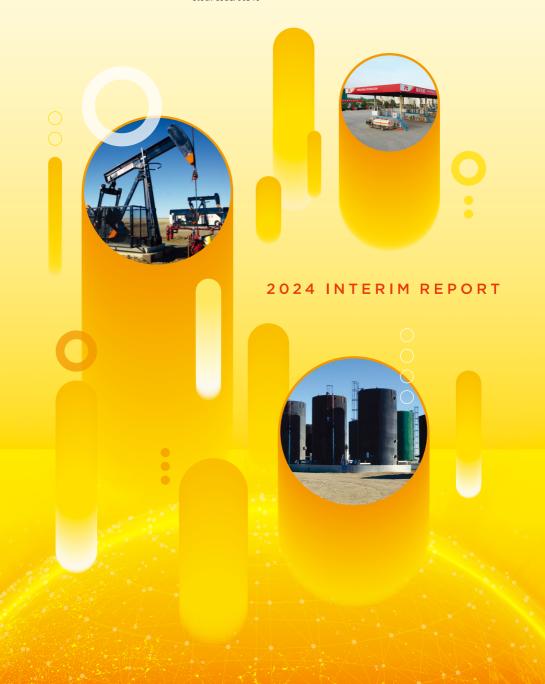


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The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of Yanchang Petroleum International Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the unaudited condensed consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2024 together with the unaudited comparative figures for the six months ended 30 June 2023 as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2024

		Six months ended 30 Jun		
	Notes	2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	
Revenue	4	16,771,559	11,467,941	
Other revenue	4	5,482	10,166	
	_	16,777,041	11,478,107	
Expenses				
Purchases		(16,547,797)	(11,201,659)	
Royalties		(21,792)	(29,458)	
Field operation expenses		(48,988)	(55,855)	
Exploration and evaluation expenses		(1,243)	(1,137)	
Selling and distribution expenses		(18,080)	(7,883)	
Administrative expenses		(37,425)	(41,707)	
Depreciation, depletion and amortisation		(96,649)	(115,790)	
Other gains and losses	5 -	(15,247)	18,147	
	_	(16,787,221)	(11,435,342)	
(Loss)/profit from operating activities	6	(10,180)	42,765	
Finance costs	7	(10,180)	(25,193)	
THIBITCE COSTS	-	(17,545)	(23,193)	
(Loss)/profit before taxation		(28,129)	17,572	
Taxation	8	863	(4,766)	
(Loss)/profit for the period		(27,266)	12,806	

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2024

		Six months e	nded 30 June
	Notes	2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Other comprehensive income			
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences on translation of financial statements of subsidiaries outside Hong Kong	_	(37,621)	46,952
Other comprehensive income for the period,			
with nil tax effect	_	(37,621)	46,952
Total comprehensive income for the period	_	(64,887)	59,758
(Loss)/profit for the period attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		(27,018)	15,209
Non-controlling interests	-	(248)	(2,403)
	_	(27,266)	12,806
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		(63,481)	48,758
Non-controlling interests	_	(1,406)	11,000
	_	(64,887)	59,758
(Loss)/earnings per share attributable to the owners of the Company			
Basic and diluted, HK cents	10	(2.46)	1.40



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 June 2024

	Notes	30 June 2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 December 2023 (Audited) HK\$'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	11	1,735,346	1,859,533
Investment properties	12	12,335	12,590
Exploration and evaluation assets	13	11,264	11,384
Right-of-use assets	14	94,041	99,349
Goodwill and intangible asset	_	58,149	58,149
	_	1,911,135	2,041,005
Current assets			
Inventories	15	364,626	346,580
Trade receivables	16	809,369	1,014,916
Prepayments, deposits and other receivables	17	422,663	55,853
Tax recoverable		1,646	-
Cash and bank balances	18	256,887	226,188
	_	1,855,191	1,643,537
Total assets	_	3,766,326	3,684,542
EQUITY Capital and reserves attributable to the owners of the Company Share capital Reserves	19	440,041 787,391	440,041 850,872
Total equity attributable to the owners of the Company Non-controlling interests	-	1,227,432 55,847	1,290,913 57,253
Total equity	_	1,283,279	1,348,166

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 June 2024

	Notes	30 June 2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 December 2023 (Audited) HK\$'000
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	20	1,498,781	1,208,394
Lease liabilities	21	7,421	7,838
Bank borrowings and other loans	22	268,500	405,594
Secured term loans	23	446,235	445,355
Tax payables		86	316
	_	2,221,023	2,067,497
Non-current liabilities			
Decommissioning liabilities		168,836	171,349
Lease liabilities	21	82,727	86,815
Deferred tax liabilities	_	10,461	10,715
	_	262,024	268,879
Total liabilities	_	2,483,047	2,336,376
Total equity and liabilities	_	3,766,326	3,684,542
Net current liabilities	_	(365,832)	(423,960)
Total assets less current liabilities		1,545,303	1,617,045



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 June 2024

Attributable to	owners of the	Company
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					Reserves					
	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Contribution surplus HK\$'000	Exchange reserve HK\$'000	Statutory reserve HK\$'000	Other reserve HK\$'000	Accumulated losses HK\$'000	Sub-total HK\$'000	Non- controlling interests HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2023 (Audited) Profit/(loss) for the period Other comprehensive income for the period	366,701 - -	2,115,311 - -	6,400,652 - -	(353,266) - 33,549	24,467 - -	1,821 - -	(7,782,730) 15,209 –	406,255 15,209 33,549	(303,530) (2,403) 13,403	469,426 12,806 46,952
Total comprehensive income for the period Share subscription Transfer of reserves	- 73,340 -	- 207,553 -	- - -	33,549 - -	- - -	- - 3,080	15,209 - (3,080)	48,758 207,553 –	11,000 - -	59,758 280,893 -
At 30 June 2023 (Unaudited)	440,041	2,322,864	6,400,652	(319,717)	24,467	4,901	(7,770,601)	662,566	(292,530)	810,077
At 1 January 2024 (Audited) (Loss)/profit for the period Other comprehensive income for the period	440,041 - -	2,322,864 - -	6,400,652 - -	(333,795) - (36,463)	21,898 - -	6,311 - -	(7,567,058) (27,018) –	850,872 (27,018) (36,463)	57,253 (248) (1,158)	1,348,166 (27,266) (37,621)
Total comprehensive income for the period Transfer of reserves		-	-	(36,463)	-	- 2,865	(27,018) (2,865)	(63,481) -	(1,406) -	(64,887)
At 30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	440,041	2,322,864	6,400,652	(370,258)	21,898	9,176	(7,596,941)	787,391	55,847	1,283,279

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended 30 June 2024

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2024	2023	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Cook flows from analysis a sativities			
Cash flows from operating activities Cash generated from operations	200,954	161,490	
Interest received	3,124	8,605	
Tax paid	5,124	(291)	
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Net cash generated from operating activities	204,078	169,804	
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of exploration and evaluation assets	(228)	(4,357)	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(22,034)	(167,124)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(22,262)	(171,481)	
Cash flows from financing activities			
Share subscription		280,893	
Net cash outflows from bank borrowings	(137,482)	(45,889)	
Other cash outflows from financing activities	(4,896)	(18,900)	
other eash outnows from infalleling activities	(4,030)	(10,500)	
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	(142,378)	216,104	
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	39,438	214,427	
Cash and each equivalents at the beginning			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	226,188	133,209	
Effect of exchange rate changes	(8,739)	2,262	
Effect of exchange rate changes	(0,733)	2,202	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	256,887	349,898	



For the six months ended 30 June 2024

1. **BASIS OF PREPARATION**

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

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 as contained in the Company's annual report 2023 (the "Annual Report 2023"), which have been prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (the "HKFRSs").

