

# NOVAUTEK TECHNOLOGIES GROUP LIMITED 諾科達科技集團有限公司

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) Stock Code: 519



# **INTERIM REPORT 2025**

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# **CORPORATE INFORMATION**

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS Executive Directors

Mr. Wu Zhanming *(Chairman and Acting Chief Executive Officer)* Mr. Wu Tao

# **Non-executive Director**

Dr. Chan Kin Keung Eugene SBS, BBS, JP

# Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Jiang Pengzhi<sup>†</sup> Mr. Yang Ye<sup>†</sup> Ms. Tsang Fung Chu JP<sup>2</sup>

# AUDIT COMMITTEE

Ms. Tsang Fung Chu JP<sup>2</sup> (Chairman) Mr. Jiang Pengzhi<sup>7</sup> Mr. Yang Ye<sup>7</sup>

# **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Yang Ye<sup>1</sup> (Chairman) Ms. Tsang Fung Chu JP<sup>2</sup> Mr. Wu Zhanming

# NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Wu Zhanming *(Chairman)* Mr. Jiang Pengzhi<sup>1</sup> Ms. Tsang Fung Chu JP<sup>2</sup>

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# AUDITOR

Forvis Mazars CPA Limited *Certified Public Accountants* 

# SOLICITORS

Han Kun Law Offices LLP ONC Lawyers

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- <sup>1.</sup> appointed on 13 September 2024
- 2 appointed on 30 December 2024
- <sup>a</sup> Mr. Zhu Xinhui resigned as an independent non-executive Director member of the Audit Committee, Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and member of the Nomination Committee on 13 September 2024.
- <sup>4</sup> Mr. Yu Tat Chi, Michael resigned as an independent non-executive Director, Chairman of the Audit Committee, member of the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee on 30 December 2024.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 31 December 2024

		Six month 31 Dece	
		2024	2023
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue	2	14,460	22,329
Cost of sales		(6,828)	(14,292)
Gross profit		7,632	8,037
Other revenue	2	53	71
Other income	2	811	655
Net gain (loss) on disposal of financial assets		011	000
at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL") Net decrease in fair value of financial assets		12,278	(95)
at FVPL		(04.257)	(10 551)
Net decrease in fair value of investment properties		(24,357) (43,982)	(19,551) (3,586)
Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment	9	(43,502)	(0,000)
Selling expenses	9	(0,528)	- (1,684)
Administrative expenses		(12,498)	(14,820)
·			(14,020)
Research and development expenses Finance costs	4	(837)	(5 1 4 5)
	4	(4,383)	(5,145)
Loss before taxation	5	(74,572)	(36,118)
Taxation	6	693	554
Loss for the period		(73,879)	(35,564)
Other comprehensive loss			
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to			
profit or loss			
<ul> <li>Exchange differences arising on translation</li> </ul>			
of foreign operations		(3,056)	(3,797)
Total other comprehensive loss for the period		(3,056)	(3,797)
Total comprehensive loss for the paried		(76.005)	(20.001)
Total comprehensive loss for the period		(76,935)	(39,361)

	Six months ended			
		31 Dec	cember	
		2024	2023	
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Loss attributable to:				
Owners of the Company		(71,226)	(33,353)	
Non-controlling interests		(2,653)	(2,211)	
		(73,879)	(35,564)	
Total comprehensive loss attributable to:				
Owners of the Company		(74,282)	(37,150)	
Non-controlling interests		(2,653)	(2,211)	
		(76,935)	(39,361)	
Loss per share	7			
Loss per share Basic	7	(2.33) HK cents	(1.24) HK cents	

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 December 2024

		31 December	30 June
		2024	2024
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Non-current assets			
Investment properties	8	398,264	407,624
Property, plant and equipment	9	59,313	66,332
Financial assets designated at fair value	-	,	,
through other comprehensive income			
("Designated FVOCI")		96	96
		457.070	474.050
		457,673	474,052
Current assets			
Inventories		1,342	568
Properties held for sales	10	539,615	578,836
Financial assets at FVPL	11	86,517	124,844
Other receivables	12	27,105	25,427
Restricted bank deposits		22,146	22,275
Cash and cash equivalents		36,251	47,671
		712,976	799,621
Current liabilities			
Accounts and other payables	13	195,831	200,736
Interest-bearing borrowings	10	179,717	199,987
Tax payables		2,309	2,324
		377,857	403,047
Net current assets		335,119	396,574
Tatal access loss summer lisbilities		700 700	070.000
Total assets less current liabilities		792,792	870,626
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities		97,195	98,094
		97,195	98,094
Net assets		695,597	772,532
Our itel and meaning			
Capital and reserves Share capital	14	30,551	30,551
Reserves	17	666,843	741,125
			774 676
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		697,394	771,676
Non-controlling interests		(1,797)	856
Total equity		695,597	772,532

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 31 December 2024

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					Reserves					
	Share capital <i>HK\$'000</i>	Share premium HK\$'000	Investment revaluation reserve (non- recycling) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Capital redemption <i>HK\$'000</i>	Capital reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Translation reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Translation Accumulated reserve profits <i>HK\$'000 HK\$'000</i>	Total reserves <i>HK\$'000</i>	Non- controlling interests <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total HK\$000
At 1 July 2024 (audited)	30,551	437,801	(476)	11,931	204,610	(38,665)	125,924	741,125	856	772,532
Loss for the period							(71,226)	(71,226)	(2,653)	(73,879)
Other comprehensive loss /tem that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations		ı			'	(3,056)		(3,056)	1	(3,056)
Total other comprehensive loss for the period					'	(3,056)	ı	(3,056)		(3,056)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	ı	ı			'	(3,056)	(71,226)	(74,282)	(2,653)	(76,935)
At 31 December 2024 (unaudited)	30,551	437,801	(476)	11,931	204,610	(41,721)	54,698	666,843	(1,797)	695,597

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	I				Reserves					
	Share capital <i>HK\$</i> *000	Share premium <i>HK\$</i> '000	Investment revaluation reserve (non- recycling) <i>HK\$'000</i>	Capital redemption reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Capital reserve <i>HK\$</i> *000	Translation reserve <i>HK\$'000</i>	Accumulated profits <i>HK\$'000</i>	Total reserves <i>HK\$*000</i>	Non- controlling interests <i>HK\$</i> '000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 July 2023 (audited)	25,051	406,743	(453)	11,931	204,610	(26,949)	176,531	772,413	4,683	802,147
Loss for the period	I	T	I	I	1	ı	(33,353)	(33,353)	(2,211)	(35,564)
Other comprehensive loss litem that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations		1	1	1	1	(3,797)	1	(3, 797)		(3,797)
Total other comprehensive loss for the period	'	T	1	1	I	(3,797)	I	(3,797)	T	(3,797)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	'	T	1	I	1	(3,797)	(33,353)	(37,150)	(2,211)	(39,361)
Transactions with owners: Contribution and distribution Issue of new shares	5,500	31,058	1	I	'	I.	T	31,058	1	36,558

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At 31 December 2023 (unaudited)

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended 31 December 2024

	Six month 31 Dec	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Net cash used in operating activities	(12,453)	(756)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received	53	269
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(365)	-
Net proceeds from disposal of financial assets at FVPL	26,248	1,610
Net cash from investing activities	25,936	1,879
FINANCING ACTIVITIES Interest paid	(4,383)	(5,145)
Repayment of bank and other borrowings	(20,219)	(0,140)
Net proceeds from new shares issued	(20,219)	- 36,558
Net cash (used in) from financing activities	(24,602)	31,413
	(24,002)	01,410
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(11,119)	32,536
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the		
reporting period	47,671	20,609
Effect on exchange rate changes	(301)	(356)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the		
reporting period	36,251	52,789
Analysis of balances of cash and cash equivalents:		
Cash at banks and on hand	32,467	50,458
Cash held by securities brokers	3,784	2,331
	36,251	52,789

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the six months ended 31 December 2024

### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements of Novautek Technologies Group Limited (formerly known as Applied Development Holdings Limited) (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the six months ended 31 December 2024 (the "Interim Financial Statements") are unaudited, but have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company. These unaudited Interim Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix D2 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") and Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") No. 34 *"Interim Financial Reporting*" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The Interim Financial Statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for investment properties and certain financial instruments which are measured at fair values.

The Interim Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 ("2024 Annual Financial Statements"). The accounting policies adopted in the Interim Financial Statements are consistent with those applied in the preparation of 2024 Annual Financial Statements, except for the adoption of the new/revised Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs"), which are relevant to the Group's operation and are effective for the Group's financial year beginning on 1 July 2024 as described below.

Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current
Non-current Liabilities with Covenants
Presentation of Financial Statements – Classification by the Borrower
of a Term Loan that Contains a Repayment on Demand Clause
Supplier Finance Arrangements
Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback

The adoption of these new/revised HKFRSs has no material impact on the Group's results and financial position for the current or prior periods and does not result in any significant change in accounting policies of the Group.

