant deterioration in the operating results of the debtor.

Irrespective of the outcome of the above assessment, the Group presumes that the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due, unless the Group has reasonable and supportable information that demonstrates otherwise.

Despite the foregoing, the Group assumes that the credit risk on a debt instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the debt instrument is determined to have low credit risk at the end of each reporting period. A debt instrument is determined to have low credit risk if it has a low risk of default, the borrower has strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term and adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfill its contractual cash flow obligations.

For internal credit risk management, the Group considers an event of default occurs when (i) information developed internally or obtained from external sources indicates that the debtor is unlikely to pay its creditors, including the Group, in full (without taking into account any collateral held by the Group); or (ii) the financial asset is 90 days past due.

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3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3.19 Impairment of financial assets (Cont'd)

Other financial assets measured at amortised cost and receivables measured at FVTOCI (Cont'd)

Detailed analysis of the ECL assessment of trade and bills receivables and other financial assets measured at amortised cost and receivables measured at FVTOCI are set out in Note 35.2.

3.20 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Share capital is recognised at the amount of consideration of shares issued, after deducting any transaction costs associated with the issuing of shares (net of any related income tax benefit) to the extent they are incremental costs directly attributable to the equity transaction.

3.21 Contract liabilities

A contract liability is recognised when the customer pays consideration before the Group recognises the related revenue (see Note 3.5). A contract liability would also be recognised if the Group has an unconditional right to receive consideration before the Group recognises the related revenue. In such cases, a corresponding receivable would also be recognised (see Note 3.18).

3.22 Related parties

For the purposes of these consolidated financial statements, a party is considered to be related to the Group if:

- (a) the party is a person or a close member of that person's family and if that person:
 - (i) has control or joint control over the Group;
 - (ii) has significant influence over the Group; or
 - (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the Group or of a parent of the Group.
- (b) the party is an entity and if any of the following conditions applies:
 - (i) the entity and the Group are members of the same group.
 - (ii) one entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member).
 - (iii) the entity and the Group are joint ventures of the same third party.
 - (iv) one entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity.
 - (v) the entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Group or an entity related to the Group and the sponsoring employers are also related to the Group.

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3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

3.22 Related parties (Cont'd)

- (b) the party is an entity and if any of the following conditions applies: (Cont'd)
 - (vi) the entity is controlled or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a).
 - (vii) a person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity).
 - (viii) the entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the Group or to the parent of the Group.

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

4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

In the application of the Group's accounting policies, which are described in Note 3, management is required to make estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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

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

4.1 Going Concern basis

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, the validity of which depends upon the successful outcomes of the Group's plans and measures to strengthen its capital base and liquidity. Details are explained in Note 3.2 to the consolidated financial statements.

4.2 Principal versus agent consideration (principal)

The Group engages in trading of engines and engine components. The Group concluded that it acts as the principal for such transactions as it controls the specified goods before they are transferred to the customer after taking into consideration indicators such as the Group is primarily responsible for fulfilling the promise to provide the goods and the Group has inventory risk on the merchandise. When the Group satisfies the performance obligation, the Group recognises the trading revenue in the gross amount of consideration to which the Group expects to be entitled as specified in the contracts.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the Group recognised revenue relating to the sales of engines and engine components of RMB4,319,046,000 (2022: RMB724,135,000).

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4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (Cont'd)

4.3 Amortisation of intangible assets

The Group's management determines the estimated useful lives and related amortisation charges for its intangible assets. This estimate is based on the historical experience of the actual saleable units of intangible assets of similar nature and functions. The management will increase the amortisation charge where saleable units are expected to be less than previously estimated, or it will write-off or write-down obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold.

Changes in these estimations may have a material impact on the results of the Group.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the management revisited the expected saleable units of each intangible asset and estimated the recoverable amount respectively, an additional amortisation expense of intangible assets amounting to RMB nil (2022: RMB5,283,000) is recognised in profit or loss.

4.4 Estimated impairment of trade and other receivables and trade related amounts due from related companies

The Group estimates the amount of lifetime ECL of trade and other receivables and trade related amounts due from related companies based on the valuations performed by the Valuer for the year ended 31 December 2023. The valuations of trade and other receivables and trade related amounts due from related companies are based on provision matrix and individual assessment, respectively. For the ECL assessment of trade receivables based on provision matrix which is through grouping of various debtors that have similar loss patterns, after considering internal credit ratings of trade debtors, ageing, repayment history and/or past due status of respective trade receivables, whereas the ECL assessment of other receivables and trade related amounts due from related companies based on individual assessment is by reference to the credit rating, including the Group's historical credit loss experiences, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors. Estimated loss rates are based on historical observed default rates over the expected life of the debtors and are adjusted for forward-looking information.

The provision of ECL is sensitive to changes in estimates. Due to financial uncertainty triggered by the volatility or disruptions in energy, financial, foreign currency or commodity markets and financial uncertainty triggered by rising market interest rates and high inflation, the Group has increased the expected loss rates in the current year. Where the future cash flows are less than expected, or being revised downward due to changes in facts and circumstances, a material impairment loss may arise.

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the carrying amounts of trade and other receivables and trade related amounts due from related companies are set out in Notes 24 and 25 respectively.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, impairment loss of RMB5,452,000 (2022: RMB22,477,000) are recognised on trade and other receivables and net impairment reversal of RMB3,371,000 (2022: net impairment reversal of RMB21,467,000) are recognised in trade related amounts due from related companies, respectively.

4.5 Depreciation of property, plant and equipment

The Group's management determines the estimated useful lives, residual values and related depreciation charges for its property, plant and equipment. This estimate is based on the historical experience of the actual useful lives of property, plant and equipment of similar nature and functions. Management will increase the depreciation charge where useful lives are expected to be shorter than previously estimated, or it will write-off or write-down obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold. Changes in these estimations may have a material impact on the results of the Group.

The carrying amount of property, plant and equipment is set out in Note 16.

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4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (Cont'd)

4.6 Impairment of non-financial assets

The Group assesses whether there are any indicators of impairment for all non-financial assets (including the right-of-use assets) at the end of each reporting period. The non-financial assets are tested for impairment when there are indicators that the carrying amounts may not be recoverable. An impairment exists when the carrying value of an asset or a cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. The calculation of the fair value less costs of disposal is based on available data from binding sales transactions in an arm's length transaction of similar assets or observable market prices less incremental costs for disposing of the asset. When value in use calculations are undertaken, certain assumptions are required to be made in respect of highly uncertain areas including management's expectations of (i) future unlevered free cash flows; (ii) future revenues and profits; and (iii) determining the appropriate discount rate which involves estimating the appropriate adjustment for market risk and asset specific risk factors. These assumptions relate to future events and circumstances and the actual results may vary.

In addition, the estimated cash flows and discount rate are subject to higher degree of estimation uncertainties due to uncertainty on how the commodity markets/trends in inflation and market interest rates may progress or evolve. Details of the impairment of property, plant and equipment is disclosed in Note 16. The Group has incurred an impairment loss of approximately RMB nil (2022: RMB8,528,000) on property, plant and equipment and approximately RMB nil (2022: RMB6,907,000) on intangible assets for the year ended 31 December 2023.

4.7 Provision of inventories

The Group records inventories at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price for inventories, less all the estimated costs of completion and costs necessary to make the sales. Operational procedures have been in place to monitor this risk as a significant proportion of the Group's working capital which is devoted to inventories. Management reviews the inventory aging listing on a periodic basis for those aged inventories. This involves a comparison of carrying value of the aged inventory items with the respective net realisable value. The purpose is to ascertain whether allowance is required to be made in the financial statements for any obsolete and slow moving items. Although the Group carries out periodic review on the net realisable value of inventory, the actual realisable value of inventory is not known until the sale is concluded.

The carrying amount of inventories and the provision on inventories are set out in Note 23. Additional provision of RMB28,825,000 (2022: RMB9,723,000) and reversal of provision of RMB nil (2022: RMB8,740,000) upon realisation of sales was made during the year ended 31 December 2023.

4.8 Provision for warranty

Provision for warranty is made based on the possible claims on the products by customers with reference to the warranty coverage period and the percentage of warranty expenses incurred over total sales amounts during the year. Where the actual claims are greater than expected, a material increase in warranty expenses may arise, which would be recognised in profit or loss for the period in which such a claim takes place. The carrying amount of provision for warranty claims is set out in Note 27.

4.9 Determination of control over Lead In

Where the Company acts as one of the trustee of trust arrangements it established, the Company makes judgement on whether the Company controls the trust arrangements and the entity that held on trust for the relevant beneficiaries under the trust arrangements, Lead In and should consolidate them. When performing this assessment, the Company considers several factors including, among other things, the scope of its decision-making authority over the trust arrangements and Lead In, the rights held by other parties, the Company's exposure to variability of returns (being the remuneration and investment return if any, on an aggregate basis) from its involvement with the trust arrangements to which it is entitled in accordance with the related agreements for the trustee and Lead In. The Group performs re-assessment when the factors change.

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4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS (Cont'd)

4.10 Determination of the accounting for the sale and leaseback transaction and the discount rate

During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group entered into an asset purchase agreement with BMW Brilliance Automotive in which the Group agreed to sell and BMW Brilliance Automotive agreed to purchase the production lines, supporting equipment and facilities in relation to the production of crankshaft and connecting rod (the “Disposed Assets”) (the “Disposal”). After the Disposal, the Group as a lessee and BMW Brilliance Automotive as a lessor entered into the equipment lease agreement (the “Lease”) relating to the leasing back of the Disposed Assets. This transaction is regarded as a sale and leaseback transaction. The Group is required to apply HKFRS 15 “Revenue from Contracts with Customers” (“HKFRS 15”) and exercise considerable judgement to determine whether the transfer of the Disposed Assets is accounted for as a sale and when a performance obligation is satisfied in HKFRS 15. Under the lease agreement, the Group has no purchase option during or at the end of the leasing period. BMW Brilliance Automotive obtained the control of the Disposed Assets after the Disposal. Accordingly, the Group determined the Disposal shall be accounted for as a sales arrangement in accordance with HKFRS 15 and the Lease shall be recognised in the form of a right-of-use asset (Note 17) and a lease liability (Note 31) in accordance with HKFRS 16 “Lease”.

In determining the discount rate, the Group is required to exercise considerable judgement taking into account the nature of the underlying assets and the terms and conditions of the leases, at both the commencement date and effective date of the modification.

5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Information reported to the Board, being the chief operating decision maker, for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance, focuses on types of goods delivered.

The Group’s operations and main revenue streams are those described as below. The Group’s revenue is derived from contracts of customers. Revenue from sales of gasoline engines, diesel engines and engine components are recognised at a point of time. All the contracts with customers are agreed at fixed price and the expected duration of the contracts is one year or less.