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$"), which is the same as the functional currency of the Group. All values are rounded to the nearest thousand (HK\$'000), unless otherwise stated. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements were approved for issue on 27 August 2024.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for certain properties and financial instruments which are measured at fair values. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

The accounting policies adopted in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2024 are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Annual Report 2023 except for the impact of the adoption of the new or amended HKFRSs.

In the current period, the Group has applied, for the first time, a number of the new or amended HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA which are effective for the Group's financial period beginning 1 January 2024. A summary of the new or amended HKFRSs are set out as below:

- Amendments to HKAS 1 Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and Hong Kong Interpretation 5 (Revised) Presentation of Financial Statements – Classification by the Borrower of a Term Loan that Contains a Repayment on Demand Clause
- Amendments to HKAS 1 Non-current Liabilities with Covenants

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- Amendments to HKAS 7 and HKFRS 7 Supplier Finance Arrangements
- Amendments to HKFRS 16 Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback

The application of the above new or amended HKFRSs had no material effect on the results and financial positions of the Group for the current or prior accounting periods have been prepared and presented. Accordingly, no prior period adjustment has been required.

The following new or amended HKFRSs, potentially relevant to the Group's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, have been issued, but are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Group. The Group's current intention is to apply these changes on the date they become effective.

- Amendments to HKAS 21 Lack of Exchangeability¹
- Amendments to HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture²
- ¹ Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025.
- The amendment shall be applied prospectively to the sale or contribution of assets occurring in annual periods beginning on or after a date to be determined.



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3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group's operating and reportable segments are as follows:

- the exploration, exploitation and operation business segment involves oil and gas (a) exploration, exploitation, sale and operation; and
- (b) the supply and procurement business segment involves storage, transportation, trading and distribution of oil related products.

No operating segments have been aggregated to form the above reportable segments.

Segment revenue and results

	Exploration, exploitation and operation		Suppl procur	•	Consolidated		
		F	or the six month	ns ended 30 Ju	ne		
	2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	
Segment revenue: Sales to external customers	189,103	231,445	16,582,456	11,236,496	16,771,559	11,467,941	
Segment profit/(loss)	7,932	20,068	(1,597)	2,587	6,335	22,655	
Other revenue Reversal of written down of inventories Net foreign exchange (loss)/gain Unallocated corporate expenses					5,482 - (15,219) (6,778)	10,166 5,033 13,114 (8,203)	
(Loss)/profit from operating activities Finance costs					(10,180) (17,949)	42,765 (25,193)	
(Loss)/profit before taxation Taxation					(28,129) 863	17,572 (4,766)	
(Loss)/profit for the period					(27,266)	12,806	

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3. **SEGMENT INFORMATION** (Continued)

Segment revenue and results (Continued)

Revenue reported was generated from external customers. There were no inter-segment sales during the six months ended 30 June 2024 and 2023.

Segment profit/(loss) represents the profit earned/loss incurred by each segment without allocation of other revenue, reversal of written down of inventories, net foreign exchange (loss)/gain, unallocated corporate expenses, finance costs and taxation. This is the measure reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purpose of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

Segment assets and liabilities

The following is an analysis of the Group's assets and liabilities by reportable and operating segment:

	Exploration	, exploitation	Supp	oly and			
	and o	peration	procu	procurement		Consolidated	
	30 June	31 December	30 June	31 December	30 June	31 December	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Segment assets	1,736,404	1,872,385	2,011,261	1,788,570	3,747,665	3,660,955	
Unallocated assets					18,661	23,587	
Total assets					3,766,326	3,684,542	
Segment liabilities	520,415	596,601	1,783,526	1,556,645	2,303,941	2,153,246	
Unallocated liabilities					179,106	183,130	
To all Pale Property					2 402 047	2 226 276	
Total liabilities					2,483,047	2,336,376	



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3. **SEGMENT INFORMATION** (Continued)

Segment assets and liabilities (Continued)

For the purpose of monitoring segment performance and allocating resources between segments:

- all assets are allocated to reportable segments other than unallocated corporate financial assets; and
- all liabilities are allocated to reportable segments other than unallocated corporate financial liabilities

Information about major customers

Included in revenue arising from supply and procurement business segment of HK\$16,582,456,000 (six months ended 30 June 2023: HK\$11,236,496,000) are revenue of HK\$12,452,145,000 (six months ended 30 June 2023: HK\$7,278,011,000) which arose from two customers (six months ended 30 June 2023: two customers) of the Group which contributed 10% or more to the Group's total revenue for the period.

Revenue from major customers of the Group's total revenue, are set out below:

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2024	2023	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Customer A	8,679,176	4,836,425	
Customer B	3,772,969	2,441,586	

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4. REVENUE AND OTHER REVENUE

Revenue represents the consideration expected to be entitled from the goods sold which are recognised under point in time under HKFRS 15. All significant intra-group transactions have been eliminated on consolidation.

An analysis of the Group's revenue and other revenue are as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2024	2023	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Revenue			
Sales of crude oil and gas	189,103	231,445	
Trading and distribution of oil related products	16,582,456	11,236,496	
	16,771,559	11,467,941	
Other revenue			
Bank interest income	3,124	8,605	
Rental income	698	658	
Others	1,660	903	
	5,482	10,166	



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OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES 5.

	Six months e	Six months ended 30 June		
	2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000		
Net foreign exchange (loss)/gain Others	(15,219) (28)	13,114 5,033		
	(15,247)	18,147		

(LOSS)/PROFIT FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES 6.

The Group's (loss)/profit from operating activities is arrived at after charging:

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	
Cost of inventories sold	16,547,797	11,201,659	
Depreciation and depletion charge: – property, plant and equipment – right-of-use assets	92,358 4,291	111,816 3,974	
Expense relating to leases of low-value assets, excluding short-term leases of low-value assets Staff costs (including Directors' remuneration):	632	1,495	
Salaries and wages Pension scheme contributions	33,088 2,180	35,173 2,441	

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7. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	
Interest expenses on bank borrowings and secured term loans wholly repayable within five years Interest expenses on lease liabilities Interest expenses on other loans Accretion expenses of decommissioning liabilities	14,323 2,262 - 1,364	20,177 2,425 1,236 1,355	
	17,949	25,193	

8. INCOME TAX IN THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

The provision for Hong Kong profits tax for the six months ended 30 June 2024 is calculated at 16.5% of estimated assessable profits (six months ended 30 June 2023: 16.5%). Taxation for subsidiaries outside Hong Kong is charged at appropriate current rate of taxation ruling in the relevant countries. The Canada blended statutory tax rate and the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") corporate income tax rate applicable to the Group's subsidiaries in Canada and the PRC are 25% and 25% for the six months ended 30 June 2024 and 2023 respectively.

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	
Current tax – Hong Kong Profits Tax Provision for the period	_	-	
Current tax – Outside Hong Kong Provision for the period	(863)	4,766	
Deferred tax Origination of temporary differences		_	
	(863)	4,766	



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9. INTERIM DIVIDENDS

The Directors do not recommend the payment of any interim dividends in respect of the six months ended 30 June 2024 (six months ended 30 June 2023: Nil).

10. (LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted (loss)/earnings per share attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2024	2023	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
(Loss)/profit			
(Loss)/profit for the period attributable to the owners of the Company for the purpose of basic and diluted			
(loss)/earnings per share	(27,018)	15,209	
	Six months e	nded 30 June	
	2024	2023	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
	′000	′000	
Number of shares			
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of basic and diluted (loss)/earnings			
per share	1,100,103	1,087,947	

Diluted (loss)/earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2024 and 2023 were the same as the basic (loss)/earnings per share as the Company had no dilutive potential ordinary shares in existence during the six months ended 30 June 2024 and 2023.