2. REVENUE

	Six months	ended
	31 Dece	mber
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Revenue		
Revenue from contracts with customers within HKFRS 15:		
Sale of properties in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"),		
at a point in time and fixed price	7,693	18,491
Management fee income from investment properties,		
over time and fixed price	141	
	7,834	18,491
Revenue from other sources:	7,034	10,491
	5,509	3,501
Gross rental income from investment properties	363	3,501
Gross rental income from property, plant and equipment Interest income from financial assets at FVPI	303	225
	-	
Dividend income from financial assets at FVPL	754	112
	6,626	3,838
	14,460	22,329
Other revenue		
Bank interest income	53	71
Total revenue	14,513	22,400

### 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Management identifies operating segments based on internal reports that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision makers, who are the executive directors of the Company, for the purposes of allocating resources to segments and assessing their performance. The executive directors of the Company consider property development, property investment, investment holding and autonomous driving are the Group's major operating segments.

The property development segment includes properties held for sales during the period. The property investment segment includes mainly commercial properties that are held for capital appreciation or earning rental income. The investment holding segment includes holding of investment funds, equity securities, debt instruments and other assets. The autonomous driving segment includes sale, lease out and development of autonomous driving robots and products which provide cleaning, patrol, distribution and transportation services, etc. No operating segments have been aggregated.

# 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

Segment revenue and results for the six months ended 31 December 2024 are presented below:

	Property development <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Property investment <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Investment holding <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Autonomous driving <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Revenue	7,693	5,650	754	363	14,460
Other revenue and income	161	529	28	-	718
	7,854	6,179	782	363	15,178
Results					
Segment results	1,536	(44,438)	(12,217)	(5,731)	(60,850)
Unallocated corporate income					146
Unallocated corporate expenses					(9,485)
Finance costs					(4,383)
Loss before taxation					(74,572)
Taxation					693
Loss for the period					(73,879)

Segment assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2024 are presented below:

	Property development <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Property investment <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Investment holding <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Autonomous driving <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Segment total <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Unallocated <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Assets	536,624	404,726	137,981	4,085	1,083,416	87,233	1,170,649
Liabilities	(264,199)	(181,715)	(692)	(381)	(446,987)	(28,065)	(475,052)

# 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

Other segment information for the six months ended 31 December 2024 are presented below:

	Property development <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Property investment <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Investment holding <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Autonomous driving <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Segment total <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Unallocated <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Other segment information:							
Net gain on disposal of							
financial assets at FVPL	-	-	12,278	-	12,278	-	12,278
Net decrease in fair value of							
financial assets at FVPL	-	-	(24,357)	-	(24,357)	-	(24,357)
Net decrease in fair value of							
investment properties	-	(43,982)	-	-	(43,982)	-	(43,982)
Impairment loss on property,							<i>(</i> <b>- - - - )</b>
plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	(6,528)	(6,528)
Addition of property,				69	<b>co</b>	000	005
plant and equipment	-	-	-	69	69	296	365
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	(0)	(6)	(7)	(52)	(74)	(1 164)	(1.020)
and equipment	(8)	(6)	(7)	(53)	(74)	(1,164)	(1,238)

Segment revenue and results for the six months ended 31 December 2023 are presented below:

	Property development <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Property investment <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Investment holding <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Autonomous driving <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Revenue Other revenue and income	18,491 147	3,501 387	337 5	_	22,329
	147	387	0	-	539
	18,638	3,888	342	_	22,868
Results					
Segment results	2,856	(3,855)	(20,037)		(21,036)
Unallocated corporate income					187
Unallocated corporate expenses Finance costs					(10,124) (5,145)
Loss before taxation Taxation					(36,118) 554
Loss for the period					(35,564)

# 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

Segment assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2024 are presented below:

	Property development <i>HK\$'000</i>	Property investment <i>HK\$'000</i>	Investment holding <i>HK\$'000</i>	Autonomous driving <i>HK\$'000</i>	Segment total HK\$'000	Unallocated HK\$'000	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>
	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
Assets	607,973	411,035	165,464	3,079	1,187,551	86,122	1,273,673
Liabilities	(292,818)	(194,295)	(873)	(700)	(488,686)	(12,455)	(501,141)

Other segment information for the six months ended 31 December 2023 are presented below:

	Property development <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Property investment <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Investment holding <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Autonomous driving <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Segment total HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	Unallocated <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	Total <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)
Other segment information:							
Net loss on disposal of							
financial assets at FVPL Net decrease in fair value of	-	-	(95)	-	(95)	-	(95)
financial assets at EVPI	-	-	(19,551)	_	(19,551)	_	(19,551)
Net decrease in fair value of			(,,		(,,		(,)
investment properties	-	(3,586)	-	-	(3,586)	-	(3,586)
Depreciation of property, plant			-			(, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
and equipment	(16)	-	(7)	-	(23)	(1,168)	(1,191)

There was no revenue generated from inter-segment transactions for both periods. Revenue from property development segment reported above represents sale of properties in the PRC to external customers. Revenue from the property investment segment and autonomous driving segment reported above represents rental income earned from external customers. Segment results represent profit or loss attributable to each segment without allocation of corporate income, central administration expenses, finance costs and income tax credit. Total assets and liabilities represent all assets and liabilities under each segment together with unallocated corporate assets and liabilities other than those that have been eliminated on consolidation.

All assets are allocated to the operating and reportable segments except for certain property, plant and equipment of self-occupied properties, certain other receivables and certain cash and cash equivalents.

# 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

### **Geographical information**

The Group's operations are principally located in Hong Kong and the PRC (other than Hong Kong).

The following table provides an analysis of the Group's revenue from external customers by geographical market. For interest income and dividend income from financial assets at FVPL, the analysis is based on the location of the markets of the respective investments.

	geographica Six months	Revenue by geographical market Six months ended 31 December		
	2024	2023		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)		
Hong Kong	4,292	2,627		
The PRC	10,168	19,590		
Others	-	112		
	14,460	22,329		

The following is an analysis of the carrying amounts of non-current assets by geographical area in which the assets are located:

	Carrying amounts of non-current assets		
	31 December	30 June	
	2024	2024	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	
Hong Kong	283,200	332,688	
The PRC	174,377	141,268	
	457,577	473,956	

Non-current assets presented above exclude financial assets. The Group does not have deferred tax assets, post-employment benefit assets and rights arising under insurance contracts.

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# 4. FINANCE COSTS

	Six months ended		
	31 December		
	<b>2024</b> 20		
	HK\$'000 HKS		
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Interest expenses on bank and other borrowings	4,383	5,145	

# 5. LOSS BEFORE TAXATION

	Six months ended 31 December	
	2024	2023
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Loss before taxation is stated after charging (crediting):		
Staff costs, including directors' emoluments		
Salaries and other benefits	8,195	6,166
Retirement benefit scheme contribution	291	242
Total staff costs	8,486	6,408
Other items		
Cost of inventories	4,190	14,292
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,238	1,191
Direct operating expenses relating to investment properties		
that did not generate rental income	211	424
Exchange gain	(14)	(7)

### 6. TAXATION

	Six months ended 31 December		
	2024	2023	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Current tax			
PRC Land Appreciation Tax	129	366	
	129	366	
Deferred tax			
Reversal of temporary differences	(822)	(920)	
Total income tax credit	(693)	(554)	

Hong Kong Profits Tax has not been provided as the Group incurred a loss for taxation purposes for the six months ended 31 December 2024 and 2023.

The PRC Enterprise Income Tax ("EIT") in respect of operations in the PRC is calculated at a rate of 25% (*six* months ended 31 December 2023: 25%) on the estimated assessable profits for the period based on existing legislation, interpretations and practices in respect thereof. EIT has not been provided for the period ended 31 December 2024 as the Group's estimated assessable profits for the period are wholly absorbed by unrelieved tax losses brought forward from previous years.

The PRC Land Appreciation Tax ("LAT") is levied at progressive rates ranging from 30% to 60% on the appreciation of land value, being the proceeds from sale of properties less deductible expenditures including land costs, borrowing costs, business tax and all property development expenditures. LAT is recognised as an income tax expense. LAT paid is deductible expenses for EIT purposes.

### 7. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic loss per share for the six months ended 31 December 2024 is based on the loss attributable to equity holders of the Company of approximately HK\$71,226,000 (*six months ended 31 December 2023: HK33,353,000*) and on the weighted average of 3,055,105,739 (*six months ended 31 December 2023: 2,693,420,956*) ordinary shares of the Company in issue during the period.

The diluted loss per share is the same as the basic loss per share for the six months ended 31 December 2024 and 2023. The Company did not have any dilutive potential ordinary shares during the six months ended 31 December 2024 and 2023.

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# 8. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	31 December 2024	30 June 2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Fair value		
At the beginning of the reporting period	407,624	280,900
Transfer from properties held for sales	35,632	100,741
(Decrease) Increase in fair value	(43,982)	26,243
Exchange difference	(1,010)	(260)
At the end of the reporting period	398,264	407,624

During the period ended 31 December 2024, properties held for sales with carrying value of RMB33,404,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$35,632,000) were transferred to investment properties upon commencement of operating leases entered with third parties.