5.1 Segment revenue and segment results

The Board reviews operating results and financial information on a product by product basis. Each individual engine product constitutes an operating segment. For certain operating segments that exhibit similar long-term financial performance as they have similar economic characteristics, are produced by using similar production processes and are distributed and sold to similar classes of customers, their segment information is aggregated into a single reportable operating segment. The Group has three reportable operating segments as follows:

- (1) Gasoline engines;
- (2) Diesel engines; and
- (3) Engine components.

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5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Cont'd)

5.1 Segment revenue and segment results (Cont'd)

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by reportable segment:

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Gasoline engines RMB'000	Diesel engines RMB'000	Engine components RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Revenue from external customers, segment revenue <small>(Note)</small>	4,556,025	95,117	689,688	5,340,830
Segment results	37,145	(13,913)	152,634	175,866
Other income				50,591
Impairment losses, net				(6,408)
Other gains and losses				3,085
Selling and distribution expenses				(20,290)
Administrative expenses				(123,140)
Finance costs				(57,309)
Other expenses				(54,493)
Share of profit of an associate				80,613
Profit before tax				48,515

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5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Cont'd)

5.1 Segment revenue and segment results (Cont'd)

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Gasoline engines RMB'000	Diesel engines RMB'000	Engine components RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Revenue from external customers, segment revenue <i>(Note)</i>	938,017	77,137	637,327	1,652,481
Segment results	(33,455)	(2,486)	138,333	102,392
Other income				24,978
Impairment losses, net				(1,010)
Other gains and losses				11,528
Selling and distribution expenses				(12,370)
Administrative expenses				(143,883)
Finance costs				(62,350)
Other expenses				(12,610)
Share of loss of an associate				(17,406)
Loss before tax				(110,731)

Note: There is no inter-segment sales during the years of 2023 and 2022.

Other segment information included in the measurement of segment results:

	Gasoline engines RMB'000	Diesel engines RMB'000	Engine components RMB'000	Unallocated RMB'000	Total RMB'000
For the year ended 31 December 2023					
Depreciation and amortisation	202,865	11,597	22,459	28,357	265,278
Provision of inventories	26,755	2,070	-	-	28,825
For the year ended 31 December 2022					
Depreciation and amortisation	87,974	18,375	49,338	28,095	183,782
Provision of inventories	879	104	-	-	983

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies. Segment results represent the profit earned by each segment before the allocation of selling and distribution expenses, administrative expenses, finance costs, other income, impairment losses, net, other gains and losses and other expenses. This is the measure reported to the Board for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment.

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5. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION (Cont'd)

5.2 Performance obligations for contracts with customers

The Group sells gasoline engines, diesel engines and engine components directly to the customers which are vehicle manufacturers in the PRC.

For the sale of goods to the customers, revenue is recognised when control of the goods has transferred, being the point the goods have been delivered to and received by customers. The normal credit term is 30 to 90 days upon delivery.

For some customers who buy engine components, the Group receives considerations from the customers in advance. Such advance payment is recognised as contract liabilities until the goods have been delivered to the customers.

Sales-related warranties associated with gasoline engines and diesel engines cannot be purchased separately and they serve as an assurance that the goods sold comply with agreed-upon specifications. Accordingly, the Group accounts for warranties in accordance with HKAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets.

5.3 Segment assets and liabilities

The assets and liabilities of the Group are regularly reviewed by the Board as a whole and no discrete financial information on segment assets and segment liabilities is available, therefore total assets and total liabilities analysed by reportable and operating segment are not presented.

5.4 Geographical information

All of the Group's operations and non-current assets are located in the PRC; and all of the Group's revenue from external customers is generated in the PRC.

5.5 Information about major customers

Revenue from major customers which individually accounts for 10% or more of the Group's total revenue are sales of gasoline engines, diesel engines, engine components.

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Customer A	2,926,932	724,135
Customer B	1,392,114	–
Customer C	565,308	559,484

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6. OTHER INCOME

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Rental income under operating leases	9,014	6,938
Utility income	5,302	3,758
Bank interest income	2,750	3,701
Government grants (Note 32)	32,511	9,634
Imputed interest income from loan to a shareholder (Note 22)	1,014	936
Waiver of long-outstanding trade and other payables	-	11
	50,591	24,978

7. IMPAIRMENT LOSSES, NET

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Impairment loss on trade and other receivables, net of reversal (Note 24a)	5,452	22,477
Impairment loss on loan to a shareholder (Note 22)	4,327	-
Reversal of impairment loss on amounts due from related companies, net (Note 25b)	(3,371)	(21,467)
	6,408	1,010

8. OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Foreign exchange gains/(losses), net	80	(9,945)
Gain on disposal of miscellaneous materials	3,573	3,434
Net loss arising on receivables measured at FVTOCI	(2,518)	(3,362)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,950	4,360
Gain arising from sale and leaseback transaction	-	12,674
Gain on disposal of intangible assets	-	4,000
Others	-	367
	3,085	11,528

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9. FINANCE COSTS

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Interest on borrowings:		
Finance charges on lease liabilities	28,986	11,188
Adjustment on loan to a shareholder (Note 22)	–	5,017
Borrowings	28,323	46,145
	57,309	62,350

10. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
PRC Enterprise Income Tax (“EIT”)		
– Provision for the year	1,983	1,052
– Under provision in prior year	–	540
	1,983	1,592
Deferred tax (Note 21)	5,461	3,506
	7,444	5,098

According to the extension announcement of “The State Administration of Taxation on extension on EIT related with enhancing the Western Region Development Strategy” (國家稅務總局關於延續西部大開發企業所得稅政策的公告), Mianyang Xincheng will be further eligible to the reduced EIT rate of 15% from 2021 to 2030.

Pursuant to the relevant laws and regulations in the PRC, Xincheng Engine (Shenyang) Co., Limited* (新晨動力機械(瀋陽)有限公司) (“Shenyang Xincheng”) obtained the High and New Technology Enterprises qualification. Accordingly, it enjoyed a preferential income tax rate of 15% (2022: income tax rate of 15%) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

No Hong Kong Profits Tax has been made as the Group’s income neither arises in, nor is derived from, Hong Kong.

Under the EIT laws of PRC, withholding tax is imposed on dividends in respect of profits earned by the PRC subsidiaries from 1 January 2008 onwards. Deferred taxation has not been provided for in the consolidated financial statements in respect of temporary differences attributable to accumulated profits of the PRC subsidiaries amounting to RMB211,715,000 (2022: RMB206,939,000) as at 31 December 2023 as the Group is able to control the timing of reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the temporary differences will not be reversed in the foreseeable future. The directors of PRC subsidiaries plan to set aside such undistributed profits of PRC subsidiaries for investment purpose.

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10. INCOME TAX EXPENSE (Cont'd)

The tax expense for the year can be reconciled to the profit/(loss) before tax per consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Profit/(loss) before tax	48,515	(110,731)
Tax at the PRC tax rate of 15% (2022: 15%)	7,277	(16,609)
Tax effect of share of profit/(loss) of an associate	12,092	(2,611)
Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purpose	4,687	28,909
Tax effect of income not taxable for tax purpose	(13,212)	(3,941)
Under provision in prior year	-	540
Tax incentives on eligible expenditures ^(Note)	(4,787)	(4,742)
Tax effect of tax losses not recognised	1,387	3,552
Income tax expense	7,444	5,098

Note: The eligible expenditures represent research and development costs charged to profit or loss for the year, which is subject to an additional 100% (2022: 100%) tax deduction in the calculation of income tax expense.

11. PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR

Profit/(loss) for the year has been arrived at after charging:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Directors' remuneration	11,367	10,981
Other staff costs	100,315	105,127
Contributions to retirement benefits scheme other than directors	26,491	23,493
Total staff costs	138,173	139,601
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	94,212	116,085
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	103,943	35,814
Depreciation of prepaid lease payments	4,121	4,121
Amortisation of intangible assets	63,002	27,762
Total depreciation and amortisation	265,278	183,782
Auditors' remuneration	1,480	1,468
Research and development costs recognised as other expenses	34,248	9,718
Impairment loss of property, plant and equipment	1,198	8,528
Impairment loss of intangible assets	-	6,907
Included in cost of sales:		
Cost of inventories recognised as expense	5,100,978	1,498,723
Provision for inventories, net	28,825	983
Warranty claims expenses	10,096	7,876

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12. OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The amount of reclassification adjustments relating to other comprehensive income can be summarised as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Receivables measured at FVTOCI		
Change in fair value recognised during the year	–	(22)
Amount reclassified to profit or loss on disposal	22	161
Net increase in FVTOCI reserve during the year	22	139

13. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS AND EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION

13.1 Directors' and chief executive's emoluments

Details of the emoluments paid to the directors and chief executive of the Company during the year, disclosed pursuant to the applicable Listing Rules, section 383(1) of the CO and Part 2 of the Companies (Disclosures of Information about Benefits of Directors) Regulation, are as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Fees	408	543
Salaries and allowances	10,628	10,164
Discretionary bonus	315	258
Contributions to retirement benefits scheme	16	16
	11,367	10,981

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13. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS AND EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION (Cont'd)

13.1 Directors' and chief executive's emoluments (Cont'd)

Details of the emoluments paid to each of the directors and chief executive of the Company are as follows:

Year ended 31 December 2023

	Fees RMB'000	Salaries and allowances RMB'000	Discretionary bonus RMB'000	Contributions to retirement benefits scheme RMB'000	Total RMB'000
<i>Executive directors</i>					
Wu Xiao An 吳小安	–	3,541	–	16	3,557
Wang Yunxian 王運先 ^(Note 1)	–	1,382	–	–	1,382
Deng Han 鄧晗 ^(Note 2)	–	1,455	–	–	1,455
<i>Non-executive directors</i>					
Han Song 韓松	–	2,125	–	–	2,125
Yang Ming 楊明	–	2,125	–	–	2,125
<i>Independent non-executive directors</i>					
Chi Guohua 池國華	136	–	90	–	226
Wang Jun 王隽	136	–	90	–	226
Huang Haibo 黃海波	136	–	90	–	226
Dong Yan 董艷 ^(Note 3)	–	–	45	–	45
	408	10,628	315	16	11,367

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13. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS AND EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION (Cont'd)

13.1 Directors' and chief executive's emoluments (Cont'd)

Year ended 31 December 2022

	Fees RMB'000	Salaries and allowances RMB'000	Discretionary bonus RMB'000	Contributions to retirement benefits scheme RMB'000	Total RMB'000
<i>Executive directors</i>					
Wu Xiao An 吳小安	–	3,401	–	16	3,417
Wang Yunxian 王運先 ^(Note 1)	–	2,705	–	–	2,705
<i>Non-executive directors</i>					
Han Song 韓松	–	2,029	–	–	2,029
Yang Ming 楊明	–	2,029	–	–	2,029
<i>Independent non-executive directors</i>					
Chi Guohua 池國華	130	–	86	–	216
Wang Jun 王隽	130	–	86	–	216
Huang Haibo 黃海波	130	–	86	–	216
Wang Songlin 王松林 ^(Note 4)	153	–	–	–	153
	543	10,164	258	16	10,981

Notes:

- (1) Mr. Wang Yunxian ceased to be an executive director on 19 June 2023 and resigned as Chief Executive Officer on 26 June 2023.
- (2) Mr. Deng Han was appointed on 26 June 2023 and is also the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and his emoluments disclosed above included those for services rendered by him as the Chief Executive Officer.
- (3) Ms. Dong Yan was appointed on 19 June 2023.
- (4) Mr. Wang Songlin resigned on 11 March 2022.