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11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

			Furniture,			Petroleum and		
		Plant and	fixtures and	Motor	Leasehold	natural gas	Construction	
	Buildings	machinery	equipment		improvements	properties	in progress	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Cost								
At 31 December 2023 and								
1 January 2024 (Audited)	173,400	24,497	15,467	5,167	4,645	4,270,201	111,592	4,604,969
Additions	-	11	104	4	-	21,431	482	22,032
Written off	(140)	(218)	(270)	(7)	-	-	-	(635)
Exchange differences	(3,511)	(496)	(359)	(104)	(17)	(130,461)	(2,270)	(137,218)
At 30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	169,749	23,794	14,942	5,060	4,628	4,161,171	109,804	4,489,148
Accumulated depreciation,								
depletion and impairment								
At 31 December 2023 and	64.570	45.276	14.002	4 274	1.645	2 524 070	444 404	2 745 426
1 January 2024 (Audited)	64,570	15,376	14,092	4,274	4,645	2,531,078	111,401	2,745,436
Charge for the period Written off	3,223	1,263	378	182	-	87,312	-	92,358
	(140)	(218)	(270)	(7)	- (47)	(70.044)	(2.256)	(635)
Exchange differences	(1,314)	(314)	(329)	(86)	(17)	(79,041)	(2,256)	(83,357)
At 30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	66,339	16,107	13,871	4,363	4,628	2,539,349	109,145	2,753,802
Net book value								
At 30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	103,410	7,687	1,071	697	-	1,621,822	659	1,735,346



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12. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	HK\$'000
Fair values At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024 (Audited) Exchange differences	12,590 (255)
At 30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	12,335

The Directors consider that the carrying amount of the investment properties are fairly stated as at 30 June 2024

All of the Group's property interests held under operating leases to earn rentals or for capital appreciation purposes are measured using the fair value model and are classified and accounted for as investment properties.

The Group's investment properties are mainly situated in the PRC and are held under medium term lease

13. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

	HK\$'000
Cost At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024 (Audited) Additions Exchange differences	12,438,464 228 (348)
At 30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	12,438,344
Accumulated impairment At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024 (Audited) and 30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	12,427,080
Carrying amount At 30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	11,264
At 31 December 2023 (Audited)	11,384

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13. EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS (Continued)

The exploration and evaluation assets represent (i) the unproved properties and capitalised exploration, drilling and completion costs which are pending the determination of commercial viability in Canada ("E&E in Canada"); and (ii) the oil and gas exploration, exploitation and operation rights and profit sharing rights at the Exploration Block 2104 and the Exploration Block 3113 ("Two Exploration Blocks") in Madagascar, onshore sites for oil and gas exploration, exploitation and operation, together with the expenditure paid for provision of services on activities relating to evaluation of the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting oil and gas in the Two Exploration Blocks in Madagascar.

The Group has adopted HKFRS 6, Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources and HKAS 36, Impairment of Assets which require the Group to assess any impairment at each reporting date. The Directors are of the opinion that no further impairment of exploration and evaluation assets was required for the six months ended 30 June 2024.

The Group is required to assess at the end of each reporting period any indication that a previously recognised impairment loss no longer exists or has decreased. If there is such an indication, management should estimate the recoverable amount and determine whether any impairment reversal is appropriate.

Impairment test - E&E in Canada

The Group assessed E&E in Canada for any indication of impairment or recovery due to industry pricing fundamentals. Based on recent land sales and future drilling plans, there was no impairment loss or reversal of impairment recognised for the period ended 30 June 2024, the Group recognised a recovery of HK\$474,000 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Impairment test - Two Exploration Blocks

The Group entered into an investment and co-operation agreement with Shaanxi Yanchang Petroleum (Group) Co., Limited ("Yanchang Petroleum Group") and ECO Energy (International) Investments Limited ("ECO") on exploration, exploitation and operation in the Exploration Block 3113 in Madagascar. Pursuant to the investment and co-operation agreement, the capital investment of the Exploration Block 3113 shall be contributed by the Group, Yanchang Petroleum Group and ECO.

The Two Exploration Blocks in Madagascar were fully impaired during the year ended 31 December 2016. In November 2017, the rights to explore in the Two Exploration Blocks were expired. There was no impairment loss or reversal of impairment loss recognised for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the period ended 30 June 2024.



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14. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

The Group entered into a number of lease agreements for use of offices and gas stations, the leases of offices and gas stations contain minimum annual lease payment terms that are fixed.

-	HK\$'000
Cost At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024 (Audited) Addition Exchange differences	129,800 1,087 (2,387)
At 30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	128,500
Accumulated depreciation At 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024 (Audited) Charge for the period Exchange differences	30,451 4,291 (283)
At 30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	34,459
Net book value At 30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	94,041
At 31 December 2023 (Audited)	99,349

15. INVENTORIES

Inventories represented the merchandise of refined oil and by-products at the end of the reporting period.

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16. TRADE RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables, which generally have credit terms of up to 90 days (31 December 2023: up to 90 days), are recognised and carried at the original invoiced amount less allowance for doubtful debt. Trade receivables are non-interest bearing.

The following is an ageing analysis of trade receivables presented based on the invoice dates at the end of the reporting period:

	30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	31 December 2023 (Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
0 to 30 days	787,741	992,263
31 to 60 days	196	215
61 to 90 days	130	482
Over 90 days	21,302	21,956
	809,369	1,014,916

As at 30 June 2024, trade receivables of HK\$21,302,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$21,956,000) were past due but not credit-impaired. These related to a number of independent customers for whom there was no recent history of default. The Group does not hold any collaterals or other credit enhancements over these balances.

Aging of trade receivables which are past due but not credit-impaired at the reporting date is as follows:

	30 June 2024	31 December 2023
	(Unaudited) HK\$'000	(Audited) HK\$'000
0 to 30 days past due	21,302	21,956



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17. PREPAYMENTS, DEPOSITS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	30 June 2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 December 2023 (Audited) HK\$'000
Prepayments to suppliers of refined oil and by-products Other prepayments	366,331 15,121	31,162 3,353
VAT recoverable	36,780	16,981
Deposits Other receivables	1,791 2,640	977 3,380
	422,663	55,853

In determining the recoverability of deposits and other receivables, the Group considers any change in credit quality of the other receivables from the date credit was initially granted up to the end of the reporting period. The Group does not hold any collaterals over these balances

18. CASH AND BANK BALANCES

Included in the cash and bank balances as at 30 June 2024 were amounts in Renminbi ("RMB") equivalent to HK\$195,452,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$118,518,000) which are not freely convertible into other currencies.

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19. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares		Amo	ount
	30 June 31 December 2024 2023		30 June 2024 (Unaudited)	31 December 2023 (Audited)
	′000	′000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Ordinary shares Authorised: At the beginning of the period/year				
and at the end of the period/year	5,000,000	5,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Issued and fully paid:				
At the beginning of the period/year	1,100,103	18,335,047	440,041	366,701
Subscription of new shares	_	3,667,009	_	73,340
Share consolidation	_	(20,901,953)	_	_
At the end of the period/year	1,100,103	1,100,103	440,041	440,041

Share subscription

On 13 January 2023, an aggregate of 3,667,009,346 subscription shares had been allotted and issued to the ChangAn HuiTong Investment (Hong Kong) Company Limited ("ChangAn Huitong HK") at the subscription price of HK\$0.0766 per subscription share (the "Subscription") under the general mandate granted to the Directors by ordinary resolution passed at the annual general meeting of the Company held on 27 May 2022. Upon completion of the Subscription, the total number of issued shares of the Company increased from 18,335,046,733 shares to 22,002,056,079 shares (before share consolidation).