As at 31 December 2024, the Group's investment properties with a carrying value of HK\$224,200,000 (*30 June 2024: HK\$266,400,000*) were pledged to secure bank borrowings and bank facilities granted to the Group.

As at 31 December 2024, certain investment properties transferred from properties held for sales with carrying amount of RMB17,450,000 (equivalents to approximately HK\$18,614,000) (*30 June 2024: RMB11,209,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$12,035,000)*) were frozen by the court in Wuxi, the PRC in relation to a claim against the Group, as further detailed in note 13(c) to these Interim Financial Statements.

### 9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The directors have reviewed the carrying value of land and building and determined that the recoverable amount from the use or sale of certain of these assets had significantly declined below their carrying amount. Accordingly, the carrying value of these assets has been reduced by HK\$6,528,000 (*30 June 2024: HK\$nil*) to reflect this impairment loss. The recoverable amount of these assets amounted to HK\$57,300,000 (*30 June 2024: HK\$67,600,000*) is determined by reference to the market price of an active market.

As at 31 December 2024, the Group's land and buildings with carrying value of HK\$57,300,000 *(30 June 2024: HK\$64,762,000)* were pledged to secure bank borrowings and bank facilities granted to the Group.

# **10. PROPERTIES HELD FOR SALES**

	31 December 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	30 June 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Properties held for sales ("PHS")	539,615	578,836

The PHS are located in the PRC and held under lease term of 40 years from 2014 to 2053.

During the period, PHS with carrying value of approximately RMB33,404,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$35,632,000) were transferred to investment properties upon the commencement of operating leases entered with third parties.

As at 31 December 2024, certain PHS with carrying amounts of approximately RMB21,733,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$23,183,000) (30 June 2024: RMB23,352,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$25,073,000)) were frozen by the court in Wuxi, the PRC in relation to a claim against the Group, as further detailed in note 13(c) to these Interim Financial Statements.

As at 31 December 2024, certain PHS with carrying amounts of approximately RMB51,040,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$54,444,000) (*30 June 2024: RMB51,040,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$54,802,000)*) were frozen by the court in Wuxi, the PRC in relation to a litigation against the Group, as further detailed in note 18 to these Interim Financial Statements.

# 11. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVPL

		31 December	30 June
		2024	2024
	Note	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Unlisted investment funds	(a)	49,444	71,724
Listed equity securities	(b)		
– Hong Kong		34,069	49,528
- the PRC		1,082	1,970
- Overseas		518	536
Listed debt instruments	(C)		
– Hong Kong		920	667
- Overseas		484	419
		86,517	124,844

### 11. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVPL (continued)

### Notes:

- (a) The unlisted investment funds mainly comprise:
  - (i) As at 31 December 2024, the unlisted investment funds represented 100% Class A participating, redeemable, non-voting shares of Green Asia Restructure SP and 100% Class A participating, redeemable, non-voting shares of Green Asia Restructure SP II (collectively the "Green Asia Funds") with carrying amount of approximately HK\$3,160,000 (*30 June 2024: approximately HK\$3,835,000*) and HK\$2,922,000 (*30 June 2024: approximately HK\$3,250,000*). The Green Asia Funds are segregated portfolios held by a third party of the Group, Green Asia Restructure Fund SPC, an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability ("Green Asia"), which is managed by a third party of the Group, Long Asia Asset Management Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability.

Green Asia is registered as segregated portfolio company in the Cayman Islands. The investment objective of Green Asia is capital appreciation by investing in the business of originating, underwriting, acquiring and trading debt securities and loans in listed and unlisted corporate, which may be publicly traded or privately placed.

On 18 January 2022, the Group issued redemption notices to Green Asia to redeem 4,200 Class A shares of the Green Asia Funds with aggregate redemption proceeds of HK\$30,497,000. In view of the failure in settlement of the redemption proceeds by Green Asia, the Group had filed petitions to the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands (the "Grand Court") against Green Asia. Consequently, Mr. Lai Kar Yan and Mr. Chan Man Hoi of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu and Mr. Michael Green of Deloitte & Touche LLP were appointed jointly and severally as receivers of the Green Asia Funds by the order from the Grand Court on 6 July 2022. HK\$21,918,000 (*30 June 2024: HK\$21,918,000*) of the redemption proceeds have been included and recognised as "other receivables" as at 31 December 2024.

As at 31 December 2024, the fair value of the Group's investment in the Green Asia Funds amounted to approximately HK\$6,082,000 *(30 June 2024: HK\$7,085,000)*, which was determined by the management with reference to the valuation report on Green Asia Funds issued by an independent professional valuer, APAC Appraisal and Consulting Limited, based on the net assets value of the Green Asia Funds as at 31 December 2024.

(ii) As at 31 December 2024, included in the unlisted investment funds were 5,000,000 participating and non-voting shares of Jinshan Portfolio (the "Jinshan Portfolios") at a total subscription amount of US\$5,000,000, which represented approximately 16.67% (30 June 2024: 16.67%) of Jinshan Portfolios under Huangpu River Capital SPC (the "Huangpu River Fund").

The Huangpu River Fund is an exempted company incorporated with limited liability and registered as segregated portfolio company in the Cayman Islands. The investment objective of the Huangpu River Fund is capital appreciation by investing the series C preferred stock of Horizon Robotics, which is principally engaged in the provision of advanced driver assistance systems and autonomous driving solutions for passenger vehicles, empowered by proprietary software and hardware technologies.

As at 31 December 2024, the fair value of the Group's investment in the Huangpu River Fund amounted to approximately HK\$34,016,000 (*30 June 2024: approximately HK\$47,065,000*), which was based on the average-strike put option model under market approach (*30 June 2024: backsolve method under market approach*) evaluated by an independent professional valuer, AVISTA Valuation Advisory Limited.

# 11. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FVPL (continued)

### Notes: (continued)

(b) The fair value of listed equity securities is based on quoted market prices in active market.

As at 31 December 2024, financial assets at FVPL with carrying amounts of approximately HK\$13,750,000 (*30 June 2024: approximately HK\$20,921,000*) are pledged as collateral to the margin loan facilities granted to the Group, together with a corporate guarantee provided by the Company. No margin loan facilities were utilised and outstanding as at 31 December 2024 and 30 June 2024.

(c) As at 31 December 2024, the Group held debt instruments listed in Hong Kong and overseas amounting to approximately HK\$920,000 (30 June 2024: approximately HK\$667,000) and HK\$484,000 (30 June 2024: approximately HK\$419,000), which bore fixed interest at 7.25% (30 June 2024: 7.25%) and 7.25% (30 June 2024: 7.25%) per annum respectively. The fair value of these debt instruments as at 31 December 2024 and 30 June 2024 was determined on the basis of quoted market price.

The above financial instruments were designated at fair value upon initial recognition as they are managed and evaluated on a fair value basis.

### 12. OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Note	31 December 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	30 June 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Loans and interest receivables	(a)	19,394 (19,394)	19,394 (19,394)
		-	
Rental receivables		906	468
Other receivables	(C)	30,999	28,238
Loss allowances	(b)	(4,800)	(4,832)
		27,105	23,874
Deposits, prepayments and other debtors		-	1,553
		27,105	25,427

### 12. OTHER RECEIVABLES (continued)

Notes:

(a) As at 31 December 2024, the loans with principal amount of HK\$19,394,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$19,394,000) granted to a third-party borrower, in which the spouse of Mr. Yuen Chi Ping, a former director of the Company, has equity interest and had been a director until she resigned on 14 December 2019, were unsecured and interest-bearing at 4% (30 June 2024: 4%) per annum. Pursuant to the extension arrangement dated 8 September 2021, the Group had agreed to extend the repayment date in the following manner: (i) HK\$3,000,000 on or before 31 January 2022, which had been repaid during the year ended 30 June 2022; and (ii) the remaining balance on or before 30 September 2022.

The principal amount and interest receivables of HK\$8,450,000 had been settled during the year ended 30 June 2023 and the remaining balance of HK\$19,394,000 was overdue. In view of the default in settlement of the remaining balance, the Group had filed petitions to the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in February 2023 for compulsory winding up of the borrower. On 20 September 2023, the court order to wind up the borrower was granted. On 24 January 2024, liquidators were appointed to handle the liquidation procedure.

(b) The movement in the loss allowances for other receivables during the period/year is summarised below.

	31 December 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	30 June 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)
Loss allowances for other receivables:	(onadared)	(Addited)
At the beginning of the period/year Exchange realignment	4,832 (32)	4,917 (85)
At the end of the period/year	4,800	4,832

(c) Included in the other receivables are the redemption proceeds of HK\$21,918,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$21,918,000) as detailed in note 11(a) to the Interim Financial Statements. The amounts of redemption proceeds were unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

# **13. ACCOUNTS AND OTHER PAYABLES**

	Note	31 December 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	30 June 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Accounts payable			
To third parties	(a)	114,798	115,325
Other payables			
Accrued charges and other creditors		17,700	23,769
Deposits received		5,150	133
Contract liabilities	(b)	15,705	18,753
Provision for a legal claim	(C)	42,478	42,756
		81,033	85,411
		195,831	200,736

Notes:

(a) The ageing analysis of accounts payable of the Group is presented based on recognition date at the end of the reporting period as follows:

	31 December	30 June
	2024	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
0-180 days	2,491	2,393
181-365 days	130	10,410
Over 365 days	112,177	102,522
	114,798	115,325

(b) Contract liabilities represent sale proceeds received from customers in connection with the Group's pre-sale of properties. The deposit will be transferred to profit or loss when the Group's revenue recognition criteria are met.