The emoluments of executive directors and non-executives directors shown above were paid for their services in connection with the management of the affairs of the Company and the Group and for serving as directors of the Company or its subsidiaries. The emoluments of independent non-executive directors were paid for serving as directors of the Company.

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

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13. DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S EMOLUMENTS AND EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION (Cont'd)

13.2 Employees' remunerations

Of the five highest paid individuals of the Group, four (2022: four) are directors of the Company whose emoluments are disclosed above during the year ended 31 December 2023. The remunerations of the remaining one (2022: one) individuals are as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Salaries and allowances	1,504	1,297
Discretionary bonus	298	285
Government subsidy	–	21
Contributions to retirement benefits scheme	16	15
	1,818	1,618

The discretionary bonus is determined by reference to the individual performance of the directors and employees and approved by the Board annually.

The directors and certain senior management have also been employed by the Brilliance China Group and Wuliangye Group and the payment of their contributions to retirement benefits scheme was centralised and made by the Brilliance China Group and Wuliangye Group for both years, in which the amounts are considered as insignificant.

The five highest paid individuals were within the following bands:

	Number of Employee	
	2023	2022
Hong Kong Dollars ("HK\$")		
1,000,001 to HK\$1,500,000	–	–
HK\$1,500,001 to HK\$2,000,000	1	1
HK\$2,000,001 to HK\$2,500,000	3	2
HK\$3,000,001 to HK\$3,500,000	–	1
HK\$3,500,001 to HK\$4,000,000	1	1
HK\$4,000,001 to HK\$4,500,000	–	–

During the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, no emoluments were paid by the Group to any of the directors of the Company or the five highest paid individuals as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office.

14. DIVIDENDS

No dividend has been paid or declared by the Company during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, nor has any dividend been proposed since the end of the reporting period.

15. PROFIT/(LOSS) PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic profit/(loss) per share attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the profit of RMB41,071,000 (2022: loss of RMB115,829,000), and weighted average number of shares of 1,282,211,794 (2022: 1,282,211,794), for the year ended 31 December 2023.

No diluted earnings per share is presented as there was no potential dilutive ordinary share outstanding during the year or as at the end of reporting period. The amount presented for diluted earnings per share is the same as basic earnings per share amount.

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16. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Buildings RMB'000	Plant and machinery RMB'000	Electronic equipment and others RMB'000	Motor vehicles RMB'000	Construction in progress RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Cost						
At 1 January 2022	950,413	2,168,054	163,911	15,737	230,646	3,528,761
Additions	–	8	1,884	677	60,489	63,058
Transfer <i>(Note a)</i>	897	84,200	–	–	(85,097)	–
Transfer to construction in progress <i>(Note b)</i>	–	(3,002)	–	–	3,002	–
Disposals of the Disposed Assets <i>(Note c)</i>	(73,533)	(1,159,975)	(29,807)	(1,343)	–	(1,264,658)
Disposals	(8,756)	(23,371)	(129)	(399)	–	(32,655)
At 31 December 2022	869,021	1,065,914	135,859	14,672	209,040	2,294,506
Additions	–	32	11	5	21,915	21,963
Transfer <i>(Note a)</i>	1,847	171,688	5,747	339	(179,621)	–
Disposals	(1,397)	(1,083)	(1,750)	(2,781)	–	(7,011)
At 31 December 2023	869,471	1,236,551	139,867	12,235	51,334	2,309,458
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 January 2022	278,906	1,246,640	114,792	8,447	3,891	1,652,676
Provided for the year	23,587	86,071	6,040	387	–	116,085
Eliminated on the Disposed Assets <i>(Note c)</i>	(47,182)	(588,580)	(22,383)	(915)	–	(659,060)
Eliminated on disposals	(1,674)	(18,968)	(116)	(233)	–	(20,991)
Impairment loss <i>(Note d)</i>	4,070	2,253	248	46	1,911	8,528
At 31 December 2022	257,707	727,416	98,581	7,732	5,802	1,097,238
Provided for the year	21,585	63,154	9,165	308	–	94,212
Eliminated on disposals	(237)	(973)	(1,348)	(2,503)	–	(5,061)
Impairment loss <i>(Notes d and e)</i>	–	1,198	–	–	–	1,198
At 31 December 2023	279,055	790,795	106,398	5,537	5,802	1,187,587
Carrying values						
At 31 December 2023	590,416	445,756	33,469	6,698	45,532	1,121,871
At 31 December 2022	611,314	338,498	37,278	6,940	203,238	1,197,268

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16. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Cont'd)

Notes:

- a. The Group commenced a project to upgrade certain plant, machineries and electronic equipment and others in coping with production of new connection rods, the upgrade has been completed during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.
- b. During the years ended 31 December 2022, the Group commenced a project to upgrade certain plant and machineries in coping with production of new connection rods and crankshaft.
- c. During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group entered into the sale and leaseback transaction with BMW Brilliance Automotive (See Note 4.10). The Disposal shall be accounted for as a sales arrangement in accordance with HKFRS 15 and the Lease shall be recognised in the form of a right-of-use asset (Note 17) and a lease liability (Note 31) in accordance with HKFRS 16 "Lease". As such, the Group as a seller-lessee measures the right-of-use assets arising from the leasing back and recognises the gain or loss that relates to the rights transferred to the buyer-lessor as follows:

	<i>Note</i>	RMB'000
Net consideration	<i>(i)</i>	819,349
Less:		
Carrying value of the Disposed Assets		(605,598)
Transaction cost directly attributable to the Disposal		(9,738)
Gain on the Disposal, before the Lease		204,013
Leaseback effect		
Add: Amount of right-of-use assets retained by the Group (<i>Note 17</i>)	<i>(ii)</i>	542,099
Less: Lease liabilities assumed by the Group (<i>Note 31</i>)	<i>(ii)</i>	(733,438)
Gain arising from sale and leaseback (<i>Note 8</i>)		12,674

- (i) The amount represents the sales consideration of the Disposal of RMB925,864,000 in accordance with the asset purchase agreement, net of the value-added tax of approximately RMB106,515,000 which is payable at the completion date of the Disposal.
 - (ii) The adjustment represents the recognition of right-of-use assets of the Company of RMB542,099,000 (i.e. right-of-use assets retained through the leaseback of the Disposed Assets as a proportion of its previous carrying value) and lease liabilities of RMB733,438,000 (i.e. discounted value of the total lease payment of RMB823,239,000 which represents total lease payment RMB930,260,000, net of the value-added tax of approximately RMB107,021,000 under the measurement requirements of HKFRS 16 "Leases") respectively.
- d. In 2023 and 2022, the traditional-engines CGU performed below budget, the Group engaged the Valuer to conduct impairment assessment on the traditional-engines CGU. The value in use calculations were based on the cash flow projections based on the latest financial budgets approved by the Company's management covering a five-year period. Management determines annual sales growth rate to be a key assumption as it is the main driver for revenue and costs in each period. The annual sales growth rate is based on past performance, management's expectations of market development and the expected saleable units of respective automotive engines. The pre-tax discount rate used for the calculation was 11.47% (2022: 12.24%) and reflects specific risks relating to the relevant business. The recoverable amount of the traditional-engines CGU was RMB1,996,000,000 as at 31 December 2023 (2022: RMB1,430,000,000). Based on the value in use calculations, an impairment loss of approximately RMB nil (2022: RMB8,528,000) and RMB nil (2022: RMB6,907,000) was allocated to write down the carrying amount of the property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (Note 20), respectively.
 - e. Impairment loss of property, plant and equipment amounted to RMB1,198,000 was recognised due to obsolescence during the year ended 31 December 2023.

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16. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Cont'd)

Notes: (Cont'd)

The above items of property, plant and equipment (other than construction in progress) are depreciated on a straight-line basis at the following useful lives after taking into account the residual values:

Buildings for factory premises	26-30 years
Buildings for staff quarter	50 years
Plant and machinery	10 years
Electronic equipment and others	5 years
Motor vehicles	6 years

The Group's buildings are located in the PRC and the carrying amounts of the buildings amounting to RMB98,282,000 as at 31 December 2023 (2022: RMB102,601,000), is in the process of obtaining the property ownership certificate.

The Group has pledged certain property, plant and equipment with the following carrying values to secure general banking facilities and other borrowing granted to the Group.

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Buildings	119,454	122,905
Plant and machinery	105,926	117,208
	225,380	240,113

17. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

	Building RMB'000	Plant and machinery RMB'000	Total RMB'000
As at 1 January 2023	2,299	508,218	510,517
Depreciation for the year	(2,299)	(101,644)	(103,943)
At 31 December 2023	-	406,574	406,574
As at 1 January 2022	4,232	-	4,232
Addition (Note 16(c))	-	542,099	542,099
Depreciation for the year	(1,933)	(33,881)	(35,814)
At 31 December 2022	2,299	508,218	510,517

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18. PREPAID LEASE PAYMENTS

The Group's prepaid lease payments comprise leasehold lands in the PRC under medium-term leases. Land use rights are released to profit or loss over the lease terms ranging from 41 to 50 years. The prepaid lease payments fall into the scope of HKFRS 16 as it meets the definition of right-of-use assets. The movements in their net carrying amounts are analysed as follows:

	RMB'000
CARRYING VALUES	
At 1 January 2022	121,816
Released to profit or loss	(4,121)
At 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023	117,695
Released to profit or loss	(4,121)
At 31 December 2023	113,574

The Group has pledged land use rights with carrying values of RMB84,655,000 as at 31 December 2023 (2022: RMB87,040,000), to secure general banking facilities and other borrowing granted to the Group.

19. INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Cost of investment in an associate <i>(Note)</i>	228,669	228,669
Share of post-acquisition profit/(loss) and other comprehensive income	63,207	(17,406)
	291,876	211,263

The following list contains only the particulars of an associate, which is an unlisted corporate entity whose quoted market price is not available, which in the opinion of the directors principally affected the results or net assets of the Group as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

Name of associate	Form of business structure	Country/place of incorporation and business	Particulars of issued and paid up capital	% of interest held	Principal activity
Li Xinchun	Incorporated on 22 October 2021	PRC	Registered capital of RMB629,936,000 Paid up capital of RMB464,669,000	49% (2022: 49%)	Manufacture, research and development, sales of engines and parts

Note: During the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group has transferred the other assets amounting to RMB213,696,000 to Li Xinchun with value added tax payable amounting to RMB26,307,000 and settled the intercompany receivable amounting to RMB11,334,000 for capital injection, and thus, a total amount of RMB228,669,000 was recognised for capital injection.

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19. INTEREST IN AN ASSOCIATE (Cont'd)

Set out below are the summarised financial information of each of the material associate which are accounted for using the equity method:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Current assets	2,544,499	884,366
Non-current assets	239,945	234,377
Current liabilities	(2,139,687)	(674,764)
Non-current liabilities	(49,093)	(14,839)
Net assets	595,664	429,140
Revenue	4,209,032	722,767
Total expenses	(4,011,126)	(758,290)
Profit/(Loss) before income tax expense	197,906	(35,523)
Income tax expenses	(33,390)	–
Profit/(Loss) for the year	164,516	(35,523)
Other comprehensive income for the year	–	–
Total comprehensive profit/(loss) for the year	164,516	(35,523)

A reconciliation of the above summarised financial information to the carrying amount of the investment in Li Xincheng is set out below:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Total net assets of Li Xincheng	595,664	429,140
Proportion of ownership interests held by Group	49%	49%
Carrying amount of the investment in Li Xincheng in the consolidated financial statements	291,876	211,263

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20. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Completed development costs RMB'000	Development costs in progress RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	533,107	466,372	999,479
Additions	–	24,364	24,364
Disposal	–	(33,000)	(33,000)
Transfer	226,962	(226,962)	–
At 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023	760,069	230,774	990,843
Additions	–	10,530	10,530
Disposal	–	(15,566)	(15,566)
Transfer	–	–	–
At 31 December 2023	760,069	225,738	985,807
Amortisation and impairment			
At 1 January 2022	352,795	–	352,795
Charge for the year <i>(Note)</i>	27,762	–	27,762
Impairment loss	6,907	–	6,907
At 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023	387,464	–	387,464
Charge for the year <i>(Note)</i>	63,002	–	63,002
Impairment loss	–	–	–
At 31 December 2023	450,466	–	450,466
CARRYING VALUES			
At 31 December 2023	309,603	225,738	535,341
At 31 December 2022	372,605	230,774	603,379

Note: During the year ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, the management revisited the expected saleable units of each intangible asset and estimated the recoverable amount respectively, an additional amortisation expense of intangible assets amounting to RMB nil (2022: RMB5,283,000) is recognised in profit or loss.

Development costs of technical know-how of new automotive engines are costs incurred internally and have finite useful lives and are amortised based on unit of production by reference to the expected saleable units of respective automotive engines.

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21. DEFERRED TAX ASSETS

The following are the major deferred tax assets recognised and movements thereon during the current and prior years:

	Development costs RMB'000	Temporary difference on Provisions RMB'000	Deferred income RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2022	9,618	6,147	3,785	19,550
(Charge)/Credit to profit or loss	(2,797)	148	(857)	(3,506)
At 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023	6,821	6,295	2,928	16,044
Charge to profit or loss	(1,145)	(3,621)	(695)	(5,461)
At 31 December 2023	5,676	2,674	2,233	10,583

At 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Group had no other material unrecognised deductible temporary differences. No deferred tax assets has been recognised in respect of the unused tax losses of approximately RMB106,487,000 (2022: RMB98,894,000) as at 31 December 2023 due to the unpredictability of future profit streams.

22. LOAN TO A SHAREHOLDER

As detailed in Note 42, the Company has two trust arrangements which entitle the Group's employees to subscribe for shares of the Company through Lead In for their services to the Group. Under the loan agreements dated 18 October 2011, each of the two shareholders of the Company, namely Brilliance Investment Holdings Limited and Xinhua Investment Holdings Limited, advanced loans in equal amounts of HK\$20,000,000 to the Company (collectively, the "Loans from Shareholders"). In return, (i) the Company lent an aggregate amount of HK\$40,000,000, equal to the Loans from Shareholders, to Lead In (the "Loan to a Shareholder"), with an original repayment term of one year from the date of loan agreements entered by the Company and Lead In, and (ii) Lead In used the funding obtained from the Company to subscribe for 36,977,960 shares of the Company under the Discretionary Trust (Note 42). The Company does not have the power to direct the relevant activities of Lead In and the ability to use its power over the entities to affect its exposure of returns as detailed in Note 42. Therefore, the Group considers the funding to Lead In is classified as loan to a shareholder. All the loans are non-trade related, unsecured and interest free.

Following the cessation of the operation and further implementation of the share incentive scheme by the Company as detailed in Note 42, depending on, among others, the prevailing trading prices of the shares held under the Discretionary Trust, Lead In may in future dispose of these shares gradually and in an orderly manner and use the sale proceeds to repay the Loan to a Shareholder.

The Group provided loss allowance amounting to HK\$23,648,000 (2022: HK\$18,864,000), equivalent to approximately RMB21,409,000 (2022: RMB16,742,000) as at 31 December 2023 based on periodic individual assessment on the recoverability. An impairment loss of RMB 4,327,000 was recognised in profit or loss during the year ended 31 December 2023.

The Company had repaid the Loans from Shareholders in October 2013, whilst the Loan to a Shareholder was renewed annually and further extended to October 2024 in 2023.

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22. LOAN TO A SHAREHOLDER (Cont'd)

At 31 December 2023 and 2022, management of the Company expected the Loan to a Shareholder was unlikely to be recovered within one year and the outstanding balance is classified as non-current assets. An amount of RMB5,017,000, representing the adjustment on revised estimate of receipts from the shareholder, is recognised in profit or loss for the year ended 31 December 2022. Management of the Company conducted the 12-month ECL assessment on the receivable after taking into account factors that are specific to the debtor, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current as well as the forecast direction of conditions at the reporting date. The details of assessment on ECL are set out in Note 35.

23. INVENTORIES

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Raw materials	279,343	314,606
Work-in-progress	29,538	21,236
Finished goods	174,116	147,298
	482,997	483,140

At 31 December 2023, the carrying amount of inventories included provision of RMB70,791,000 (2022: RMB41,966,000), which is determined with reference to the net realisable value of the inventory items. Additional provision of RMB28,825,000 (2022: RMB9,723,000) and reversal of provision of Nil (2022: RMB8,740,000) upon realisation of sales was made during the year ended 31 December 2023.

24. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, RECEIVABLES MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(a) Trade and other receivables:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Trade receivables	2,585,795	975,781
Less: Allowance for credit losses	(304,673)	(299,539)
Trade receivables, net	2,281,122	676,242
Bills receivable	35,907	82,199
Less: Allowance for credit losses	-	-
Total trade and bills receivables	2,317,029	758,441
Prepayments for purchase of raw materials and engine components	35,122	19,433
Other receivables	17,683	5,686
Less: Allowance for credit losses	-	-
	2,369,834	783,560

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24. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, RECEIVABLES MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Cont'd)

(a) Trade and other receivables: (Cont'd)

The Group generally allows a credit period of 30 to 90 days from the invoice date for trade receivables and a further 3 to 6 months for bills receivable to its external customers. The following is an aging analysis of trade receivables, net of allowance for credit losses, presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Within 1 month	1,706,423	659,005
Over 1 month but within 2 months	7,782	7,089
Over 2 months but within 3 months	40,790	449
Over 3 months but within 6 months	524,700	645
Over 6 months but within 1 year	49	267
Over 1 year	1,378	8,787
	2,281,122	676,242

The following is an aging analysis of bills receivable, net of allowance for credit losses, presented based on the issuance date of bills at the end of the reporting period:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Within 3 months	12,337	26,039
Over 3 months but within 6 months	23,570	39,790
Over 6 months but within 1 year	-	16,370
	35,907	82,199

At 31 December 2023, the Group engaged the Valuer to assess the impairment of its customers based on provision matrix. The table below provides information about the exposure to credit risk and ECL for trade receivables which are assessed based on provision matrix as at 31 December 2023 and 2022:

31 December 2023

	Gross carrying amount RMB'000	Loss rate range %	ECL RMB'000
Not past due	1,715,844	0.79-4.75	1,922
Past due:			
Within 1 month	41,858	1.31-4.75	873
Over 1 month but within 3 months	478,252	2.07-4.75	575
Over 3 months but within 6 months	46,886	4.75-35.44	6
Over 6 months but within 1 year	1,166	4.75-35.44	92
Over 1 year ^(Note)	301,789	35.44-100.00	301,205
	2,585,795		304,673

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24. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, RECEIVABLES MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Cont'd)

(a) Trade and other receivables: (Cont'd)

31 December 2022

	Gross carrying amount RMB'000	Loss rate range %	ECL RMB'000
Not past due	645,302	0.83-2.13	459
Past due:			
Within 1 month	17,040	0.83-2.13	219
Over 1 month but within 3 months	1,119	1.38-2.13	20
Over 3 months but within 6 months	391	1.38-3.32	11
Over 6 months but within 1 year	268	1.38-5.30	4
Over 1 year ^(Note)	311,661	38.45-100.00	298,826
	975,781		299,539

Note: As at 31 December 2023, RMB300,885,000 (2022: RMB293,337,000) of trade receivables was fully impaired because the Group considered there are significant increase in credit risk of this receivables due to the liquidity problem of the debtors.

Movement in the expected credit losses of trade receivables:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
At beginning of year	299,539	363,876
Transferred from ECL of amounts due from a related company <i>(Note 25b)</i>	-	28
ECL recognised during the year	5,452	22,477
Amount written off during the year ^(Note)	(318)	(86,842)
At end of year	304,673	299,539

Note: As at 31 December 2023, approximately RMB318,000 (2022: RMB86,842,000) of trade receivables was fully written off because the Group considered these receivables are unrecoverable due to the completion of court judgment on the recoverable amount from the debtor.

Before accepting any new customers, the Group assesses the potential customer's credit quality and defines its credit limit based on the reputation of the customers in the industry. Limits attributed to customers are reviewed regularly.

In determining the recoverability of trade and bills receivables, the Group considers any changes in the credit quality of the trade and bills receivables from the date credit was initially granted up to the end of the reporting period.

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24. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES, RECEIVABLES MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Cont'd)

(b) Receivables measured at fair value through other comprehensive income

Under HKFRS 9, certain bills which were held by the Group for the practice of discounting/endorsing to financial institutions/suppliers before the bills due for payment were classified as "receivables measured at FVTOCI". At 31 December 2023 and 2022, all the bills are with a maturity period of less than 6 months. The Group considers the credit risk is limited because counterparties are banks with good credit standing and are highly likely to be paid, and the expected credit loss are considered as insignificant.