Details of the subscription of new shares were set out in the announcements of the Company dated 30 December 2022 and 13 January 2023.



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19. SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)

Share consolidation

On 6 April 2023, the Board proposed that every twenty (20) shares in the issued and unissued share capital of the Company be consolidated into one (1) consolidated share (the "Share Consolidation"). The Share Consolidation was approved by the shareholders at the special general meeting of the Company held on 10 May 2023 and the same became effective on 12 May 2023. Upon the Share Consolidation becoming effective, there were 1,100,102,803 consolidation shares in issue which were fully paid or credited as fully paid.

Details of the Share Consolidation were set out in the announcement of the Company dated 6 April 2023 and the circular of the Company dated 18 April 2023.

Share options

Share option scheme

The Company operates a share option scheme (the "Scheme") for the purpose of providing incentives and rewards to eligible participants who contribute to the success of the Group. Eligible participants of the Scheme included the Directors and other employees of the Group. The Scheme was adopted on 27 May 2022 and, unless otherwise cancelled or amended, will remain in force for ten years from that date.

The maximum number of shares available for issue under options which may be granted under the Scheme of the Company is 110,010,280 shares after the Share Consolidation became effective (31 December 2023: 110,010,280 shares) (being not more than 10% of the total number of the shares in issue as at the date of adoption of the Scheme), representing 10% (31 December 2023: 10%) of the total number of shares in issue as at the date of this interim report.

As at 30 June 2024, none of shares in respect of which options had been granted and remained outstanding under the Scheme (31 December 2023: Nil), representing 0% (31 December 2023: 0%) of the total number of the shares of the Company in issue at that date

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20. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	30 June 2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 December 2023 (Audited) HK\$'000
Trade payables Contract liabilities <i>(note)</i> Valued added tax payables Other payables	968,833 376,666 48,898 104,384	938,645 39,495 98,034 132,220
	1,498,781	1,208,394

Note: Contract liabilities as at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023 mainly represented the advance received from customers upon order placement, and were fully recognised as revenue during the period when the control over a product was transferred to customer. The Group typically received advance on acceptance of orders. The amount of the advance, if any, was negotiated on a case by case basis with customers.

Contract liabilities of HK\$376,666,000 were recognised as at 30 June 2024 (31 December 2023: HK\$39,495,000) as a result of the receipt of payment during the period in advance of the satisfaction of performance obligation, and are expected to be fully recognised as revenue within one year.



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20. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (Continued)

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

	30 June 2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	31 December 2023 (Audited) HK\$'000
0 to 30 days 31 to 60 days 61 to 90 days Over 90 days	963,981 793 15 4,044	890,855 3,177 38 44,575
	968,833	938,645

As at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023, the trade payables are non-interest bearing and have an average credit period on purchases of up to 90 days.

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21. LEASE LIABILITIES

The following table shows the remaining contractual maturities of the Group's lease liabilities at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023:

	30 June 2024		31 December 2023	
	Present		Present	
	value of the	Total	value of the	Total
	future lease	future lease	future lease	future lease
	payments	payments	payments	payments
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within 1 year	7,421	11,789	7,838	12,407
After 1 year but within 2 years	5,522	9,561	6,095	10,295
After 2 years but within 5 years	15,436	26,160	15,104	26,202
After 5 years	61,769	78,973	65,616	84,831
	82,727	114,694	86,815	121,328
	90,148	126,483	94,653	133,735
Less: total future interest expenses		(36,335)	_	(39,082)
Present value of lease liabilities		90,148	_	94,653



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22. BANK BORROWINGS AND OTHER LOANS

At the end of each reporting period, details of bank borrowings and other loans were as follows:

	30 June	31 December
	2024	2023
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Carrying amount repayable within one year or on demand: Unsecured bank borrowings (note 1) Unsecured other loans (note 2)	_ 268,500	131,544 274,050
	268,500	405,594

Notes:

- 1 As at 30 June 2024, Henan Yanchang Petroleum Sales Co., Limited ("Henan Yanchang") has no unsecured bank borrowings (31 December 2023: RMB120,000,000 (equivalent to HK\$131,544,000)). The bank borrowings denominated in RMB bear interest at the prevailing market rates quoted by the People's Bank of China and repayable within next twelve months.
- The balance represents loan advances from ultimate holding company of approximately HK\$268,500,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$274,050,000). As at 30 June 2024, the loan advances from ultimate holding company is unsecured, interest-bearing of 2.20% (2023: 2.20%) per annum and repayable in December 2024.

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23. SECURED TERM LOANS

On 20 December 2019, Novus Energy Inc. ("Novus"), a subsidiary of the Company, drew down a secured term loan of US\$35,000,000, pursuant to the loan agreement between Novus (as the borrower) and Yanchang Petroleum Group (Hong Kong) Co., Limited ("Yanchang Petroleum HK") (as the lender), the immediate parent of the Company, signed on 5 November 2019. The secured term loan denominated in US dollars bears interest rate at 4.8% per annum and repayable in three years.

On 6 December 2022, Novus entered into a supplemental facility agreement with Yanchang Petroleum HK to extend the facility. Under the deed of undertaking regarding the secured term loan dated 12 December 2022, the lender agreed to waive the right to exercise its right under the debenture during the period from 20 December 2022 to 17 January 2023. On 17 January 2023, the supplementary facility agreement was approved at the special general meeting by independent shareholders of the Company and become effective as all condition precedents have been fulfilled. The term of the relevant secured term loan was extended for an additional three years and the secured term loan is now due on 17 January 2026.

The relevant secured term loan is secured by a US\$70,000,000 debenture with the following charges: (1) first and fixed charge over all of Novus' right, title and interest, whether freehold, leasehold or other, under or in respect of the lands, in relation to the properties held by Novus from time to time; (2) a first priority security interest to and over all of Novus' present and after-acquired personal property (i.e. movable property) from time to time, tangible and intangible, in each case, of every nature and kind and wherever situate and all proceeds thereof; and (3) a floating charge over all of Novus' property to the extent not otherwise described above (excluding any agreement, right, franchise, intellectual property, license or permit). The relevant secured term loan is subject to a financial covenant that requires Novus to maintain a working capital ratio of at least 1:1. As at 30 June 2024, this ratio was 0.19:1 (31 December 2023: 0.20:1). Novus did not fulfil the financial covenant as required in the relevant loan agreement. The outstanding balance is presented as a current liability as at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023 as the lender is contractually entitled to request immediately repayment.

On 3 September 2021, the Company drew down a secured term loan of US\$22,000,000, pursuant to the loan agreement between the Company and Yanchang Petroleum HK signed on 30 June 2021. The relevant secured term loan denominated in US dollars bears interest rate at 4.8% per annum and repayable in three years.



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23. SECURED TERM LOANS (Continued)

The relevant secured term loan is secured by 350 ordinary shares of Sino Union Energy International Limited ("Sino Union Energy") (representing 35% of the issued share capital of Sino Union Energy which is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) under the share charge deed pursuant to which the Company agreed to provide a guarantee in favour of Yanchang Petroleum HK that the Company shall procure on the best effort basis the carrying valuation of Henan Yanchang will be not less than US\$104,800,000.

As at 30 June 2024, the carrying amount of the secured term loans are HK\$446,235,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$445,355,000).

24. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities are determined as follows:

- The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities with standard terms and (i) conditions and traded in active markets are determined with reference to quoted market bid prices and ask prices respectively; and
- (ii) The fair value of other financial assets and financial liabilities are determined in accordance with generally accepted pricing models (e.g. discounted cash flow analysis using observable and/or unobservable inputs).

25. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The Group had capital commitments for purchase of property, plant and equipment amounting to HK\$776,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$275,000) which were contracted but not provided for as at 30 June 2024.

26. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

As at 30 June 2024, the Group had no material contingent liabilities (31 December 2023: Nil).

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27. MATERIAL RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS

Save as disclosed elsewhere in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, during the six months ended 30 June 2024, the Group had the following transactions with related parties.

Remuneration for key management personnel, including emoluments paid to the Company's Directors and certain highest paid employees, were as follows:

Key management personnel

	Six months e	Six months ended 30 June	
	2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	
Salaries, bonus and allowance Pension Scheme contributions	7,360 116	7,093 111	
	7,476	7,204	

Related party transactions

		Six months ended 30 June	
Relationship	Nature of transactions	2024 (Unaudited) HK\$'000	2023 (Unaudited) HK\$'000
Ultimate holding company	Purchases of refined oil (note 1)	7,479,608	3,561,849
Fellow associates	Sales of refined oil and by-products (note 2)	28,742	9,860
Immediate holding company	Secured term loan interest expenses	11,182	10,849
Ultimate holding company	Other loan interest expenses	2,992	3,639



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27. MATERIAL RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

Related party transactions (Continued)

Notes:

- (1) During the six months ended 30 June 2024, the Group had connected transactions with ultimate holding company arising from the purchases of refined oil. Henan Yanchang entered into the supply agreement dated 18 November 2022 and the supplemental supply agreement dated 27 November 2023 with Yanchang Petroleum Group in respect of the purchases of refined oil from Yanchang Petroleum Group with effect from 1 January 2023 for the three years ending 31 December 2025.
- (2) During the six months ended 30 June 2024, the Group had connected transactions with fellow associates arising from the sales of refined oil and by-products. Henan Yanchang entered into the sales agreements with China Petroleum Yanchang Petroleum Trading Stock Limited Company* (中油延長石油銷售股份有限公司, "China Petroleum Yanchang") and Yanchang Shell Henan Petroleum Limited* (延長殼牌河南石油有限公司, "Yanchang Shell Henan") respectively on 27 November 2023 and with effect from 1 January 2024, in respect of the sales of refined oil and byproducts for the three years ending 31 December 2026.
- The above transactions constitute continuing connected transactions under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules. The Company has complied with the requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

EVENT AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD 28.

On 8 August 2024, the Company entered into a supplemental loan agreement with Yanchang Petroleum HK, pursuant to which Yanchang Petroleum HK conditionally agreed to renew the loan of US\$22,000,000 for a term of three years and the loan is secured by the new share charge. Further details of the loan renewal are set out in the announcement of the Company dated 8 August 2024.

Save as aforesaid, there is no other significant event after the reporting period.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES

This section provides supplemental information on oil and gas activities in accordance with the Chapter 18 of the Listing Rules.

A. MAJOR EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES

The following table summarised the major exploration, development and production activities during the reporting period:

	Canada	Madagascar
Exploration activities:	Nil	Nil
Development activities:	1 well drilled 3 wells completed	Nil
Production activities:	Average daily net production Oil: 1,943 bbl Gas: 3,407 mcf	Nil

B. GROUP'S SHARE OF COSTS INCURRED ON EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES

The following table summarised the Group's share of costs incurred on exploration, development and production activities for the reporting period:

	Canada	Madagascar	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Exploration costs	1,243	_	1,243
Development costs	21,431		21,431
Production costs <i>(note)</i>	48,988		48,988

Note: Production costs excluding depletion, depreciation and amortisation, government tax and selling expenses.



MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

In the first half of 2024, global economic growth recovered but remained at a medium-low-speed growth track and the performance across major economies varied. The competition between China and the United States had intensified and geopolitical conflicts continued, which led to economic fragmentation and supply chain restructuring with global markets becoming more fragmented and regionalized. Affected by the intertwined impact of geopolitical tensions, supply and demand fluctuations, and OPEC+'s policy of maintaining a production cut, international oil prices had been oscillating in a wide range. Facing such a situation, the Company responded proactively through timely adjustments to its investment plans for new drilling wells to ensure stable oil and gas production.

Upstream oil and gas production business in Canada

In the first half of 2024, Novus Energy Inc. ("Novus") overcame unfavourable factors such as extreme cold weather and snowstorms and a "road closure order" during the snowmelt period by focusing closely on its objectives and tasks and make the most of its operating cash flow to efficiently organize production operations to fully unleash the production capacity of wells. For the six months ended 30 June 2024, cumulative capital expenditures were CAD3,340,000, with 1 well drilled and 3 wells placed on production, and a total of 417,900 barrels of oil equivalent ("BOE") were produced. Novus sold a total of 457,000 barrels of oil equivalent with a revenue of CAD33,180,000 and a loss of CAD4,260,000 (including an unrealized foreign exchange loss of CAD2.620.000) was incurred.

(I) Continuous control of production and operating costs

In the first half of 2024, Novus managed its budget stringently in controlling costs and enhancing efficiency. Against the backdrop of rising costs on road transportation and onsite maintenance and handling due to extreme cold weather in the second quarter, the onsite operating costs of Novus were controlled at CAD18.81/barrel, a year-on-year decrease of 0.84%. The relative controllable cost was CAD34.18 per barrel, representing a year-on-year increase of 14.58%. The full composite cost per barrel stood at CAD76.19/barrel, up by 0.33% year-on-year. The rigid expenses including management costs per barrel and interests were jacked up due to a drop in production volume. Nevertheless, the decline in production was broadly in line with the increase in relative controllable costs. It is encouraging to note that while production was down 15.53% year-on-year, our on-site operating costs dropped year-on-year, with only a slight growth in full composite cost per barrel.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS (Continued)

Upstream oil and gas production business in Canada (Continued)

(II) Exerting efforts in ramping up scientific and technological capability

Novus adhered to the problem-oriented, demand-oriented and efficiency-oriented approaches, and launched a comprehensive study on the Novus oilfield from a sustainable development perspective. Novus stepped up its scientific cooperation with scientific research institutes, as evidenced by our project "Comprehensive Geological Study of Novus Oilfield" (《諾瓦斯油田綜合地質研究》) collaborated with a team of professors that entered its final stage. Fully leveraging on the technical prowess of our internal and upper-level units, Novus is carrying out the project research of "Innovative Understanding of Sedimentary Reservoirs and Key Technologies for Efficient Development of Thin Oil Reservoirs in Novus Oilfield of Canada" (《加拿大諾瓦斯油田沉積儲層認識創新及薄油層高效開發關鍵技術》). Novus went full swing to tackle technical problems, including fine description of reservoirs, geological foundation research, distribution of residual oil, and high efficient development of horizontal wells, among others.

(III) Upholding safety and environmental compliance

Novus has always been committed to safety and environmental management, stringently complied with laws and regulations in Canada, and conscientiously fulfilled its obligations of emissions reduction and abandonment of oil and gas wells according to the requirements of the federal and provincial governments. For the six months ended 30 June 2024, there were no safety, environmental protection and engineering quality incidents at Novus Oilfield, and Novus did not receive any emission reduction penalty from the government.



BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS (Continued)

Downstream oil sales business in China

In the first half of 2024, Henan Yanchang recorded a cumulative oil sales volume of 2,129,300 tonnes with an operating revenue of RMB15.408 billion and a loss of RMB769,600 recorded. While implementing organisational structure adjustment and process reengineering in all respects, constantly optimising its business structure and cultivating its core business competence, Henan Yanchang increased the proportion of market-based businesses and focused its efforts on the fixed regions, inventory sales, external sourcing exposure and terminal retail business on the premise of ensuring stable income and business compliance, and worked full steam ahead to achieve the annual target.