### 13. ACCOUNTS AND OTHER PAYABLES (continued)

(c) The movements of the provision for a legal claim during the period/year are as follows:

	31 December	30 June
	2024	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
At the beginning of the period/year	42,756	-
Additional provision	-	43,031
Exchange realignment	(278)	(275)
At the end of the period/year	42,478	42,756

During the year ended 30 June 2023, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, Wuxi Shengye Haigang Joint Stock Company Limited\* (無錫盛業海港股份有限公司) ("Wuxi Shengye"), received a writ of summon issued by the People's Court of Huishan District, Wuxi\* (無錫市惠山區人民法院) (the "Court") regarding a civil litigation (the "Litigation") filed by Mr. Su Keru (the "Plaintiff") against Mr. Chen Yonghua ("Mr. Chen") and Wuxi Shengye as the defendants.

In the statement of claim, it was alleged that, among others: (i) in December 2013, the Plaintiff paid the deposits for construction works of RMB20,000,000 to Mr. Chen and Mr. Chen failed to refund such deposits to the Plaintiff despite all conditions for refund had been satisfied; (ii) in July 2015, the Plaintiff provided a loan of RMB20,000,000 to Mr. Chen and Mr. Chen failed to repay such loan; and (iii) in May 2017, Wuxi Shengye acknowledged that such deposits and loan (together, the "Alleged Debt") were used in its development projects and agreed to repay the Alleged Debt jointly with Mr. Chen.

The Plaintiff was seeking from the Court for ordering that (i) Mr. Chen and Wuxi Shengye to jointly repay the Alleged Debt of RMB40,000,000 together with interests of approximately RMB39,642,000 (calculated up to 30 June 2024); and (ii) Mr. Chen and Wuxi Shengye to bear the costs of the Litigation. In this connection, the Court has issued an order for the seizure and freezing of the bank deposits and other assets of Mr. Chen and Wuxi Shengye as property preservation measures.

During the year ended 30 June 2024, Wuxi Shengye received a civil judgement (the "Judgement") issued by the Court which ruled that: (a) Mr. Chen shall repay the Alleged Debt of RMB40,000,000 together with interests to the Plaintiff immediately after the effective date of the Judgement; (b) if Mr. Chen is unable to repay the debt mentioned in (a), Wuxi Shengye shall assume compensation liability for 50% of the unpaid amounts; and (c) all other claims filed by the Plaintiff were dismissed.

In May 2024, the Group had lodged an appeal against the Judgement (the "Appeal") to the Intermediate People's Court of Huishan District, Wuxi. As at the date of approval of the Interim Financial Statements, no judgement has been received from the Court.

Based on the Judgement, 50% compensation liability payable of approximately RMB39,821,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$42,478,000) (30 June 2024: RMB39,821,000 (equivalent to approximately HK\$42,756,000)) was provided by Wuxi Shengye as of 31 December 2024.

# 14. SHARE CAPITAL

31 December 2024 (Unaudited)		(Audite	
Number of shares	HK\$'000	Number of shares	HK\$'000
6,000,000,000	6,000,000,000 60,000		60,000
3,055,105,739	30,551	2,505,105,739	25,051
-	-	550,000,000	5,500
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# 15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

# (a) Transaction

In addition to the transactions/information disclosed elsewhere in the Interim Financial Statements, during the period, the Group had the following transaction with a related party:

		Six months ended 31 December		
Related party relationship	Nature of transaction	2024	2023	
		HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Director of the Company,				
Dr. Chan Kin Keung, Eugene	Consultancy fee	420	_	

### (b) Remuneration to key management personnel

Remuneration to key management personnel including amounts paid to the directors of the Company are as follows:

	Six months	Six months ended		
	31 Decer	31 December		
	2024	2023		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000		
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)		
Salaries and other benefits	1,566	1,469		

# 16. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following table presents the carrying value of financial instruments measured at fair value at 31 December 2024 and 30 June 2024 across the three levels of the fair value hierarchy defined in HKFRS 13, "*Fair Value Measurement*", with the fair value measurement categorised in its entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire measurement. The levels of inputs are defined as follows:

- Level 1 (highest level): quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical financial instruments that the Group can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the financial instruments, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 (lowest level): unobservable inputs for the financial instruments.

### (i) Financial assets measured at fair value

	31 December 2024 (Unaudited)				
	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>	Level 1 <i>HK\$'000</i>	Level 2 <i>HK\$'000</i>	Level 3 <i>HK\$'000</i>	
Financial assets at FVPL:					
Unlisted investment funds Listed equity securities	49,444	-	-	49,444	
– Hong Kong	34,069	34,069	-	-	
- the PRC	1,082	1,082	-	-	
- Overseas	518	518	-	-	
Listed debt instruments					
– Hong Kong	920	920	-	-	
- Overseas	484	484	-		
	86,517	37,073	-	49,444	
Designated FVOCI:					
Equity securities listed					
in Hong Kong	96	96	-	-	

# 16. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

# (i) Financial assets measured at fair value (continued)

		30 June 2 (Audite		
	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>	Level 1 <i>HK\$'000</i>	Level 2 <i>HK\$'000</i>	Level 3 <i>HK\$'000</i>
Financial assets at FVPL:				
Unlisted investment funds Listed equity securities	71,724	-	-	71,724
– Hong Kong	49,528	49,528	_	_
- the PRC	1,970	1,970	-	-
- Overseas	536	536	-	-
Listed debt instruments				
– Hong Kong	667	667	-	-
- Overseas	419	419	-	
	124,844	53,120	-	71,724
Designated FVOCI: Equity securities listed				
in Hong Kong	96	96	_	_

During the six months ended 31 December 2024, there were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 fair value measurements.

The details of the movements of the fair value measurements categorised as Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy during the six months ended 31 December 2024 and the year ended 30 June 2024 are as follows:

### Movements in Level 3 fair value measurements

	Financial assets at FVPL		
	31 December	30 June	
	2024	2024	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
At the beginning of the period/year	71,724	92,500	
Gain on disposal of financial assets at FVPL			
recognised in profit or loss	11,067	_	
Proceeds from disposal of financial assets at FVPL	(19,596)	-	
Decrease in fair value	(13,751)	(20,776)	
At the end of the period/year	49,444	71,724	

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# 16. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

### (i) Financial assets measured at fair value (continued)

# Quantitative information of the significant unobservable inputs and description of valuation techniques used in Level 3 fair value measurements

The quantitative information of the significant unobservable input and description of valuation techniques used in Level 3 fair value measurements (including the description of the sensitivity to changes in unobservable inputs for recurring Level 3 fair value measurements) are as follows:

Description	Fair valı 31 December 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Unaudited)	<b>ue at</b> 30 June 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i> (Audited)	Valuation techniques	Unobservable input	Sensitivity of fair value to changes in unobservable inputs
Financial assets at I Unlisted investment fu – Other unlisted investment funds		10,491	Trending analysis	Market capitalisation/ Market indices	If the market capitalisation/ market indices increased/ decreased by 10% ( <i>30 June</i> 2024: 10%), the fair value of the unlisted investment funds would increase/decrease by HK\$585,000 ( <i>30 June</i> 2024: HK\$2,145,000).
	n/a (note i)	47,065	Backsolve method under market approach	Equity value	If the equity value increased/ decreased by 10% at 30 June 2024, the fair value of the unlisted investment funds would increase/decrease by HK\$3,440,000 at 30 June 2024.
<ul> <li>Other unlisted investment funds</li> </ul>	34,016 (note i and ii)	7,083	Average-strike put option model under market approach	Lack of marketability discount	If the lack of marketability discount increased/ decreased by 5% (30 June 2024: 5%), the fair value of the unlisted investment funds would decrease/increase by HK\$1,934,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$374,000).
	3,067 (note ii)	n/a	Net asset value	Recovery rate of underlying financial assets	If the recovery rate increased/ decreased by 10% (30 June 2024: ni%), the fair value of the unlisted investment funds would increased/decrease by HK\$307,000 (30 June 2024: HK\$nil).
– Green Asia Funds	6,082	7,085	Net asset value	Recovery rate of underlying financial assets	If the recovery rate increased/ decreased by 5% ( <i>30 June</i> <i>2024: 5%</i> ), the fair value of the Green Asia Funds would increase/decrease by HK\$1,200,000 ( <i>30 June 2024:</i> <i>HK</i> \$1,200,000).