25. AMOUNTS DUE FROM RELATED COMPANIES

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Non-trade related <i>(Note a)</i>	25	24
Trade related <i>(Note b)</i>	30,695	10,409
	30,720	10,433

Notes:

- (a) The balance is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand. The maximum amount outstanding as at 31 December 2023 amounting to RMB25,000 (2022: RMB24,000).
- (b) The trade related amounts due from related companies are with details as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Brilliance China Group		
Shenyang XingYuanDong Automobile Component Co., Ltd.* 瀋陽興遠東汽車零部件有限公司	1,503	10,409
Wuliangye Group		
Mianyang Xinhua Internal Combustion Engine Joint Stock Company Limited* 綿陽新華內燃機股份有限公司 ("Xinhua Combustion Engine")	29,192	-
	30,695	10,409

* English name for reference only.

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25. AMOUNTS DUE FROM RELATED COMPANIES (Cont'd)

Analysed as:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Trade receivables	30,695	10,409

The Group has pledged certain amounts due from related companies, before ECL allowance, amounting to RMB1,505,000 as at 31 December 2023 (2022: RMB10,498,000) to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group.

Trade related amounts due from related companies are unsecured, interest free and with a credit period ranging from 45 to 90 days from the invoice date and a further 3 to 6 months for bills receivable. The following is an aging analysis of trade receivables, net of allowance for credit losses, presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Within 3 months	29,192	–
Over 6 months but within 1 year	1,503	10,409
	30,695	10,409

The Group's credit limits offered to related companies are based on assessment of their financial viability and reputation in the industry, including historical payment records.

The Group applied simplified approach to provide the expected credit losses prescribed by HKFRS 9.

To measure the ECL of amounts due from related companies, the balances are regarded as not credit-impaired and have been assessed based on individual assessment. At 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Group engaged the Valuer to assess the credit rating for its customers and applying the expected loss rate ranging from 0.1% to 100% (2022: 0.1% to 100%) over the gross carrying amounts. As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, loss allowance amounting to RMB649,452,000 (2022: RMB652,823,000) was recognised based on individual assessment by reference to the Group's historical credit loss experiences, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current conditions at the reporting date as well as the forecast of future conditions.

Movement in the expected credit loss:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
At beginning of year	652,823	674,318
Transferred to ECL of trade receivables (Note 24a)	–	(28)
ECL reversed (Note)	(3,709)	(21,467)
ECL recognised	338	–
At end of year	649,452	652,823

Note:

Reversal of provision for loss allowance of RMB21,467,000 was recognised during the year ended 31 December 2022 due to the decrease in the past due balance of trade receivables from Brilliance China Group.

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26. PLEDGED/RESTRICTED BANK DEPOSITS/BANK BALANCES AND CASH

Bank balances and pledged/restricted bank deposits carry interest at variable market rates as follows:

	Bank balances RMB'000	Pledged/ restricted bank deposits RMB'000
At 31 December 2023	0.01% – 0.35% per annum	0.01% – 0.35% per annum
At 31 December 2022	0.01% - 0.35% per annum	1.30% - 3.15% per annum

An amount of RMB104,014,000 (2022: RMB135,130,000) represents bank deposits pledged to banks to secure bills payable issued to suppliers of the Group for the purchase of raw materials.

An amount of RMB368,000 (2022: RMB2,350,000) represents restricted bank deposits for issuance of letters of credit with maturity of 3 months to 1 year.

An amount of RMB429,000 (2022: RMB10,596,000) represents restricted bank deposits to secure for borrowings.

An amount of RMB272,000 (2022: RMB543,000) represents restricted bank deposits have been frozen by a court.

Balances denominated in foreign currencies:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
HK\$	3,815	730
United States Dollars ("US\$")	617	804

Other than bank balances shown above, all other remaining bank balances are denominated in RMB which is not a freely convertible currency. Under the PRC's Foreign Exchange Control Regulations and Administration of Settlement and Sales and Payment of Foreign Exchange Regulations, the Group is permitted to exchange RMB for foreign currencies through banks that are authorised to conduct foreign exchange business.

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27. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Trade payables	316,036	260,238
Bills payable	163,845	236,515
Total trade and bills payables	479,881	496,753
Construction payables	5,846	4,744
Payroll and welfare payables	17,954	15,857
Advance from customers <i>(Note a)</i>	9,483	4,910
Provision for warranty <i>(Note b)</i>	9,487	5,782
Retention money	11,801	13,184
Other tax payables <i>(Note c)</i>	-	51,507
Provision for operating expenses	3,716	3,215
Other payables	6,966	5,512
	545,134	601,464

Notes:

- As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the balances amounting to RMB9,483,000 and RMB4,910,000, respectively, represented the contract liabilities, i.e. the Group's obligation to transfer goods or services to customers for which the Group has received consideration from the customers. During the year ended 31 December 2023, the contract liabilities balance at the beginning of the year were fully recognised as revenue from sale of goods.
- The balance of provision for warranty represents management's best estimate of the Group's liability under the one year warranty granted to customers on the sale of automotive engines and automotive engine components, based on prior experience and industry averages for defective products at the end of reporting period.
- Included in the balance is value added tax payable of RMB nil (2022: RMB51,112,000).

The credit periods of trade payables and bills payable are normally within 3 months and 3 to 6 months, respectively. The following is an aging analysis of trade payables presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Within 3 months	237,052	172,579
Over 3 months but within 6 months	29,939	36,188
Over 6 months but within 1 year	10,282	3,449
Over 1 year but within 2 years	14,369	14,030
Over 2 years	24,394	33,992
	316,036	260,238

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27. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (Cont'd)

The following is an aging analysis of bills payable presented based on the issuance date of bills at the end of the reporting period:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Within 3 months	85,591	79,093
Over 3 months but within 6 months	78,254	157,422
	163,845	236,515

The movement of provision for warranty are as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
At beginning of year	5,782	5,887
Provision for the year	7,258	7,876
Utilised for the year	(3,553)	(7,981)
At end of year	9,487	5,782

All amounts are short term and hence the carrying values of the Group's trade payables, bills payable and other payables are considered to be a reasonable approximation of fair values.

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28. AMOUNTS DUE TO RELATED COMPANIES

Details of amounts due to related companies are as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Trade related:		
Huachen Group		
Huachen Automotive	610	610
Shenyang Brilliance Power Train Machinery Co., Ltd.* 瀋陽華晨動力機械有限公司	155	155
Brilliance China Group		
Mianyang Brilliance Ruian Automotive Components Co., Ltd.* 綿陽華晨瑞安汽車零部件有限公司	3,237	3,108
Shenyang ChenFa Automotive Components Co., Ltd.* 瀋陽晨發汽車零部件有限公司	3,583	3,583
Shenyang Jinbei Vehicle Dies Manufacturing Co., Ltd.* 瀋陽金杯汽車模具製造有限公司	15	15
Wuliangye Group		
Mianyang Xinhua Trading Co., Ltd.* 綿陽新華商貿有限公司	-	1
Xinhua Combustion Engine	78,570	13,416
Sichuan Yi Bin Pushi Automotive Components Co., Ltd.* 四川省宜賓普什汽車零部件有限公司	-	123
Mianyang Xin Xinmao Trading Co., Ltd.* 綿陽新鑫茂商貿有限公司	21	655
	86,191	21,666
Non-trade related:		
Brilliance China Group		
Brilliance China	2,491	2,258
	88,682	23,924

* English name for reference only.

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28. AMOUNTS DUE TO RELATED COMPANIES (Cont'd)

The trade related amounts are analysed as:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Trade payables	39,372	11,783
Bills payable	46,819	9,883
	86,191	21,666

The aging of trade related amounts due to related companies presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Within 3 months	34,452	6,275
Over 3 months but within 6 months	384	247
Over 6 months but within 1 year	-	63
Over 1 year	4,536	5,198
	39,372	11,783

The bills payable are guaranteed by the banks in the PRC and have maturities of 3 to 12 months. The following is an aging analysis of trade related bills payable presented based on the issuance date of bills at the end of the reporting period:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Within 3 months	36,045	6,203
Over 3 months but within 6 months	10,774	3,680
Over 6 months but within 1 year	-	-
	46,819	9,883

The trade related amounts are interest free, unsecured and with credit period of 3 to 6 months.

The non-trade related amounts are interest free, unsecured and repayable on demand.

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29. AMOUNT DUE TO AN ASSOCIATE

The balance is interest free, unsecured and repayable within 3 months.

The aging of trade related amounts due to an associate presented based on the invoice date at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Within 3 months	1,341,471	293,065
Over 3 months but within 6 months	654,810	174,396
	1,996,281	467,461

30. BORROWINGS

(a) Bank borrowings

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Carrying amount repayable:		
Within 1 year or on demand	428,781	481,740
After 1 year but within 2 years	30,319	77,365
After 2 years but within 5 years	2,511	30,819
	461,611	589,924
Less: amounts shown under current liabilities	(428,782)	(481,740)
	32,829	108,184
Secured <i>(Note a)</i>	314,816	388,965
Unsecured <i>(Note b)</i>	146,795	200,959
	461,611	589,924

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30. BORROWINGS (Cont'd)

(b) Other borrowings

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Carrying amount repayable:		
Within 1 year or on demand	57,808	10,000
After 1 year but within 2 years	24,232	–
After 2 years but within 5 years	7,173	–
	89,213	10,000
Carrying amount of borrowings that are repayable on demand due to breach of loan covenants (shown under current liabilities) ^(Note c)	50,000	60,000
Less: amounts shown under current liabilities	(107,807)	(70,000)
Amounts shown under non-current liabilities	31,406	–
Secured	–	–
Unsecured ^(Note d)	139,213	70,000
	139,213	70,000

Notes:

- a. At 31 December 2023 and 2022, the balances were secured by property, plant and equipment, prepaid lease payments and amounts due from related companies as set out in Notes 16, 18 and 25 respectively.
- b. At 31 December 2023, included in the unsecured borrowings is RMB114,450,000 guaranteed by companies within the Group (2022: RMB106,965,000 guaranteed by companies within the Group). The remaining balance of RMB332,345,000 (2022: RMB93,994,000) was unguaranteed, unsecured and arose from discounting, with recourse of bills receivable.