(I) Promoting our business in steady and orderly progress

(1) Railway distribution. While keeping abreast of market demand and price changes, in consolidating the markets in the southwest and northwest regions, we gradually put more effort into developing other areas, including Central China and North China. As a result, the number of customers was expanded to 24 and sales volume reached 400,800 tonnes in the first half of 2024, representing a year-on-year increase of 39.02%, further expanding our market influence. (2) External sourcing. We continuously optimized the business processes and service quality of our major customers, such as Sinopec Marketing Company Limited Northwest Branch* (中國石化銷售股份有限公司西北分公司), Sinopec Marketing Company Limited Central China Branch* (中國石化銷售股份有限公司華中分公司), Beijing Zhonglin Lihe Petrochemical Co., Limited* (北京中林力合石油化工有限公司) to promote business growth steadily. We established a tracking and handling mechanism for operational issues to monitor the entire business execution process and strengthened our rapid response and contingency handling capability after the occurrence of problems, ensuring the safe and stable operation of the business. (3) Terminal retailing. We actively promoted a membership system covering all online customers and launched diversified new recruitment and membership activities, with a total of 317,700 members in the entire network and 56,900 members following our official accounts. In particular, after launching membership activities in June 2024, we had 8,135 new members following our official accounts, with an average daily growth rate of 288, which resulted in a rapid increase in the number of members, laying the foundation for the launch of subsequent marketing activities.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS (Continued)

Downstream oil sales business in China (Continued)

(II) Remarkable achievements in business expansion

Firstly, Henan Yanchang actively pushed forward the fixed investment business in the Sanmenxia and accomplished the first shipment on 4 April 2024, providing guaranteed delivery service to 24 self-operated gas stations under Sinopec Marketing Co., Limited Henan Petroleum Branch, with a total of 327 deliveries without any oil product backflow or quality disputes. From April to June 2024, the cumulative sales volume of fixed regions was 17,800 tonnes. Secondly, Henan Yanchang vigorously developed markets in Hunan and Hubei. For the first half year, we reached cooperation with Hubei State Oil Reserve Petrochemical Co., Limited* (湖北國儲石化有限公司), and successfully opened up the integrated pipeline of procurement, transportation, warehousing and sales along the river. For the six months ended 30 June 2024, sales volume in Hunan and Hubei reached 68,000 tonnes, achieving a price difference of RMB4,708,300. Thirdly, Henan Yanchang was enlisted as a supplier of China Petroleum and Natural Gas Co., Limited Hubei Sales Branch and CNOOC Huadong Sales Co., Limited, supplying 22,700 tonnes of oil during the first half year.



BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS (Continued)

Downstream oil sales business in China (Continued)

(III) Further strengthening of business assurance

Firstly, we organized the business teams of each segment to recalibrate business processes and forms comprehensively. With the help of third-party data governance organizations, the diagnosis of existing business process and procedure re-structuring was completed during the first half year and is being implemented steadily. Secondly, we actively created a digital quality management system for various business scenarios. In the first half year, we recalibrated and developed key business scenarios involving oil depots, gas stations and fixed investment businesses, and came up with an initial digital quality control program. Thirdly, we further improved the budget management system. During the first half year, the fee guota standard of Henan Yanchang was sorted out and fixed to solidify the foundation for implementing comprehensive budget management. Fourthly, we steadily facilitated the informatization construction and completed the first phase of system development of the direct connection between banks and enterprises, a direct connection between tax authorities and enterprises and CRM in the first half year. Currently, we are promoting the research and development of a fee control system, basically forming the digital system support for fixed investment business. Fifthly, we pushed forward the organization structure optimization in an orderly manner. During the first half year, we completed the organization structure adjustment and the proposal for the job position setup. We also formulated the relevant bidding plans to lay a healthy foundation for subsequent organization construction. Sixthly, the reform of retail remuneration performance was completed. During the first half year, we organized relevant personnel to visit enterprises including Sinopec, CNPC, Yanchang Shell and Yanchang Petroleum for benchmark learning. We compared the remuneration standard and structure of the same industry and optimized and developed a close-to-market remuneration system for gas stations.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PROSPECTS (Continued)

Downstream oil sales business in China (Continued)

(IV) Further consolidation of the safety management

Firstly, Henan Yanchang conducted intense special activities such as "Holistic Investigation, Inspection and Remediation", "Identification and Assessment of Safety Risks by Experts", "Cross-checking of Safety in Enterprises with Major Hazardous Sources in Zhengzhou", and "In-Depth Assessment of Safety Risk in Oil and Gas Storage Enterprises in Henan". In the first half of 2024, Henan Yanchang self-inspected a total of 94 issues with sales companies under Yanchang Petroleum Group inspected 8 issues and 24 issues were inspected by experts, and all the issues and hidden dangers have been rectified as required. Secondly, Henan Yanchang carried out fire safety publicity and training using the Safety Intelligent Risk Management Platform and electronic screens and conducted quarterly joint fire emergency drills with local fire departments to enhance the emergency response capability of its employees. Thirdly, according to the requirements of the "Three-Year Implementation Plan (2024–2026) to Address the Fundamentals Causes of Safety Production" program, Henan Yanchang organized special training courses for general managers on safety issues, special training on the facilitation of OPL application, and education on accidents to further enhance the awareness of its employees on safety production. In March 2024, Henan Yanchang was awarded by the Emergency Management Department of Henan Province as a paired poverty alleviation group with outstanding achievements in safety production.

Outlook

Looking ahead into the second half of 2024, the global economy is expected to recover moderately, although the growth rate may slow down. Geopolitical conflicts, inflationary pressures and monetary policy adjustments will continue to have significant impact on the global economy. Against this backdrop, the trend of oil prices will also be affected by multiple factors, including accelerated energy transformation, competition from renewable energy sources, OPEC+ production cut policy and fluctuations in global economic growth. It is expected that international oil prices range fluctuation may be widened.

In facing this expectation, the Company will maintain a prudent business strategy, actively respond to market changes, and effectively prevent and mitigate various risks. The Company will focus on optimizing our asset portfolio and seizing market opportunities and strive to enhance our operational efficiency to create long-term stable value returns for our shareholders.



FINANCIAL REVIEW

Segment revenue and segment results

For the period under review, the Group's operating segments comprised (i) exploration, exploitation and operation business and (ii) supply and procurement business. For the six months ended 30 June 2024, the Group's turnover was mainly derived from the production of oil and natural gas in Canada as well as the trading business of oil and by-products in the PRC.

Novus is engaged in the business of exploration, exploitation and production of oil and natural gas in Western Canada. Novus achieved sale volume of oil and gas of 456,989 BOE and contributed revenue of HK\$189,103,000 during the period under review, as compared to sale volume of 499,885 BOE and income of HK\$231,445,000 of the previous period. Novus contributed an operating profit of HK\$7,932,000 for the six months ended 30 June 2024, as compared to an operating profit of HK\$20,068,000 for the previous period.

During the six months ended 30 June 2024, the sales volume of oil and by-products trading business in the PRC increased from the previous period of 1.41 million tonnes to the current period of 2.13 million tonnes, the revenue increased to HK\$16,582,456,000 of the current period from HK\$11,236,496,000 of the previous period. The supply and procurement business recorded an operating loss of HK\$1,597,000, as compared to an operating profit of HK\$2,587,000 of the previous period.

Other revenue

Apart from the aforesaid segment results, other revenue of HK\$5,482,000 which mainly represented interest income from bank deposits and rental income from the PRC for the period under review, decreased by HK\$4,684,000 from HK\$10,166,000 of the previous period.