### 16. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

### (i) Financial assets measured at fair value (continued)

Quantitative information of the significant unobservable inputs and description of valuation techniques used in Level 3 fair value measurements (continued)

Note:

- (i) The valuation technique of the unlisted investment fund was changed from backsolve method under market approach as of 30 June 2024 to average-strike put option model under market approach as of 31 December 2024 as the management considered that recent transaction of adjusted share price with lock up period, which was assumed to be conducted at arm's length basis, were more appropriate to derive out the fair value of the unlisted investment fund by using the market approach.
- (ii) The valuation technique of the unlisted investment fund was changed from average-strike put option model under market approach as of 30 June 2024 to net asset value as of 31 December 2024 as the management considered that market price of the underlying assets, which was assumed to be conducted at arm's length basis, were more appropriate to derive out the fair value of the unlisted investment fund by using the market approach.

### (ii) Investment properties measured at fair value

	Total <i>HK\$'000</i>	Level 1 <i>HK\$'000</i>	Level 2 <i>HK\$'000</i>	Level 3 <i>HK\$'000</i>
At 31 December 2024 Investment properties	398,264	_	_	398,264
At 30 June 2024 Investment properties	407,624	-	_	407,624

During the six months ended 31 December 2024, there were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 fair value measurements.

The details of the movements of the fair value measurements categorised as Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy during the six months ended 31 December 2024 and the year ended 30 June 2024 are as follows:

### Movements in Level 3 fair value measurements

	Investment properties	
	31 December	30 June
	2024	2024
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At the beginning of the reporting period	407,624	280,900
Transfer from properties held for sales	35,632	100,741
(Decrease) Increase in fair value	(43,982)	26,243
Exchange difference	(1,010)	(260)
At the end of the reporting period	398,264	407,624

# 16. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

### (ii) Investment properties measured at fair value (continued)

# Quantitative information of the significant unobservable inputs and description of valuation techniques used in Level 3 fair value measurements

The quantitative information of the significant unobservable inputs and description of valuation techniques used in Level 3 fair value measurement (including the description of the sensitivity to changes in unobservable inputs for recurring Level 3 fair value measurements) are as follows:

Description	Fair va 31 December 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	lue at 30 June 2024 <i>HK\$'000</i>	Valuation techniques	Unobservable input ir	Sensitivity of fair value to changes n unobservable inputs
Investment properties Investment properties located in Hong Kong	224,200	266,400	Direct comparison approach	Market unit rate between HK\$20,000/ sq.ft. to HK\$36,000/ sq.ft ( <i>30 June 2024:</i> <i>Market unit rate between</i> <i>HK\$23,000/sq.ft. to</i> <i>HK\$36,000/sq.ft</i> )	If the market unit rate increased/decreased, the fair value of investment properties would increase/ decrease.
Investment properties located in the PRC	174,064	141,224	Income approach	Market yields between 5.1% to 5.35% (30 June 2024: Market yields between 4.6% to 4.85%)	If the market yields increased/decreased, the fair value of investment properties would increase/ decrease.

# **17. INTERIM DIVIDEND**

The board of directors of the Company do not recommend payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 31 December 2024 (six months ended 31 December 2023: Nil).

### **18. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

In addition to the Litigation as disclosed in note 13(c) to the Interim Financial Statements, Wuxi Shengye received another writ of summon issued by the Court regarding a civil litigation (the "2nd Litigation") filed by the Plaintiff against Wuxi Shengye as the defendant in February 2024.

In the statement of claim, the Plaintiff alleged that, among others: (i) on 12 November 2013, the Plaintiff, through Jiangsu Nantong Liujian Construction Group Company Limited\* (江蘇南通六建建設集團有限公司) entered into a general contractor agreement with Wuxi Shengye for the construction project of the commercial complex at Liutan station of the Wuxi Metro line 1 (the "Project") which was developed by Wuxi Shengye and the Plaintiff undertook the Project as the general constructor; (ii) the Project was completed and the parties had entered into a supplemental agreement on 28 March 2023 (the "Supplemental Agreement") regarding the acceptance of the Project, settlement audit and payment of construction fees; and (iii) Wuxi Shengye failed to complete the settlement audit of the Project and failed to pay the quality guarantee deposit and the outstanding construction fee in accordance with the Supplemental Agreement.

### 18. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (continued)

The Plaintiff is now seeking from the Court for ordering that Wuxi Shengye (i) to pay the quality guarantee deposit of RMB6,952,000 and the corresponding interest; (ii) to pay the outstanding construction fee of RMB51,425,240 (the "Alleged Outstanding Fees") and the corresponding interest; and (iii) to bear the costs of the 2nd Litigation. In this connection, the Court issued an order for the seizure and freezing of certain assets of Wuxi Shengye as property preservation measures.

The directors deny the allegations of the Plaintiff and Wuxi Shengye had arranged for the final settlement audit regarding the construction fees of the Project (the "Settlement Audit"). Up to the date of the Interim Financial Statements, the Group had already recorded sufficient accruals with respect of the outstanding construction fees for the Project in accounts payable. However, the Plaintiff did not agree with the results of the Settlement Audit without providing valid grounds and supporting documents for the Alleged Outstanding Fees.

As at the date of approval of the Interim Financial Statements, the 2nd Litigation has been temporarily dismissed from the Court.

### 19. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

As at 31 December 2024, the fair value of the Group's investment in the Huangpu River Fund under financial assets at FVPL amounted to approximately HK\$34,016,000, which mainly refer to the stock market price of HK\$3.6 per share of Horizon Robotics (stock code: 9660).

Subsequent to the reporting period, based on the closing price of the shares of Horizon Robotics of HK\$8.3 at the date of approval of the Interim Financial Statements, the market value of underlying Horizon Robotics' shares amounted to approximately HK\$88,732,000.

The underlying Horizon Robotics' shares of the Huangpu River Fund are subject to a lock-up period of 6 months following its listing date, i.e. 23 April 2025.

\* For identification purpose only.

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

# **INTERIM DIVIDEND**

The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Director(s)") of Novautek Technologies Group Limited (the "Company", together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") does not recommend the payment of an interim dividend for the six months ended 31 December 2024 (2023: nil).

# RESULTS

The Company recorded a loss of HK\$73.879.000 for the six months ended 31 December 2024 as compared to the loss of HK\$35,564,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2023. The loss for the six months ended 31 December 2024 was mainly attributable to, among others, the net decrease in fair value of investment properties of HK\$43,982,000 and the net decrease in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL") of HK\$24,357,000. The increase in loss was mainly due to, among others, net impact of (i) an increase in the fair value loss of the Group's investment properties from approximately HK\$3,586,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2023 to approximately HK\$43.982.000 for the six months ended 31 December 2024; (ii) an increase in the fair value loss of financial assets at FVPL from approximately HK\$19,551,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2023 to approximately HK\$24,357,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2024; (iii) an impairment loss on property, plant and equipment of approximately HK\$6,528,000 was recorded for the six months ended 31 December 2024, and no such item was recorded for the six months ended 31 December 2023; and (iv) a gain on disposal of financial assets at FVPL of approximately HK\$12,278,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2024, and immaterial amount was recorded for the six months ended 31 December 2023. The Board wishes to emphasize that the above-mentioned factors (i) to (iii) are non-cash in nature.

# **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The Group's principal businesses are property development, property investment, investment holding and autonomous driving.

# MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

# **Property development**

After the acquisition of Wuxi Shengye Haigang Joint Stock Company Limited\* (無錫盛業海港股份有限公司) ("Wuxi Shengye") in June 2017, the pre-sale of the properties under development commenced in October 2017 and the construction of the whole project (the "Wuxi Property Project") has completed gradually as at 30 June 2023. Most of the apartment portion of the first and second phase have been delivered to customers as at 30 June 2021. During the six months ended 31 December 2024, some apartments were delivered to customers and recognised a revenue of HK\$7,693,000 with overall gross profit margin of 41% after reversing the revaluation consolidated adjustment. As at 31 December 2024, the sales amount of the contracts signed but properties not yet delivered were approximately HK\$15,284,000.

# **Property investment**

The Group commenced sub-division of the property of the whole 24th Floor, Tower One, Lippo Centre, No. 89 Queensway, Hong Kong (the "Sub-division Properties") in October 2018 and the sub-division was completed in February 2019. The Sub-division Properties included three self-use units and fifteen leasing units as at 31 December 2024. The fair value of the Sub-division Properties classified as investment properties as at 31 December 2024 was HK\$224,200,000 (*30 June 2024: HK\$266,400,000*). During the six months ended 31 December 2024, Hong Kong's Grade A office market faces subdued demand amid high vacancy rates. The fair value of the Group's investment properties decreased by HK\$43,982,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2024 (*2023: HK\$3,586,000*). It is emphasised that the fair value loss was non-cash in nature.

As at 31 December 2024, the car park ("Car Park") and partial commercial units ("Commercials") of the Wuxi Property Project were leased out, and the fair values of Car Park and Commercials as at 31 December 2024 were HK\$43,937,000 and HK\$130,127,000 respectively.

The Group's investment properties contributed rental and management income of HK\$5,650,000 in total for the six months ended 31 December 2024 *(2023: HK\$3,501,000)*. More rental and management income were generated mainly due to the new lease of Commercials during the six months ended 31 December 2024.