At 31 December 2023, other than borrowing which are denominated in US\$, i.e. US\$ nil, equivalent to approximately RMB nil (2022: US\$1,000,000, equivalent to approximately RMB6,965,000), the remaining loans are all denominated in RMB.
- c. At 31 December 2023, other borrowings of approximately RMB50,000,000 (2022: RMB60,000,000) from a non-related party, which shall be due after twelve months from the end of reporting period in accordance with the scheduled repayment dates as set out in the respective loan agreements but are reclassified to current liabilities due to the unfulfilment of a loan covenant following the deterioration of the financial conditions of Huachen Automotive, the guarantor of this borrowing, and thereby triggered the default of this borrowing of the Group; accordingly, this borrowing became repayable on demand as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.
- d. At 31 December 2023, included in the balances was other borrowings amounting to RMB60,000,000 (2022: RMB70,000,000) from non-related parties which was unsecured, bearing interest from 1.2% per annum (2022: 1.2% per annum) and repayable on demand, and RMB79,213,000 (2022: RMB nil) from non-related parties which was unsecured, bearing interest at 6.0% per annum (2022: Nil) and repayable with scheduled repayment dates as at 31 December 2023.

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30. BORROWINGS (Cont'd)

The ranges of effective interest rates (which are also equal to contractual interest rates) on the Group's borrowings are as follows:

	2023	2022
	% per annum	% per annum
Fixed-rate borrowings – RMB	1.200% to 6.500%	1.200% to 6.000%
Variable-rate borrowings – US\$	–	3.400%#+2.8500%

31. LEASE LIABILITIES

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Total minimum lease payments:		
Due within one year	161,850	199,010
Due in the second to fifth years	425,752	587,602
	587,602	786,612
Future finance charges on lease liabilities	(49,768)	(78,753)
	537,834	707,859
	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Present value of minimum lease payments:		
Due within one year	140,037	170,024
Due in the second to fifth years	397,797	537,835
	537,834	707,859
Less: Portion due within one year included under current liabilities	(140,037)	(170,024)
	397,797	537,835

Note:

As at 31 December 2023, lease liabilities amounting to RMB537,834,000 (2022: RMB707,859,000) are effectively secured by the related underlying assets as the rights to the leased asset would be reverted to the lessor in the event of default by repayment by the Group.

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31. LEASE LIABILITIES (Cont'd)

During the year ended 31 December 2023, the total cash outflows for the leases are RMB199,011,000 (2022: RMB41,019,000).

Types of right-of-use assets	Number of leases	Range of remaining lease term	Particulars
Office premise	1	Nil year (2022: 1 year)	Contains an option to renew the lease after the end of the contract by giving a one-month notice to landlord before the end of the contract
Production facilities	1	4 years (2022: 5 years)	Contains an option to renew the lease after the end of the contract by giving a three-month notice to landlord before the end of the contract

The Group considered that no extension option or termination option would be exercised at the lease commencement date.

32. DEFERRED INCOME

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Amounts recognised in profit or loss during the year:		
Subsidies related to incurred costs ^(Note a)	27,842	3,816
Subsidies related to property, plant and equipment ^(Note b)	4,632	5,714
Subsidies related to the Anti-epidemic Fund ^(Note c)	–	104
	32,474	9,634

The movement of deferred income is as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
At beginning of year	19,521	25,235
Amount credited to profit or loss during the year	(4,632)	(5,714)
At end of year	14,889	19,521

Notes:

- The Group received government subsidies for reimbursement of logistics costs and research and development activities to enhance the competitiveness in the industry and to promote new products. The subsidies are recognised in profit or loss as the relevant expenses were incurred.
- The Group received government subsidies for the compensation of capital expenditures incurred for the plant and machinery. The amounts are deferred and amortised over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets.
- The Group successfully applied for fund support from the Employment Support Scheme under the Anti-epidemic Fund, set up by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government during the year ended 31 December 2022. The purpose of the funding is to provide financial support to enterprises to retain their employees who would otherwise be made redundant. 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.

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33. SHARE CAPITAL

Details of movement of the share capital of the Company are as follows:

	Number of shares	Amount HK\$
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each		
<i>Authorised:</i>		
At date of incorporation, 1 January 2022, 31 December 2022 and 2023	8,000,000,000	80,000,000
<i>Issued and fully paid:</i>		
At 1 January 2022, 31 December 2022 and 2023	1,282,211,794	12,822,118
	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Share capital presented in consolidated statement of financial position	10,457	10,457

34. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to shareholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balances. The Group's overall strategy remains unchanged from prior year.

The capital structure of the Group consists of net debts (which include borrowings and non-trade related amounts due to related companies), net of cash and cash equivalents and equity attributable to owners of the Company, comprising share capital, retained profits and other reserves.

Management of the Group reviews the capital structure periodically. As part of this review, management considers the cost of capital and the risks associated with the capital. Based on recommendations of management, the Group will balance its overall capital structure through the payment of dividends and raising of new capital as well as the issue of new debt or the redemption of existing debt.

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35. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

35.1 Categories of financial instruments

	2023	2022
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Financial assets		
Financial assets at amortised cost [#]	2,510,085	982,101
Receivables measured at FVTOCI	-	3,278
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost ^{##}	3,193,647	1,671,502
Lease liabilities	537,834	707,859

[#] Prepayment, deposits and value added tax recoverable are excluded.

^{##} Accruals, advance from customers, provision for warranty, payroll and welfare payables and other tax payables are excluded.

35.2 Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's financial instruments include trade and other receivables, receivables measured at FVTOCI, amounts due from/to related companies, amount due to an associate, loan to a shareholder, bank balances and cash, pledged/restricted bank deposits, trade and other payables, lease liabilities and borrowings. Details of these financial instruments are disclosed in respective notes. The risks associated with these financial instruments include market risk (interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The policies on how to mitigate these risks are set out below. The management manages and monitors these exposures to ensure appropriate measures are implemented on a timely and effective manner. There has been no material change to the Group's exposure to market risks or the manner in which it manages and measures the risk from prior year.

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35. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont'd)

35.2 Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

Currency risk

The carrying amounts of the Group's significant monetary assets/(liabilities) denominated in foreign currency, i.e. currency other than the functional currency of the respective group entities at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
US\$		
– Cash and cash equivalents	521	804
– Borrowings	–	(6,965)
	521	(6,161)
HK\$		
– Cash and cash equivalents	3,911	730
– Loan to a shareholder	8,811	11,876
	12,722	12,606

Sensitivity analysis

The following table details the Group's sensitivity to a 5% (2022: 5%) increase and decrease in RMB, the functional currency of the respective group entities operating in the PRC, against US\$ and HK\$. 5% is the sensitivity rate used which represents management's assessment of the possible changes in foreign currency rates. The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items and adjusts their translation at the end of the reporting period for 5% change in foreign currency rates. A positive/(negative) number below indicates a decrease/(increase) in profit/(loss) for the year where RMB strengthens 5% against US\$ and HK\$. For a 5% weakening of RMB against US\$ and HK\$, there would be an equal but opposite impact on the loss for the year.

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Profit/(Loss) for the year		
US\$	(22)	262
HK\$	(531)	(526)

In management's opinion, the sensitivity analysis is unrepresentative of the inherent foreign exchange risk as the year end exposure does not reflect the exposure during the year.

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35. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont'd)

35.2 Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Group is exposed to cash flow interest rate risk on the variable rate of interest earned on the restricted/pledged bank deposits and bank balances, and variable rate of interest incurred on borrowings. The Group is also exposed to fair value interest rate risk in relation to fixed-rate borrowings. It is the Group's policy to maintain an appropriate level between its fixed-rate and variable-rate borrowings so as to minimise the fair value and cash flow interest rate risk. The Group monitors interest rate exposure and will consider hedging significant interest rate exposure should the need arise.

At 31 December 2023, the interest income amounting to RMB2,750,000 (2022: RMB3,701,000) are from financial assets that are measured at amortised cost.

Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analysis below has been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for non-derivative instruments. The analysis is prepared assuming the financial instruments outstanding at the end of the reporting period were outstanding for the whole year. The following sensitivity analysis represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates.

Variable-rate borrowings

If interest rates of the variable-rate borrowings had been 50 basis points higher/lower than the lending benchmark interest rate stipulated by the People's Bank of China or London Inter-Bank Offer Rate and all other variables were held constant, the Group's profit/(loss) for the year ended 31 December 2023 would have increased/decreased by approximately RMB nil (2022: RMB30,000). There was no borrowing at variable rate as at 31 December 2023.

Variable-rate bank balances

If interest rate of variable-rate bank balances had been 10 basis points higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, the Group's profit/(loss) for the year ended 31 December 2023 would have increased/decreased by approximately RMB132,000 (2022: decreased/increased by approximately RMB85,000).

In the director's opinion, the sensitivity analysis above is unrepresentative for the interest rate risk as the exposure at the end of reporting period does not reflect the exposure during the year.

Credit risk

At the end of each reporting period, the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk which will cause a financial loss to the Group due to failure to discharge an obligation by the counterparties is arising from the carrying amount of the respective recognised financial assets as stated in the consolidated statement of financial position and outstanding endorsed and discounted bills receivable as disclosed in Note 39.

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35. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont'd)

35.2 Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

Credit risk (Cont'd)

Before accepting any new customers, the Group assesses the potential customer's credit quality and defines its credit limit based on the reputation of the customers in the industry. Limits attributed to customers are reviewed regularly. Other monitoring procedures are in place to ensure that follow-up action is taken to recover overdue debts. In addition, the Group performs impairment assessment under ECL model upon application of HKFRS 9 on trade balances individually or based on provision matrix, as appropriate.

Trade receivables are written off (i.e. derecognised) when there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Failure to make payments within 360 days from the invoice date and failure to engage with the Group on alternative payment arrangement amongst other is considered indicators of no reasonable expectation of recovery.

As at 31 December 2023, the Group has concentration of credit risk, 65% and 96% (2022: 57% and 73%) of the Group's total trade receivables, receivables measured at FVTOCI and trade related amounts due from related companies was due from the Group's largest customer and five largest customers respectively. Those five largest customers are with good creditworthiness based on historical settlement record. In order to minimise the concentration of credit risk, the management has delegated staff responsible for determination of credit limits, credit approvals and other monitoring procedures to ensure follow-up action is taken to recover overdue debts. The management also performs periodic evaluations and customer visits to ensure the Group's exposure to bad debts is not significant and adequate impairment losses are made for irrecoverable amount. In this regard, the directors of the Company consider that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

The Group had concentration of credit risk by geographical location as trade and bills receivables and trade related amounts due from related companies comprise various debtors which are all located in PRC during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

The Group reassess the lifetime ECL for Trade-related-receivables, bills receivable and receivables measured at FVTOCI at the end of each reporting period to ensure that adequate impairment losses are made for significant increases in the likelihood or risk of a default occurring since initial recognition. In this regard, management of the Group considers that the Group's credit risk is significantly reduced.

The Group applied ECL model upon adoption of HKFRS 9. The Group considers the probability of default upon initial recognition of asset and whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk on an ongoing basis.