Purchases

Purchases increased from the previous period of HK\$11,201,659,000 to this period of HK\$16,547,797,000 and the increase was consistent with the growth in sales.

FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

Royalties

Royalties, including crown, freehold and overriding royalties incurred by Novus for oil and natural gas production business in Canada, decreased from the previous period of HK\$29,458,000 to the current period of HK\$21,792,000 as a result of lower revenue of Novus.

Field operation expenses

Field operation expenses decreased to HK\$48,988,000 this period from the previous period of HK\$55,855,000. The decrease in expenses was mainly due to the decrease in production of Novus. Such expenses including labour costs, repairs and maintenance, processing costs, fluid hauling, lease rentals and workovers etc, were incurred by Novus in the production of oil and natural gas.

Exploration and evaluation expenses

Exploration and evaluation expenses amounted to HK\$1,243,000 represented the holding costs, mainly lease rentals, on the interests of non-producing lands held by Novus.

Selling and distribution expenses

Selling and distribution expenses, increased from the previous period of HK\$7,883,000 to current period of HK\$18,080,000, were mainly incurred by Henan Yanchang for the oil and by-products trading business in the PRC.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses included directors' remuneration, staff costs, office rentals, professional fees and listing fee etc, decreased by HK\$4,282,000 to HK\$37,425,000 for the period under review.

Depreciation, depletion and amortisation

Depreciation, depletion and amortisation expenses decreased from the previous period of HK\$115,790,000 to the current period of HK\$96,649,000. The decrease was mainly due to the decrease in depletion of oil and gas assets of Novus in Canada resulting from the decrease in production during the period under review.



FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

Other gains and losses

Other loss of HK\$15,247,000 mainly represented the net foreign exchange loss of HK\$15,219,000.

Finance costs

Finance costs amounted to HK\$17,949,000 comprised (i) bank borrowing costs of HK\$3,141,000 related to the businesses of Henan Yanchang and interest of the secured term loans drawn down by Novus and the Company of HK\$11,182,000; (ii) accretion of HK\$1,364,000 related to the provision of the decommissioning liabilities incurred by Novus; and (iii) imputed interest of lease liabilities of HK\$2,262,000 related to the leases of the Group.

Taxation

Taxation of HK\$863,000 represented the over-provision for the PRC corporate income tax on the profit earned from oil and by-products trading business in the PRC.

(Loss)/profit for the period

Compared to a profit for the last period of HK\$12,806,000, a loss of HK\$27,266,000 was recorded for the period under review, including the loss of HK\$24,277,000 recorded by Novus.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The Group funded its operation mainly by its internal resources together with bank borrowings and secured term loans for the six months ended 30 June 2024.

The Group had no variable interest rates bank borrowings as at 30 June 2024 (31 December 2023: HK\$131,544,000) under Henan Yanchang. The Group has obtained bank facilities of HK\$531,630,000 (equivalent to RMB495,000,000) from various banks in the PRC.

A secured term loan has been offered to Novus by Yanchang Petroleum HK for general working capital. On 20 December 2019, Novus drew down an amount of US\$35,000,000 of the secured term loan with interest rate of 4.8% per annum payable in three years. On 6 December 2022, Novus entered into a supplemental facility agreement with Yanchang Petroleum HK, pursuant to which Novus has renewed the secured term loan of US\$35,000,000 on 18 January 2023 which bears interest rate at 4.8% per annum and repayable in three years. The principal amount of the secured term loan was still outstanding as at 30 June 2024.

On 3 September 2021, the Company drew down a secured term loan of US\$22,000,000, granted by Yanchang Petroleum HK which bears interest rate at 4.8% per annum and repayable in three years. The secured term loan granted to the Company by Yanchang Petroleum HK as general working capital for operation. The principal amount of the secured term loans was still outstanding as at 30 June 2024.

As at 30 June 2024, the Group had cash and bank balances of HK\$256,887,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$226,188,000). In view of the cash on hand together with the available bank facilities, the Group has sufficient working capital to finance its business operation.

At the period end, the gearing ratio of the Group, measured on the basis of total liabilities as a percentage of total equity, was 193.5% (31 December 2023: 173.3%). The current ratio of the Group, measured on the basis of current assets as a percentage of current liabilities stood at 83.5% as at 30 June 2024 (31 December 2023: 79.5%).



TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND POLICIES

The Group adopts a prudent approach for its cash management and risk control. The objective of the Group's treasury policies is to minimise risks and exposures due to fluctuation in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates.

Cash has been generally placed in short-term deposits denominated in Hong Kong dollar, US dollar, Canadian dollar and Renminbi. The Group has obtained bank facilities and borrowings with stable interest rates. The Group does not foresee any significant interest rate risks. The Group's transactions and investment are mostly denominated in Hong Kong dollar, US dollar, Canadian dollar and Renminbi. As the Group's policy is to have its operating entities to operate in their corresponding local currencies to minimise currency risks, therefore the Group does not anticipate any material foreign exchange exposures and risks.

During the period under review, no hedging transactions related to foreign exchange had been made, proper steps will be taken when the management considers appropriate.

MATERIAL ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL

The Group had no material acquisitions and disposals for the six months ended 30 June 2024.

SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT

The Group did not hold any significant investments as at 30 June 2024.

CAPITAL COMMITMENT

The Group had capital commitments for purchase of property, plant and equipment amounting to HK\$776,000 (31 December 2023: HK\$275,000) which were contracted but not provided for as at 30 June 2024.

PLEDGE OF ASSETS

The loan amount of US\$35,000,000 lent by Yanchang Petroleum HK to Novus, is secured by the debenture of US\$70,000,000 with first and fixed charge over all of Novus' right, title and interest, with floating charge over all assets of Novus.

Pursuant to the loan agreement dated 30 June 2021 entered into between Yanchang Petroleum HK and the Company, the loan amount of US\$22,000,000 (the "Loan") was drawn down by the Company on 3 September 2021 and is due on 2 September 2024. The Loan is secured by 350 ordinary shares of Sino Union Energy International Limited ("Sino Union Energy") (representing 35% of the issued share capital of Sino Union Energy which is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company) under the share charge deed, pursuant to which the Company agreed to provide a guarantee in favour of Yanchang Petroleum HK that the Company shall procure on the best effort basis the carrying valuation of Henan Yanchang will be not less than US\$104,800,000 (the "Old Share Charge"). The Old Share Charge was released, pursuant to a deed of release entered into between the Company and Yanchang Petroleum HK on 8 August 2024.

As the Loan becomes due on 2 September 2024, the Company entered into the supplemental loan agreement on 8 August 2024 with Yanchang Petroleum HK to conditionally renew the Loan for a term of three years. The Loan is secured by 70% of the issued share capital of Henan Yanchang indirectly held by the Company under the new share charge deed, pursuant to which the Company agreed to provide a guarantee in favour of Yanchang Petroleum HK that the Company shall procure on the best effort basis the carrying valuation of Henan Yanchang will be not less than US\$31,430,000.

Save as aforesaid, none of the Group's other assets had been pledged for granting the bank and other borrowings.

CONTINGENT LIABILITY

As at 30 June 2024, the Group did not have any significant contingent liabilities (31 December 2023: HK\$ Nil).



EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 30 June 2024, the Group's total number of staff was 211 (31 December 2023: 207). Salaries of employees are maintained at a competitive level with total staff costs for the six months ended 30 June 2024 amounted to HK\$35,268,000 (six months ended 30 June 2023: HK\$37,614,000). Remuneration policy is based on principles of equality, motivation, performance and prevailing market practice and remuneration packages are normally reviewed on an annual basis. Other staff benefits including provident fund, medical insurance coverage etc. There is also a share option scheme offered to employees and eligible participants. No share options was granted under the Company's share option scheme during the six months ended 30 June 2024 and 2023.