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# Investment holding

The Group's investment strategy for its investment holding business is mainly to diversify its investments in unlisted investment funds, listed equity securities and listed debt instruments. For the six months ended 31 December 2024, the Group recorded interest and dividend income from financial assets at FVPL of HK\$754,000 (2023: HK\$337,000), net gain on disposal of financial assets at FVPL of HK\$12,278,000 (2023: net loss of HK\$95,000) and a decrease in fair value of financial assets at FVPL of HK\$24,357,000 (2023: HK\$19,551,000). Details of the significant investments held by the Group for the six months ended 31 December 2024 are set out as follows:

# 1. Zall Smart Commerce Group Ltd. ("Zall Smart")

As at 31 December 2024, the Group held 97,432,000 ordinary shares of Zall Smart, representing approximately 0.8% of the total issued share capital of Zall Smart. The shares of Zall Smart are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") (stock code: 2098). Zall Smart and its subsidiaries are principally engaged in developing and operating large-scale consumer product-focused wholesale shopping malls in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"), and providing supply chain management and trading business, e-commerce services, financial services, warehousing and logistics services for online and offline customers. The acquisition cost of Zall Smart's shares held by the Group as at 31 December 2024 was HK\$1.28 per share. As at 31 December 2024, the fair value of the investment in Zall Smart was approximately HK\$30,204,000, which represented approximately 2.6% of the Group's total assets. For the six months ended 31 December 2024, the Group disposed of 5,215,000 shares of Zall Smart and recognised a loss on disposal of HK\$247,000, while the fair value of the Group's investment in Zall Smart decreased by HK\$12,666,000. Apart from that, the Group had not received and recognised any dividend or other investment income from its holding of Zall Smart's shares.

# 2. Jinshan Portfolios – Horizon Robotics

As at 31 December 2024, the Group held 5,000,000 participating and non-voting shares of Jinshan Portfolio (the "Jinshan Portfolios") at a total subscription amount of US\$5,000,000, which represented approximately 16.67% *(30 June 2024: 16.67%)* of the Jinshan Portfolios under Huangpu River Capital SPC (the "Huangpu River Fund").

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The investment objective of the Huangpu River Fund is capital appreciation by investing the series C preferred stock of Horizon Robotics, which is principally engaged in the provision of advanced driver assistance systems and autonomous driving solutions for passenger vehicles, empowered by proprietary software and hardware technologies.

As at 31 December 2024, the fair value of the Group's investment in the Huangpu River Fund amounted to approximately HK\$34,016,000 *(30 June 2024: approximately HK\$47,065,000)*, which mainly refer to the stock market price of the underlying listed shares and was based on the average-strike put option model *(30 June 2024: backsolve method)* under market approach evaluated by an independent professional valuer, AVISTA Valuation Advisory Limited ("AVISTA") and represented approximately 2.9% of the Group's total assets. The change in valuation methodology used was mainly due to the inclusion of underlying asset – Horizon Robotics, a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 9660) on 24 October 2024. During the six months ended 31 December 2024, the fair value of the Group's investment in Zall Smart decreased by HK\$12,666,000 (2023: HK\$14,575,000). During the six months ended 31 December 2024, the fair value of the Group's investment in the Jinshan Portfolios decreased by HK\$13,049,000 (2023: HK\$4,199,000).

The remaining investments held by the Group mainly included unlisted investment funds, listed equity securities and listed debt instruments, each of which represented less than 5% of the Group's total assets as at 31 December 2024.

### Autonomous driving

In the financial year ended 30 June 2024 ("FY2024"), seizing the market growth opportunities, the Group established an autonomous driving segment, focusing on the development of products and services related to autonomous driving technology in specific scenarios, such as patrol, transportation, logistics, sanitation and smart warehousing, etc. Rooted in Hong Kong, besides serving the local market, the Group also promotes the high technology products over the world.

Currently, the autonomous driving industry is rapidly developing in the PRC and globally with unlimited potential. Participation in this section not only brings business opportunities for the Group's development but also strengthens business diversification for the Group.

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Although this segment was newly set up in FY2024, it commenced its business in Hong Kong rapidly and brought in revenue to the Group. The revenue generated during the six months ended 31 December 2024 was HK\$363,000. The autonomous driving segment was supported by a flexible revenue model that offers multiple options, such as direct sales, rent-to-buy, and subscription plans to cater diverse customer needs. The autonomous robots of the Group have been successfully applied in multiple scenarios covering shopping centers, residential estates, public estates and government projects in Hong Kong. The Group provided efficient and worry-free intelligent operation solutions for local customers in a service model of "Intelligence + Low Carbon". The autonomous robots were powered by advanced technologies, including real-time sensor fusion, high-definition mapping, Al-based decision-making systems, and precision control algorithms, ensuring a safe and efficient performance. Looking ahead, the Group is committed to on-going investment in research and development, and application of various autonomous robots to maintain a competitive edge in the rapidly evolving autonomous driving market.

# PROSPECTS

In the second half year of 2024, the global economy has significant pressures, with shifting geopolitical landscapes, adjustments in Federal Reserve policies and the rebalancing of energy supply chains presenting multiple challenges. Amid this complex international environment, the China's economy supported by steady growth policies continues to show signs of recovery. Innovations in artificial intelligence technology and the cultivation of new productive forces are injecting fresh momentum into high-quality development. Artificial intelligence is developing rapidly, according to market research, the artificial intelligence market scale will reach US\$1 trillion by 2030.

As the carrier of the strategic upgrade, the Group's Novautek Autonomous Driving Limited ("Novautek Autonomous Driving") is promoting the integration of artificial intelligence technology and smart city services. Based on our understanding of a number of common scenarios in our past business, we are committed to building scenario-based artificial intelligence application solutions and enhancing performance through in-depth services, laying a solid foundation for new technology-driven businesses.

Looking ahead, we will focus on innovation, deepen the synergy of the industrial chain and enhance our global competitiveness through openness cooperation. With the resonance of technological development and market demand, the Company is confident that it will create a high-quality development market through the integration of resources and model breakthroughs.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

#### Revenue, cost of sales and gross profit margin

The revenue of the Group decreased by HK\$7,869,000, or 35%, from HK\$22,329,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2023 to HK\$14,460,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2024. Most of the revenue generated for the six months ended 31 December 2023 was derived from property development segment, and the properties of Wuxi Shengye were delivered to customers and bringing in revenue. The revenue for the six months ended 31 December 2024 became diversified, it covered not only property sales, but also rental income generated by leasing properties and robots. The increase in gross profit margin was because the revenue generated from property investment segment and other segments carried a higher gross profit margin.

#### Net gain (loss) on disposal of financial assets at FVPL

Net gain on disposal of financial assets at FVPL of the Group was HK\$12,278,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2024 *(2023: net loss of HK\$95,000)*. The net gain was mainly generated from disposal of an unlisted investment fund. There was no material gain or loss from disposal of a single investment for the six months ended 31 December 2023.

## Net decrease in fair value of financial assets at FVPL

Net decrease in fair value of financial assets at FVPL of the Group increased by HK\$4,806,000, or 25%, from HK\$19,551,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2023 to HK\$24,357,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2024. The fair value loss for the six months ended 31 December 2024 was mainly derived from decrease in the share price of Zall Smart's shares and decrease in the fair value of the Jinshan Portfolios held by the Group. During the six months ended 31 December 2024, the fair value of the Group's investment in Zall Smart decreased by HK\$12,666,000 *(2023: HK\$14,575,000)*. During the six months ended 31 December 2024, the fair value of the Group's investment in Zall Smart decreased by HK\$12,666,000 *(2023: HK\$14,575,000)*. During the six months ended 31 December 2024, the fair value of the Group's investment in the Jinshan Portfolios decreased by HK\$13,049,000 *(2023: HK\$4,199,000)*.

As at 31 December 2024, the fair value of the investment in Zall Smart was mainly based on quoted market prices in the active market. The fair value of the investment in the Jinshan Portfolios was based on the average-strike put option model under market approach evaluated by an independent professional valuer, AVISTA. The details of the valuation of the Jinshan Portfolios are set out in note 16(i) to the condensed consolidated financial statements of this interim report.

#### Net decrease in fair value of investment properties

The net fair value loss of investment properties of the Group increased from HK\$3,586,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2023 to HK\$43,982,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2024. The fair value of investment properties of the Group was determined with reference to the valuation conducted by an independent professional valuer, AVISTA. The valuer has adopted the direct comparison method for the valuation by comparing recent market evidence of similar properties located in the neighborhood area. The fair value of investment properties was affected by the economy and properties market of Hong Kong and the PRC. The overall trading volume, selling price and rent of grade-A offices in Hong Kong were still decreasing affected by complication reasons, such as financial sector downsizing, hybrid work trends and decentralization.

#### Impairment loss on property, plant and equipment

An impairment loss on property, plant and equipment of the Group's land and buildings of approximately HK\$6,528,000 was recorded for the six months ended 31 December 2024. As disclosed in note 9 to the condensed consolidated financial statements of this interim report, the recoverable amount of three self-use units was lower than the carrying value. Therefore, an impairment loss was recorded.