To assess whether there is a significant increase in credit risk the Group compares the risk of a default occurring on the asset as at the reporting date with the risk of default as at the date of initial recognition, it considers available reasonable the supportive forwarding looking information, including the below indicators:

- internal credit rating based on historical information
- actual or expected significant changes in the operating results of the debtors
- significant changes in the expected performance and behaviour of the debtors, including changes in the debtors' ability to meet its debt obligations.

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35. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont'd)

35.2 Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

Credit risk (Cont'd)

Other than collective assessment of ECL (i.e. provision matrix) on trade receivables, the Group applies individual assessment of ECL on other receivables, trade related amounts due from related companies and receivables measured at FVTOCI prescribed by HKFRS 9. The expected credit loss rates applied in the both collective assessment and individual assessment are derived according to internal and external credit rating, including the Group's historical credit loss experiences, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors. Estimated loss rates are based on historical observed default rates over the expected life of the debtors and are adjusted for forward-looking information. The assessment of ECL involves a high degree of uncertainties.

Relevant information with regard to the exposure of credit risk and expected credit losses for Trade-related-receivables as at 31 December 2023 and 2022 are set out in Notes 24 and 25.

For non-trade related amounts due from related companies, the Group makes periodic individual assessment on the recoverability, and concluded that the expected credit loss rate for these receivables is immaterial under 12 month ECL method based on the Group's assessment on the risk of the default of that counterparty. Thus, no loss allowance for credit losses for the amounts was recognised during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

For loan to a shareholder, the Group provided loss allowance amounting to HK\$23,648,000 (2022: HK\$18,864,000), equivalent to approximately RMB21,409,459 (2022: RMB16,742,000) as at 31 December 2023 and 2022 based on periodic individual assessment on the recoverability.

The Group has assessed that the ECL for other receivables (excluding prepayments and value-added tax recoverable) are minimal under the 12-month ECL method as there is no significant increase in credit risk on these financial assets since initial recognition and the risk of default is loss during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

Management considered the credit risk on pledged/restricted bank deposits and bank balances are limited because the counterparties are banks with good credit standing. There have been no history of default in relation to these banks and thus the risk of default was regarded as low. No loss allowance provision for pledged/restricted bank deposits and bank balances is recognised upon application of HKFRS 9.

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35. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont'd)

35.2 Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

Credit risk (Cont'd)

The tables below show the credit quality and the maximum exposure to credit risk based on the Group's credit policy, which is mainly based on past due information unless other information is available without undue cost or effort, and year-end staging classification as at 31 December 2023 and 2022. The amounts presented are gross carrying amounts for financial assets.

As at 31 December 2023

	12-month ECLs		Lifetime ECLs		Total RMB'000
	Stage 1 RMB'000	Stage 2 RMB'000	Stage 3 RMB'000	Simplified approach RMB'000	
Loan to a shareholder <i>(Note a)</i>	-	29,011	-	-	29,011
Trade receivables <i>(Note a)</i>	-	-	-	2,585,795	2,585,795
Other receivables	4,245	-	-	-	4,245
Amounts due from related companies	31,059	-	649,113	-	680,172
Pledged/restricted bank deposits	105,083	-	-	-	105,083
Bank balances and cash	23,839	-	-	-	23,839
	164,226	29,011	649,113	2,585,795	3,428,145

As at 31 December 2022

	12-month ECLs		Lifetime ECLs		Total RMB'000
	Stage 1 RMB'000	Stage 2 RMB'000	Stage 3 RMB'000	Simplified approach RMB'000	
Loan to a shareholder	28,618	-	-	-	28,618
Trade receivables <i>(Note b)</i>	-	-	-	975,781	975,781
Other receivables	87,885	-	-	-	87,885
Receivables measured at FVTOCI	3,278	-	-	-	3,278
Amounts due from related companies	10,522	-	652,734	-	663,256
Pledged/restricted bank deposits	148,619	-	-	-	148,619
Bank balances and cash	59,059	-	-	-	59,059
	337,981	-	652,734	975,781	1,966,496

Notes:

- Having considered the factors that are specific to the debtor, general economic conditions, the Group considered that there is significant increase in credit risk of the loan to a shareholder since initial recognition and, therefore, an ECL allowance of RMB4,327,000 was recognised.
- For trade receivables to which the Group applies the simplified approach for impairment, information based on the provision matrix is disclosed in Note 24 to the consolidated financial statements.

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35. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont'd)

35.2 Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

Liquidity risk

In the management of the liquidity risk, the Group closely monitors its cash position resulting from its operations and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate by management to meet in full its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Management also monitors the utilisation of bank and other borrowings.

The following table details the Group's remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities based on the agreed repayment terms as at 31 December 2023 and 2022. The table has been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Group can be required to pay.

The table includes both interest and principal cash flows. To the extent that interest flows are carried at floating rate, the undiscounted amount is derived from the interest rate at the end of the reporting period.

In addition, the following table details the Group's liquidity analysis for outstanding endorsed and discounted bills receivable. The tables have been drawn up based on the undiscounted contractual net cash outflows on endorsed and discounted bills receivable that could be required to be paid if the relevant bank defaults on payment. The liquidity analysis for the Group's endorsed and discounted bills receivable are prepared based on the contractual maturities as management considers that the contractual maturities are essential for an understanding of the timing of the cash flows of endorsed and discounted bills receivable.

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35. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont'd)

35.2 Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

Liquidity tables

	Weighted average interest rate %	Repayable on demand or within 3 months RMB'000	3-6 months RMB'000	6 months to 1 year RMB'000	Over 1 year RMB'000	Total undiscounted cash flows RMB'000	Carrying amount RMB'000
At 31 December 2023							
Non-interest bearing							
Trade and other payables	N/A	507,860	-	-	-	507,860	507,860
Amounts due to related companies	N/A	88,682	-	-	-	88,682	88,682
Amount due to an associate	N/A	1,996,281	-	-	-	1,996,281	1,996,281
Outstanding endorsed and discounted bills receivable ^(Note a)							
	N/A	780,652	56,266	-	-	836,918	-
Interest bearing							
Other borrowings ^(Note b)	1.2 - 6.4	14,368	23,062	24,789	83,479	145,698	139,212
Borrowings ^(Note b)							
- Fixed rate	3.20 - 6.50	126,157	80,902	282,195	75,126	564,380	461,612
Lease liabilities	4.6	40,462	40,462	80,926	425,752	587,602	537,834
		3,554,462	200,692	387,910	584,357	4,727,421	3,731,481
At 31 December 2022							
Non-interest bearing							
Trade and other payables	N/A	520,193	-	-	-	520,193	520,193
Amounts due to related companies	N/A	23,924	-	-	-	23,924	23,924
Amount due to an associate	N/A	467,461	-	-	-	467,461	467,461
Outstanding endorsed and discounted bills receivable ^(Note a)							
	N/A	175,527	28,634	-	-	204,161	-
Interest bearing							
Other borrowings ^(Note b)	1.20	70,000	-	-	-	70,000	70,000
Borrowings ^(Note b)							
- Fixed rate	3.20 - 6.00	43,470	282,980	166,420	113,979	606,849	582,959
- Variable rate	6.25	6,965	-	-	-	6,965	6,965
Lease liabilities	2.94 - 4.60	49,752	49,752	99,506	587,602	786,612	707,859
		1,357,292	361,366	265,926	701,581	2,686,165	2,379,361

Notes:

- (a) The amounts included above for outstanding endorsed and discounted bills receivable are the maximum amounts the Group could be required to settle under the arrangement for the bills for the full guaranteed amount if that amount is defaulted by the counterparties to the guarantee. Based on expectations at the end of the reporting period, the Group considers that it is more likely than not that no amount will be payable under the arrangement. However, the estimate is subject to change depending on the probability of the default of the counterparties under the arrangement which is a function of the likelihood that the financial receivables held by the counterparties suffer credit losses.

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35. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Cont'd)

35.2 Financial risk management objectives and policies (Cont'd)

Liquidity tables (Cont'd)

Notes: (Cont'd)

- (b) Borrowings repayable on demand due to breach of loan covenants are included in the “Repayable on demand or within 3 months” time band in the above maturity analysis. As at 31 December 2023, the aggregate carrying amounts of these borrowings amounting to RMB60,000,000 (2022: RMB76,965,000). Taking into account the Group’s financial position, the directors do not believe that it is probable that the banks will exercise their discretionary rights to demand immediate repayment. The directors believe that such borrowings will be repaid after the reporting date in accordance with the scheduled repayment dates set out in the loan agreements, details of which are set out in the table below:

Maturity analysis – Borrowings repayable on demand due to breach of loan covenants based on scheduled repayments

	Within 3 months RMB'000	3-6 months RMB'000	6 months to 1 year RMB'000	Over 1 year RMB'000	Total undiscounted cash flows RMB'000	Carrying amount RMB'000
31 December 2023	180	10,170	300	50,600	61,250	60,000
31 December 2022	7,175	10,200	360	61,250	78,985	76,965

35.3 Fair value

Fair value of the Group’s financial assets and financial liabilities that are not measured at fair value on recurring basis

Other than receivables measured at FVTOCI, the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities is determined in accordance with generally accepted pricing models based on discounted cash flow analysis.

The directors of the Company consider that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities other than receivables measured at FVTOCI recognised in the consolidated financial statements approximate their fair values.

Fair value of the Group’s financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets/ financial liabilities	Fair value as at 31 December 2023 RMB'000	Fair value hierarchy	Valuation technique and key inputs
Receivables measured at FVTOCI in the consolidated statement of financial position	-	3,278 Level 2	Discounted cash flows Future cash flows are estimated based on discount rates which are based on the yield-to-maturity of commercial bank bond, with matched terms, and credit risk of various counterparties.

There were no transfer between the different levels of the fair value hierarchy during the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: Nil).

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36. RECONCILIATION OF LIABILITIES ARISING FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

The table below details changes in the Group's liabilities arising from financing activities, including both cash and non-cash changes.