INTERIM DIVIDENDS

The Board does not recommend the payment of interim dividends for the six months ended 30 June 2024 (six months ended 30 June 2023; Nil).

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARE CAPITAL

As at 30 June 2024, the interests and short positions of the Directors and chief executives in the share capital of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")) as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company under Section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers ("the Model Code") were as follows:

Interests and short positions in shares, underlying shares and debentures of the Company

Name of Director	Nature of interest	Long position/ Short position	Number of ordinary shares of the Company held	Approximate percentage of the total issued ordinary share capital of the Company
Mr. Sun Liming	Personal interest	Long position	30,000	0.003%
Dr. Mu Guodong ("Dr. Mu")	Personal interest and interest of spouse (note)	Long position	15,000	0.001%

Note: Out of these 15,000 shares, Dr. Mu personally held 11,500 shares and his spouse held 3,500 shares. Dr. Mu is deemed to be interested in these 3,500 shares under the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, as at 30 June 2024, none of the Directors or chief executives of the Company or their respective associates had any personal, family, corporate or other interests in the share capital of the Company or any of its associated corporations as defined in the SFO.



DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

Apart from as disclosed under the heading "Share Option Scheme" below, at no time during the period for the six months ended 30 June 2024 was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement to enable the Company's Directors, their respective spouse or children under 18 years of age to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

The Company adopted the Scheme pursuant to the resolution passed by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting held on 27 May 2022. The Scheme expired on the tenth anniversary of its adoption (i.e. 27 May 2032). For details, please refer to the circular of the Company dated 21 April 2022 and the announcement of the Company dated 27 May 2022.

As at 30 June 2024, none of shares in respect of which options had been granted and remained outstanding under the Scheme (31 December 2023: Nil), representing 0% (31 December 2023: 0%) of the total number of the Shares of the Company in issue at that date.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

As at 30 June 2024, the interests of persons, other than a Director or chief executive of the Company, in the shares of the Company as recorded in the register maintained pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO were as follows:

Interests and short positions of substantial shareholders in shares and underlying shares of the Company

Name	Capacity	Long position/ Short position	Number of ordinary shares of the Company held	Approximate percentage of the total issued ordinary share capital of the Company
Yanchang Petroleum Group (note 1)	Interest of controlled corporation	Long position	634,310,161	57.66%
Yanchang Petroleum HK (note 1)	Directly owned	Long position	634,310,161	57.66%
Chang An Huitong Co., Limited ("Chang An Huitong") (note 2)	Interest of controlled corporation	Long position	183,350,467	16.67%
ChangAn Huitong Investment Management Co., Limited ("ChangAn Huitong Investment") (note 2)	Interest of controlled corporation	Long position	183,350,467	16.67%
ChangAn Huitong HK (note 2)	Directly owned	Long position	183,350,467	16.67%

Notes:

- Yanchang Petroleum Group beneficially held these 634,310,161 shares through its direct wholly-owned subsidiary, Yanchang Petroleum HK.
- 2. Chang An Huitong beneficially held these 183,350,467 shares through its directly wholly-owned subsidiary, ChangAn Huitong Investment, which in turn wholly owned ChangAn Huitong HK.

Save as disclosed above, the Company had not been notified of any other interests or short positions in the shares and underlying shares of the Company representing 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company as at 30 June 2024.



PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

During the six months ended 30 June 2024, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Board is committed to achieve a high standard of corporate governance practices and procedures with a view to enhance the management of the Company as well as to safeguard the interests of the shareholders as a whole in terms of transparency, independence, accountability, responsibilities and fairness. The Board will review and improve the corporate governance practices from time to time to ensure that the Group is under the leadership of an effective Board to optimize long-term value return for the shareholders.

In the opinion of the Board, the Company had complied with the code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "CG Code") in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules during the six months ended 30 June 2024, except for the following deviation:

- 1 code provision B.2.4(b) of the CG Code provides that all the independent non-executive Directors have served more than nine years on the Board, the Company should appoint a new independent non-executive Director on the Board. Mr. Ng Wing Ka, Mr. Leung Ting Yuk, Mr. Sun Liming and Dr. Mu Guodong have served as the independent non-executive Directors for more than nine years. The Company would appoint an additional new independent non-executive Director as soon as practicable as the Company needs time to identify a qualified and suitable candidate. As at the date of this report, the Company has not yet identified a suitable candidate to assume the role of the new independent nonexecutive Director as provided by the code provision B.2.4(b).
- 2. code provision C.1.6 of the CG Code provides that the independent non-executive Directors and other non-executive Directors should also attend general meetings and develop a balanced understanding of the views of shareholders. The non-executive Director, Mr. Sun Jian and one of the independent non-executive Directors Mr. Ng Wing Ka were unable to attend the annual general meeting of the Company held on 31 May 2024 due to other ad hoc engagements.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES (Continued)

- 3. code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code provides that the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The position of the chief executive officer of the Company was vacant following the resignation of Mr. Bruno Guy Charles Deruyck as an executive Director and chief executive officer on 1 June 2019. In addition, the Board considers that the balance of power and authority, accountability and independent decision making under present arrangement is not impaired because of the diverse background and experience of the executive Directors, non-executive Director and independent non-executive Directors. The audit committee of the Company has free and direct access to the Company's senior management, external auditors and independent professional advisers when it considers necessary. Therefore, the Board considers that the deviation from code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code is not significant in such circumstance.
- 4. code provision F.2.2 of the CG Code provides that the chairman of the Board should attend the annual general meeting. He should also invite the chairman of the audit, remuneration, nomination and any other committees (as appropriate) to attend. The chairman of the Board, Mr. Feng Yinguo was unable to attend the annual general meeting held on 31 May 2024 due to other ad hoc engagements.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") currently comprises the three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Leung Ting Yuk, Mr. Ng Wing Ka and Mr. Sun Liming. Mr. Leung Ting Yuk is the chairman of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee has reviewed the accounting principles and policies adopted by the Company and discussed with management the risk management, internal control systems and financial reporting matters. The Audit Committee has reviewed the unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2024.

CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

Yanchang Petroleum Group and Henan Yanchang (an indirect non-wholly owned subsidiary of the Company) renewed and entered into the new supply agreement dated 18 November 2022 and the supplemental supply agreement to revise annual caps dated 27 November 2023, pursuant to which with effect from 1 January 2023 Yanchang Petroleum Group agreed to supply and Henan Yanchang agreed to purchase refined oil for the three years ending 31 December 2025.



CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

Besides, Henan Yanchang had connected transactions with fellow associates arising from the sale of refined oil and by-products. On 27 November 2023, Henan Yanchang entered into the sales agreements with China Petroleum Yanchang and Yanchang Shell Henan respectively and with effect from 1 January 2024, in respect of the sales of refined oil and by-products from Henan Yanchang to China Petroleum Yanchang and Yanchang Shell Henan, respectively for the three years ending 31 December 2026.

Further details of the transactions are included in note 27 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

The independent non-executive Directors of the Company have reviewed the continuing connected transactions disclosed in note 27 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements mentioned above and have confirmed that the Company has complied with the disclosure requirements in accordance with Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules.

Having made specific enquiry of all Directors of the Company, they confirmed that they have complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code as their code of conduct regarding to the securities transactions of the Company by the Directors for the six months ended 30 June 2024

* For identification purposes only

By Order of the Board Yanchang Petroleum International Limited Mr. Feng Yinguo Chairman

Hong Kong, 27 August 2024