#### Selling expenses

Selling expenses of the Group increased by HK\$1,077,000, or 64%, from HK\$1,684,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2023 to HK\$2,761,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2024. The selling expenses for the six months ended 31 December 2024 mainly comprised of salaries and marketing expenses. The increase in selling expenses was mainly derived from autonomous driving segment's sales and marketing activities.

#### Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses of the Group decreased by HK\$2,322,000, or 16%, from HK\$14,820,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2023 to HK\$12,498,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2024. The administrative expenses for the six months ended 31 December 2024 mainly comprised of staff costs, legal and professional fees and depreciation. The decrease in administrative expenses was mainly due to less early stage development fee incurred during the six months ended 31 December 2024 after Novautek Autonomous Driving set up.

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#### **Finance cost**

Finance cost of the Group decreased by HK\$762,000, or 15%, from HK\$5,145,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2023 to HK\$4,383,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2024. The decrease in finance costs was due to the decrease in effective interest rate and the loan balance.

### Loss for the period

Loss for the period of the Group increased by HK\$38,315,000, or 108%, from HK\$35,564,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2023 to HK\$73,879,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2024. The loss for the six months ended 31 December 2024 was mainly due to the net decrease in fair value of investment properties of HK\$43,982,000 and the net decrease in fair value of financial assets at FVPL of HK\$24,357,000. The Board would like to emphasize that such decreases in fair value were non-cash in nature.

#### Liquidity, financial resources and capital structure

As at 31 December 2024, the Group had current assets of HK\$712,976,000 (*30 June 2024: HK\$799,621,000*) and current liabilities of HK\$377,857,000 (*30 June 2024: HK\$403,047,000*), representing a current ratio of approximately 1.9 times (*30 June 2024: approximately 2.0 times*). The Group's total equity and the total bank and other borrowings as at 31 December 2024 amounted to HK\$695,597,000 (*30 June 2024: HK\$772,532,000*) and HK\$179,717,000 (*30 June 2024: HK\$199,987,000*) respectively. As at 31 December 2024, all of the bank and other borrowings of the Group were repayable within one year (*30 June 2024: approximately HK\$48,235,000 were repayable within one year and approximately HK\$151,752,000 were repayable over one year but not exceeding two years*). The gearing ratio of the Group as at 31 December 2024, calculated as a ratio of the total bank and other borrowings to the total equity, was approximately 26% (*30 June 2024: approximately 26%*).

## PRINCIPAL RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Group is principally engaged in property development, property investment, investment holding and autonomous driving. The financial position, operations, businesses and prospects of the Group and its individual business segment are affected by the following significant risks and uncertainty factors:

#### **Business Risk**

The prospects of the Group's property business depend on the performance of the property market in Hong Kong and the PRC. Also, the fair values of the Group's investment properties and financial results of the property development segment directly link to the performance of the property market in Hong Kong and the PRC. Any real estate market downturn in Hong Kong and the PRC may materially and adversely affect the financial position, operations, businesses and prospects of the Group and may lead to fair value loss of the Group's investment properties and net loss from property development segment. The real estate markets in Hong Kong and the PRC are affected by many factors, including but not limited to, changes in the local's economic, political, social and legal environment, and changes in the local's fiscal and monetary policy, all of which are beyond the control of the Group. The management policy to mitigate this risk is to diversify the Group's business in terms of asset composition, revenue and profitability.

## **Market Risk**

The Group's property investment business is operating in a rather competitive environment as rental rates of properties are transparent in property leasing market in Hong Kong and the PRC. The transparency of the leasing market puts pressure on the revenue and profitability of the Group's property investment business. The management policy to mitigate this risk is to diversify its property investment portfolio (where possible) in terms of property type and location.

The real estate market in the PRC is highly competitive. The areas that are in competition include quality, design, brand, cost control and environment ancillary facilities. If the competitors of the Group keep on improving their products, the Group will improve its quality and strengthen cost control to catch the market and maintain the sales turnover.

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## **Financial Risk**

The Group is exposed to financial risks relating to foreign currency, equity price, credit and liquidity risk in its ordinary course of business. As stated below, the majority of the Group's assets and liabilities were denominated in Renminbi ("RMB"), Hong Kong dollars ("HK\$") and United States dollars ("US\$"), and hence the exposure to foreign exchange risk was insignificant to the Group. The Group is exposed to price risk principally arising from listed equity investments held under financial assets at FVPL. Credit risk refers to the risk that debtors will default on their obligations to repay the amounts due to the Group. The Group's credit risk is mainly attributable to loans receivables and cash equivalents. The management considers that the credit risk in relation to the cash equivalents is insignificant as they were deposited in credit-worthy banks and securities brokers. The Group has monitored the credit risk from loans receivables on an on-going basis. Although a credit impairment on loans receivables of HK\$58,989,000 was noted during the financial year ended 30 June 2020, subsequently, partial repayments of HK\$10,000,000 and HK\$10,000,000 have been received during the financial year ended 30 June 2021 and 2022 respectively, and a further repayment of HK\$25,208,000 was received in July 2022. As at 31 December 2024, HK\$19,394,000 was overdue and liquidators were appointed to handle the liquidation procedure. The Group would continue to take follow-up actions to recover the debts. The Group would maintain a sufficient level of cash and cash equivalents to finance the Group's operations and expected expansion. Therefore, the liquidity risk is insignificant.

### FOREIGN CURRENCY MANAGEMENT

The majority of the Group's assets and liabilities were denominated in RMB, HK\$ and US\$, and hence the exposure to foreign exchange risk was insignificant to the Group for the six months ended 31 December 2024. The Group does not engage in any foreign exchange speculation activities. It is the Group's policy to manage foreign exchange risk through matching foreign exchange income with expenses, and where exposure to foreign exchange is anticipated, an appropriate hedging instrument will be used.

# **TREASURY POLICIES**

As at 31 December 2024, the Group's bank and other borrowings of approximately HK\$171,971,000 (*30 June 2024: HK\$192,190,000*) and HK\$7,746,000 (*30 June 2024: HK\$171,977,000*) were denominated in HK\$ and RMB respectively. The balances of bank and other borrowings of approximately HK\$171,971,000 (*30 June 2024: HK\$192,190,000*) and HK\$7,746,000 (*30 June 2024: HK\$171,971,000*) (*30 June 2024: HK\$192,190,000*) and HK\$7,746,000 (*30 June 2024: HK\$177,97,000*) were at variable and fixed interest rates respectively. Cash and cash equivalents held by the Group were mainly denominated in HK\$, RMB and US\$. The Group currently does not have interest rate hedging policies as the management of the Group does not expect unforeseeable interest rate risk as at 31 December 2024. However, the management of the Group monitors the interest rate exposure from time to time and may consider hedging the significant interest rate exposure if needed.

# SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS, MATERIAL ACQUISITIONS OR DISPOSALS OF SUBSIDIARIES, ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURES

Save as disclosed in the section headed "Management Discussion and Analysis – Business Review – Investment Holding" in this interim report, the Group did not have any significant investments, nor material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures during the six months ended 31 December 2024.

There has been no formal plan authorised by the Board for any significant investments, nor material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures as at 31 December 2024 and up to the date of this interim report.

## FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS OR CAPITAL ASSETS

The Group did not have any future plans for material investments or capital assets during the six months ended 31 December 2024.

# **OPERATING SEGMENT INFORMATION**

Details of the operating segment information of the Group for the six months ended 31 December 2024 are set out in note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements of this interim report.

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## **CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

The Group had no material capital commitments as at 31 December 2024 (30 June 2024: nil).

# PLEDGE OF ASSETS

As at 31 December 2024, the Group had provided the following securities for banking facilities granted to the Group:

- (i) pledge of leasehold land and buildings under investment properties and property, plant and equipment of the Group with carrying amount of HK\$224,200,000 and HK\$57,300,000 respectively (30 June 2024: HK\$266,400,000 and HK\$64,762,000 respectively);
- (ii) assignment agreements in respect of rental income of the Group's certain investment properties duly executed by the Group in favour of the bank; and
- (iii) assignment agreements in respect of insurance compensation of the Group's certain investment properties and leasehold land and buildings duly executed by the Group in favour of the bank.

As at 31 December 2024, the fair value of the financial assets at FVPL of HK\$13,750,000 (*30 June 2024: HK\$20,921,000*) was pledged as collateral to margin loan facilities granted to the Group with a corporate guarantee provided by the Company. No margin loan facility was utilised as at 31 December 2024 (*30 June 2024: nil*).

As at 31 December 2024, certain properties held for sales with carrying amounts of approximately HK\$77,627,000 *(30 June 2024: HK\$79,875,000)* and certain investment properties with carrying amount of approximately HK\$18,614,000 *(30 June 2024: HK\$12,035,000)* were frozen by the court in relation to claims against the Group, as set out in notes 8 and 10 to the condensed consolidated financial statements of this interim report.