	Borrowings RMB'000	Amounts due to related companies RMB'000	Leases liabilities RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2022	1,240,292	16,130	4,252	1,260,674
Interest paid	(43,462)	(17,314)	(11,188)	(71,964)
New borrowings raised	378,976	-	-	378,976
Repayment of borrowings	(469,455)	-	-	(469,455)
Capital element of lease rentals paid	-	-	(29,831)	(29,831)
Advance from related companies	-	759	-	759
Non-cash:				
Addition	-	-	733,438	733,438
Finance cost recognised <i>(Note 9)</i>	43,462	2,683	11,188	57,333
Loan repayment	(500,000)	-	-	(500,000)
Exchange adjustment	10,111	-	-	10,111
At 1 January 2023	659,924	2,258	707,859	1,370,041
Interest paid	(28,323)	-	(28,986)	(57,309)
New borrowings raised	313,255	-	-	313,255
Repayment of borrowings	(371,948)	-	-	(371,948)
Capital element of lease rentals paid	-	-	(170,025)	(170,025)
Advance from related companies	-	233	-	233
Non-cash:				
Finance cost recognised <i>(Note 9)</i>	28,323	-	28,986	57,309
Exchange adjustment	(407)	-	-	(407)
At 31 December 2023	600,824	2,491	537,834	1,141,149

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37. LEASE COMMITMENTS

Group as lessee

At the end of the reporting period, the lease commitments for short-term leases are any follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Within one year	1,400	–

The Group as lessor

Property rental income earned from the buildings previously transferred from investment properties amounting to RMB563,000 (2022: RMB459,000) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

At the end of the reporting period, the Group had contracted with tenant for the following future minimum lease payments:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Within one year	8,747	8,647
Due in the second to fifth years	–	8,586
	8,747	17,233

38. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Contracted but not provided for		
Capital expenditure in respect of the acquisition of property, plant and equipment, prepaid lease payments and development costs	13,280	24,334
Capital expenditure in respect of investment in associates ^(Note)	80,000	80,000

Note: Pursuant to the Investment Agreement with Beijing CHJ Automotive Technology Co., Ltd* (北京車和家汽車科技有限公司) ("Beijing CHJ"), Li Xinchun was incorporated on 22 October 2021 and its registered capital was RMB629,936,000 that has been subscribed for but has not been paid up as at 31 December 2022. The registered capital consist of RMB321,267,000 that shall be contributed by Beijing CHJ in cash and RMB308,669,000 that shall be contributed by the Group, composed of RMB80,000,000 in cash and RMB228,669,000 by injecting the equipment and machinery and constructions in-progress relating to CE engine assembly line and cylinder block machining line into Li Xinchun. Beijing CHJ and the Group will hold 51% and 49% of the equity interests in Li Xinchun, respectively.

* *English name for reference only.*

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39. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

During the year, the Group (i) endorsed certain bills receivable for the settlement of trade and other payables; and (ii) discounted certain bills receivable to banks for raising of cash. In the opinion of the directors, the Group has transferred the significant risks and rewards relating to these bills receivable, and the Group's obligations to the corresponding counterparties were discharged in accordance with the commercial practice in the PRC and the risk of the default in payment of the endorsed and discounted bills receivable is low because all endorsed and discounted bills receivable are issued and guaranteed by the reputable PRC banks. As a result, the relevant assets and liabilities were not recognised in the consolidated financial statements. The maximum exposure to the Group that may result from the default of these endorsed and discounted bills receivable at the end of each reporting period are as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Settlement of trade and other payables	738,666	112,648
Discounted bills for raising of cash	98,252	91,513
Outstanding endorsed and discounted bills receivable with recourse	836,918	204,161

Maturity analysis of the outstanding endorsed and discounted bills receivable:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Within 3 months	780,652	175,527
Over 3 months but within 6 months	56,266	28,634
	836,918	204,161

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40. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Other than those disclosed elsewhere in the consolidated financial statements, during the year, the Group entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Sale of goods		
Brilliance China Group <i>(Note)</i>	27	61,393
Li Xinchun	117,138	34,936
	117,165	96,329
Purchase of goods		
Brilliance China Group <i>(Note)</i>	2,784	13,719
Wuliangye Group	55,618	36,941
Li Xinchun	4,205,787	720,695
	4,264,189	771,355
Provision of service		
Li Xinchun	2,335	2,112
Lease payment and auxiliary services received		
Brilliance China Group	-	2,469
Lease income and auxiliary services charged		
Li Xinchun	13,032	9,472
Water and electricity costs received		
Wuliangye Group	153	759
Repairment fee		
Wuliangye Group	40	22
Interest expense charged		
Brilliance China Group <i>(Note)</i>	-	2,683
Sale of intangible assets		
Li Xinchun	-	37,000

Note: During the year ended 31 December 2022, the amount included sales and purchases transaction with BMW Brilliance Automotive from 1 January 2022 to 10 February 2022.

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40. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES (Cont'd)

The above transactions were carried out in the ordinary course of business and conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions mutually agreed by both parties.

Brilliance China Group, Huachen Group and Wuliangye Group are also the connected persons of the Company under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Balances with the Brilliance China Group, Huachen Group and Wuliangye Group are disclosed elsewhere in the consolidated financial statements.

40.1 Transactions/balances with other state-controlled entities in the PRC

The Group operates in an economic environment currently predominated by entities directly or indirectly owned or controlled by the PRC government (the "State-controlled Entities"). The Group has entered into various transactions in the ordinary course of business, including deposits placements, borrowings and other general banking facilities, with banks which are PRC governments related entities. In addition, the Group itself is jointly controlled by a subsidiary of Brilliance China and a subsidiary of Wuliangye, each of which are ultimately controlled by the PRC government. Apart from the transactions with the Brilliance China Group, Huachen Group and Wuliangye Group disclosed above, the Group also conducts business with other State-controlled Entities. The directors of the Company consider those State-controlled Entities as independent third parties so far as the Group's business transactions with them are concerned.

40.2 Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of directors and other members of key management during the year were as follows:

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Short-term benefits	14,558	14,187
Post-employment benefits	147	119
	14,705	14,306

The directors and certain senior management have also been employed by the Brilliance China Group and Wuliangye Group and the payment of their post-employment benefits representing contributions to retirement benefits scheme was centralised and made by the Brilliance China Group and Wuliangye Group for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, and such amounts are considered as insignificant.

41. RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLAN

The employees of the Group are members of the state-managed retirement benefit scheme operated by the PRC government and of Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme. The Group is required to contribute a certain percentage of basic payroll costs to the retirement benefit scheme to fund the benefits. The only obligation of the Group with respect to the retirement benefit scheme is to make the required contributions under the scheme. During the year ended 31 December 2023, RMB26,508,000 (2022: RMB23,509,000) expenses were incurred and recognised in profit or loss.

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42. SHARE-BASED PAYMENT TRANSACTIONS

42.1 Share Incentive Scheme

During the year ended 31 December 2011, the Company established a share incentive scheme (the "Incentive Scheme") to provide an incentive to directors, management, employees and relevant personnel of the Group who have contributed or will make contributions to the development and growth of the Group (the "Beneficiaries") which contains two trust arrangements, namely a fixed trust (the "Fixed Trust") and a discretionary trust (the "Discretionary Trust"). On 31 October 2011, the Company issued 93,999,794 shares of the Company (the "Shares"), representing approximately 9.998% of then enlarged issued share capital of the Company, to Lead In, which held on trust for the relevant Beneficiaries under the two trust arrangements at subscription price of HK\$1.0817 per Share. The subscription price of HK\$1.0817 per Share is considered as fair value since it was determined based on the Mianyang Xinchun Valuation Report, which was issued by an independent valuer for the purpose of group reorganisation and it was also used to determine the consideration for the shares issued to Dongfeng Motors Engineering (i.e. HK\$1.0817 per Share), which is an independent third party prior to its investment.

The Company ceased the operation and further implementation of the Incentive Scheme with effect from 6 December 2021.

Prior to 1 January 2017, all Shares under the Fixed Trust were awarded to the Beneficiaries. No Share had been awarded under the Discretionary Trust for the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: Nil). As at 31 December 2023, Lead In held 33,993,385 (2022: 33,993,385) Shares under the Discretionary Trust.

No Shares were granted, exercised, lapsed or forfeited under the Discretionary Trust during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

42.2 Share Option Scheme

A share option scheme (the "Old Share Option Scheme") adopted by the Company on 25 April 2012 and amended and restated on 8 February 2013 was effective for a period of 10 years commencing from 13 March 2013. The Old Share Option Scheme expired on 12 March 2023. The Company adopted a share option scheme by an ordinary resolution passed by the shareholders of the Company at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 19 June 2023 (the "New Share Option Scheme").

During the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, no share options were granted under the Old Share Option Scheme and the New Share Option Scheme by the Company. In addition, as at 31 December 2023 and 2022, no share options under the Old Share Option Scheme and the New Share Option Scheme were outstanding.

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43. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY

	2023 RMB'000	2022 RMB'000
Non-current assets		
Investment in a subsidiary	826,377	826,377
Property, plant and equipment	–	2,299
Loan to a shareholder	8,811	11,876
	835,188	840,552
Current assets		
Prepayments and other receivables	595	561
Amount due from a related company	24	24
Bank balances and cash	4,168	980
	4,787	1,565
Current liabilities		
Other payables	3,358	3,534
Amounts due to related companies	75,582	48,956
Lease liabilities	–	2,344
	78,940	54,834
Net current liabilities	(74,153)	(53,269)
Net assets	761,035	787,283
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	10,457	10,457
Reserves <i>(Note)</i>	750,578	776,826
Total equity	761,035	787,283

Wu Xiao An (also known as Ng Siu On)
Director

Deng Han
Director

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43. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY (Cont'd)

Note: Below table sets out the details of the reserves of the Company:

	Share premium RMB'000	Special reserve RMB'000 <i>(Note)</i>	Contribution from a shareholder RMB'000	Accumulated losses RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2022	700,258	348,103	8,319	(251,538)	805,142
Loss and total comprehensive expense for the year	-	-	-	(28,316)	(28,316)
At 31 December 2022	700,258	348,103	8,319	(279,854)	776,826
Loss and total comprehensive expense for the year	-	-	-	(26,248)	(26,248)
At 31 December 2023	700,258	348,103	8,319	(306,102)	750,578

Note: The special reserve represents the difference between total equity of Southern State Investment Limited ("Southern State") at the date the Company obtained entire issued share capital of Southern State from the shareholders of the Company and the paid consideration of US\$1 upon group reorganisation underwent in 2011.

44. PARTICULARS OF SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COMPANY

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation or establishment/ operation	Issued and fully paid share/ registered capital	Proportion of issued share/ registered capital held by the Company		Principal activities
			Directly	Indirectly	
Southern State	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	US\$1 Ordinary share	100%	-	Investment holding
			(2022: 100%)		
Mianyang Xincheng	PRC	US\$100,000,000 Registered capital	-	100%	Development, manufacture and sale of automotive engines for passenger vehicles and light duty commercial vehicles and manufacture of engine parts and components of the passenger vehicles
				(2022: 100%)	
Shenyang Xincheng	PRC	RMB483,000,000 Registered capital	-	100%	Factory premise leasing
				(2022: 100%)	
Mianyang Xincheng Automotive Components Co., Ltd.* (綿陽新晨汽車零部件有限公司)	PRC	RMB5,000,000 Registered capital	-	100%	Manufacture and sale of engine parts and components of the passenger vehicles
				(2022: 100%)	

There is no loan capital issued by the Company's subsidiaries at the end of the year.

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