## **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Details of contingent liabilities of the Group as at 31 December 2024 are set out in note 18 to the condensed consolidated financial statements of this interim report.

## HUMAN RESOURCES AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 31 December 2024, the Group employed a total of 35 (*30 June 2024: 32*) employees and executive Directors. The Group's total staff costs including Directors' emoluments amounted to HK\$8,486,000 for the six months ended 31 December 2024 (*2023: HK\$6,408,000*). The remuneration packages for Directors and employees are normally reviewed annually and are structured with reference to market terms and individual competence, performance and experience. The Group also provides medical insurance coverage and operates a provident fund scheme or relevant fund scheme for its employees in Hong Kong and the PRC.

## SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Details of events after the reporting period as at 31 December 2024 are set out in note 19 to the condensed consolidated financial statements of this interim report.

# USE OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SUBSCRIPTION AND CHANGE IN THE INTENDED USE OF THE NET PROCEEDS

During FY2024, the Company successfully completed the allotment and issued 550,000,000 new shares of the Company (the "Share(s)") under the specific mandate to Ruixing Investments Limited (the "Subscriber") at a price of HK\$0.068 per Share (the "Subscription") on 30 October 2023 (the "Completion Date"), details of which are set out in the announcements of the Company dated 26 July 2023, 19 October 2023 and 30 October 2023, and the circular of the Company dated 28 September 2023 (the "Documents of Subscription"). The net proceeds of the Subscription (the "Net Proceeds") amounted to approximately HK\$36,558,000 were intended to be used as follows: (i) approximately HK\$26,558,000 would be used for the general working capital of the Group, which includes approximately HK\$10,000,000 for finance costs such as interest expenses on bank and other borrowings and approximately HK\$16,558,000 for administrative expenses such as staff costs, legal and professional fees and other expenses incurred in support of the operating activities, subject to actual business needs; and (ii) approximately HK\$10,000,000 would be used for the Group's potential investment opportunities in high-tech industries as identified by the Group from time to time. Depending on actual business needs, it was estimated that the Net Proceeds would be fully utilized in accordance with its intended purposes within the next two years from the Completion Date.

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As of the date of this interim report, the Board has resolved to change the intended use of the unutilised Net Proceeds. The following table sets forth a summary of the utilization of the Net Proceeds and the change in the intended use of the unutilised Net Proceeds as of 31 December 2024:

	Net Proceeds (HK\$)				
	Intended		Actual amount		
	use of the Net	Amount	utilized during		Expected
	Proceeds as	available for	the six months	Unutilized	timeline for
	disclosed in the	utilization	ended	amount as of	full utilization
	Documents of	as at	31 December	31 December	of the remaining
Purposes	Subscription	30 June 2024	2024	2024	Net Proceeds
For working capital of the Group					
- For finance costs	10,000,000	3,221,000	3,221,000	0	-
- For administrative expenses	16,558,000	8,345,000	8,345,000	0	-
For potential investment opportunities in high-tech					
industries as identified by the					
Group	10,000,000	10,000,000	0	N/A	-
For the expenses to develop autonomous driving technology	,				
by the Group	N/A	N/A	N/A	10,000,000	28 February 2026
Total	36,558,000	21,566,000	11,566,000	10,000,000	

#### Reasons for the change in the intended use of the Net Proceeds

As disclosed in the table above, part of the Net Proceeds previously intended to be used for the Group's potential investment opportunities in high-tech industries as identified by the Group would be allocated for funding the expenses to develop autonomous driving technology by the Group.

As disclosed in the Documents of Subscription, the Group had been actively approaching potential investment opportunities in high-tech industries, including entities engaged in the development of autonomous driving technology. However, the Group has not been able to identify any suitable investment targets up to the date of this interim report.

Despite the lack of suitable investment targets identified, the Board still considered that the outlook of high-tech industries such as the application of artificial intelligence and robot technology are positive and with high potential. As disclosed in the annual report of the Company published on 29 October 2024, targeting market growth opportunities, the Group successfully established Novautek Autonomous Driving in 2023, dedicated to exploring and deploying in the field of artificial intelligence and autonomous driving technology innovation. Since the Group has been unable to identify any suitable investment targets, the Board was of the view that part of the Net Proceeds intended to be utilised for the relevant potential investment opportunities could be better utilised to support the development of autonomous driving technology by the Group in light of the expected positive outlook and high potential of the application of the technology. As the relevant part of the Net Proceeds has not been utilised due to the lack of any suitable investment targets identified since 2023, the Board has resolved to extend the period for the utilisation of the relevant part of the Net Proceeds to until 28 February 2026 accordingly. Therefore, the Board considered that the change in the intended use of the Net Proceeds will allow the Company to deploy its financial resources more effectively and will not have any material adverse impact on the operations of the Group and is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders (the "Shareholders") as a whole.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

# DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY AND ITS ASSOCIATED CORPORATIONS

As at 31 December 2024, the interests and short positions of the Directors or chief executive of the Company in the Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (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 or the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the "Model Code") as set out in Appendix C3 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules") (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required to be entered into the register to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO were as follows:

Name of Director	Capacity and nature of interest	Number of issued Shares held	Approximate percentage of the total number of issued Shares
Mr. Wu Zhanming	Beneficial owner	279,935,000	9.16%
	Interest in a controlled corporation <sup>(1)</sup>	550,000,000	18.00%
		829,935,000	27.16%

## LONG POSITION IN THE SHARES OF THE COMPANY

Note:

 As at 31 December 2024, Ruixing Investments Limited is wholly-owned by Mr. Wu Zhanming, and therefore he is deemed to be interested in 550,000,000 Shares directly held by Ruixing Investments Limited.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2024, none of the Directors nor chief executive of the Company had any interests or short positions in any Shares, underlying Shares or 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 or the Model Code (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have under such provisions of the SFO), or which were required to be entered into the register to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 352 of the SFO.

# CHANGE TO INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF DIRECTORS

There was no change in the Directors' information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules during the six months ended 31 December 2024.

# CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OBLIGATIONS PURSUANT TO THE LISTING RULES

The Company did not have any other disclosure obligations under Rules 13.20, 13.21 and 13.22 of the Listing Rules.

# **OTHER INFORMATION**

# DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

As at 31 December 2024 or at any time during the six months ended 31 December 2024, none of the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party to any arrangement that would enable the Directors to acquire benefits by means of acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate, and none of the Directors or any of their spouses or children under the age of 18 were granted any rights to subscribe for the equity or debt securities of the Company or any other body corporate or had exercised any such rights.

# SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES OF THE COMPANY

To the best knowledge of the Directors, as at 31 December 2024, the following persons (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company) had interests or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares which fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO:

#### LONG POSITION IN THE SHARES OF THE COMPANY

Name of Shareholders	Capacity and nature of interest	Number of issued Shares held	Approximate percentage of the total number of issued Shares
Ruixing Investments Limited	Beneficial owner	550,000,000	18.00%
Ms. Li Fuyi	Beneficial owner	279,930,959	9.16%

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

Save as disclosed above, as at 31 December 2024, the Directors and chief executive of the Company were not aware of any other person (other than the Directors or chief executive of the Company) who had an interest or short position in any Shares or underlying Shares which fall to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which were recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO.

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

During the six months ended 31 December 2024, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities (including sale of treasury shares). The Company did not hold any treasury shares as at 31 December 2024.

Other than the matters mentioned above, there has been no material change from the information published in the annual report of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Board is committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance practices at all times. The Board believes that good corporate governance helps the Company to safeguard the interests of the Shareholders and to enhance the performance of the Group. The Company has adopted the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules (the "CG Code") as its own code of corporate governance.

The Company complied with all the applicable code provisions (the "Code Provision(s)") of the CG Code throughout the six months ended 31 December 2024, save for Code Provision C.2.1 of the CG Code. Details of the deviation with reason are set out below:

Under Code Provision C.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of chairman and chief executive officer should be separated and should not be performed by the same individual. During the six months ended 31 December 2024, Mr. Wu Zhanming was the chairman of the Board (the "Chairman") and acting chief executive officer of the Company (the "CEO"). The Board believes that the holding of both positions of the Chairman and CEO by the same individual will not impair the balance of power and authority between the Board and the management of the Group because the balance of power and authority is governed by the operations of the Board which comprises experienced and high caliber individuals with demonstrated integrity. The Board will review the current structure from time to time and shall make necessary changes when appropriate and inform the Shareholders accordingly.

# **OTHER INFORMATION**

# AUDIT COMMITTEE

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company for the six months ended 31 December 2024 and this interim report have been reviewed by the audit committee of the Company (the "Audit Committee") and have been duly approved by the Board under the recommendation of the Audit Committee.

# MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted the Model Code as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules as its own code of conduct regarding securities transactions by the Directors. Having made specific enquiries with the Directors, all Directors have confirmed that they had complied with the required standards as set out in the Model Code during the six months ended 31 December 2024.

By order of the Board Novautek Technologies Group Limited Wu Zhanming Chairman, Acting CEO and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 28 February 2025

\* For identification purpose only